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

9 Battalion, A. I. F.

Army Form C. 2118.

JANUARY 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	1 Jan		<p>Conference of Commanding Officers at H.Q., 18 Aus Inf Bde. The camp occupied by 9 Bn. at IKINGI MARYUT was widely dispersed over an area approx. 1000 yards square. Tentage was chiefly EPIP type, with a number of double ridge and circular styles; marquees for store tents; wooden buildings for kitchens. The camp on occupation was provided with shelter trenches and A.A. posts, but it was found necessary to add to these. Each tent was supplied with kerosine tins for water storage and these were filled daily by motor transport from the central water tower. This portage was the only limitation on water consumption. Wood for fuel was rationed on a scale of two pounds per man per day, and placed some limitation on the ration, but this difficulty disappeared with the issue of "spitfires". The meagre transport available on the occupation of the site also created some problems. An A.A.C.S. Canteen was operating on arrival. The weather was clear and fine, but rather cool, particularly at nights, the Western Desert being recognised as a "four blanket" area. Although there were no facilities for bathing in the camp, arrangements were made by 18 Inf Bde for the troops to bathe weekly at the showers provided at EL AMIRIYA, approx. 5 miles away. Later a supply of 12 gallon tubs were issued to the unit.</p>	App. I. Plan of Camp
	2 Jan	1330	General Sir HENRY M. WILSON, G.O.C., B.T.E., visited H.Q., 18 Aus Inf Bde and met unit C.Os. at the Brigade Officers' Mess.	
		1700	A Company, plus one platoon, H.Q. Company, moved to BOURG-EL-ARAB by train for 5 days security duty.	
	3 Jan	1430	Mr. P.C. SPENDER, K.C., Minister for the Army, accompanied by Lt.Gen. Sir THOMAS BLAMEY, Maj. Gen. STURDEE and Brig. MORSHEAD, visited the Battalion in camp.	
	7 Jan		Lt.Col. MARTIN proceeded to LIBYA on recce.	
	8 Jan	1200	A Company and attached platoon returned from BOURG-EL-ARAB, relieved by 12 Bn.	
	10 Jan	2000	89 reinforcements joined the Bn., included nine men (9 Bn) ex hospital, one Queensland reinforcement, and 79 South Australian reinforcements.	
	11 Jan		20% of the Bn. on leave in ALEXANDRIA.	
	12 Jan		Lt.Col. MARTIN returned from LIBYA. Further 20% on leave. Severe dust storm, abating later.	
	15 Jan		Advice received of the award of O.B.E. to Lt.Col. MARTIN and M.B.E. to WO II MILLARD, J., C Coy. Major LUBKE president of Field General Court Martial at 12 Bn. Further dust storm.	
	16 Jan		Battalion exercise in attack at KARM ABU AZIZA.	
	17 Jan		25% of the Bn. on leave in ALEXANDRIA. Dust storm developing.	App. II - Narrative.
	18 Jan.		Further 25% leave - dust storm continues.	
	21 Jan		B Company moved to BOURG-EL-ARAB for seven days security duties.	
	23 Jan	1200	Bn. took over additional security duties from the POLISH BRIGADE, including one platoon at GARBANYAT and AERODROME, BOURG-EL-ARAB; one platoon at IKINGI MARYUT (W/T Station, petrol dump and ammunition dump)	

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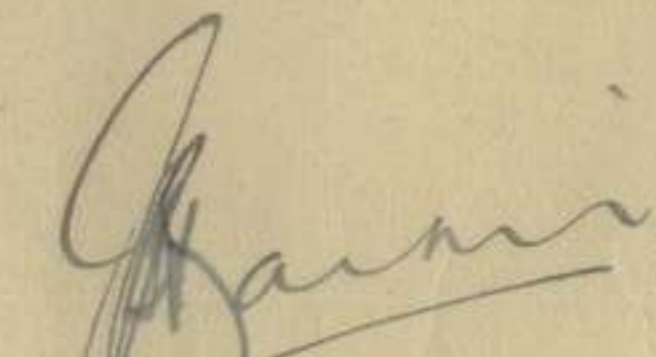
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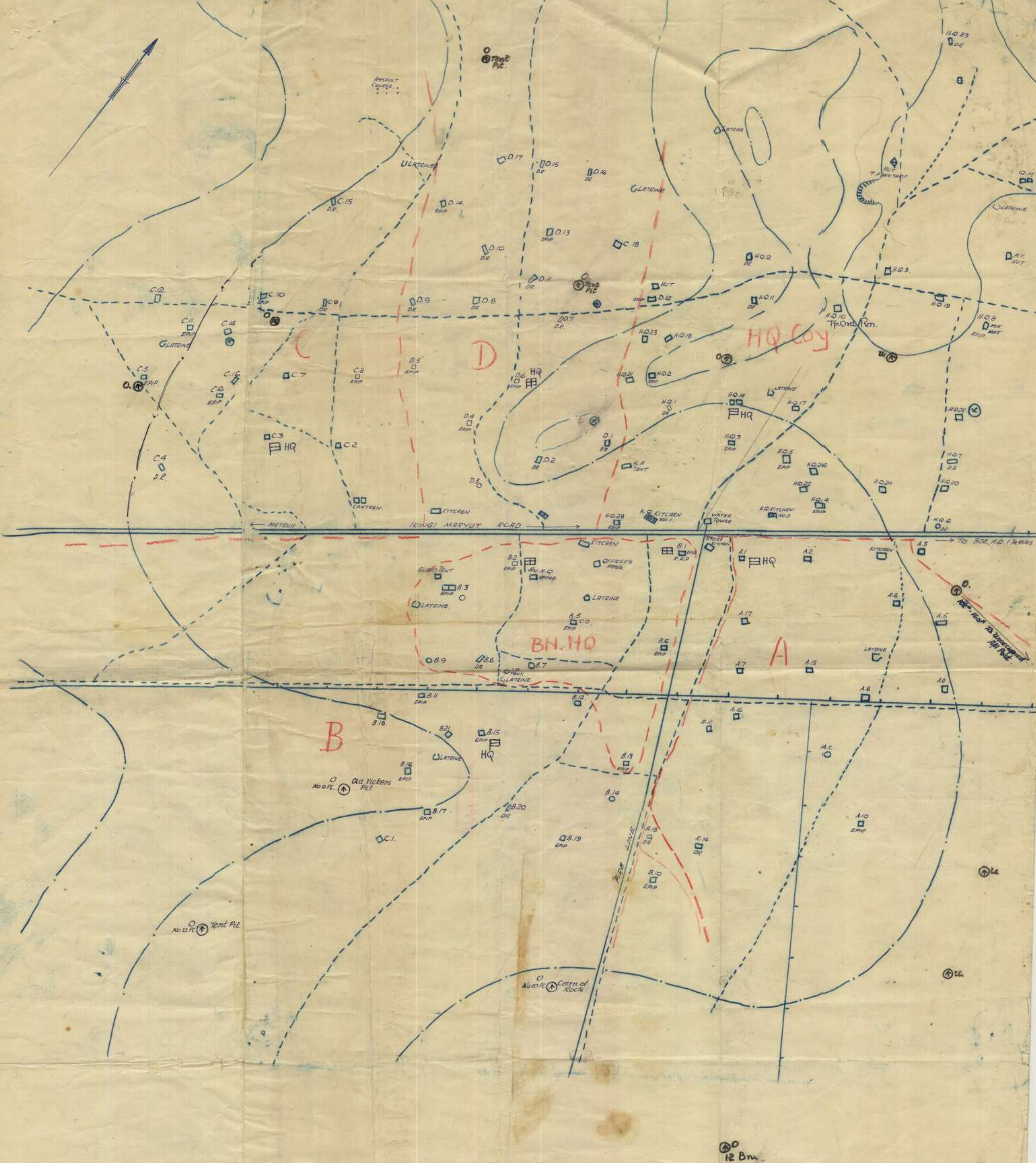
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	25 Jan	0900 1300	Bn. brought to six hours notice to move, all leave cancelled. Dust storm. Arrangements finalised for POLISH troops to take over security duties.	
	26 Jan		B Comapny and attached platoons returned to camp.	
	27 Jan	0630	Road Party, comprising Lieut. ROBERTS and nine O.R. left for TOBRUK; vehicle strength of party, 3 30-cwt. trucks, 1 15-cwt. truck, 2 water carts, 1 car. Unit left without vehicles.	
	28 Jan	0615	Four officers and 21 O.R. transferred to 18 Inf Bde Trg Bn established at BEIT JIRJA, PALESTINE. Severe dust storm.	App III: List of trans- fers
	30 Jan	1530	Farewell visit from Maj. Gen. H. D. WYNTER on relinquishing command of 9 Aus Div. Demonstration of 3" and 2" mortars by Bn. personnel. 3" fired 9 rounds H.E. and 3 rounds smoke. 2" fired 12 rounds H.E. and 4 rounds smoke.	
	31 Jan	1250 1315	Order received for battalion to move at 1400 hrs and entrain at IKINGI MARYUT at 1500 hrs. Previous order cancelled - no move likely before morning of 1 Feb 41.	
	4930	1930	Battalion returns to six hours notice. No move likely for three days.	
			Strength: 31 officers, 718 other ranks.	
			C.O.: Lt. Col. J. E. G. MARTIN. 2 i/c: Major W. E. F. LUBKE. Adjut: Capt. C. C. F. BOURNE.	
			 Lt. Col. <u>Comd. 9 Bn., A.I.F.</u>	

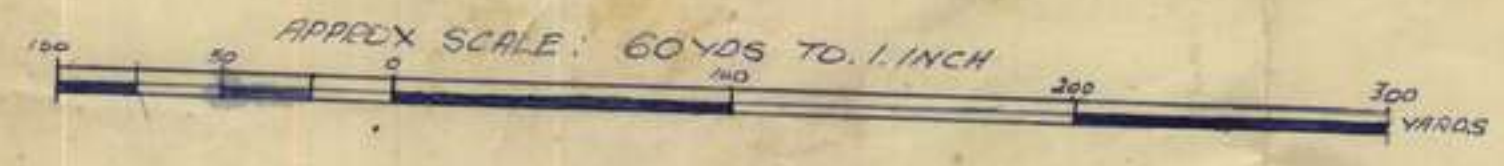
9 Bn War Diary - JANUARY 1941

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**9 BN CAMP AREA**



9 BN INT. SEC.  
7 JAN. 40

SECRET9 Battalion Tactical Exercise - 16/17 Jan 1941.

Ref Map: Special copy portions of Sheets  $\frac{92}{48}$  and  $\frac{88}{48}$

- Objects:
- (i) To exercise the battalion in an attack on a desert position fortified in depth.
  - (ii) To teach the method of cutting a gap in wire under cover of fire and exploiting through the gap.
  - (iii) To teach the necessity of keeping all gaps covered by fire and as far as possible from observation by the enemy while troops are trickled through the gaps.

SITUATION

An ITALIAN force which had been investing ALEXANDRIA and CAIRO was driven westwards and retired on fixed defences NORTH and SOUTH of MALLAHET MARYUT astride the main coast road and the EL HAMMAM Road. Divisional Intelligence reports stated that the NORTHERN position was in the KREIR area 8523, and the southern a fortress at SIDI GUBRAN 8819 with a system of pillboxes and trenches on HILL 30, 8920 and outposts on the western SPUR of KARM ABU AZIZA 9120, 9220 and the sand dunes and pillboxes to the SOUTH WEST roughly midway between the EL HAMMAM Road and the RAILWAY.

Aerial photography and ground recce subsequently confirmed that there is a considerable quantity of wire protecting the SOUTHERN system of defences, the main system being a belt 12 feet thick along the line of the telephone line adjacent to the road and thence NORTH WEST through KARM HILAIYIL to the MALLAHET MARYUT.

In addition the main fortress at SIDI GUBRAN and HILL 30 are also boxed in with double apron and Dannert fences. The pillboxes at the birs to the WEST of KARM ABU AZIZA have also been completely enclosed with double apron fences.

Close recce is very difficult, as the enemy patrols are very active as far SOUTH as the RAILWAY and any concentration for recce is met by accurate artillery fire from well concealed positions in the FORTRESS and in HILL 30. The enemy were being contained by British Mechanised units.

NARRATIVE

18 Aus Mxd Bde was ordered to capture the enemy strongholds, and moved into the EL AMIRIYA area on the night of 10 Jan, whilst supplies of petrol and ammunition were dumped for the operations. The Brigadier was informed that only sufficient mobile troops to prevent the enemy from retiring would be available for the operation, as the tanks which were in the area were required elsewhere.

After recce, the Brigadier decided to attack the two positions simultaneously before dawn on 17 Jan. The NORTHERN position, which was much more extensive, was allotted to 10 and 12 Bns., while the SOUTHERN defences were to be captured by 9 Bn.

One bty. of 3 Fd Regt. was allotted to 9 Bn. for the operation, together with one sec. of 3 Fd Coy. Outline orders for the operation were issued at 2300 hrs on 14 Jan.

C.O., 9 Bn carried out recce on the morning of 15 Jan and at 1430 hrs issued outline plan to coy. comds. from an O.P. at 918183, which included the following.

Sheet two.

9 Bn. will capture the enemy fortress at SIDI GUBRAN and HILL 30, 9025. The attack will be in three phases:

- Phase 1: A Coy will capture the outpost position KARM ABU AZIZA in 9120 and 9220. Exploitation to the pillboxes at BIRS in 9019 and 9109. B Coy will follow A Coy at 500 yards interval on to KARM ABU AZIZA and cut main line of wire at approx. 915207
- Phase 2: C Coy followed by D Coy at 400 yards will move through gap in wire and capture HILL 30, D Coy moving round the right flank of C Coy. C and D Coys. will be responsible for their own wire cutting beyond main line of wire. A Coy will cut main wire defences about 915203. C Coy. will cut gap in wire around SIDI GUBRAN fortress about 890205.
- Phase 3: D Coy. will attack from NE through gap and capture SIDI GUBRAN. B Coy. will create a diversion by attack through gaps in main wire defences from the EAST. A Coy will mop up all posts SOUTH of main wire defences.

Artillery: Registrations on all areas during daylight, 15 Jan. Intermittent concentrations on SIDI GUBRAN and HILL 30 nights 15/16 Jan and 16/17 Jan from 1200 hrs.

- (a) One trp. concentrations on SIDI GUBRAN.
- (b) One trp. concentrations on HILL 30, lifting to SIDI GUBRAN for phase 3.
- (c) One trp - phase 1 - concentrations on birs 910197, 913199, 917196, lifting to HILL 30 during wire cutting.  
Phase 2 - concentrations on HILL 30, lifting to fortress.  
Phase 3 - concentrations on SIDI GUBRAN fortress.

Cavalry: 0530 - 0700 hrs feint attack from direction EL HAUWARIYA station. Curtain enemy from SW. Cut off any rearward movement of enemy.

Patrols: D Coy. will hold HILL 40 9219 and NORTH and EAST spurs of KARM ABU AZIZA from 0430 hrs till attack passes through.

F.U.P. - Vicinity of W.T. STATION in 9419.

Starting Line - to be taped. NW of WIRELESS STATION and NORTH of RAILWAY LINE.

Axis of attack - 270 degrees.

Intercommn.- Bn.H.Q. - Phase 1 - W.T. STATION  
Phase 2 - KARM ABU AZIZA  
Phase 3 - HILL 30.  
Intercommn. with coys., R.T. after zero, runner.

