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A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/8 AUST INF BN

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	1 OCT	<p><u>0830hrs</u> Bn Pde . Routine training . <u>0900hrs.</u> C.O. Lt Col Winning and I.O. Lieut Fleming recce NEGBA area <u>1800hrs.</u> Sitrep . General situation unchanged . Weather : Fine and warm.</p>	<p>APPX I. Amendment S O Para 3a APPX 1A B.R.O</p>	
	2 OCT.	<p>Movement Order received from 6 AUST DIV. <u>0830hrs</u> Bn Pde . Routine training. As per Movement Order. <u>2245hrs</u> Advance Party leaves by MT for Station and to RAS BAALBEK, SYRIA. Party consisted of Lieuts, Dwyer, Watson, Cooper, Thethowan, Bellmaine, and 30 ORs.</p>	<p>APPX 2. Movement Order No I 2OCT APPX 2A B.R.O</p>	
	3 OCT	<p>Movement Order re Move to RAS BAALBEK, SYRIA issued . RASC Transport report to Bn ready for move. Preparations made for move. Lieut Fleming transferred to H Q Close Support SQN Bomber Command. Lieut Kennedy joins Bn from I9 I T B.</p>	<p>APPX 3 MOVEMENT ORDER 3/11</p>	
	4 OCT	<p>As per movement Order . <u>0530hrs</u> Reveille. <u>0630hrs</u> Breakfast. <u>0815 hrs</u> Bn embus , and move off in following order B H Q. H Q Coy, A, B, C, D Coys. Capt Lowe O.C. rear party of 10 men. <u>1315hrs</u> Bn halt for lun-</p>	<p>APPX 4A FIELD RETURN OFFICERS AND ORs</p>	

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Signature *A. J. Key* Major

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En Route. PALESTINE	1941. ---	SYRIA.		
	4 OCT.	(continued) <u>1530 hrs</u> Bn Bivouac for night in CAV Camp AZZA (three miles from SYRIAN Border)		
	5 OCT.	<u>0830hrs.</u> Bn move, halting for lunch two miles West of BEYROUTH. <u>1930hrs.</u> Convoy reaches destination Ref Map HOMS I/200,000 pt 2I452572 RAS BAALBEK Village.		
<u>SYRIA.</u> HOMS I/200,000 Pt RAS BAALBEK.	6 OCT.	Bn established RAS BAALBEK. Rear Party of 2/I2 Bn move out from Area after all Stores, Transport, and W E had been handed to this Unit. Routine details attended to. <u>1330hrs</u> C.O. and Coy Cmdrs move out for recce of Area for tactical posns in defensive scheme. Weather : Fine and Warm. Details promulgated to Coys re supplying Parties for digging of Anti/Tk ditches REF 21102590 and 21002585 respectively. General situation unchanged.	APP 4 B.R.O	
	7 OCT.	<u>0830hrs</u> Lieut Dwyer and 150 ORs from A and B Coys move out by Bn transport to Anti /Tk tasks as allotted. Weather: Fine and Warm, Situation remains unchanged.	APPX 6 B.R.O	Signature <i>a.p. Key</i>

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RAS BAALBEK.	<p><u>8 OCT.</u> <u>0830hrs</u> I Officer from A,B,D, Coys and 225 ORs move out to Tk Ditches for duties.</p> <p>Routine training and details by remainder of Bn. Preparations made for the arrival of Generals, Auchinlich, Laverick, and Wilson. <u>1200hrs</u> Arrival of Generals, departure at <u>1330hrs.</u> <u>1400hrs.</u> Continuation of defensive scheme by Bn Officers. Personnel of Bn issued with fly net and an extra blanket each. Weather: Cooler but fine.</p>	<p>APPX 7 B.R.O B.R.O</p>	
HOMS I/"200,000			
9 OCT.	Sitrep. General situation unchanged.	APPX 8 B.R.O	
10 OCT.	Sitrep. Situation generally remains unchanged.	APPX 9 B.R.O	
11 OCT.	<p><u>0930hrs</u> Unit Church Pde . Arrangements made for personnel of Bn to proceed to swimming pool in near vicinity. Weather: A little warmer than of late.</p>	<p>APPX 10 B.R.O APPX 10A FIELD RETURN</p>	
<u>12 OCT.</u>	<p>Coys continue digging on Anti/Tk Ditch and Tasks as allotted. General situation unchanged. Weather; Cool during day colder at night.</p>	APPX 11 B.R.O	
13 OCT.	<p><u>0830hrs.</u> Situation unchanged. Routine training.</p>	APPX 12 B.R.O	

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RAS BA LBEK HQS I/200,000	1941 13 OCT	<p>13 OCT (continued) Syllabus of Training issued . <u>2200hrs</u> Arrival of Rear Party from PALESTINE. Capt Lowe, Capt Coutes, and 20 ORs. Weather: Fine and warm. General situation unchanged.</p> <p>14 OCT. 0830 hrs. Sitrep. Situation Unchanged. As per Training Syllabus. <u>1200hrs.</u> C Os conference for Coy Cmdrs on matters of Leave, discipline. Leave Schedule issued. 1800hrs Weather: Cold towards evening.</p> <p>15 OCT. Leave party departs from Bn Lines for BEYROUTH . <u>1200hrs.</u> Capt Ransom and 20 ORs march in from I.T.B. Capt Ransom resumes appt as Adj. Weather: High winds during night, morning found many tents blown down. 1800hrs. Lieuts Cardew, Metcalf and Thompson return to Unit from Courses. Lieut Cardew appt I.O.</p> <p>16 Oct Leave party leaves for BEYROUTH. Sitrep General situation unchanged . 1800hrs Leave party returns to Unit from BEYROUTH. Weather: Still</p>	<p>APPX 12A TRAINING</p> <p>APPX 13. B.R.O</p> <p>APPX 13A LEAVE</p> <p>APPX 14 B.R.O.</p> <p>APPX 14 PRO.</p> <p>APPX 15. B.R.O.</p> <p>APPX 15 PRO</p>	