Signals - Phase 1 - wire cut, RED/GREEN by B Coy.  
Zero - approx 0530 hrs/

Time Table  
for Exercise

Wednesday 15 Jan - Verbal orders to O.C., enemy.  
Thursday, 16 Jan - 1000 hrs., Coy., Pl. and Sec. comds move from camp by M.T.  
1030 hrs: Orders to O.Gp. at O.P. 919183.  
1115 hrs: Recce by Coy Comds., Pl. Comds., Sec. Co  
Issue of orders to Pl. and Sec. Comds.  
1115 hrs: Umpires conference on Ground.

Time Table  
Continued

Thursday, 16 Jan -

Enemy prepares defences.

Sleep on ground night 15/16 Jan.

Friday, 17 Jan -

Dep. camp 0400 hrs (D Coy. moves independently).

Arrive F.U.P. - 0500 hrs.

Zero - 0530 hrs.

A Coy. occupies first position - 0645 hrs.

Wire cut by 0700 hrs.

0700 hrs - Exercise halts for one hour. Discussion of phase 1. Enemy moves back to position 2. Breakfast - iron ration.

0800 hrs - Commence phase 2.

1030 hrs - Phase 2 completed. - Halt for one hour. Discussion of Phase 2 - Enemy moves back to position 3.

1130 hrs - Commence Phase 3

1300 hrs - Phase 3 completed. Lunch - iron ration.

1400 hrs - Discuss Phase 3.

1445 hrs - Route march to camp.

1600 hrs - Arrive camp.

1900 hrs - Umpires conference.

Saturday, 18 Jan -

1000 hrs - Comments by C.O. to officers and NCOs.

Director: C.O. Orderly Officer: Lieut. A. MUR  
SHALL.

Chief Umpire: Major W.E.F. LUBKE.

Umpires: Capt. B.N. BERRY, 1 NCO., C Coy.  
Capt. O.E.J. CONDON, 1 NCO., B Coy.  
Lieut. C.M. ARNOLD, 1 NCO., A Coy.  
Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT, 1 NCO., D Coy.

Enemy: Major W.W. WEARNE  
H.Q. Coy., less Sig. Pl. and Mortar Pl.

Instructions to Enemy: Verbal to Major WEARNE.

J.E.G. MARTIN Lt.Col.  
Comd. 9 Bn., A.I.F.

Distribution:

H.Q. Coy.  
A Coy.  
B Coy.  
C Coy.  
D Coy.  
C.O.  
2 1/c  
Adjt.  
Q.M.  
I.O.  
War Diary (2)  
File



Raising of 18 Inf Bde Trg Bn, established at BEIT JIRJA

The following were transferred from 9 Bn. on 28 Jan 41:

Capt. E.J.F. PEEK	(to be Bn. 2 i/c)
Capt. R.C. HOOPER	(to be O.C., 9 Bn. rifle coy).
Lieut. R. TAYLOR	(to be 2 i/c, 9 Bn. Rifle Coy).
Lieut. T.W. WHARTON	(to be Q.M.)

QX 104 Sjt McKIE, T. I.  
QX 4518 Sjt SCHULTZ, R. B.  
QX 2708 Sjt BRUNTON, R. W.  
QX 564 S/sjt SIMM, H.  
QX 585 Pte TEICHMANN, E. G.  
QX 2777 A/sjt DINSDALE, K. C.  
QX 5002 Pte BACON, C.  
QX 6514 A/W.O. II HYATT, T. A.  
QX 2624 S/sjt GAVIN, J.  
QX 2158 Sjt ABBOTT, J. S. F.  
QX 4713 Sjt GOODE, C. J.  
QX 3046 Sjt JANNUM, L. O. U.  
QX 3050 A/sjt THOMAS, V. F.  
QX 4436 A/sjt BOULTON, W. E.  
QX 1147 Sjt GREENUP, V.  
SX 2772 Pte HERITAGE, J. F.  
QX 631 Pte DREW, H. W.  
QX 1023 Pte SLOAN, G.  
QX 4267 Pte SHEARER, S. T.  
SX 2624 Pte BURCH, E. W.  
SX 2936 Pte GREGORY, M. H.

# MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX

Serial No. **IV**

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.  
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

9 Bn 10 Bn 12 Bn.

FROM

18 Aus Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 32

Date

25

In Reply to Number

Warning	order	⊙	As	from	0700
hrs.	today	at	six	hrs.	Notice
to	move	by	road	and	sea
⊙	advise	immediately	strength	road	party
Officers	and	OKs.	vehicle	strength	sea
Party	Officers	and	OKs.	and	vehicle
baggage					

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

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

Immediate

0718

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups. GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 18 Am Inf Bde.

FROM 9 Bn.	Originator's Number 451.	Date 25	In reply to Number 132
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Road	Party	one	officers	12	OK
0	Vehicle	Strength	one	car	three
30 carts	one	15 cart	one	mess tank	0
Rear	Party	2	officers	27	OK
0	Ship	party	32	officers	70+
OR	0	Vehicle	baggage	small	ammunition
cooking	gear				

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS. <i>Let's get on with it</i> SIGNED	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER. SIGNED	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY <i>Special DR.</i>	TIME OF ORIGIN <i>0830</i>
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(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.  
T.O.R.

A.I.F. Print 100,000-20/9/40/20 Pads 100s.

Posting of Officers as at 29 Jan 41

C.O.: Lt. Col. E. E. G. MARTIN  
2 i/c: Major W. E. F. LUBKE  
Adjut: Capt. C. C. F. BOURNE.  
I.O.: Lieut. W. R. E. ISAACS=

H. Q. Coy: O.C.: Major W. W. WEARNE  
Q.M.: Capt. H. E. RICHARDS.  
Lieut. L. T. FRANCIS (Sig. Pl.)  
Lieut. L. G. C. EVANS (A. A. Pl.)  
Lieut. H. J. D. HAMILTON (Mort. Pl.)  
Lieut. E. BARNES (Carr. Pl.)  
Lieut. J. F. T. SPARKES (Pnr. Pl.)  
Lieut. P. C. G. ROBERTS (T. O.)

A Coy: O.C.: Capt. R. F. REIDY.  
Lieut. D. J. JOYCE  
Lieut. A. O. HOAD  
Lieut. W. H. NOYES.

B Coy: O.C.: Capt. O. E. J. CONDON.  
2 i/c: Lieut. W. W. D. DAUNT.  
Lieut. A. F. NIXON-SMITH.  
Lieut. G. O. SUTHERS.

C Coy: O.C.: Capt. B. N. BERRY  
2 i/c: Lieut. A. J. ANDERSON.  
Lieut. B. M. LOVETT  
Lieut. R. W. FORSTER  
Lieut. A. M. BENSON

D Coy: O.C.: Capt. F. E. C. LOKTON  
2 i/c: Lieut. C. M. ARNOLD  
Lieut. A. H. MARSHALL  
Lieut. R. A. MALONEY.

Attached: Capt. J. M. YEATES (R. M. O.)  
Chap. O. B. STEELE (Padre)  
Major (Hon.) A. W. McILVEEN (Salvation  
Army Welfare Officer).

THE DESERT.  
2 Jan 41.

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APPENDIX VI

NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

2 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 1.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 2 Jan 41.

(a) Duty coy; B coy.  
Next for duty; C coy.

(b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.  
Next for duty; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.

(c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 652 Cpl.; ~~THOMAS, V.F.~~ McCOWAN, R.H.  
Next for duty; QX 3050 Cpl.; THOMAS, V.F.

Each coy will supply ~~one~~ one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

(a) GUARD. - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. and 10 O.R.

Sentry posts - Nos 1 and 2 Guard tent.  
No 3 Water tank.

*MD* (b) One N.C.O. to report to canteen and keep order during hours of business.

Present hours of business 1200 - 1300  
1600 - 1800 hours.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D. hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. ROUTINE

0630 Reveille.	1300 Half hour.
0645 Sick	1315 Quarter hour.
0725 First Mess Call.	1330 Parade.
0730 Second mess call.	1630 Dismiss.
0800 half hour.	1655 First Mess call.
0815 Quarter hour.	1700 Second Mess call.
0830 Parade.	Retreat.
1225 First Mess Call.	2130 First Post.
1230 Second Mess call	2200 Tattoo.

5. INSPECTION. Lines will be in inspection order by 0830 hours daily.

6. WATER.

All ranks will be impressed with the necessity for conservation of water in this camp.

7. WEAPONS.

Rifles etc. are to be carefully guarded at all times. Cases have already occurred of rifles being found left in a so called safe place. This practice must cease and weapons will either be left under an armed guard or carried by the individual.

GN.

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

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

3 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 2.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 3 Jan 41.

(a) Duty coy; C coy.  
Next for duty; D coy.

(b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.  
Next for duty; Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.

(c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 3050 Cpl. THOMAS, V.F.  
Next for duty; QX 395 Cpl. LARARD, J.D.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY

(a) GUARD. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.

(b) One N.C.O. - Sjt. - and 3 O.R. to be in attendance at the Main Canteen I KINGI MARYUT during the evening hours. They will report to the O.C. at Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hours.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D., hats and gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. AIR MAIL.

Air Mail rates to Australia are as follows:-

four piastres for 10 grams.

three " for an additional 10 grams.

four " for the next 10 grams.

5. CABLES.

E.F.M. cables to Australia - six words for 125 mils. Each additional word 21 mils. The address will be free. Each cable to be censored and marked with each unit's Franking Stamp.

6. SURFACE MAIL. Surface mail will be carried free of charge.

7. P.A.D.

A rigid blackout to be maintained throughout the hours of darkness. Slit trenches to be repaired and new ones dug where necessary.

8. CANTEEN HOURS.

1200 hours to 1400 hours

Dry canteen.

1630 hours to 1800 hours

Wet and dry canteen.

9. CANTEEN ORDERS.

Canteen orders can be redeemed at the above canteen at Sterling rates i.e. 4 piastres to the one shilling Aust. Goods only can be taken which does NOT include stamps. No change can be given. Occasions have arisen where orders are sent from Aust without P.O. issue stamp. These are valueless and must be returned to Aust to the P.O. where it was issued. Personnel must produce paybook with canteen order, receipt for same or a note of identification signed by an officer.

10. CHANGE.

Anyone doubtful of the change received or any queries referring to the currency must apply to the canteen sjt but where change has been handled by person concerned, no responsibility will be accepted.

11. RIFLE.

Coys will check all rifles to see if rifle no 96955 is held by them.

12. BATHING. Coys will have use of 13 tubs - Bath - 16 Galls, as under:-

Bn. H.Q.	}	Saturday.
H.Q. coy.		Sunday.
H.Q. coy.		Monday.
A coy.		Tuesday.
B coy.		Wednesday.
C coy.		Thursday.
D coy.		Friday.

C.G.F. BOURNE, Capt.

GN.

Adjt. 9 Bn.

W.D.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

5 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 3.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 3 Jan 41.

- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; H.Q. coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.  
Next for duty; Lieut. P.C.G. ROBERTS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 395 Cpl. LARARD, J.D.  
Next for duty; QX 135 Cpl. SIMMONDS, I.P.

Each ~~coy~~ coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

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3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D., hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim Battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.  
Guard and Bn duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. BATHING.

Coys on Bathing Parades will NOT bathe near the water tank. A green patch on the ground some distance from the tank will be used to carry out the parade.

5. 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 of the following:-

QX 1244 Pte MERRIDITH, S.W.  
QX 3606 Pte McLEWYAN, K.H.  
QX 2820 Pte PALMER, J.

The Court will be constituted as follows:-

Capt. R.C. HOOPER, president.  
Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON, MEMBER.  
Lieut. W.H. HOYES, MEMBER.

6. CHURCH PARADE. Church Parades will be held on Sunday 5 Jan 41 at 1000 hours as under.

Other Denominations

0945 hours Coy parades.  
0950 hours Markers to R.S.M.  
0955 hours Bn. parade.

R.C. parade 1000 hours S.A. reading marquee.

2/3 Fd Regt will combine for service with 9 Bn.

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



NOTICE.

LOSS OF ARMS. Rifles Nos 96588 and 97155 have been reported missing. Coys will make a search of coy lines and report the result to Bn. H.Q. by 1800 hours 5 Jan 41.

P.C.  
Mr. ~~Mr.~~ SPENDER K.C. M.P. sends his greets to the Ninth Bn.

MAIL. Surface mail up to four ounces will be carried free. Over four ounces the rate is four mils. for each 50 grams with a maximum of 500 grams.

PARCELS.

1 Kilogram	17.5 Pts.	-	2 and one quarter lbs.
3 "	36 "	-	6 and one half "
5 "	56 "	-	11 "

Despatch notes and Customs Declarations are obtainable at F.P.O.

Mail orderlys will return all seals at end of each month to F.P.O.

Mail bags will be returned to F.P.O. as early as possible.

Parcel Forms.

Mail orderlys will sign original as receipt of all parcels for his unit. Duplicate copy will be signed by each addressee and duplicates returned to F.P.O. at end of each month.

All re-addressing must be done in red ink.

There is no registration in Egypt.

All personnel who have transferred to other units will complete a Re-Address card at the F.P.O.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

6 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 5.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 6 Jan 41. DUTY BN.

- (a) Duty coy; B coy.  
Next for duty; C coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.  
Next for duty; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 2547-Cpl. GRIFFITH, D.R.  
Next for duty; 1049 Cpl. PEARSON, J.  
QX 2547 Cpl. GRIFFITH, D.R.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1 GUARD. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2. GUARD. 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.
- (c) One Sjt. and 3 O.R. to be in attendance at the Main Canteen IKINGI MARYUT during the evening hours. They will report to the O.O. at Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hours.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D. hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.  
Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. ORDERLY OFFICERS' REPORT.

Up to the present NO Orderly Officer has forwarded a report to Bn. H.Q. on his tour of duty. This will be done forthwith.

5. LAUNDRY.

Mohamed Ibr El-Attar, Army Laundry Contractor at Burg el Arab, has submitted the following price list for laundry which will be collected from and returned to units:-

Complete Uniform - Dry cleaned	10 P.T.
Tunic	5 "
Trousers	5 "
Shirts	1 "
Short trousers	1 "
Singlets	5 Mil.
Underpants, short or long	5 "
Slacks	1 "
Sox, per pair	5 "
if over three pair three for	1 P.t.
Kit bag	free.
Hat dry cleaned	5 P.T.
Denim overalls	2 P.T.
Handkerchiefs three for	1 P.T.

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

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

7 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 6.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 7 Jan 41.

- (a) Duty coy; C coy.  
Next for duty; D coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.  
Next for duty; Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1238 Cpl. FRAZER, E.W.  
Next for duty; QX 656 Cpl. HOWES, A.W.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1. Guard. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. and 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2. Guard. 1 Cpl. 1 I/Cpl. and 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D. , hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. MEDICAL.

Personnel admitted to 6 N.Z. hospital will take with them their blankets and messing gear.

5. SPEED OF VEHICLES.

Vehicles will not exceed 15 M.P.H. unless on a main road.

6. CANTEENS.

The canteen at I KINGI MARYUT station is out of bounds for the purchase of beer to personnel of units which have a wet canteen in their own lines. Units which have no canteen will purchase their beer from the I KINGI MARYUT canteen through their R.Q.M.S. As from 1630 hours. 6 Jan 41 the I KINGI MARYUT canteen will be closed to individuals for the sale of beer.

7. PAY.

Until further notice requisitions for pay must be handed to Pay Sjt. by 1200 hours on the Tuesday before pay day. All ranks will be impressed with the fact that their will be only one pay per week.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

8 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 7.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 8 Jan 41.

- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; H.Q. coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.  
Next for duty; Lieut. L.G.C. EVANS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 656 Cpl. HOWES, A.W.  
Next for duty; QX ~~2669~~ 1205 Cpl. HUNTER, R.J.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1. Guard. 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2. Guard. 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D., hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.  
Guard and Pn duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. MOLESTING DRIVERS OF CIVILIAN VEHICLES.

Complaints have been received that Australian troops in this area are harassing drivers of vehicles on the Ikingi Maryut-Alexandria Road by demanding lifts into Alexandria. Cases have occurred of cars being taken from lines or from Alexandria and later abandoned in the camp area. It is evident that the Tattoo roll call is not being satisfactorily enforced. This will be rectified by units. As from today all motor transport proceeding beyond the camp area will carry work tickets correctly endorsed.

5. PICQUET. The Duty Unit will mount a guard of 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. and 10 O.R. at 1700 hours each day on the Ikingi Alexandria Road at the southern end of the causeway two miles north west of El Amria. Their duties will be:-

To stop all A.I.F. Army vehicles. Any which have not a work ticket will be returned to their lines.  
To stop all civilian vehicles and arrest any A.I.F. personnel without a duty or leave pass. The reason for stopping the civilian vehicle must be politely explained to the driver.  
To arrest any A.I.F. personnel attempting to leave the camp area by this road without a duty or leave pass.  
The Sgt. of the Guard will forward to this H.Q. through the H.Q. of his unit by 1000 hours the day after the Guard dismounts a guard report showing the number of any Army vehicles returned to lines, drivers name and unit and any other particulars; The names, numbers and unit of any personnel attempting to leave the camp area illegally.

6. SECURITY  
AND

CENSORSHIP. All ranks are to be warned that there is a large amount of espionage in this country. No information whatever is to be given to anyone outside own units, especially information about identity, location, strength or equipment of units or possible future intentions. No reference is to be made in conversation or in correspondence to ports of call en route to Egypt. Men may say in letters 'I am in Egypt' - first person singular - but not 'we are stationed in Egypt' - first person plural.

Even so, discretion must be exercised and there must not appear in any letter, any statement or statements which may indicate that the writer's unit is in Egypt.

AMMUNITION RETURN.

Ref: 9 Bn. Memo of 6 Jan 41.

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Coys are not forwarding ammunition return as instructed. This return will be forwarded by 0900 hours each morning.

C. C. F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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NOTICE.

Bn. LIBRARY.

The Bn. Library is now in operation. Books may be taken out and returned during the following hours.

- 1000 - 1200 hours.
- 1300 - 1,30 hours.
- 1800 - 2030 hours.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

9 Jan 41.Part 1.No. 8.1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 9 Jan 41.

- (a) Duty coy; H.Q. coy.  
Next for duty; A coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. L.G.C. EVANS.  
Next for duty; Lieut. T.W. WHARTON.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1205 Cpl. HUNTER, R.J.  
Next for duty; QX 1221 Cpl.; WALTERS, A.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) Nal. Guard. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.Rs.
- (b) No. 2. GUARD. 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D. hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry will assemble at 1400 today 9 Jan 41, to enquire into and report on the loss of rifle no 96955.

The Court will be constituted as under:-

Capt. B.N. BERRY.  
Lieut. T.W. WHARTON.  
Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.

5. NEXT OF KIN.

All ranks are reminded that changes of next of kin or addressee of next of kin must be reported to coy H.Q. as promptly as possible.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Capt Adj. 9 Bn.

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9 Bn. mounts as Duty Unit 1700 hours 9 Jan 41.

DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING BRIGADE DUTIES.

- (a) Road Guard of 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. and 10 O.R. to mount on I KINGI MARYUT - ALEXANDRIA road at the southern end of the causeway two miles N.W. of ~~El~~ El Amaria.
- (b) One Sjt. and 3 O.R. to be in at endance at the Main Canteen I KINGI MARYUT during the evening hours. They will report to the C.O. at Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hours.

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

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

10 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 9.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 10 Jan 41.

(a) Duty coy; A coy.  
Next for duty; B coy.

(b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. T.W. WHARTON.  
Next for duty; Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.

(c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1221 Cpl. WALTERS, A.  
Next for duty; QX 415 Cpl. DeVANTIER, R.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

(a) No. 1. Guard. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.

(b) No. 2. Guard. 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

3. DRESS. Officers - S.D., hats, and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order,  
hats and gaiters.  
Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. WILLS.

Since marriage renders a will already made, null and void, all rands who have married since filing a will are reminded of the necessity for making a fresh one.

5. LEAVE.

LEAVE MAY BE GRANTED TO 20% OF THE STRENGTH OF COMPANY IN CAMP EXCLUDING THOSE IN HOSPITAL OR A.W.L. If any personnel are A.W.L. on Saturday, a corresponding reduction will be made in the quota for Sunday. Requisitions for rail tickets - with cash - for Saturday only are due at Bn. H.Q. by 1400 hours today. Requisitions and cash for Sunday are due at Bn. H.Q. at 1400 hours Saturday.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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

11 Jan 41

Part 1.

No. 10.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 11 Jan 41.

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Duty coy;        | B coy.                    |
| Next for duty;       | C coy.                    |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. G.C. SUTHERS.      |
| Next for duty;       | Lieut. A.M. BENSON.       |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.;    | QX 415 Cpl. DEVANTIER, R. |
| Next for duty;       | QX 1367 A/Cpl. FOLEY, M.  |

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) <u>No. 1. Guard.</u> | 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.   |
| (b) <u>No. 2. Guard.</u> | 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R. |

3. DRESS.  
Officers - S.D., hats and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim battle dress, drill order,  
hats and gaiters.  
Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. P.A.D.  
In the present situation the Axis powers are most likely to relieve pressure against the Italian Army in North Africa, by air action against sea communications and the base at Alexandria, in which elements of the German Air Force may participate. All coys must ensure that there must be no relaxation of Passive Air Defence measures during the present moon.

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

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FIFTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

13 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 11.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 13 Jan 41.

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Duty coy;        | D coy.                    |
| Next for duty;       | H.Q. coy.                 |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. R.A. MAJONEY.      |
| Next for duty;       | Lieut. J.F.T. SPARKES.    |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.;    | QX 416 Cpl. POWELL, S.E.  |
| Next for duty;       | QX 2689 Cpl. THINER, F.J. |

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- |                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) <u>No. 1. Guard.</u> | 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.   |
| (b) <u>No. 2. Guard.</u> | 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R. |

3. DRESS.

Officers	-	S.D. hats, and gaiters.
O.R.	-	Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. TENTS.

All tents except E.P.I.P. must be rolled during the day.

5. BOUNDS.

Native villages are out of bounds to all ranks.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

14 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 12.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 14 Jan 41.

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| (a) Duty coy;        | H. Q. coy.                             |
| Next for duty;       | A coy.                                 |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. J.T.F. SPARKES.                 |
| Next for duty;       | Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.                     |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.;    | <del>QX 1531 Cpl. H. GREEN, G.C.</del> |
|                      | 2689 Cpl. THIRRE, P.J.                 |
| Next for duty;       | QX 1531 Cpl. ELWORTHY, G.C.            |

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. -  
with runner.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- |                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) <u>No. 1. GUARD.</u> | 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.   |
| (b) <u>No. 2. GUARD.</u> | 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R. |

3. DRESS.

Officers	-	S.D., Hats and Gaiters.
O.R.	-	Denim Battle Dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

15 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 13.

1 DUTIES. To mount Retreat 15 Jan 41.

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- (a) Duty coy;                      A coy.  
Next for duty;                  B coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer;      Lieut. W.H. NOYES,  
Next for duty;              Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.
  - (c) Orderly Cpl.;              QX 1531 Cpl. ELWORTHY, G.C.  
Next for duty;              QX 4060 Cpl. MACDONALD, D.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1. Guard.      1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2. Guard.      1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Officers      -      S.D., hats and gaiters.  
O.R.            -      Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

16 Jan 41.                      Part 1.                      No. 14.

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1. DUTIES.    To mount Retreat 16 Jan 41.

- (a) Duty coy;                      B coy.  
Next for duty;                      C coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.  
Next for duty;                      Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.
- (c) Orderly Cpl;                      QX 4060 Cpl. MACDONALD, D.  
Next for duty;                      QX 1238 Cpl. FRAZER, E.W.

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1. Guard.                      1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2. Guard.                      1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

- Officers                      -    S.D., hats and gaiters.
- O.R.                                      -    Denim battle dress, drill order, hats and gaiters.

Guard and Bn. duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL - ALEXANDRIA.

All military traffic will conform to the traffic circuits as shown in the Appendix attached to Bde Order N. 252 dated 15 Jan 41.

5. PRIVATE PARCELS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR UNITS.

The practice of making local purchases, or placing orders for personal consignments, and giving the name of the unit to which the purchaser belongs together with the nearest station to that unit, must cease. The correct method of obtaining delivery of such purchases is to have the parcel addressed to the unit only, and for the parcel then to be taken or sent to the M.F.O. at Abbassia, Alexandria, or Lydda as the case may be. Should there be no M.F.O. at the place of purchase the parcel can be given to the nearest R.T.O. who will arrange delivery. Parcels so consigned must not weigh less than 10 lb or more than 112 lb. Parcels weighing less than 10 lb can be sent by Army Post Office Services in the usual way, addressed Rank, Regtl No. name, Middle East Force.

6. LOOTING. Cases are prevalent in the Western Desert of the removal and appropriation by officers and other ranks of (a) spare parts, accessories etc. from captured or broken down enemy vehicles; (b) weapons, ammun equipment, effects etc. left by or captured from the enemy. This practice will cease forthwith and will in future be regarded as looting, all cases of which will be severely dealt with as a disciplinary matter. In no circumstances will vehicles, spare parts, accessories, weapons, ammun equipment etc., whether captured enemy or British property, be removed except on the express authority of a Staff officer of the H.Q. of the Area concerned, or by a personnel of units when actually on duty clearing up the battle field under the orders of the Area Commander concerned.

7. HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

Attention is drawn to F.S.R. (1930) Vol 1. Chap XVI sec 145 with ~~responsibility of all officers~~ particular reference to extracts defining the responsibility of all officers in connection with hygiene.

8. PARCELS.

Army stamps must not be used for posting parcels. Egyptian civil stamps must be affixed to Custom Form. Three Custom Declaration Forms must be used for each parcel.

9. DENTAL.

ALL remaining cases of Toothache, Repairs to Dentures, Pyorrhoea (sore gums) and any personnel who have EVER had Vincent's Angina will report to R.A.P. 0830 hours 17 Jan 41. Fillings or New Dentures will NOT come.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Col. J.E.G. MARTIN, C.B.E., Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

17 Jan. 41.

Part. 1.

No. 15.

1. DUTIES. To Mount at Re treat 17 Jan. 41.

DUTY BN.

- (a) Duty Coy; C Coy.  
Next for Duty; D Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.  
Next for Duty; Lieut. R. TAYLOR.
- (c) Orderly Cpl; QX 1238 Cpl. FRASER H.W.  
Next for Duty; QX 2834 Cpl. STEWART J.M.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn Hq - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1 GUARD. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2 GUARD. 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill order, hats and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. MAIL. Air Mail closes at Bn. H.Q. at 1000 hrs each Monday and Friday.

5. DUTY COY. WILL SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING BATTALION DUTY.

One Sjt., and 6 O.R. to be in attendance at the Main Canteen IKINGI MARYUT during the evening hours. They will report to the C.O. at Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs. These men will have their Evening Meal before reporting to the C.O.

C.C.F. BOURNE. C spt.

Adit 9 Bn.



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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

19 Jan 41

Part 1.

No. 17.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 19 Jan. 41.

- (a) Duty Coy; H.Q. Coy.  
Next for Duty; A Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. H.J.D. HAMILTON.  
Next for Duty; Lieut. A.O. ROAD.
- (c) Orderly Cpl; QX 5032 Cpl. OLIVER. F.H.  
Next for Duty; QX 2602 Cpl. BROWN. H.W.

Each Coy. will supply one runner to Bn.H.Q. with Bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:-

- (a) No. 1 GUARD. 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2 GUARD. 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. DRESS:-

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. LEADED PETROL - PRECAUTIONS.

Almost all the petrol now being supplied from Military Depots and from Civil Pumps in the Middle East contains a portion of TETRA-ETHYL LEAD, which is poisonous and care will be taken by all concerned in its use. Petrol should not be used for the cleaning of Garments or for any household appliances. The practice of sucking petrol up a rubber tube, in order to syphon it out of the tanks of Motor Vehicles, will be discontinued. If for any reason the hands have become contaminated with petrol, they should be washed as soon as possible. When petrol comes in contact with open wounds (scratches etc.) the wound should be thoroughly cleaned immediately.

C.C.F. BOURNE. Capt.

Adjt 9Bn.



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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

20 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 18.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 20 Jan 41.

(a) Duty Coy; A Coy.  
Next for Duty; B Coy.

(b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.O. HOAD.  
Next for Duty; Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.

(c) Orderly Cpl; QX 2602. Cpl. BROWN H.W.  
Next for Duty; QX 3098. Cpl. LATIMORE C.V.

Each Coy will supply one Runner to Bn. H.Q. with Bicycle  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty  
Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

(a). No. 1. GUARD. 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

(b). No. 2. GUARD. 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and  
Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

- ~~C.C.F. BOURNE~~

C.C.F. BOURNE. CAPT.

ADJT. 9 Bn.

NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

21 Jan. 41

Part 1.

No. 19.

1. DUTIES:- TO MOUNT AT RETREAT 21 JAN. 41.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy;        | B Coy.                      |
| Next for Duty;       | C Coy.                      |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.       |
| Next for Duty;       | Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.        |
| (c) Orderly Cpl;     | QX 3098. Cpl. LATIMORE C.V. |
| Next for Duty;       | QX 1222. Cpl. MURRAY J.R.   |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with Bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:-

- (a) No. 1 GUARD. 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.  
(b) No. 2 GUARD. 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. DRESS:-

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.  
Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. SECURITY:-

H.Q., B.T.E. circular 15 Jan. 41 points out that there is espionage in Egypt and probably an organised fifth Column. Certainly there have been fires in Military stores; arms and ammunition are constantly being stolen and sabotage is practised.  
All Guards and Sentries will be given strict instructions to examine the identity card or pass of everybody who is not personally known to them, including men in uniform, whether apparently Officers or not. As many passes etc., have been ~~stolen~~ stolen or lost, the possession of one of these is not strict proof of identity. Other credentials such as Identity discs should be examined in case of doubt. The circular concludes, "Our recent successes may ~~have~~ induced a feeling of security which leads to carelessness. Nothing could be more dangerous, for fifth column activity and espionage are not dependent on the proximity of the enemy."

5. PAY.

Beave personnel in Alexandria are not entitled to draw pay at the Alexandria Pay Office when they are on ordinary leave of less than two days duration.

6. FOUND:-

94979

Rifles No. 97835 and ~~95979~~ are held at Bn. H.Q. Coys will make a check and forward nil returns if necessary by 0900 hrs, 22 Jan. 41

C.C.F. BOURNE. Caot.  
Adjt. 9 Bn.

NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

22 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 20.

1. DUTIES: TO MOUNT AT RR TREAT 22 Jan 41.

DUTY BN.

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy;        | H.Q. Coy.                  |
| Next for Duty;       | D Coy.                     |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. E. Barnes.          |
| Next for Duty;       | Lieut. A.H. Marshall.      |
| (c) Orderly Cpl;     | QX 1205. Cpl. Hunter. R.J. |
| Next for Duty;       | QX 507. Cpl. Sharpe. V.A.  |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

- (a) No. 1 Guard: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.
- (b) No. 2 Guard: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.
- (c) No. 3 Guard: D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today 22 Jan. 41. consisting of 1 N.C.O., 4 O.R. - Full Marching order.
- (d) Picquet - IKINGI MARYUT Canteen Picquet consisting of 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R. -  
Duties: Maintain a guard on the Canteen under instructions of W.O. in charge of Canteen.  
 Mount Guard over Sig. Office under command of O.C. K. Sec. Sigs.  
 Maintain a 24 Hours guard on water tower at IKINGI MARYUT railway siding.  
 O.C. Picquet to submit to BDE. H.Q. his guard Report by 1200 Hrs on the following day.  
 Guard will report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today, 22 Jan. 41.  
 Full Marching order.  
 Guard personnel will take Rations for 24 Hours.

3. MAIL:

PACKETS AND PARCELS.

Under 1 Lb in weight - 4 P.T. Army Post Stamps.  
 Over 1 Lb. in weight - Civilian stamps and Customs Declaration.  
 (3 Copies - 1 stiff and 2 soft)  
 Under 4 Ozs. free of charge.

AIR MAIL RATES.

4. P.T. for the first 10 Grms. plus 3 P.T. for additional 10 grms. and then 4 P.T. for every additional 10 Grms.

CABLES.

Cables to Australia - 6 Words for 125 Mills, additional words 21 Mills each. Address free of charge.  
 Each cable to be censored and marked with Unit Franking Stamp.  
 No. and Name must be endorsed on the Back.

SURFACE MAIL

Surface mail will be carried free of charge.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.  
Adit. 9 Bn.

KKK.

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

23 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 21.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 23 Jan. 41.

- (a) Duty Coy: D Coy.  
Next for Duty: A Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. C.M. Arnold.
- (c) Orderly Cpl: QX 507 Cpl. Sharpe V.A.  
Next for Duty: QX 1531 Cpl. Elworthy G.C.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.

Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. DRESS:

Officers - S.D., Hat, and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. SABOTAGE TO SIGNAL LINES.

Bde Sigs report several instances of definite Sabotage to their signal cables. Cables have been deliberately cut or so crushed as to cause shorting. It is impossible for Sigs to police all their lines and the co-operation of all ranks is sought to prevent such Sabotage and to bring suspicious characters before some H.Q. for interrogation. Anyone seen tampering with cables especially at night, will be treated as a suspicious character.

5. MAIL.

Mail received at Bn. H.Q. prior to 0930 hrs each day will catch the morning service, Mail received later than 0930 hrs will be forwarded with the Evening Post.

The Post Office is returning any newspapers, magazines or periodicals forwarded by Units for transmission even though they bear censor stamps.

Standing Orders (Palestine) No. 72 B. States that Newspapers, Books, and magazines must not be included in correspondence.

6. LOST AND UNIDENTIFIABLE PROPERTY

1. All lost property found by R.T.Os. and M.F.Os. will be held for a period of two weeks in area in which lost, and if unclaimed will be forwarded to Lost Property Office, M.F.O., Abbassia, where it will be held for one month, after which time it will be sent to "Returned Store Depot".

2. Any Officer or O.R. who, during the preceding month has lost, whilst on Railway travel, any item of equipment or personal kit, should apply to M.F.O. Abbassia, in order to identify and claim lost articles.

3. All ranks should, when applying for lost property, give the fullest possible description of it together with date and circumstances of loss, etc..

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

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

24 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 22.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 24 Jan. 41.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | A Coy.                     |
| Next for Duty:       | C Coy.                     |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. C.M. ARNOLD.        |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. A.M. BENEON.        |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 1531 Cpl. ELWORTHY G.C. |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 670 Cpl. HARPER G.W.    |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.- with bicycle.

Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1. GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No..2. GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 I/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. DRESS:

Officers. S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

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

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Col. J.E.G. MARTIN, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.  
25 Jan. 41 Part 1.

No. 23.

1. DUTIES: To Mount at RETREAT 25 Jan. 41.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy;        | C Coy.                  |
| Next for Duty;       | D Coy.                  |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. A.M. BENSON.     |
| Next for Duty;       | Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.    |
| (c) Orderly Cpl;     | QX 670 Cpl. HARPER G.W. |
| Next for Duty;       | QX 588 Cpl. GREIG T.W.  |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

- (a) No. 1 GUARD. → 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.  
No. 2 GUARD. - 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.  
(b) One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen and keep order during hours of business.

3. DRESS:

Officers - S.D., hat and Gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.  
Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. CENSORSHIP:

1. No reference will be made in private correspondence (which includes telegrams) to casualties suffered by Units of the A.I.F. until official publication has been made.
2. Any attempt to evade censorship will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offender. Correspondence posted in Civil Post Offices will not be excepted and sent back to the Unit concerned.
3. Telegrams containing reference to arrival of troops in the Middle East giving location of sender or Unit will be intercepted by the Censor and such reference deleted.
4. The following publications which are subject to Military Censorship may be despatched through Army P.O. to Australia.  
(1) A.I.F., News.  
(2) Parade.

5. SPECTACLES FOR USE WITH RESPIRATORS:

All personnel for whom glasses have been prescribed and who are NOT in possession of Mk. 3. spectacles, will report to R.M.O. with a view to being fitted.

6. SHOWERS:

The allocation of showers for the coming week will be as for the previous week.

7. CHURCH PARADE:

Church parade will be as for last Sunday.

8. LIBRARY BOOKS.

Library Books will be returned to Bn. Library by 1700 Hrs on 26 Jan. 41.

9. CANTEEN ORDERS:

Canteen orders will be stamped by the Unit Orderly Room and signed by an Officer as recognition of correct ownership.

10. C.S.Ms.

Coy. S.M. marching Duties on to Bn. Parade Ground will be Regimentally dressed, i.e. They will wear Felt Hats, and Equipment.

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C.C.F. BOURNE. Capt.  
Adit. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Col. J.E.G. MARTIN, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.  
26 Jan. 41. Part 1.

No. 24.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 26 Jan. 41.

- (a) Duty Coy: D Coy.  
Next for Duty: H.Q. Coy.  
W.W.D. DAUNT.
- ((b) orderly officer: Lieut. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
Next for Duty: Lieut. P.C.G. ROBERTS.
- (c) orderly Cpl.: QX 588 Cpl. GREIG T.W.  
Next for Duty: QX 459 Cpl. HALL J.C.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY.

- (a) No. 1. GUARD - 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.  
(b) No. 2. GUARD - 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.  
(c) One N.C.O. to report to the canteen and keep order during hours of business.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D.? hat and gaiters.  
O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

4. NOTICE.

Any members of the Bn. who are from the Atherton Tableland District are asked to get in touch with Padre Hohenhouse of 12 Bn., immediately.

C.C. F. BOURNE. Capt.  
adjt. 9 Bn.

LOST.

One Cromium plated watch fitted with leather cover.  
Finder please return to Bn. H.Q.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Col. J.E.G MARTIN, OFFICER COMMANDING 9 BN.

27 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 25.

1. DUTIES:- To mount at ~~RETREAT~~ 27 Jan. 41. Duty Bn.

- (a) Duty Coy: H.Q. Coy.  
Next for Duty: A Coy.
- (b) Orderly officer: Lieut. E BARNES.  
Next for Duty: ~~XXXXXX~~ Lieut. W.L.H. NOYES.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.: QX 459 Cpl. HALL J.C.  
Next for Duty: QX 3130 A/Cpl. CAMERON C.T.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1. GUARD - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 10 O.R.

No. 2. GUARD - 1 Cpl. 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 3 GUARD - D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today 27 Jan. 41. consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R. - Full marching order.

No. 4. PICQUET. - IKINGI MARYUT Canteen picquet consisting of 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R. -

DUTIES:-

- (a) Maintain a guard on the canteen under instructions of W.O. in charge of canteen.
- (b) Mount guard over sig. office under comd of O.C. K. Sec. Sigs.
- (c) Maintain a 24 hours guard on water tower at IKINGI MARYUT Railway Siding.  
O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde. H.Q. his guard report by 1200 hrs on the following day.  
Guard will report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today, 27 Jan. 41. - Full marching order.  
Guard personnel will take rations for 24 hrs.

3. Concert.

Coys will submit by 1200 hrs today a state showing No. of personnel wishing to attend at the IKINGI MARYUT Concert Hall. The programme is changed every Monday.

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

LOST.

one chromium plated watch fitted with leather cover.  
finder please return to Bn. H.Q.



NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

28 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 26.

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1. DUTIES:- To mount at RETREAT 28 Jan. 41.

(a) Duty Coy: A Coy.

Next for Duty: B Coy.

(b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. W.H. NOYES.

Next for Duty: Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.

(c) Orderly Cpl.: QX 3130 A/Cpl. CAMERON C.T.

Next for Duty: QX 4484 Cpl. BIXON W.K.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.

Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: - 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: - 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen and keep order during hours of business.

3. UNIT IDENTIFICATION:

Unit identification must be obliterated from Pay Books and any belongings of members of the Unit.

C.C.F BOURNE Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

Lost.

Chromium plated watch, fitted with leather cover. Finder please return to Bn. H.Q.

NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

29 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 271

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 29 Jan. 41.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | B Coy.                      |
| Next for Duty:       | C Coy.                      |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.    |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.         |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.:    | QX 415 Cpl. DeVANTIER R.    |
| Next For Duty:       | QX 2547 Cpl. GRIFFITH. D.R. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt. 1 L/Cpl. 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen and keep order during the hours of business.

3. DRESS:

Officers; S.D., Hat and gaiters.

O.R. Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

4. OFFICERS - REPORTING ON LEAVE:

It is essential that the addresses of Officers on Leave are known at B.T.E. Headquarters and the necessity of complying with General Order 382 is to be brought to the notice of all Officers.

(a) All Officers visiting places, other than at which normally stationed, whether on leave or duty, will report themselves immediately on arrival to the following Headquarters or offices. Such reports will be made by signing their names and stating their Units, addresses at which staying and period of stay, in "Visits and Leave Books" which will be maintained for this purpose by Headquarters and Offices stated:-

Cairo	Headquarters B.T.E. (M.S. Branch) (Semiramis Hotel.)
Alexandria.	D.A.P.M's Office, Kom-el-dik (opposite Main Rly. Station)
Ismailia/Moascar	H.Q. Canal Base & L of C area.
Other Stations (including Western Desert)	O.C. Troops Office or Garrison Headquarters, station concerned.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.  
Adjt. 9 Bn.

Notice.

R.C. Voluntary Church Parade, A.B.C Coy Personnel:-

1. Confession - Tent C 9 - 1830 Hrs 29 Jan. 41.
2. Mass Salvation Army Tent. - 0700 hrs - 30 Jan. 41.

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

30 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 28.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 30 Jan. 41.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | C Coy.                     |
| Next for Duty:       | D Coy.                     |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.        |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. R.A. MALONEY.       |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.:    | QX 2547 Cpl. GRIFFITH D.R. |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 416 Cpl. POWELL S.E.    |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. Duty COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 Guard: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 Guard: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen during the hours of business.

3. Dress: Officers: S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, <sup>Hat</sup> RIXIE and Gaiters.

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

Notice.

Three parcels of woollen Goods have been received from 9 Bn. Comfort Fund, including the following:-

Socks - Woollen.	-	Pairs 60.
Pullovers do.	6	20.
Scarves do.	-	6.
Mittens do.	-	Pairs 12.

These are included in issues made to Companies except socks which are held in reserve.

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

31 Jan. 41

Part 1.

No. 29.

1. DUTIES: To Mount at RETREAT 31 Jan. 41.

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:          | D Coy.                    |
| Next for Duty:         | H.Q. Coy.                 |
| (b) Orderly Officer: x | Lieut. R.A. MALONEY.      |
| Next For Duty:         | Lieut. L.G.C. EVANS.      |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:       | QX 416 Cpl. POWELL S.E.   |
| Next for Duty:         | QX 2238 Cpl. TELFORD T.R. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/ Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen during the hours of business.

3. DRESS:

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Denim Battle Dress,  
Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn AIF (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* .. .. .			
* .. .. .			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1	—	
Majors .. .. .	2	—	
Captains .. .. .	7	—	2
Lieutenants .. .. .	22	3	
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters .. .. .	1	—	—
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
[Empty table with diagonal line]				

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
[Empty table with diagonal line]				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
[Empty table with diagonal line]			

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	QX6049	J. B. G. Gardin	9 Bn	Yes	
Major	QX6031	N. B. V. Lubke	9 Bn	Yes	
Major	QX6043	W. W. Kearne	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6036	B. J. Peck	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6012	Q. B. J. Condon	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6047	R. H. Berry	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6076	R. J. Reidy	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6048	A. B. Richards	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6082	R. B. Hooper	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6008	B. B. V. Conyne	9 Bn	Yes	
Capt	QX6030	T. B. G. Gordon	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX6004	B. Y. Arnold	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX6016	N. B. D. Daint	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX6003	A. J. Anderson	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX6018	L. G. B. Evans	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX3611	L. J. Francis	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX6537	B. Y. Howell	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX3615	B. Barnes	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX3164	G. O. Suckas	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX753	G. J. Brown Smith	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX1255	A. H. Marshall	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX4570	D. J. Pidge	9 Bn	No	(Rear Party on Ship)
Lieut	QX1505	A. D. Hoard	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX2638	N. K. B. Isaacs	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX1253	R. W. Inscoe	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	NY11009	R. A. Palmer	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX381	J. V. J. Parker	9 Bn	No	Rear Party on Ship
Lieut	QX0090	A. H. Benson	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX1257	R. Taylor	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX354	V. P. Jones	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX578	M. J. D. Hamilton	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX2703	J. W. Wharton	9 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	QX1003	P. B. G. Roberts	9 Bn	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	UK17	J. F. Yeates	admc	27/1/40	R. G. O.
Chap	QX6074	B. B. Stille	adcd	29/1/39	padre
Major (Hon.)		A. W. Molluer	8.207	17/1/40	welfare officer

9 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

4 Jan 41

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Comdg. 2 (Signature of Commander.)  
A. I. F.  
8 Aus Inf Bde

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn AIF. (Unit)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1	1	1
Majors .. .. .	2	1	1
Captains .. .. .	7	1	2
Lieutenants .. .. .	22	3	1
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .	1	1	1
Quartermasters .. .. .	1	1	1
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
1				

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chap.	O.B. STEELE (QX6074)	AACHD	6 Jan 41	Buacemated beyond RAP (Influenza)

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	QX6049	J.E.G. MARTIN	9 Bn	No	CO. - Liaison at front
Major	QX6031	W.E.F. LUBKE	9 Bn	Yes	2/c
Major	QX6043	W.W. WEARNE	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Coy
Capt	QX6036	E.J.F. PEEK	9 Bn	Yes	OC, B Coy
Capt.	QX6012	O.E.J. CONDON	9 Bn	Yes	2/c B Coy
Capt	QX6047	B.N. BERRY	9 Bn	Yes	OC, C Coy
Capt	QX6076	R.F. REIDY	9 Bn	Yes	OC, A Coy
Capt	QX6048	H.E. RICHARDS	9 Bn	Yes	OC, Q.M.
Capt	QX6082	R.C. HOOPER	9 Bn	Yes	OC, D Coy
Capt	QX6008	C.C.F. BOURNE	9 Bn	Yes	Adjutant.
Capt	QX6030	F.E.C. LOXTON	9 Bn	Yes	2/c C Coy
lieut	QX6004	C.M. ARNOLD	9 Bn	Yes	2/c A Coy
lieut	QX6016	W.W.D. DAUNT	9 Bn	Yes	2/c D Coy
lieut	QX6003	A.J. ANDERSON	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, B Coy
lieut	QX6018	L.G.C. EVANS	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ, HQ Coy
lieut	QX3611	L.T. FRANCIS	9 Bn	Yes	sig. off.
lieut	QX6587	B.M. LOVETT	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, C Coy
lieut	QX3613	E. BARNES	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ, HQ Coy
lieut	QX2164	G.O. JUTHERS	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, B Coy
lieut	QX253	A.F. NIXON-SMITH	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, B Coy
lieut	QX1255	A.H. MARSHALL	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, D Coy
lieut	QX4570	D.J. JOYCE	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, A Coy
lieut	QX1505	A.O. HADJ	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, A Coy
lieut	QX2638	W.R.E. ISAACS	9 Bn	Yes	I.O.
lieut	QX1253	R.W. FORSTER	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, C Coy
lieut	NX11009	R.A. MALONEY	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, D Coy
lieut	QX381	J.F.T. SPARKES	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ, HQ Coy
lieut	QX6090	A.M. BENSON	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, C Coy
lieut	QX1257	R. TAYLOR	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, D Coy
lieut	QX254	W.H. NOYES	9 Bn	Yes	Superannuated
lieut	QX578	H.J.D. HAMILTON	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ, HQ Coy
lieut	QX2703	T.W. WHARTON	9 Bn	Yes	R. Comd, A Coy
lieut	RX1003	P.C.G. ROBERTS	9 Bn	Yes	I.O.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	UK12	J.M. YEATES	same	July 40	R.M.O.
Major (Hon)		R.W. MILVEEN	B.202	July 40	welfare officer
	039				

9 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

11 Jan 41

(Date of Despatch.)