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RAS BAALBECK (HOMS 1:200,000)	16	(Continued) Fine and Warm. General situation unchanged.		
	17	0600 hrs Leave Party of 50 depart by M.T. 1 OR returns from P.R.&T. School. 1730 hrs Leave Party of 16 Oct returns. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged.	APPX 16 B.R.O	
	18	0600 hrs Leave Party of 50 depart by M.T. 0830 hrs 1 Officer and 50 ORs to A/Tk Ditch for digging. Routine Duties for rest of Bn. 1735 hrs Leave Party of 17 Oct returns. Weather fine to 1630 hrs when showers fell. General Situation unchanged.	APPX 17 B.R.O APPX 17A FIELD RETURN	
	19	0600 hrs Leave Party of 50 depart by M.T. 0930 hrs Unit Church Parade. Bn takes over Bde Duties as per B.R.O. Weather fine and warm. Situation unchanged.	APPX 18 B.R.O	
	20	0600 hrs Leave Party 1 Officer and 50 ORs depart by M.T. Details from Coys to A/Tl Ditch for digging. Remainder of Bn Routine Duties and Tng. 0930 hrs C.O. Adj. and I.O. to 19 Bde HQ for conference. Return 1730 hrs. 1730 hrs leave party of 19 Oct return. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged.	APPX 19 B.R.O	
	21	0600 hrs Leave Party of 1 Officer and 50 OR's leave by M.T. Details from Coys to new A/Tk ditch for digging. 0830 hrs Lt. Col. Winning C.O., Adj. Capt. Ransome I.O. Lieut Cardew. Major Key, Coombes and McDonald Coy Comds Lieut Sheedy Padre Stewart and Int Section leave for recce of defence area. All return 1330 hrs except I.O. and Int Section who return 1630 hrs. 1700 hrs Leave Party of 20 Oct return. Further leave temporarily cancelled. Weather rain and mist to 1100 hrs then fine.	APPX 20 B.R.O	
22	0830 hrs Lt. Col. Winning C.O., Capt Ransome Adj., Majors Key, Coombes, MacDonald and Webster Lieut Cardew I.O., Lieut Sheedy and Pl. Comds with 3 OR's of Int Sec leave on Recce of Bn defence area.	APPX 21 B.R.O		

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RAS BAALBECK	22	(Contd) Return 1315 hrs, Digging details from Coys to A/Tk Ditch. Leave party of 10 OR's to Beirut for 3 days. Lieut Fishlock and 16 OR's march in ex I.T.B.) (11 ex personnel) 1730 hrs Leave Party of 21 Oct return. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged. 0830 hrs Party as on previous day to Bn defence area. Details from Coys		
	23	to A/Tk ditch. Remainder of Bn on routine duties. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged	APPX 22. B.R.O.	
	24	C.O. Lt Col. Winning and Coy Comds to Bn defence areas 0830 hrs. Details from Coys to A/Tk ditch. Remainder of Bn routine duties. Sgt Butler to AIF Rfct PTng Depot for six months as Instructor. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged.	APPX 23. B.R.O.	
	25	Party as on previous day to Bn defence area 0830 hrs. Party to A/Tk ditch. Remainder of Bn on routine tasks. 1100 hrs Leave Party of 11 Ors to Beirut for 3 days. Weather fine and warm. Situation unchanged.	APPX 24 B.R.O. APPX 24A	
	26	0830 hrs Unit Church Parade and march pass Brig. Vasey. 20 OR's return from Sig School. Free cinema show in En area by Mobile Cinema Unit at 1900 hrs. 3 OR's to DAMASCUS for 3 days leave. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged.		
	27	0630 hrs 1 S/Sgt, 3 Sgts 1 Cpl march out to 19 A.I.T.B. 1 O.R. leaves for OCTU as batman. 1 O.R. to 3 Aust Lt.A.A. Regt. 0815 hrs C.O., Adjt., I.O. leave for conference at Bde H.Q. Return 1200 hrs. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged.	APPX 25 B.R.O.	
	28	0830 hrs Details from Coys to A/Tk ditch. Admn Inst No. 9/41 issued re move of Coys to defensive posns for wiring. 2230 hrs C.S.M.A Coy reports rifle shot from direction of B Coy area. No further information could be obtained. Weather fine and warm. General situation unchanged.	APPX 26 B.R.O. APPX 26 A ADMN INST 9/41	

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RAS BAALBECK	29	0830 hrs Coys move to defensive posns as per Adm Instn 9/41 until 30 Oct, Only unfit personnel and security guards with portions of HQ Coy and B.H.Q. remain in Camp. Lieuts Gluth and Laidlaw and 32OR's march in ex 19 I.T.B.	APPX 27. B.R.O	
	30	2 OR's leave for METS Junior Wing Cairo. Coys return from duty on defensive area 1700 hrs. Weather cloudy with showers. General situation unchanged.	APPX 28 B.R.O	
	31	15 OR's leave for Beirut for 3 days. 1500 hrs 5 OR'S march in ex 19 I.T.B. Coys send details to 17 Bde area for defensive work. Weather fine.	APPX 29. B.R.O	