W.E.F. Lubke Major

Comdg. 28 Bn AIF Lt. Col.

18 Aus Area Bde

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1	-	-
Majors .. .. .	2	-	-
Captains .. .. .	8 7	-	2
Lieutenants .. .. .	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters .. .. .	1	-	-
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chap	O. B. STEELE	HA Ch D	12 Jan 41	Returned from Hospital.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	QX4570 D. J. JOYCE	Pl. COMD Acay, 9 Bn		Evacuated beyond RHP

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	QY 6049	J.E.G. MARTIN	9 BN	Yes	L.O.
Major	QY 6081	W.F. LUBKE	9 BN	Yes	R.I.C.
Major	QY 6043	W.W. WEARNE	9 BN	Yes	O.C. HQ Coy
Capt.	QY 6036	E.J.F. PEEK	9 BN	Yes	O.C. B Coy
Capt.	QY 6012	O.E.J. CONDON	9 BN	Yes	R.I.C. D Coy
Capt.	QY 6047	B.N. BERRY	9 BN	Yes	O.C. C Coy
Capt.	QY 6076	R.F. REIDY	9 BN	Yes	O.C. H. Coy
Capt.	QY 6048	H.E. RICHARDS	9 BN	Yes	G.M.
Capt.	QY 6082	R.E. HOOPER	9 BN	Yes	O.C. D Coy
Capt.	QY 6008	C.C.F. BOURNE	9 BN	Yes	ADJUTANT
Capt.	QY 6030	F.E.C. LOXTON	9 BN	Yes	R.I.C. C Coy
Lieut	QY 6004	C.M. ARNOLD	9 BN	Yes	R.I.C. H Coy
Lieut	QY 6016	W.W.D. DAUNT	9 BN	Yes	R.I.C. D Coy
Lieut	QY 6003	F.J. ANDERSON	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD B Coy
Lieut	QY 6018	K.G.C. EVANS	9 BN	Yes	DC. HQ PL. HQ Coy
Lieut	QY 3611	N.T. FRANCIS	9 BN	Yes	SIG. OFFR
Lieut	QY 6537	B.M. LOVETT	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD. C Coy
Lieut	QY 345	E. BARNES	9 BN	Yes	DC. HQ PL. HQ Coy
Lieut	QY 2164	G.O. SUTHERS	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD B Coy
Lieut	QY 253	R.F. NIXON-SMITH	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD B Coy
Lieut	QY 1253	R.H. MARSHALL	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD D Coy
Lieut	QY 1805	R.O. HOAD	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD H Coy
Lieut	QY 2689	W.R.E. ISAACS	9 BN	Yes	L.O.
Lieut	QY 1253	R.W. FORSTER	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD C Coy
Lieut	NY 11009	R.A. MALONEY	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD D Coy
Lieut	QY 138	J.T.F. SPARKES	9 BN	Yes	DC. HQ PL. HQ Coy
Lieut	QY 6090	R.M. BENSON	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD C Coy
Lieut	QY 1257	R. TAYLOR	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD D Coy
Lieut	QY 2574	W.H. NOYES	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD H Coy
Lieut	QY 578	H.T.D. HAMILTON	9 BN	Yes	O.C. MORTAR PL. HQ Coy
Lieut	QY 12403	T.W. WHARTON	9 BN	Yes	PL. COMD H Coy
Lieut	QY 1063	P.C.G. ROBERTS	9 BN	Yes	TPT OFFR

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	UK 12	J.M. YEATES	A AMC	29 Jul 40	R.M.O.
Major (HON)		H.W. McILVEEN	B 202	27 Jul 40	WELFARE OFFR

9 BN A.I.F.  
(Unit.)  
18 Jan 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
18 AUG, MIXD, BOE  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	QX 6049	JEG MARTIN	9 BN	Yes	L.O.
Major	QX 6031	W.F. LUBKE	9 BN	Yes	2 IC
Major	QX 6043	W.W. WEARNE	9 BN	Yes	O.C. HQ Coy
Capt	QX 6036	E.F.F. PEEK	9 BN	Yes	O.C. B Coy
Capt	QX 6012	O.E.J. CONDON	9 BN	Yes	2 IC B Coy
Capt	QX 6047	B.N. BERRY	9 BN	Yes	O.C. C Coy
Capt	QX 6076	R.F. REIDY	9 BN	Yes	O.C. A Coy
Capt	QX 6048	H.E. RICHARDS	9 BN	Yes	AM
Capt	QX 6082	R.C. HOOPER	9 BN	Yes	O.C. D Coy
Capt	QX 6008	C.E.F. BOURNE	9 BN	Yes	ADJUTANT
Capt	QX 6030	F.E.C. LOXTON	9 BN	Yes	2 IC C Coy
Kent	QX 6004	E.M. ARNOLD	9 BN	Yes	2 IC A Coy
Kent	QX 6016	W.W.D. DAUNT	9 BN	Yes	2 IC D Coy
Kent	QX 6003	H.J. ANDERSON	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Kent	QX 6018	H.G.C. EVANS	9 BN	Yes	O.C. HQ Coy
Kent	QX 361	H.T. FRANCIS	9 BN	Yes	2 IC B Coy
Kent	QX 6537	E.M. LOVETT	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. C Coy
Kent	QX 3615	E. BARNES	9 BN	Yes	O.C. HQ Coy
Kent	QX 2164	G.O. SUTHERS	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Kent	QX 253	H.F. NIACH-SMITH	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Kent	QX 12585	H.H. MARSHALL	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. D Coy
Kent	QX 1505	H.O. HOOD	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Kent	QX 2639	W.R.E. ISHACS	9 BN	Yes	L.O.
Kent	QX 1253	R.W. FORSTER	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. C Coy
Kent	NX 11009	R.A. MALONEY	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. D Coy
Kent	QX 135	J.F.T. SPARKES	9 BN	Yes	O.C. HQ Coy
Kent	QX 6090	A.M. BENSON	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. C Coy
Kent	QX 1257	R. TAYLOR	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. D Coy
Kent	QX 254	W.H. MOVES	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. A Coy
Kent	QX 578	H.T.D. HAMILTON	9 BN	Yes	O.C. HQ Coy
Kent	QX 2703	T.W. WHARTON	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. A Coy
Kent	QX 11003	P.C.G. ROBERTS	9 BN	Yes	Pl. Comd. A Coy

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	U.K. 12	J.M. YEATES	H.A.M.C.	27/10/40	R.M.O.
Major (Hon)		H.W. McILVEEN	B.202	27/10/40	Welfare off
Chaplain		O.B. STEELE	H.A.U.D.		

9 BN H.I.F.  
(Unit.)  
25 Jan 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/9 Bn  
(Signature of Commander.)  
18.000 Inca Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn HIF (Unit) 25 Jan 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	81	5	1
Corporals	56		5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	642		11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
QX 25 SGT BURNHEIM, T.T.	H APC Spt.		
QX 6549 Pte BANISTER, W.J.	HQ 18 Bus Inca Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
QX 3612	WO II	LADNER, E.J.	9 Bn	Evacuated to hospital ca HMT 4/13 1 Jan 41
QX 4958	Y SGT	MURDOCH, K	9 Bn	Evacuated to hospital 16 Jan 41. Spd Mousco convalescent depot 23 Jan 41

9 Bn AIF

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters					1			1							
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks					1			1				1			1
<i>Armourer</i>															
<i>Buglers</i>													3		3
General duty personnel									1				58		14
<b>TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)</b>					2			2	1			1	5	11	18

9 Bn AIF

Unit.

Date of Despatch

26 Jan 41

D.3459.

Lt. Col.  
Comdg. 2/9 Bn A.I.F.  
*18 Aug Mac Bde*

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn H.I.F. (Unit) 19 Jan 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	—	—
W.Os. Class II.	5	—	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4	—	1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	28	2	1
Corporals	58	—	3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	630	—	23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>* 2</b>	<b>* 27</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
OX 25 Spt.	H.A.P.C. Spt.		
BURNHEIM, T.T.			
OX 6549 Pte	H.Q. 18 Aus		
BANISTER, W.G.	Med Bde.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
OX 3612	WO II	LINDNER, E.J.	9 Bn	Evacuated to hosp ex H.M.T. h. 13 1 Jan 41

9 Bn. A.I.F. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters					/			/							
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
<i>Armourer</i>					/			/							
<i>Buglers</i>															33
General duty personnel									/			3			2024
<b>TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)</b>									2			13			2328

9 Bn. A.I.F. Unit.

Date of Despatch  
D.3459.

19 June 41

*[Signature]*

Signature of Commander.  
9 Bn AIF, 18th Australian Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn AIF. (Unit) 11 Jan 41 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	—	—
W.Os. Class II.	5	—	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	—	—
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	29	2	—
Corporals	61	—	—
Troopers, Privates, &c.	651	—	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>*</b> —	<b>*</b> 1

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
QX25 Sjt. Burnheim T.T.	AAFC Sjt.		
QX6549 Pte Banister Sjt.	HQ, 18 Ans Med Bde (Padres Balmar)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
QX3612	WO II	LADNER, E.J.	9 Bn	Evacuated to Hospital at HMT L.13 1 Jan 41.

9 Bn AIF.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters					1			1							
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
<i>Armourer Sgt.</i>					1			1							
General duty personnel									1				2	3	
<b>TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)</b>					2			2	1				2	3	

9 Bn AIF

Unit.

Date of Despatch

11 Jan 41

D.3459.

*W. J. Lubke Major*

Comdg. 2/9 Bn Lt. Col. Signature of Commander.

*18 Aus Area Bde*

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn AIF (Unit) 4 Jan 1941 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	1	—	—
W.Os. Class II.	6	—	—
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	—	—
Staff Serjeants	—	—	—
Serjeants	30	3	—
Corporals	61	—	—
Troopers, Privates, &c.	604	<del>17</del> —	49
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>46.</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Qx25 Sgt Bunhem, N.Z.	aapc Sgt.		
Qx60419 Pte Bunhem, N.Z.	18 Amstrada Bde (Adri's Battalion)		

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

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

9 Bn AIF Unit.

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

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

9 Bn AIF

Unit.

Date of Despatch

D.3419.

4 Jan 40

*[Signature]*

Lt. Col.

Comdg. 2/9 Signature of Commander.

18 ans hrea Bde  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

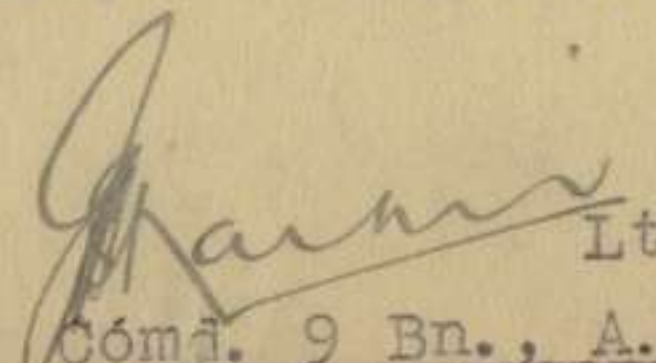
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**WAR DIARY**  
or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
(Erase heading not required).

9 Bn., A. I. F.

Army Form C. 2118.

FEBRUARY, 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI	1 Feb		Twenty-six vehicles M.T. received.	
MARYUT	2 Feb		Lieut. ISAACS to Aerial Photograph Interpretation Course, CAIRO, 3 - 23 Feb 41.	
	3 Feb		Bn. uses showers at EL AMIRIYA. Warning order received for embarkation.	
	4 Feb		Battalion (less rear party) marched to EL AMIRIYA, entrained for ALEXANDRIA and embarked on "ULSTER PRINCE" 1030 hrs. Strength embarked, 26 officers, 630 O.R.	
		1400	"ULSTER PRINCE" sailed for TOBRUK.	
		1730	Ordered back to ALEXANDRIA by Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet.	
	5 Feb	1630	Bn. disembarked from "ULSTER PRINCE" and entrained.	
		2330	Arrived back in camp at IKINGI MARYUT.	
	7 Feb	1045	Bn. inspected by the Rt. Hon. R.G. MENZIES, Prime Minister of AUSTRALIA, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas BLAMEY, G.O.C.	
	8 Feb		20% of battalion on leave in ALEXANDRIA.	
	9 Feb		Further 20% on leave. Received from 9 Bn. Comforts Fund the following: 21 prs knee warners, 26 balaclava caps, 241 prs socks.	
	10 Feb		Bn. uses showers at ELAMIRIYA.	
	12 Feb		20% of battalion on leave.	
	14 Feb		Battalion Exercise in vicinity of EL QARN. Reveille 0230 hrs, return to camp 2000 hrs.	
	15 Feb		20% of Bn. on leave to ALEXANDRIA.	
		1300	Visit by Alderman J. TAIT, Deputy Lord Mayor of BRISBANE.	
	16 Feb		25% of Bn. on leave.	
	19 Feb	1000	Battalion marched out on three day tactical exercise in vicinity ABU MINA.	
	21 Feb	1300	Advance Party (Lieut ROBERTS and 12 O.R.) returned from TOBRUK.	
		1700	Bn. returned to camp from exercise.	App I - narrative.
	22 Feb		Bn. uses showers at EL AMIRIYA.	
	23 Feb		Leave draft of 101 to ALEXANDRIA.	
	24 Feb		Remainder of Bn. (draft of 408) on leave. Lieut. ISAACS returned to Bn. Capt. E.W. FLEMING, A.A.S.C. (Sup.O., 18 Bde) transferred to Bn., and posted to 2 i/c., A Company.	
	25/26 Feb		POLISH officers to A Company for instruction.	
	28 Feb		POLISH Sig Officers to Bn. Sig Offr for instruction.	
			Strength: 33 officers, 701 O.R.	
			C.O.: Lt.Col. J.E.G. MARTIN      2 i/c: Major W.E.F. LUBKE      Adjut: Capt. C.C.F. BOURNE.	
			 Lt.Col. <u>Comd. 9 Bn., A.I.F.</u>	

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn AIF

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1	—	—
Majors .. .. .	2	—	—
Captains .. .. .	5	—	4
Lieutenants .. .. .	19	—	—
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .		—	—
Quartermasters .. .. .	1	—	—
TOTALS .. .. .	28	—	4

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<del>Cap</del>				

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	B. J. Peck	9 Bn	28	} Seconded to 18 Aus <del>Inf</del> Bde Training Bn.
Capt.	R. b. Hooper	9 Bn	28	
Lieut.	R. Taylor	9 Bn	28	
Lieut.	J. W. Wharton	9 Bn	28	

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	D. J. JOYCE		Now at 5 Gen Hosp, Alexandria — Anticipated discharge on 3 Feb 40.