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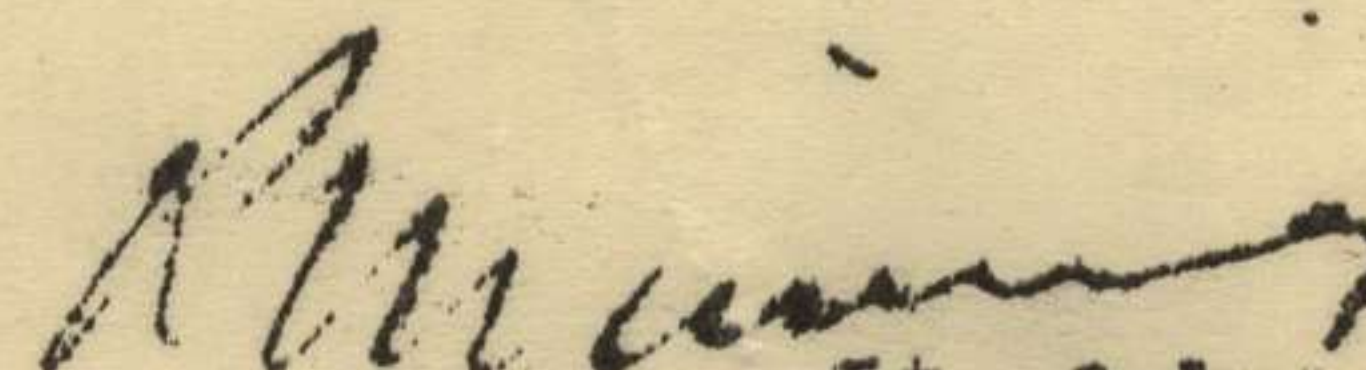
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AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS FOR SECURITY 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

1 Oct. 41.

Para 3 a.

At least one man will remain awake during the hours of darkness in each tent in which arms or equipment are kept. Rosters of personnel detailed for this duty will be prepared and kept by Coy. Comds. Inspecting Orderly Officers will ensure that this order is observed by checking the alertness of those men detailed to remain awake.


Lt. Col.

C.O. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Goddard Lines,
JULIS.
1 Oct. 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1., No. 110/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 1 Oct. 41.

Bn.O.O. Lieut. R.H. GAZE.
N.F.D. Lieut. R.E. PAPE.

Bn.O.S. Sgt. E.W. COPLEY.
N.F.D. Sgt. R.B. MOEWEN.

Guard and Bn. Duties A Coy.

Defaulters Sgt. Sgt. W.G. BUTLER.
N.F.D. Sgt. R.W. BUTTON.

2. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS FOR SECURITY:

At least one man will remain awake during the hours of darkness in each tent in which arms or equipment are kept. Rosters of personnel detailed for this duty will be prepared and kept by Coy. Comds. Inspecting Orderly Officers will ensure that this order is observed by checking the alertness of those men detailed to remain awake.

3. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS:

Air mail letter cards will NOT be used for surface mail. They must always bear a 3d stamp.

4. ACTING WARRANT OR NC RANKS:

Personnel appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, will automatically relinquish such rank when transferred to "X" List. Coy. Comds. will ensure that daily parade states give particulars of such acting ranks. evacuated.

4. BOMB DISPOSAL:

Under no circumstances will bombs of a bomb explosion or portions thereof, or even the ground surrounding the site be approached or interfered with by anyone except members of the Bomb Disposal Organisation, and until the arrival of the Bomb Disposal personnel, the site whenever possible will be guarded.

Any portions of bombs or similar material already in the possession of units or formations or of the civilian ARP authorities or which come into their possession in future will be handed over at once to the OC No 4 Section, 18 BD Coy, RE, Saltzman Hotel, MOUNT CARMEL, HAIFA. Local civilian ARP authorities will be notified accordingly by formations and areas.

5. IMMEDIATE HONOURS AND AWARDS: The Commander in Chief, MIDDLE EAST FORCES, has approved of the following immediate Awards for gallantry in action:-

GREECE and CRETE: MILITARY CROSS

WX 1522 Capt. ROWLAND RALPH ANDERSON, AAMC, 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VX 213 Capt. WILLIAM THOMAS ROBERTSON, 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VX 6568 Lieut. JAMES CECIL GATELY, 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

VX 6539 Sgt. WALLACE NICHOLSON DUNCAN, 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VX 6215 Sgt. WILLIAM DAVID CLARK, 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

IMMEDIATE HONOURS AND AWARDS (Contd.)MILITARY MEDAL.

VX 9421	Pto.	WILLIAM LEONARD DICKSON. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VX 4873	Pto.	REGINALD KENNEDY. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VX 17340	Pto.	ALBERT LAMBLE. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VX 12737	Pto.	WILLIAM THOMAS LANIGAN. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

6. CENSORSHIP:

With regard to the dispatch of spoken messages by gramophone record, such records will be made only at approved firms. So far the only firm in this category is:-

B. BAILIN,
Music Stores,
67 ALLENBY RD.,
TEL AVIV.

The names of other firms which may be approved will be issued from time to time.

7. IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIALS:

All officers without exception, Military personnel and war correspondents whether visiting or on duty, staying or passing through BEIRUT, will immediately upon arrival present their credentials at SURETE GENERALE, Italian Consulate Building, BEIRUT Tel. No. BEIRUT 6164.

CREDENTIALS are the means by which a persons' identity will be incontrovertibly established, and must, therefore, be issued, signed and stamped by a recognised authority, and should moreover be carried at all times by the abovementioned personnel through out the ME.

Failure to observe this SECURITY precaution may result in the offender's detention, until such time as his identification, through official channels, has been established.

John Adams
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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MOST SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6 AUST. DIV. ADMIN. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1 DATED 2 OCT 41.

Copy No. 3.....

1. MOVEMENT:
Advance Parties will move as per attached Appx. A.
2. RATIONS:
(a) All personnel will carry rations to 2359 hrs 3 Oct 41.
(b) HAIFA Fortress Area will arrange meal at HAIFA Ry Sta.
3. POL:
Available at BEIRUT.
4. SPEED AND DENSITY:
20 mih - 15 vtm.
5. GUIDES:
85 L. of C. Sub-Area will arrange guides BEIRUT. 6 Div will supply guides and reception RAS BAALBECK.
6. KIT AND CLOTHING:
(a) Full kit will be taken.
(b) Winter Clothing if not already issued will be drawn prior to move.
(c) Dovers Cream will be taken.
7. CODE WORD:
VASELINE.
8. A C K.

Power for Day
Col. Aust. Div.

Time of Signature: 1145

A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aust. Div.

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2/8. Aust Inf Bde.

APPENDIX "A" TO 6 AUST. DIV. ADMIN. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1 DATED 2 OCT 41

SERIAL	UNIT	DEPART		ARRIVE		METHOD	REMARKS
		PLACE	TIME	PLACE	TIME		
1	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde) Sig Sec LAD	MAJDAL	2350 hrs 2 Oct 41	HAIFA	0600 hrs 3 Oct 41	Train	Personnel to move as under:-
	2/4 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 " " "	HAIFA	0700 hrs 3 Oct 41	RAS BAALBECK	3 Oct 41		
						7 Lorries 4 Res Mt Coy.	H.Q. 19 Aust Inf Bde 30 Sig Sec LAD 2/4 Aust Inf Bn 35 2/8 " " " 35

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS
by

Goddard Lines
JULIS
2 Oct 41

Lt.-Col R.E. WINNING commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
Part 1., No 111/41

1. Duties:- The following duties will mount at retreat 2 Oct 41.

Bnm O O	Lieut R.E. PAPE
N.F.D.	Lieut J.S. LAIDLAW

Bn. O.S.	Sgt. R.B. McEWAN
N.F.D.	Sgt. E.A. WILSON

Guard and Bn Duties "A" Coy
(Including T.C.P.)

Defaulters Sgt.	Sgt. R.W. BUTTON
N.F.D.	Sgt. G.A. McBRIDE

2. COURT OF INQUIRY

A court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Goddard Lines JULIS, at descretion of President for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the loss of Rifles No.2615 and 44688, from 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Lines JULIS, on the night 30 Sep/1 Oct 41.

PRESIDENT

VX 189 Capt E.W. HAIGH (A.A.S.C. 6 Aust Div)

MEMBER

MX 504 Lieut E.J. RYRIE (6 Aust Cav)

John R. Adams
Lieut
2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

MOVEMENT ORDER No 3/41.

Copy No

1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will move from RAS BAALBECK area to hatted camp in vicinity of EL AINE on 15 Nov, 41. In conjunction with this move A and B Coys- under command of Major C.J.A. Coombes, will relieve C and D Coys in 17th Aust Inf Bde area.

2. A and B Coys will take over from C and D Coys in the following manner:

A and B Coys will each ^{rear} leave party of 1 Officer and 24 ORs to strike tents and transport same together with all gear other than packs, bedding, personal arms, ammunition and equipment, and 3 LMG's with tripod and ammunition to respective Coy stores in hatted areas. A Coy will be responsible for moving and safe custody of C Coy's stores, and B Coy for D Coy stores until C and D Coys arrive in hatted area, when C and D Coys will be responsible for safe custody of A and B Coys stores respectively.

3.

MOVEMENT TABLE.

0815 A and B Coys less rear parties but with all packs, bedding etc embus in present areas.
Capt. J.A.H. Smith i/e.

0915 C and D Coys less rear parties (1 Off and 24 ORs) but with all packs, bedding etc, embus in WADI FARA.
Capt. S.C. DUFFY i/e.

1400 Rear parties A & B Coys embus from present areas.
Senior officer present i/e.

1500 Rear parties C & D Coys, embus in WADI FARA.

Move of BN H Q and HQ Coy will commence at 0830 hours 15 Nov.

4. TRANSPORT: Transport will be provided as follows.

BN H Q	1	3 tonner	Reports at 0815 hours.
HQ Coy	2	3 tonners	" " 0815 hours.
A Coy	(a)	For personnel	100 all ranks 0800 & 1400 hours
	(b)	Stores to new camp	Coy Tpt 0800 hours.
B Coy		As for A Coy.	
C Coy		reports at	0900 & 1500 hours.
D Coy		As for C Coy.	

5. TENTAGE: All tentage from present area is to be correctly rolled, placed in valises and delivered by Coys to QM Store in new area.

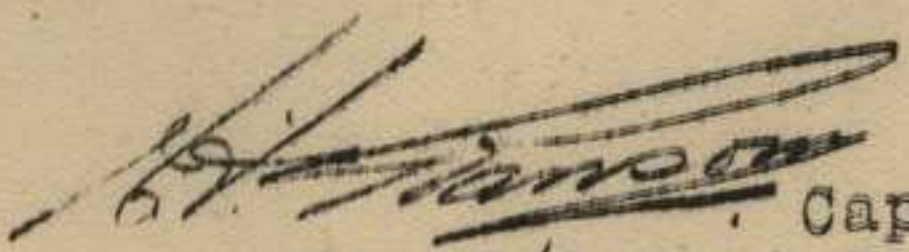
6. HUTS: Huts will be allotted to Coys in accordance with plan which A/Adjt will hold. Allotment of personnel to sleeping huts will be on basis of 22 men per Nissan hut.

7. DEFENSIVE WORKS: NO parties will be required for work on A/TK ditch etc on 15 Nov 41.

8. SECURITY:

H.Q. Coy will take over duties of Bn Guard at 2000 hrs, 14 Nov, 41. Orders for Guard in new Camp will be issued separately.
Personnel of "B" Coy on detached Guard Duty will remain at present posts until relieved by personnel from another Bn.

Distn.
List "B".


Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	7		
2nd Lieutenants ...	22		1
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...	(Included in Captains)		
Totals ...			1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	WEBSTER	I.C. 1 Aust.	27.9.41	Ceased to be seconded.R.T.
Lieut.	KENNEDY	L.J. "	2.10.41	From 19 Aust. Inf. Eng. Bn.
Capt.	MASKELL	H.J. McL. "	3.10.41	" " " " " "
	ATTACHED.		30.9.41	From 2/7 Fd. Amb. (A.A.M.C)
Capt.	GILBERT	B.St.P. "		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	BRAHAM	D. 1 Aust.	3.10.41	Seconded to 1 Aust. Conval. Depot.
Lieut.	FLEMING	A.P. "	3.10.41	Seconded to No. 1 Close Support Bomber Control.
	ATTACHED.			
Capt.	ANDERSON	R.R. "	30.9.41	Evacuated 7 Aust. Gen. Hosp.