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	QX6049	J. B. G. Martin	9 Bn	Yes	CO
Major	QX6031	W. B. J. Lubke	9 Bn	Yes	2/c
Major	QX6043	W. W. Kearne	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, HQ Coy
Capt	QX6012	O. B. J. London	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, B Coy
Capt	QX6047	B. H. Berry	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Capt	QX6076	R. J. Kendra	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, A Coy
Capt	QX6048	H. B. Richards	9 Bn	Yes	Q.M.
Capt	QX6008	G. B. V. Bourne	9 Bn	Yes	Asst
Capt	QX6030	V. B. B. Letcher	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, D Coy
Lieut	QX6007	G. H. Arnold	9 Bn	Yes	2/c, D Coy
Lieut	QX6016	W. W. O'Rourke	9 Bn	Yes	2/c, B Coy
Lieut	QX6003	A. J. Anderson	9 Bn	Yes	2/c, C Coy
Lieut	QX6018	L. G. B. Evans	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, HQ Pl
Lieut	QX3611	L. J. Francis	9 Bn	Yes	sq off
Lieut	QX6037	B. M. Howell	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX3615	G. Berghes	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX2164	S. O. Suthers	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX253	A. J. Nixon-Smith	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX1255	A. D. Marshall	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, D Coy
Lieut	QX1505	A. O. Hoad	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, D Coy
Lieut	QX2638	V. R. E. Isaacs	9 Bn	Yes	sq.
Lieut	QX1253	R. W. Tomlin	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	NX11009	J. A. Whelan	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX381	J. J. Sparkes	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, HQ Pl
Lieut	QX6090	A. M. Benson	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX254	V. J. Hayes	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, C Coy
Lieut	QX278	J. D. Hamilton	9 Bn	Yes	Pl, HQ Pl
Lieut	QX1003	P. B. G. Roberts	9 Bn	No	20-hr Party

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	UK12	J. M. Geary	9 Bn	2/12/40	R HQ
Chap	QX6074	O. B. Heale	9 Bn	2/12/40	Pl, HQ
Major		H. W. McQueen	9 Bn	2/12/40	Pl, HQ

9 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

1 Feb 40

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
S. Ans Head Bde

(Signature of Commander.)

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn A.I.F. (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* .. .. .			
* .. .. .			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1	—	—
Majors .. .. .	2	—	—
Captains .. .. .	5	—	4
Lieutenants .. .. .	19	—	—
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters .. .. .	1	—	—
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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Lieut	D. J. Joyce	9 Bn	Discharged from 5 AGH (ALEXANDRIA) on 4 Feb 41



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Col	QX6049	J. B. G. Martin	9 Bn	Yes	CO.
Major	QX6031	W. E. F. Lubke	9 Bn	Yes	2/c
Major	QX6043	D. W. Wearne	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Coy
Capt	QX6012	O. B. J. Condon	9 Bn	Yes	OC, B Coy
Capt	QX6047	B. M. Berry	9 Bn	Yes	OC, C Coy
Capt	QX6048	H. E. Richards	9 Bn	Yes	Q.M.
Capt	QX6076	R. F. Kerley	9 Bn	Yes	OC, A Coy
Capt	QX6008	G. B. J. Bourne	9 Bn	Yes	Adjutant
Capt	QX6030	J. B. G. Loxton	9 Bn	Yes	OC, D Coy
Lieut	QX6004	G. H. Arnold	9 Bn	Yes	2/c, D Coy
Lieut	QX6016	L. W. D. Bennett	9 Bn	Yes	2/c, B Coy
Lieut	QX6018	L. G. B. Evans	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Pl.
Lieut	QX6003	A. J. Anderson	9 Bn	Yes	2/c, C Coy
Lieut	QX3611	L. J. Francis	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Pl.
Lieut	QX6537	B. H. Lovell	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, C Coy
Lieut	QX3615	B. Barnes	9 Bn	Yes	OC, Carr Pl.
Lieut	QX3614	G. O. Sullivan	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, B Coy
Lieut	QX353	A. J. Nixon-Smith	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, B Coy
Lieut	QX1255	A. H. Marshall	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, D Coy
Lieut	QX1305	A. O. Hoard	9 Bn	No	H. Comd, A Coy
Lieut	QX3638	W. R. E. Isaacs	9 Bn	No	10 - Bk Course Com
Lieut	QX1253	R. D. Foster	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, C Coy
Lieut	NX11009	R. A. Maloney	9 Bn	No	Baggage Party
Lieut	QX381	J. J. J. Sparkes	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Pl.
Lieut	QX6090	A. M. Benson	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, C Coy
Lieut	QX354	W. H. Hayes	9 Bn	Yes	H. Comd, B Coy
Lieut	QX378	W. J. D. Hamilton	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Pl.
Lieut	QX1003	P. B. G. Roberts	9 Bn	No	10 - Adv. Party

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	UK12	J. M. Yeates	same	2/1/41	R.M.O.
Chap	QX6074	J. O. B. Keefe	same	2/1/41	Pharm
Major (Hon)		A. W. McIlven	B. 202	17/1/41	Welfare Officer

9 Bn AIF.  
(Unit.)

8 Feb 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
118 Aus Inf Bde.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn AIF (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1		
Majors .. .. .	2		1
Captains .. .. .	5		3
Lieutenants .. .. .	19		
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .	1		
Quartermasters .. .. .			
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<del>_____</del>				
<del>_____</del>				
<del>_____</del>				

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<del>_____</del>				
<del>_____</del>				
<del>_____</del>				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
	W. J. Joyce Qx4570	9 Bn	AIF Base

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	QX6049	J. B. G. Martin	9 Bn	yes	CO.
Major	QX6031	N. B. F. Lubke	9 Bn	yes	2nd Lt
Major	QX6043	N. W. Wearne	9 Bn	yes	Pl. HQ Coy
Capt.	QX6012	O. B. J. Condon	9 Bn	yes	Pl. B Coy
Capt.	QX6047	B. G. Berry	9 Bn	yes	Pl. C Coy
Capt.	QX6048	H. B. Richards	9 Bn	yes	QM
Capt.	QX6076	R. J. Keidy	9 Bn	yes	Pl. H Coy
Capt.	QX6008	C. C. F. Lawrence	9 Bn	yes	Adjutant
Capt.	QX6030	V. B. G. Lockton	9 Bn	yes	Pl. D Coy
Lieut.	QX6004	E. M. Arnold	9 Bn	yes	2nd Lt D Coy
Lieut.	QX6016	W. W. D. Saint	9 Bn	yes	2nd Lt B Coy
Lieut.	QX6018	L. G. G. Evans	9 Bn	yes	Pl. HQ Pl.
Lieut.	QX6003	A. J. Anderson	9 Bn	yes	2nd Lt C Coy
Lieut.	QX3611	L. J. Francis	9 Bn	yes	Pl. HQ Pl.
Lieut.	QX6537	B. M. Hewitt	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. C Coy
Lieut.	QX3610	B. Barnes	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. Pl.
Lieut.	QX3614	G. O. Luthers	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Lieut.	QX353	A. F. Mason Smith	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Lieut.	QX1255	A. J. Marshall	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. D Coy
Lieut.	QX1505	A. O. Hooad	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Lieut.	QX2638	W. R. E. Isaacs	9 Bn	no	T.O. - transport
Lieut.	QX1253	R. W. Forster	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. C Coy
Lieut.	NY 11009	R. A. Maloney	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. D Coy
Lieut.	QX391	J. J. Spence	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. Pl.
Lieut.	QX6090	A. M. Benson	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. C Coy
Lieut.	QX354	W. H. Hayes	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. B Coy
Lieut.	QX578	W. D. Hamilton	9 Bn	yes	Pl. Comd. Pl.
Lieut.	QX1003	P. B. G. Roberts	9 Bn	yes	T.O. - transport

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	QX12	J. M. Yeates	Adm.	17/1/40	Rtd
Chap.	QX6074	O. B. Heale	Adm.	2/1/39	Adm.
Major (hon.)		W. M. Healey	B 202	17/1/40	helping off
Capt.	QX16578	Heale, J. B.	Adm.	17/1/41	3 spec. Dist. Unit

9 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

15 Feb 41

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

18 April 41 Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bn AIF (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1		
Majors .. .. .	2		1
Captains .. .. .	5		3
Lieutenants .. .. .	19 (20)		
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters .. .. .	1		
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	D. J. Joyce QX4570	9 Bn	AIF Base 26.2.41.

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	QX6049	J. B. G. Martin	9 Bn	Yes	CO.
Major	QX6031	W. B. Z. Lubke	9 Bn	Yes	S/C
Major	QX6043	W. W. Kearns	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Coy
Capt	QX6012	O. E. J. Condon	9 Bn	Yes	OC, B Coy
Capt	QX6047	B. H. Berry	9 Bn	Yes	OC, C Coy
Capt	QX6048	H. E. Richards	9 Bn	Yes	S.M.
Capt	QX6076	R. J. Reidy	9 Bn	Yes	OC, A Coy
Capt	QX6008	G. B. V. Bourne	9 Bn	Yes	Adjutant
Capt	QX6030	G. B. G. Loxton	9 Bn	Yes	OC, D Coy
Went	QX6004	G. M. Arnold	9 Bn	Yes	S/C, B Coy
Went	QX6016	W. W. O. Gault	9 Bn	Yes	S/C, B Coy
Went	QX6018	L. G. G. Evans	9 Bn	Yes	OC, HQ Coy
Went	QX6003	A. J. Anderson	9 Bn	Yes	S/C, C Coy
Went	QX3611	L. G. Thomas	9 Bn	Yes	Sig Off
Went	QX6537	B. M. Lovell	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, C Coy
Went	QX3615	E. Barnes	9 Bn	Yes	OC, Comm Pl
Went	QX3614	G. O. Sullivan	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, B Coy
Went	QX333	A. J. Wilson-Smith	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, B Coy
Went	QX1255	A. H. Marshall	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, D Coy
Went	QX1505	A. O. Hoare	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, A Coy
Went	QX3638	W. R. E. Isaacs	9 Bn	No	10 - Louise
Went	QX1253	R. W. Zanker	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, C Coy
Went	NX11009	R. A. Maloney	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, D Coy
Went	QX381	J. J. J. Sparks	9 Bn	Yes	OC, Comm Pl
Went	QX6090	A. M. Benson	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, C Coy
Went	QX254	W. H. Hanger	9 Bn	Yes	Pl Comd, A Coy
Went	QX2578	H. J. D. Hamilton	9 Bn	Yes	OC, Comm Pl
Went	QX1003	A. B. G. Roberts	9 Bn	Yes	S.O.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	UX12	J. M. Yeates	same	12/1/40	R HQ
Chap	QX6074	G. B. Steele	same	2/1/39	Quar
Major (Hon)		A. W. McKeown	B 202	1/1/40	Welfare Off.
Capt	QX6528	J. B. Steele	same	1/1/41	3 Spec Despatch Unit

9 Bn AIF  
(Unit.)  
22 Feb 41

(Date of Despatch.)  
QX6064  
Bn.

Comdgt 2/9 1941  
Lt. Col  
(Signature of Commander.)  
A. I. P.  
Bde.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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(Adapted)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn A.I.F. (Unit) 1 Feb 19 40 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	—	—
W.Os. Class II.	4	—	2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	—	—
Staff Serjeants	—	—	—
Serjeants	29	2	—
Corporals	57	—	4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	618	—	35
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>Rx 25 Sgt.</u> <u>Burnham, I.I.</u>	<u>AAPC Sgt.</u>	<u>Rx 1048 Cpl</u> <u>Beale, N.D.</u>	<u>9 Am Div.</u> <u>Postal unit.</u>
<u>Rx 6549 Pte</u> <u>Banister, W.J.</u>	<u>18 Am Ind Bde</u> <u>(Adress</u> <u>Selman)</u>		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
<u>Rx 3612</u>	<u>WO II</u>	<u>Ladner, B.J.</u>	<u>9 Bn</u>	} <u>Base reception</u> <u>Depot.</u>
<u>Rx 4958</u>	<u>L/Sgt</u>	<u>Murdoch, K.</u>	<u>9 Bn.</u>	

9 Bn A.I.F. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Engineers														3	3
Armourer					1			1							
General duty personnel					1			1	2				4	32	38
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					2			2	2				4	35	41

9 Bn A.I.F.  
Unit.  
Date of Despatch 1 Feb 40

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.  
18 Aus Inca Bde  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn AIF (Unit) 8 Feb 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	27	-	-
Corporals	57	-	4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	617		36
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>41</b>

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**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
QX35 Sgt. Burnheim, J.F.	AACE Sgt.	QX6549 Pte Banister, W.J.	18 Amn Inf Bde (Piares Batman)
QX1048 Cpl Beale, N.D.	9 Amn Div Postal Unit		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
QX3612	WO II	Ladner, E.J.	9 Bn	has been convalescent Repts.



9 Bn A.I.F.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.					REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Buglers													3	3	
General duty personnel									1			4	33	38	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									1			4	36	41	

9 Bn A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

8 Feb 40

*[Signature]*

Signature of Commander.

18 Air Div Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

U. Col.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

9 Bn AIF (Unit) 32 Feb 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	27		
Corporals	57		4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	604		49
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>698</b>	.	<b>55</b>

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**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
QX35 Sgt	9 APC Sgt	WX9872 S/Sgt	} 3 Spec } Rental } Unit
Burkheim, T.T.		Pritchard, J.	
QX1048 Cpl	9 Amv Div	WX5191 Cpl	
Beale, L.D.	Postal Unit	Collins, A.H.H.	
QX6549 Pte	18 Amv Inf	QX3063 Pte Rice, D.V.	
Bannister, W.J.	Bde.	WX10054 Pte	
		Callermole, G.	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
QX3162	WOII	Laaner, G.J.	9 Bn	hoarse car conv. Depot
QX4535	Sgt.	Cart. Ca.	9 Bn	
QX647	WOII	Sharpe, L.A.	9 Bn	

9 Bn AIF

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Bunglers													3	3	
General duty personnel									2			4 1/2		52	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									2			4 1/2		55	

9 Bn AIF

Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Nov 41

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Comdg. 2/9 Bn.  
A.I.F.

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

98th AIF (Unit) 15 Feb 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	27		
Corporals	57		4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	611		42
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>706</b>		<b>47</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
QX25 Sgt BURNHEIM, T.F.	2nd AIF	QX9872 S/Sgt Pritchard, J.	} 3 Spec Dental unit.
QX1048 Cpl BEALE, N.D.	9th Arm Div Postal unit	QX5191 Cpl Collins, A.M.H.	
QX6549 Plt BANISTER, W.V.	18th Arm Bty Bde.	QX3663 Plt Rec, D.V.	
		QX10054 Plt Cattermole, G.	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
QX3162	WO II	LADNER, E.J.	98th	Household Law Dept.
QX1538	Sgt.	EAST, C.A.	98th	

9 Bn A.I.F.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Engineers																
General duty personnel									1			437			44	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									1			442			47	

9 Bn A.I.F.  
Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Feb 41

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.  
18. [Signature]  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

9 Battalion War Diary - February 1941

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App II: Routine Orders for FEBRUARY.  
App. III: Field Returns for FEBRUARY.

SECRET

9 Bn. Tactical Exercise 19/20/21 Feb 41.

MAPS: EL CHAYATA and HAMMAM 1/100,000.

- OBJECTS:
- (1) To exercise the Battalion with motorised troops for recce in lieu of carriers.
  - (2) To practise distant recce at night by motorised troops
  - (3) To exercise the battalion in the withdrawal
    - (a) from close contact by day
    - (b) by night.
  - (4) To exercise the Q Staff in its functions in the field.

GENERAL SITUATION

An ITALIAN motorised desert column consisting of some 150 vehicles and a few light tanks was seen going into bivouac at ALAM EL KHADIM 4586 at dusk on 18 Feb by a Lysander returning to its base at AMIRIYA. It was known that some 500 men of a crack BERSAGLIERI regiment had moved east from LIBYA and it was considered likely that this was the force located by the RAF.

Owing to an important task which required the whole of his force, the Wing Commander at AMIRIYA was unable to provide bombers to deal with this force, but agreed to provide a sortie at dawn on 19 Feb to locate the column. At 2200 hrs on 18 Feb 9 Bn. was ordered to be at  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours notice from 0700 hrs on 19 Feb to move against the enemy. On receipt of these orders, C.O., 9 Bn. issued warning order to coys, placing them at  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs notice from 0700 hrs 19 Feb. In view of the fact that the Battalion was without carriers and on a reduced scale of transport, it was decided to motorise one coy. for recce. This necessitated withdrawing pl. vehicles from rifle coys. Arrangements were made for loading blankets, and preliminary arrangements were made with A.S.C. for opening up a petrol and supply point in the evening of 19 Feb.

The dawn aerial patrol had difficulty in locating the force, but at 0840 hrs, 18 Inf Bde was advised by RAF that the ITALIANS were located at 0810 hrs at EL HAMMAM 6004, moving in the direction of BURG EL ARAB. The column was machine gunned by the recce craft, and immediately dispersed widely from the escarpment 5000 yards south of EL HAMMAM to the hills just south of the LAKE. At 0900 hrs the information was passed to 9 Bn., which was ordered to move and destroy the force.

OUTLINE ORDERS

9 Bn. orders for the move included:

Adv. Gd. (Mobile) A Coy.

Axis of advance: IKINGI MARYUT - EL HAMMAM.

To report the following lines clear or otherwise:

By 1000 hrs at E.S.R. HUT 929191 Line FLOUR MILL 8719 - ILWET EL ARANIB 8816

By 1130 hrs at EL HAUWARIYA STN 877173 Line OLD QUARRY 7814 - SPUR in 8011.

By 1300 hrs at BAHIG STN 803130 Line TRIG 35 6703 - HILL on 7007.

Main Body:

Route: C Coy - Road CAMP - EL HAMMAM  
B and D Coys, Bn.H.Q. - RAILWAY.

Start Line: Line 3 Fd Regt Camp - E.S.R. HUT

Start Time: 1000 hrs.

Bn.H.Q. - Axis of advance - Line of RAILWAY

"B" Echelon - To remain in camp at 2 hrs notice to move.

ESTIMATED  
TIME  
TABLE

0930 hrs: 1st contact by Adv. Gd. with 2 lt. tanks area SIDI GUBRAN 885195.

0930 hrs: Contact with enemy area EL HAUWARIYA STN 8717. Resistance stiffens in HAUWARIYA area. Tanks driven in on right flank. No further resistance except tanks delaying advance. Battle develops south of RAILWAY.

1200 hrs: Bn. attack on area DAUWAR MISHRI 8414 - ILWET MILASSA, 8413

1430 hrs: Enemy breaks off engagement and withdraws mounted in SW direction from DAUWAR MISHRI and disappears over escarpment near TRIG 60 in 8410.

1445 hrs: Mobile Adv. Gd. moves to locate enemy. Enemy located in 8110 and 8210

1630 hrs: Bn. attack in SW direction on HILL 60 8209.

1830 hrs: At dusk, enemy breaks off engagement and retires along escarpment in SW direction. Contact lost.

Bn. bivouacs for night in area 8110 - HILL 60 8210 in a perimeter camp.

"B" Ech moves into Biv. area.

S.P. opened for 2 hrs from 1830 hrs at DANAR BALIT 881147.

P.P. opened for 2 hrs from 1830 hrs at HUT 868147.

Water Point - BAHIG RLY STN.

NARRATIVE

At 2100 hrs, an ARAB reports that there are hundreds of vehicles and many thousands of ITALIANS at KARM EL MUWEILIH 8004, and complains that they have killed his goats and outraged his wives. B Coy. is ordered to carry out a recce of the area to test the veracity of the story, as the ARAB is strongly suspected by the I.O. of being a LIBYAN BEDOUIN. The ARAB refuses to act as a guide as he states he fears for his life, and he is held captive pending the completion of the recce. Transport is allotted to B Coy for the recce. Enemy will listen for the transport and endeavour to raid it.

IF B Coy. succeeds in recce and returns to camp, the Bn. will move at 0730 hrs 20 Feb to contact enemy.

IF B Coy. recce fails, a further recce will be carried out at dawn, and Bn. will move when enemy are located.

TIMETABLE

A.M., 20 Feb: Bn. attack develops in area TWIN HILLS 7704 - 7805.

NARRATIVE:

At 1100 hrs a message is received from 18 Inf Bde that an RAF plane reports 12 enemy lt. tanks approaching EL IMAYID STN (EL HAMMAM 420990) at 1000 hrs. At 1130 hrs enemy counter attacks with tanks. 9 Bn. withdraws to area KARM EL MUWEILIH - KARM EL GABAYLI 8105, in the sand dunes.



At 1430 hrs, 9 Bn. is advised by 18 Inf Bde large force enemy medium tanks approaching from WEST. Tanks cannot arrive before dawn on 21 Feb. 9 Bn. ordered to withdraw to east of area EL QARN 9214. C.O. decides to hold the sand dunes during the day and retire at night.  
1500 hrs: Recce party (mounted) moves out to recce area. "B" Ech moves under cover of darkness to KARN KHATTAL 8306. D Coy. moves into this area to protect "B" Ech. Evening meal is brought up to lines.  
Supplies for next day drawn at S.P. at SIDI DIHMEIN 8812  
Petrol for next day drawn at P.P. at BIR EL HITEITIYA 9011.  
Both points open from 1830 - 2030 hrs.  
Water from B.HIG RLY STN.

ENEMY will endeavour to penetrate lines with patrols.

OUTLINE  
ORDERS

Orders for the withdrawal include:

Normal forward movement till 2000 hrs.

NO rearward move before 2230 hrs.

"B" Ech LESS Blanket trucks for A, B, C Coys withdraw at 2230 hrs.

D Coy + Mortar Pl. withdraw at 2230 hrs.

A and B Coys. commence to thin out at 2359 hrs.

A and B Coys and Bn.H.Q. finally vacate areas at 0100 hrs.

FDLs. to be denied by C Coy till 0400 hrs.

All troops to be clear of track through TRIG 71 (8205) by 0500 hrs.

C Coy. to remain on SIDI EL FAQIR 8907 to observe enemy movements till ordered to withdraw.

Blanket trucks to move with coys.

Trucks for mounted coy. allotted to C Coy. for the move.

Q.M. to issue hard ration to C Coy for breakfast and lunch. Hot breakfast to remainder of Bn. in EL QARN area.

9 Bn. to dig in on EL QARN. ENEMY endeavour to locate 9 Bn., and attack when located.

NARRATIVE.

At dawn on 21 Feb, RAF sent out Lysanders to locate enemy medium tanks. Tanks were located in area ALAM NAYIL 5896, and a squadron of Blenheims carried out a bombing attack, and reported that the enemy had suffered heavy casualties. Many of the tanks were hit, and those that could be moved were dispersed over a wide area. A further bombing attack was carried out at 1030 hrs when mechanics were seen at work on a number of the tanks. On the return run, the crews were machine gunned, many of them being caught in the open. // By midday, most of the other enemy force have been put out of action, except a few light tanks. At 1300 hrs, 9 Bn. is ordered to withdraw to camp area, by 18 Inf Bde.

Bn. withdraws with coys. in diamond formation; D Coy mounted provides mobile flank and rearguards. The few remaining enemy tanks harass the move, but the enemy medium tanks fortunately fail to put in an appearance. Exercise ends, 1600 hrs.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

For Official Use Only.

A.M.R. & O 1587.

NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

1 Feb. 41

Part 1.

No. 30.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 5 Feb. 41. Duty Unit.

- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy.  
Next for Duty: H.Q. Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. A.O. HOAD.  
Next For Duty: Lieut. L.G.C. EVANS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl: QX 459 Cpl. HALL J.C.  
Next for Duty: QX 2238 Cpl. TELFORD T.R.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q, with bicycle.

Sig Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2. PICQUET: D.A.D.O.S Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today 1 Feb. 41. Consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R. - Full marching Order.

No. 3. PICQUET: IKINGI MARYUT Canteen Picquet consisting of 1 Sjt 1 Cpl., 9 O.R.

DUTIES:

- (a) Maintain a Guard on the Canteen under instructions of W.O. in charge of Canteen.
- (b) Mount Guard over Sig Office under Comd. of O.C. K Sec. Sigs.
- (c) Maintain a 24 hrs guard on water tower at IKINGI MARYUT Railway Siding.
- (d) O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde H.Q. at ~~1600 hrs~~ his Guard Report by 1200 hrs on the following day.  
Guard will report to Bn. H. Q. at 1600 hrs today 1 Feb. 41. - Full Marching Order.  
Guard Personnel will take rations for 24 hrs.

3. NO. 2 GUARD: Ammunition Dump - Q.M. Store.

This Guard will be supplied by Bn. H.Q. Personnel.

4. DRESS:

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guards and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

C.C.F. Bourne. Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Col. J.R.G. MARTIN, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

2 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 31.

1 DUTIES: To Mounts at RETREAT 2 Feb. 41.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| (a) Duty Coy;<br>Next for Duty;        | H.Q. Coy.<br>B Coy.                                     |
| (b) Orderly Officer;<br>Next for Duty; | Lieut. L.G.C. EVANS.<br>Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.            |
| (c) Orderly Cpl;<br>Next for Duty;     | QX 3627 Cpl. PINWELL P.S.<br>QX 3098 Cpl. LATIMORE C.V. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.  
Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 I/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen during hours of business.

3. DRESS:

Officers: S.D., hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

3. CANTEENS.

Canteens other than the one situated in the Unit lines  
are out of bounds to all ranks.

4. DAILY STRENGTH STATE.

As from Monday 3 Feb 41, Daily strength States will be forwarded  
to Bn. H.Q. by 0700 hrs.

C. C. F. BOURNE  
Capt.

Adit. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

3 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 32.

1. DUTIES: To Mount at RETREAT 3 Feb. 41.

(a) Duty Coy: B Coy.  
Next for Duty: C Coy.

(b) Orderly officer: Lieut. G.C. Suthers.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. R.W. Forster.

(c) Orderly Corporal: QX 3098 Cpl. Latimore C.V.  
Next for Duty: QX 2571 Cpl. McDonald D.J.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.

Sig. Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. each Duty Mounting.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Canteen during hours of business.

3. DRESS.

Officers - S.D., Hat and Gaiters.

O.R. - Denim Battle Dress, Drill Order, Hat and Gaiters.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

C.C.F. Bourne. Capt.

Adit. 9 Bn.

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

6 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 33.

1 DUTIES: TO MOUNT AT RETREAT 6 Feb. 41.

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy;        | H.Q. Coy.                 |
| Next for Duty;       | A Coy.                    |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut J.T.F. SPARKES.     |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. W.H. NOYES. =      |
| (c) Orderly Cpl;     | QX 135 Cpl. SIMMONDS L.P. |
| Next for Duty;       | QX 217 Cpl. AVERY J.D.    |

Each Coy will supply one Runner to Bn. H.Q. Cycle  
Sig Pl. will supply one D.R. to Bn. H.Q. - if Motor ~~XXXXXX~~  
available.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen during the hours of  
business.

3. Dress. Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

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

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

7 Feb. 41.

Part 1. c

No. 34.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 7 Feb. 41. DUTY BN.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy;        | A Coy.                 |
| Next for Duty;       | B Coy.                 |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. W.H. NOYES.     |
| Next for Duty;       | Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.   |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.;    | QX 217 Cpl. AVERY J.D. |
| Next for Duty;       | QX 4508 Cpl. WILKIE K. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.  
Sig Pl. will supply on D.R. to Bn. H.Q. - if motor cycle available.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen during hours of business.

PICQUET: D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today 7 Feb. 41. - consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R. - Full marching order.

PICQUET: IKINGI MARYUT Canteen Picquet consisting of 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R.

DUTIES:

(a) Maintain a Guard on the Canteen under instructions of W.O. in charge of Canteen.

(b) Mount Guard over Sig Office under Comd of O.C. K. Sec. Sigs.

(c) Maintain a 24 hour Guard on water tower at IKINGI MARYUT Railway Siding.

O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde. H.Q. his Guard Report by 1200 hrs on the following day.

Guard will report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today 7 Feb. 41 - Full Marching Order.

Guard personnel will take rations for 24 hours.

3. DRESS:

Guard and Bn; Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

C.C.F. BOURNE . Capt.  
Adj. 9. bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

8 Feb 41

Part I

No. 35

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

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1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat, 8 Feb 41:
- Duty Coy: B Coy  
Next for duty: C Coy
- Orderly Officer: Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT  
Next for duty: Lieut. R.W. FORSTER
- Orderly Corporal: QX 4508 Cpl WILKIE, K.  
Next for duty: QX 1215 Cpl LEMMON, A. PL
- Each coy. will supply 1 runner to Bn.H.Q.
2. CHURCH PARADES Church parades for Sunday, 9 Feb 41 will be as for last week.  
R.C. Parades: Confessions, 1830 hrs, Saturday 8 Feb.  
Mass, 0830 hrs, Sunday 9 Feb, S.A. Tent.

C.G.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn., A.I.F.

PJR

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

9 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 36.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 9 Feb. 41.

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|----------------------|--|
| (a) Duty Coy;        | C Coy.                                   |
| Next for Duty;       | D Coy.                                   |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. R.W. Forster.                     |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.                    |
| (c) Orderly Cpl.     | QX 1215 Cpl. LEMMON A.P.                 |
| Next for Duty;       | QX <del>QX</del> 646 Cpl. SCHNEIDER R.F. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD → 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD - 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

DRESS: Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

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



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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Cpl. J.E.G. MARTIN, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

10 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 37.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 10 Feb. 41.

- |                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | D Coy.                             |
| Next for Duty:       | H.Q. Coy.                          |
| (b) Orderly Officer; | Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL               |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. <del>Cpl. BARNES</del> J.P. |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 646 Cpl. SCHNEIDER R.F.         |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 2689 Cpl. THINKE F.J.           |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. DRESS.