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.)
Capt.	SMITH	J.A.H.	} Present whereabouts unknown
Capt.	RANSOM	N.F.	
Lieut.	BALFOUR	E.	

W.D.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.					
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.		Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																			2	2
Cooks																			2	2
Despatch Riders																			2	2
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			4	4
" " (Wheeled)																			2	2
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			4	4
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																			2	2
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																			8	8
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Warrant Officers																			10	10
If these specially trained personnel are not available Unit will accept General Duty personnel.																				
General duty personnel																			48	48
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			90	90

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch 4 Oct 41

19 Aust Inf Bn, Diva., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants	1		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	23		
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	62		
	568		90
TOTALS	668	.	90

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C. (2/7 PG Regt)		
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.		
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
1 Cpl	A.A. Postal Service		
1 Pte	19 Aust Inf 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)

W.D.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust.	Yes	C.O.
Major	VX 148	KIKY A.S.	"	Yes	2i/c.
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	Yes	O.C. "A" Coy.
Major	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	Yes	O.C. "B" Coy.
Major	VX 6	WEBSTER I.G.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "C" Coy.
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	No	Hospital
Capt.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	No	Course
Capt.	VX 204	MASKELL H.J. McL.	"	Yes	2i/c "B" Coy.
Capt.	VX7619	RANSOM H.F.	"	No	Hospital
Capt.	VX9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	"	Yes	2i/c "A" Coy.
T/Capt.	VX5649	LOWE T.A.	"	Yes	Q.M.
Capt.	VX6569	DIFFEY S.C.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "D" Coy.
Lieut.	VX20309	SHEDDY L.J.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "H.Q" Coy
Lieut.	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX9768	DWYER M.J.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	"	Yes	Course
Lieut.	VX4302	GLUTH A.L.	"	Yes	PL. Comd.
Lieut.	VX6513	METCALF E.C.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	NX8791	BALFOUR E.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut.	VX34525	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	VX/6401	ADAMS J.S.	"	Yes	A/Adjutant
Lieut.	VX27797	DOWNING W.B.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX39724	PAPE R.E.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX47101	GAZE R.H.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	NGX 38	CARDEW R.H.C.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	VX6575	PINNIGER H.H.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	VX6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	"	No	Instructional
Lieut.	VX6405	COOPER L.C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd. Duties
Lieut.	VX9105	WATSON E.L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX6548	PERRY M.	"	Yes	T.O.
Lieut.	VX35144	LIDLAW J.S.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX46779	BELLMARNE J.F.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX2569	KENNEDY L.J.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX34982	STEWART A.H.	1 Aust.	25.5.41	Chaplain
Capt.	VX 3355	GILLETT B.St.P.	"	30.9.41	R.M.O.

2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

4 Oct. 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
In the Field,
6 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1., No. 112/41.

1 DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 6 Oct 41.

Bn. Duty Officer, N.F.D.	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES. Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
Picquet Officer, N.F.D.	Lieut. G.F. BELLMAINE. Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN.
Duty Coy.	C Coy. dismount Retreat 11 Oct 41.

NOTE: Bn Duty Officer will be selected from Bn.H.Q. and HQ Coy. He will combine duties of Bn Orderly Officer and Coy Orderly Officer in Bn H.Q. and HQ Coy area. He will be responsible for supervising security in this area. In absence of Adjutant he will remain in close touch with Bn.H.Q. and sleep there at night. The name of the Officer will be notified to Guard Comd. Picquet Officer is responsible for Town picquet the duties of which are detailed below.

DUTIES OF TOWN PICQUET: Strength: 1 Officer, 1 Sgt., 2 Cpls, and 10 ORs.

Dress: Hats, heavy clothing belt and sidearms.

Tour of duty: 17 00 hours - 2400 hours.

O.C. Picquet will be responsible for:

1. The maintenance of good order in the village and vicinity including wine shops.
2. That the rules re bounds are strictly observed.

2. NATIVE LIQUORS: All ranks are warned not to drink any liquor other than that issued through Coys from AACB. Several cases of severe illness and one death from drinking native liquor have been reported by the previous unit.
3. DRESS: After 1700 hours daily heavy clothing will be worn.
4. TIME TABLE: The following time table will apply as from today. Meal hours will be fixed under Coy arrangements.

REVEILLE	0630 hours
MORNING PARADE	0830 - 1200 hours.
AFTERNOON PARADE	1330 - 1600 hours.
RETREAT	1730 hours
TA TTOO	2130 hours
Lights Out	2200 hours.

5. TATTOO REPORTS: Tattoo and vehicle reports will be submitted to this HQ by signal immediately after 2130 hours daily.
6. BOUNDS: The village and wine shops are out of bounds after 1800 hours daily. Troops passing through village will not leave the main road. Under NO circumstances will personnel enter the houses of the Villagers.
7. CIVILIANS IN LINES: No civilians will be permitted in the lines unless in possession of a pass franked by this unit. The enforcing of this rule is the responsibility of not only the guards and sentries but of all personnel.
8. VENEREAL DISEASE: All ranks are warned that VD in a virulent form is prevalent in this area.

John A. Adams
Lieut.
2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field,
7 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No. 113/41

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 7 Oct 41.

Duties. Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
N.F.D. Lieut. M. PERRY.

Picquet Officer. Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN.
N.F.D. Lieut. L.J. KENNEDY.

Duty Coy. C Coy.

2. CENSORSHIP:

It is permitted to mention in private correspondence the fact that this unit is in SYRIA. But NO reference of any kind must be made about the location of this unit; or of any of the places passed through; or other details of the journey. The previous orders about censorship still apply.

3. SALUTING:

The practice of saluting will be resumed at once and continued until such time as definite orders are issued for its cessation.

4. PUNISHMENTS: The following personnel have been awarded punishment as shown hereunder:-

VX 13592 Pte McGLYMONT J.
Charge: Conduct to the prejudice etc. In that he failed to carry out his duties as a sentry, in a proper manner.

Punishment: Fined £3.

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Oct 41.

VX 13060 Pte HARRIS R.B.

Charge: Absent without leave. 20 hours.

Punishment: 14 days detention.

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Oct 41.

VX 20069 Pte SEATON R.A.

Charge: Absent without leave. 21½ hours.

Punishment: Admonished.

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Oct 41.

VX 45088 Pte BOYD J.H.

Charge: Absent without leave. 21½ hours.

Punishment: Admonished.

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Oct 41.

VX 13583 Pte RAWLINGS C.W.

Charge: Conduct to the prejudice etc. In that he failed to awaken Pte McGLYMONT, and failed to call next relief.

Punishment: Fined £3.

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Oct 41.

VX 13251 Pte MANSON J.

Charge: Neglect to obey any general order. In that he failed to remove the bolt from his rifle in accordance with para 6 Security Instruction of 23 Sep 41.

Punishment: Fined 10/-

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Oct 41.

5. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Outgoing letters will be handed into Coys before 1200 hours daily. Incoming mail will be distributed as usual through Coys.

6. LIBRARY:

Some books are still outstanding. These MUST be returned immediately. In future books will be distributed to Coys by Chaplain STEWART at regular intervals.

7. WRITING MATERIALS:

Chaplain STEWART has a supply of writing materials and will make same available through Coys.

8. DRESS:

Heavy clothing will be worn from 1700 hours onwards. That means KSD slacks and jacket where issued. Where personnel have not been issued with KSD the order of dress will be trousers KD and sweaters.

Hats will be worn correctly with the chinstrap properly adjusted.

John J. Adams
Lieut.

A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
by

In the Field.
8 Oct 41.

Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 114/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 8 Oct 41.

Duties.	Lieut. M. PERRY.
N.F.D.	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES.
Picquet Officer.	Lieut. L.J. KENNEDY.
N.F.D.	Lieut. R.E. PAPE.
Guards and Bn. Duties.	C Coy.

2. LAUNDRY ARRANGEMENTS:

(a) Arrangements have been made with Mrs. Davidson of RAS BAALBECK to conduct a laundry for men's clothing.

(b) Charges are as follows:-

1 Bundle containing:-

1 pr Shorts	}	40 mils Palestine
1 Shirt		or 35 Piastres Syrian
1 Singlet		or 8 Francs Syrian
1 pr. Underpants		
2 prs. Sox or Stockings		
2 Handkerchiefs		
1 Towel		

Any additional item, except Trousers K.D., per article
5 mils Palestine
5 Piastres Syrian
1 Franc Syrian.

Trousers K.D.
A flat charge of:
20 mils Palestine
20 Piastres Syrian.
4 Francs Syrian.

Single Items
One item only (excepting Trousers K.D.)
10 mils Palestine
10 Piastres Syrian
2 Francs Syrian.

(c) METHOD:

Laundry will be collected and returned under Coy arrangements. All laundry will be made up in individual bundles and handed in to CQMS's by 2000 hours each evening with the sum due.

The CQMS will have prepared previously a list (in duplicate) showing the regimental number and name of owner, description (viz 1 bundle or 1 pr K.D. etc) and the charge due.

One copy of the list will be handed to the RQMS.

It is anticipated that the service will take 24 hours.

The money for laundry will be paid to Laundress when bundles are collected.

(d) MARKINGS:

It is advisable for all ranks to have name, no, and initial letter of Coy marked on each article, particularly in the case of the towel which should be used as a wrapper for the bundle.

Indelible pencil is satisfactory for marking if the article to be marked is moistened beforehand.

Arrangements are being made to reimburse troops for cost of laundry. Details will be given later.

John A Adams
Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field
9 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part I, No. 115/41

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 9 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES.
N.F.D.	Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
Picquet Officer	Lieut. R.H. GAZE.
N.F.D.	Lieut. M.J. DWYER.

Bn Guards and Duties. C Coy.

2. MALARIA:

ALL RANKS are warned that the next three weeks is known as "the transmitting season" and, in spite of the cold weather, is very dangerous from point of acquiring Malaria. Mosquito nets are an issue and will be used by all ranks.

John Adams
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
10 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No 116/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 10 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer N.F.D.	Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW. Lieut. M. PERRY.
Picquet Officer N.F.D.	Lieut. M.J. DWYER. Lieut. G.F. BELLMAINE.
Guards and Bn Duties	C Coy.

2. CIVILIANS IN LINES:

Hawkers and itinerant pedlars and civilians without passes are NOT permitted within unit lines. ALL RANKS are reminded that it is not only the responsibility of guards and sentries, but of each individual soldier to ensure that this order is carried out. Disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier who has dealings with any such civilians within unit lines or who, observing their presence, fails to take immediate steps to effect their removal.

Violence will NOT be used in this respect.

NOTE: For the above purpose unit lines are defined as commencing at a line level with the NORTH - SOUTH wall of the village cemetery near Monastery and extending back to 100 yards beyond all Coy areas. Villagers are allowed direct access to Monastery and passage along well defined roads in unit area but must not be permitted to loiter.