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

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

NOTICE.

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER.

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies during his visit to IKINGI MARYUT regretted that he was unable to stay longer with units but asked that his very best wishes and those of the Government and people of Australia be conveyed to all ranks. He stated that the fall of Bardia was greeted in Australia with wild scenes of enthusiasm which left no doubt that everyone of them was thoroughly behind the A.I.F. and would do everything possible to carry out their part in Australia with the same zest and enthusiasm as the A.I.F. were doing in the Middle East.

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

11 Feb. 41

Part 1.

No. 37.

1. DUTIES: ~~Duties~~ To mount at RETREAT 11 Feb. 41.

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | H.Q. Coy.                  |
| Next for Duty:       | A Coy.                     |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.   |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. A.O. HOAD.          |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 652 Cpl. MCCOWAN R.H.   |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 1399 A/Cpl. HOBSON R.W. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One M.C.O. to be on duty at the Canteen during the hours of business.

3. DRESS:

Guard and Bn Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

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

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

12 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 38.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 12 Feb. 41. DUTY IN.

- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy.  
Next for Duty: B Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. A.O. HOAD.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.
- (c) Orderly Cpl: QX 1399 A/Cpl. HOBSON R.W.  
Next for Duty: QX 1109 Cpl. BIGNELL F.B.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 l/Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 1 PICQUET: D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 Hrs today 12 Feb. 41. consisting of 1 N.C.O. 4 O.R. - Full Marching Order.

No. 2 PICQUET: IKINGI MARYUT CANTEN PICQUET consisting of 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

DUTIES:

- (a) Maintain a Guard on the Canteen under instructions from W.O. in charge of Canteen.
- (b) Mount Guard over Sig Office under Comd. O.C. K sec. Sigs.
- (c) Maintain a 24 hr. guard on water tower at IKINGI MARYUT Railway Siding.
- O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde. H.Q. his Guard Report by 1200 hrs on the following day.
- Guard will report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs. today 12 Feb. 41.- Full Marching Order.
- Guard Personnel will take with them rations for 24 Hrs.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen in Unit Lines during hours of business.

3. NO. 1 GUARD:

This Guard will be supplied by Bn. H.Q. Personnel.

4. COMFORTS:

On 9 Feb. 41 seven parcels of comforts were received from 9 Bn. Comforts Fund - Contents as under:-

Knee Warmers	Pairs	21.
Balaclava Caps.		26.
Socks	Pairs	24.

These are being held in store.

Applications for any of the above will be made through Coy Comds.

Capt.  
C.C.F. BOURNE  
Adit. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

13 Feb. 41.

Part 1

No. 39.

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1 DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 13 Feb. 41.

- (a) Duty Coy: B Coy.  
Next for Duty: C Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.
- (c) ORDERLY Cpl. QX 1109 ~~XX~~Cpl. BIGNELL F.B.  
Next for Duty: QX 1215 Cpl. LEMMON A.P.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen during the hours of business.

3. DRESS:

Guard and Bn. Duties will wear S.D. at all times.

C.C.F BOURNE. Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER.

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

14 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 10.

1 DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 14 Feb. 41.

- |                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | C Coy.                   |
| Next for Duty:       | D Coy.                   |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. A.J. ANDERSON.    |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. C.M. ARNOLD.      |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 1215 Cpl. LEMMON A.P. |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 395 Cpl. LARARD J.D.  |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen during hours of business.

3. LOOTING:

Cases have been reported of military personnel being in possession of Italian lira taken from prisoners of war or from Italian Government sources. Any appropriation by military personnel of Italian lira is looting and severe disciplinary action will therefore be taken against any personnel found in possession of Italian currency.

C.C.F BOURNE Capt.  
Adjt. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

15 Feb. 41.

Part. 1

No. 41.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 15 Feb. 41.

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | D Coy.                   |
| Next for Duty:       | H.Q. Coy.                |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. C.M. ARNOLD.      |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. H.J.D. HAMILTON.  |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 395 Cpl. LARARD J.D.  |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 573 Cpl. MARSDEN H.S. |

Each coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen during hours of business.

3. OUTBREAK OF TYPHUS:

(1) An outbreak of Typhus has occurred amongst the native and Bedouin population of BURG EL ARAB.

(11) All troops will be warned to take the following precautions:-

- (a) Typhus is spread by a body louse.
- (b) Strictest cleanliness is therefore necessary.
- (c) All men will wash themselves once a day using disinfectant soap.
- (d) Keep away from all native dwellings and avoid contact with natives employed by you.

(111) The symptoms are - FEVER, HEADACHE and MUSCULAR PAINS and later a RASH. Any men feeling off colour should report at once and if the M.O. considers necessary they should be sent to IKINGI MARYUT for inspection.

(1v) All native villages are strictly out of bounds.

4. CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

No Officer, N.C.O. or other rank will enter any house in AMIRIYA L. of C. Sub-Area without written permission from H.Q. AMIRIYA L. of C. Sub-Area. In the IKINGI Area written permission from the Town Major, IKINGI may be obtained in lieu. Personnel in possession of unauthorised fittings, furniture, Store equipment etc. must return same immediately to H.Q. action AMIRIYA L. of C Sub-Area or Town Major, IKINGI. Disciplinary will be taken against any members of the Unit who are in possession of unauthorised articles. The removal of engineering stores or equipment is prohibited. The unauthorised removal of civilian and military property has reached large proportions and drastic action will be taken against offenders.

5. PAY ARRANGEMENTS: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Under no circumstances will individuals on leave be paid at A.I.F. H.Q. Alexandria.

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

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By Lt. Col. J.E.G. MARTIN, Officer Commanding 9 Bn., A.I.F.

16 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 42.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 16 Feb. 41.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | H.Q. Coy.                   |
| Next for Duty:       | A Coy.                      |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. H.J.D. HAMILTON.     |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. W.H. NOYES.          |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 573 Cpl. MARSDEN H.S.    |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 1399 A/Cpl., HANSEN C.O. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen during the hours of business.

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

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17 Feb. 41

Part 1.

No. 43.

1 DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 17 Feb. 41

DUTY IN.

Duty Coy: A Coy.  
Next for Duty: B Coy.

Orderly Officer: Lieut. W.H. NOYES.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.

Orderly Cpl: QX 1399 A/Cpl. HANSEN C.O.  
Next for Duty: QX 4484 Cpl. DIXON W.K.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen at Retreat 17 Feb. 41.

No. 1 PICQUET: D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs. today 17 Feb. 41. consisting of 1 N.C.O. 4 O.R. - Dress - Full marching Order.

No. 2 PICQUET: IKINGI MARYUT CANTEN PICQUET consisting of 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

DUTIES:

(a) Maintain a Guard on the Canteen under instructions from W.O. in charge of Canteen.

(b) Mount Guard over sig Office under Comd. O.C. H. Sec. sigs.

(c) Maintain a 24 Hr Guard on Water Tower at IKINGI MARYUT Railway siding.

O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde. H.Q. his report by 1200 hrs on the following day.

Guard will report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today, 17 Feb. 41. - Dress - Full Marching Order.

Guard Personnel will take with them rations for 24 hrs.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn. A.I.F.



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

18 Feb 41.

Part 1.

No. 44.

1. DUTIES:- To mount at RETREAT 18 Feb. 41.

Duty Coy: B Coy.  
Next for Duty: C Coy.

Orderly Officer: Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. A.M. BENSON.

Orderly Cpl: QX 415 Cpl. DEVAN TIER R.  
Next for Duty: QX 5035 A/Cpl. PRICE P.R.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with Bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Canteen at RETREAT 18 Feb. 41.

3. OFFENCE REPORTS:

A.F. B 2069 will now be submitted in triplicate.

C.C.F. BOURNE. Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn., A.I.F.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

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

22 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 45.

1 DUTIES: To Mount at RETREAT 22 Feb. 41.

DUTY IN.

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | C Coy.                    |
| Next for Duty:       | D Coy.                    |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. A.M. BINGSON.      |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. R.A. MOLONEY.      |
| (c) Field Officer:   | Major. W.W. WEAVER.       |
| (d) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 5035 A/Cpl. PRICE P.R. |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 65 Cpl. SMITH J.P.     |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen at RETREAT 22 Feb. 41.

No. 1 PICQUET: D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs. today 22 Feb. 41 consisting of 1 N.C.O. 40.R. - Dress - Full Marching Order.

No. 2 PICQUET: IKINGI MARKET CANTEN PICQUET consisting of 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

DUTIES:

1. Maintain a guard on the Canteen under instructions from W.O. in charge of Canteen.
  2. Mount Guard over Sig Office under Comd. O.C. K Sec Sign.
  3. Maintain a 24 Hr. Guard on Water Tower at IKINGI MARKET Railway Siding.
- O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde H.Q. his report by 1200 hrs on the following day.  
Guard will report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs today, 22 Feb. 41.  
Dress - Full Marching Order.  
Guard personnel will take with them rations for 24 hrs.

C.C.F. BOUWIE Capt  
Adj. 9 Bn., A.I.

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by Lt. Col. J.E.G. MARTIN, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

23 Feb. 41

Part 1

No. 46.

1 DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 23 Feb. 41.

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy:        | D Coy.                    |
| Next for Duty:       | H.Q. Coy.                 |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. R.A. MOLONEY.      |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. P.C.G. ROBERTS.    |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 65 Cpl. SMITH J.P.     |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 648 Cpl. LALCHERE R.R. |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: ~~1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.~~ 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen at RETREAT today 23 Feb. 41.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn., A.I.F.

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NINTY BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

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

24 Feb. 41.

Part 1

No. 47.

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1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 24 Feb. 41.

- (a) Duty Coy: H.Q. Coy.  
Next for Duty: A Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. P.C.G. ROBERTS.  
Next for Duty: Lieut. A.G. HOAD.
- (c) Orderly Cpl: QX 648 Cpl. LALCHERE R.R.  
Next for Duty: QX 1221 Cpl. WALTERS A.

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DETY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 C.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 C.R.

One N.C.O. to report to the Canteen at RETREAT today 24 Feb. 41.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn., A.I.F.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

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

25 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 48.

1 DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 25 Feb. 41.

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| (a) Duty Coy:        | A Coy.                                  |
| Next for Duty:       | B Coy.                                  |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. <del>KREKREKOW</del> W.H. NOYES. |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.                    |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 1221 Cpl. WALTERS A.                 |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 3098 Cpl. LATHORE C.V.               |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One H.C.O. to report to the Canteen at RETREAT today, 25 Feb. 41.

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

26 Feb. 41.

Part. 1.

No. 49.

1. DUTIES: To mount at RETREAT 26 Feb. 41.

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| (a) Duty Coy:        | B Coy.                     |
| Next for Duty:       | C Coy.                     |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.       |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. A.M. BENSON.        |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 3098 Cpl. LATIMORE C.V. |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 1205 Cpl. HUNTER R.J.   |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn, H.Q. with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report at Bn. H.Q. at 1640 hrs. and mount with Bn. Duties, for duty at the Canteen. - Dress: S.D. Hat, and Gaiters. - Battle Order.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY:

The following firms are authorised to develop and print films:-

- (a) Kodaks Ltd, Avenue Fouad 1 er ALEXANDRIA.
- (b) Quality Shoppe, 10 Rue Fouad 1 er ALEXANDRIA.
- (c) Selo Stores, 27 Rue Fouad 1 er ALEXANDRIA.
- (d) Garrison Photographer, Mustapha Barracks, ALEXANDRIA.

From date of promulgation of this order all ranks are forbidden to take films elsewhere for developing and printing.

4. BOUNDS:

The Luna Park Hotel, Midan Kantaret el Dekka, Cairo, is placed "Out of Bounds" to all ranks.

5. ENEMY MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES:-

It has been brought to notice that some individuals have in their possession captured enemy material of an explosive nature and that such material is sometimes being tested or experimented with by unqualified personnel. Possible deterioration or damage to such material, and particularly unqualified interference therewith, can only result in the possibility of serious accident. The retention of such material by unauthorised personnel is forbidden, and any now held is to be handed in to Unit H.Qs. for appropriate disposal.

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

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

27 Feb. 41.

Part. 1.

No. 50.

1 DUTIES: To Mount at RETREAT 27 Feb. 41. Duty Bn.

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| (a) Duty Coy:                 | B Coy.                      |
| Next for Duty:                | C Coy.                      |
| (b) Orderly Officer:          | Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT.        |
| Next for Duty:                | Lieut. A.M. BENSON.         |
| (c) Field Officer of the Day: | Capt. O.E.J. CONDON.        |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:              | QX 3098 Cpl. LATIMORE. C.V. |
| Next for Duty:                | QX 1205 Cpl. HUNTS R.R.J.   |

Each Coy will supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

One N.C.O. to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1640 hrs. and mount with Bn Duties, for Duty at the Canteen - Dress: S.D., Hat., and Gaiters. - Battle Order.

No. 1 PICQUET: D.A.D.O.S. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q. at 1600 hrs. today 27 Feb. 41 consisting of 1 N.C.O. 4 O.R. - Dress- Full Marching Order.

No. 2 PICQUET: IKINGI MARYUT CANTEN PICQUET consisting of 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

DUTIES:

1. Maintain a guard on the Canteen under instructions from W.O. in charge of the Canteen.
  2. Mount Guard over Sig Office under Comd. O.C. K Sec., Sigs.
  3. Maintain a 24 hr. Guard on Water Tower at IKINGI MARYUT Railway siding.
- O.C. Picquet to submit to Bde. H.Q. his Guard Report by 1200 hrs. on the following day.  
 Guard will report to Bn H.Q. at 1600 hrs today, 27 Feb. 41.  
 Dress - Full Marching Order.  
 Guard personnel will take rations for 24 Hrs.

3. PISTOLS - PRIVATELY OWNED:

O.Rs. will NOT be in possession of privately-owned revolvers, Automatic pistols, ammunition or weapons of any description. All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with the owner's name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody. The possession of privately owned weapons by O.Rs. will constitute a disciplinary offence.

G.C.F BOURNE. Capt.  
Adit. 9 Bn., A.I.F.

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

28 Feb. 41.

Part. 1.

No. 51.

1. DUTIES: To Mount at RETREAT 28 Feb. 41.

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| (a) Duty Coy:        | C Coy.                    |
| Next for Duty:       | D Coy.                    |
| (b) Orderly Officer: | Lieut. A.M. BENSON.       |
| Next for Duty:       | Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.     |
| (c) Orderly Cpl:     | QX 1205 Cpl. HUNTER R.J.  |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 656 Cpl. HOWES A.W.    |
| (d) Canteen N.C.O:   | QX 5007 A/sjt. CRANNEY J. |
| Next for Duty:       | QX 1025 Sjt. SCOTT. J.A.  |

Each Coy to supply one runner to Bn. H.Q. - with bicycle.

2. DUTY COY WILL SUPPLY:

No. 1 GUARD: 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 10 O.R.

No. 2 GUARD: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 10 O.R.

3. CANTEEN N.C.O.

Canteen N.C.O. will report at Guard Mounting Parade and mount with other duties. Dress - S.D., Hat, and Gaiters - Battle Order.

4. CAMP INSPECTION:

The Orderly Officer and R.M.O. will inspect the Camp daily at 1000 hrs.  
Coy Lines, kitchens and stores will be in inspection order at this time.

C.C.F. BOURNE. Capt.  
A djt. 9 Bn., A.I.F.