John Adam Lieut.
2/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 11 Oct 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	100	100
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.	4		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	28		
Serjeants	60		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	562		97
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusilliers, etc.			
TOTALS	662	•	• 97

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C. (2/7 Pd Amb)		
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.		
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
1 Cpl	A.A. Postal Service		
1 Pte	19 Aust Inf 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)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	NX 44	WINNING	R.E.	1 Aust	Yes	C.O.
Major	VX 148	KEY	A.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c.
Major	VX 49	McDONALD	H.H.	"	Yes	O.C. A Coy.
Major	VX 55	COOMBES	C.J.A.	"	Yes	O.C. B Coy.
Major	VX 8	WEBSTER	I.G.	"	Yes	A/O.C. C Coy.
Capt	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	"	No	Hospital
Capt	VX 139	COVTTIS	R.	"	Yes	2 i/c. C Coy.
Capt	VX 204	MASKELL	H.J.MCL	"	Yes	2 i/c. B Coy.
Capt	VX 7619	RANSON	H.F.	"	No	Hospital
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c. A Coy.
T/Capt	VX 5549	LOWE	T.A.	"	Yes	O.C.
Capt	VX 6569	DIFFEY	S.C.	"	Yes	O.C. D Coy.
Lieut	VX 20309	SHERDY	L.J.	"	Yes	A/O.C. Hq. Coy.
Lieut	VX 232	BURROWES	J.P.	"	Yes	Pl Cond.
Lieut	VX 9768	DWYER	H.J.	"	Yes	Pl Cond.
Lieut	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX 4802	GLUIN	A.L.	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX 6513	METCALF	E.C.	"	No	Course
Lieut	NX 3791	HALFOUR	E.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX 34525	THOMPSON	C.M.W	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.S.	"	Yes	A/Adjutant
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING	W.B.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE	R.E.	"	Yes	Pl Cond
Lieut	VX 47101	GAZE	R.H.	"	Yes	Pl Cond
Lieut	NX 38	GARDEW	R.H.C.	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	"	No	Instructional
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER	L.C.	"	Yes	Pl Cond Duties
Lieut	VX 9165	WATSON	H.L.	"	Yes	Pl Cond
Lieut	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN	J.H.	"	Yes	Pl Cond
Lieut	VX 6548	FURRY	H.	"	Yes	T.O.
Lieut	VX 35144	LIDLAW	J.S.	"	Yes	Pl Cond
Lieut	VX 46779	BELLMAYNE	G.P.	"	Yes	Pl Cond
Lieut	VX 2569	KENNEDY	L.J.	"	Yes	Pl Cond

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
apt	VX 34982	Stewart	A.R.	1 Aust	25.5.41	Chaplain
apt	NX 3355	GILLET	B.StP.	1 Aust	30.9.41	R.N.O.

1/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

Lt.-Col

Oct 41

(Date of Despatch.)

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

1/8 Aust Inf Bde 8 Aust Div

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4	Major W. ESTER supernumerary	
Captains ...	7		
Lieutenants...	21		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(Included in Captains)		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	33		2

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	PINNICK	H.H.	1 Aust	5.10.41 Seconded(HE) OCTU.

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).
Capt	SMITH J.A.H.	1 Aust	Present whereabouts unknown.
Capt	RANSON H.P.	1 Aust	
Lieut	BAIFOUR E.	1 Aust	
Lieut	DOWLING W.B.	1 Aust	

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

W.D.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																		2	2	2
Despatch Riders																		2	2	2
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																		2	2	2
" " (Wheeled)																		4	4	4
Drivers-Mechanics																		8	8	8
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		4	4	4
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																		8	8	8
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Mortarmen																		10	10	10
If these specially trained personnel are not available Unit will accept General Duty Personnel																				
General duty personnel																		87	87	87
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																		97	97	97

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.

12 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No 117/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 11 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N.F.D.

Lieut. M PERRY.
Lieut. J.F. BURROWES.

Picquet Officer.
N.F.D.

Lieut. R.E. GAZE.
Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN.

Duty Coy.
N.F.D.

C Coy. (Dismounts at Retreat 12 Oct.)
B Coy.

2. CHURCH PARADES: Sunday 12 Oct.

UNIT PARADE 0930 hours. Padre A.H. STEWART.
Parade will be held in the vicinity of Bn. H.Q.
Markers to RSM 0920 hours
Coys march on 0925 hours
Duty Officer will arrange table etc.

R.C. MASS:

0830 hours Padre REID 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
Mass will be held in MONASTERY building.
Those attending report to Lieut. SHEEDY HQ Coy by
0820 hours.

John Adams
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

W.D.
In the Field.
12 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 118/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 12 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer N.F.D.	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES. Lieut. M. PERRY.
Picquet Officer N.F.D.	Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN. Lieut. E.L. WATSON.
Guards and Bn Duties.	B Coy.

2. TAR DRUMS:

Coy's requiring tar drums will NOT remove same indiscriminately from roads but will apply direct to Lieut THOMAS 2/14 Aust Fd Coy.

3. BREVITY IN TELEGRAMS:

Attention is drawn to the great importance of ensuring that all signals and telegrams, in particular Cipher Telegrams, are kept as brief as possible.

It is most important that all unnecessary words should be eliminated from a signal or telegram consistent with ensuring that the meaning is clear to the recipient.

Commanders will ensure that those responsible for initiating signals or telegrams, draft them in a manner which will reduce the number of words to a minimum.

4. E.F.M. STANDARD TEXTS:

The following should be added to the list of Standard Texts:-

64 BEST WISHES FOR NEW YEAR.

5. ECONOMY MEASURES:

1. The attention of all is drawn to the necessity for economy in the use of stationery. The following measures will be adopted to achieve this object.

2. PAPER:

(a) Sheets smaller than foolscap size will be used if this is economical in the case of short letters.

(b) Single space typing will be used.

(c) Both sides of the paper will be used for typing and duplicating.

(d) Margins should not be wider than one inch. Where both sides of the paper are used, the margin should be on the left of the sheet on the obverse side and on the right side on the reverse.

(e) No more copies should be made than are actually required.

(f) The reverse of old letters, orders, etc, should be used for drafts, due regard being paid to security. Old Orders and obsolete Army Forms should also be cut up and used as small slips.

(g) Spoiled sheets of duplicating paper will be used to test even inking. For this purpose, one sheet should be used at least six times.

3. CARBONS: Carbons must be used until they have become unserviceable. In the interest of security used carbons must be kept under lock and key until they are destroyed.

4. ENVELOPES: Size 5" X 4" envelopes will be used as far as possible. Except where envelopes contain secret correspondence for despatch to another HQ, economy labels will be used to seal envelopes. The address will be written on the label and not on the envelope. A paper knife should be used to open envelopes.

5. ARMY FORMS: NIL returns will be submitted on paper and not on printed forms.

6. STORAGE: Stationery in Offices must be kept in a box or holder or under weight to prevent it being blown about by the wind and spoilt.

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Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
13 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn
Part 1, No 119/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 13 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. M. PERRY.
N.F.D.	Lieut. J.F. BURROWS.
Picquet Officer	Lieut. E.L. WATSON.
N.F.D.	Lieut. L.J. KENNEDY.

2. P.A.C.: The unit PAC is established in vicinity of RAP.

3. FOR INFORMATION: The following personnel have been awarded punishments as shown hereunder:-
 - VX 20221 Pte. VAN UDEN A.B.
 Charge: 1. Absent without leave (14 hours)
 2. When in camp was found in a place prohibited etc, in that he was found in PAS BAALBECK village, at 2025 hours without permission or written leave from his C.O.
 Punishment: Fined £3.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

 - VX 16311 Pte. FIELDS C.
 Charge: Absents himself without leave, in that he was absent from his tent at TATTOO Roll Call.
 Punishment: Fined 10/-
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

 - VX 40258 Pte. GLEESON J.V.
 Charge: 1. Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from TATTOO Roll Call at 2130 hours on 6 Oct 41.
 2. Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from Coy Parade at 0830 hours on 7 Oct 41.
 Punishment: 14 days C.B.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

 - VX 18925 Pte. MCGILLIVRAY G.R.
 Charge: Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from TATTOO Roll Call at 2130 hours on 6 Oct 41.
 2. Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from Coy Parade at 0830 hours on 7 Oct 41.
 Punishment: 14 days C.B.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

 - VX 14994 Pte. CARROLL W.A.D.
 Charge: Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from Coy Roll Call parade at 0615 hours on 30 Sep 41.
 Punishment: Fined £3.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

 - VX 43763 Pte. RAPKINS G.J.
 Charge: Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from TATTOO Roll Call at 2130 hours on 9 Oct 41.
 Punishment: 7 days C.B.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

 - VX 12690 Pte. QUINLAN J.
 Charge: Fails to appear at a place of parade etc, in that he was absent from TATTOO Roll Call at 2130 hours on 9 Oct 41.
 Punishment: Fined 10/-
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

P.T.O.

VX 41626 Pte. COOK L.J.
Charge: Loses by neglect any property issued to him etc,
in that he lost his paybook.
Punishment: ADMONISHED.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 12 Oct 41.

VX 27859 A/Cpl. SCOBLE A.L.
Charge: Neglect to the Prejudice etc,
in that he at EL ARISH on 27 Jul 41, negligently
performed his duties as Coy Orderly Cpl of taking
care of the arms of Pte K.R. WELLINGTON, that
rifle No 10697, was lost; Value £A 9.19.10
Punishment: ADMONISHED, and to be put under stoppage
of pay until he has made good the value of the
following article, viz. Rifle No 10697, complete
value £A 9.19.10.

4. M.T. DRIVERS:

Applications are required from personnel of this unit
with qualifications as M.T. drivers. T.O. will arrange tests for
selected applicants.

Applicants to report to T.O. at 1700 hours 14 Oct.

John H. Daw
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

13 Oct 41.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING based on 3 hourly or half day periods.

These will be carried out in the order laid down and Coy Comds will notify Bn.H.Q. as each period is carried out. Coy Comds must make every effort to perform as much training as possible and this SYLLABUS will be carried out as expeditiously as other activities permit.

Serial No.	Subject.
1.	WEAPON TRAINING.
2.	BAYONET TRAINING - ANTI GAS TRAINING.
3.	VISUAL TRAINING - Indication and Recognition. FIRE ORDERS.
4.	APPLICATION OF FIRE - ANTI GAS TRAINING.
5.	COY IN ATTACK. With special reference to defining of objectives and routes in present type of country. CONSOLIDATION, involving Arty and MG fire plan.
6.	ROUTE MARCH, incorporating protection against Air Attack and Gas.
7.	GROUND AND FORMATIONS - SECTION LEADING.
8.	WEAPON TRAINING.
9.	MAP READING - use of compass - training by day for night movement.
10.	COY IN OCCUPATION OF A DEFENSIVE POSITION, involving fire plan, weapon pits, cover and concealment and routine in position.
11.	BAYONET TRAINING - ANTI GAS TRAINING.
12.	FIELD CRAFT - incorporating Section and Platoon movement and use of ground and fire orders.
13.	PATROLLING - Field sketching and reports.
14.	COY ON OUTPOSTS - Position to be taken up during hours of daylight. Occupied till 2000 hours. To be followed by Night March back to camp.

NOTE: For serials 5, 10 and 14 Coy Comds will commence preparation of schemes immediately and submit same to Bn.H.Q. NOT less than four days before carrying out. Approval of schemes must be obtained from Bn before putting into practice.

H. W. Adams Lieut.

A/Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field:
14 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No 120/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 14 Oct 41.

Bn. Duty Officer.	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES.
N.F.D.	Lieut. L.C. COOPER.

Picquet Officer.	Lieut. R.E. PAPE.
N.F.D.	Lieut. M.J. DWYER.

Guards and Bn. Duties **B** Coy.

2. LAUNDRY: All ranks are notified that as from 13 Oct 41 all laundry will be paid for by individuals under Coy arrangements. These amounts will NOT be reimbursed by Bn or Higher authority.

3. SECURITY: It is urgently impressed upon ALL RANKS that provisions of Security Standing Orders of 23 Sep 41 still apply and will continue to do so until otherwise stopped. Particular attention is invited to para 11 and amendment of 10 Oct 41.

4. VENEREAL DISEASE: Coy Comds will ensure that personnel of Coys are paraded before R.M.O. at least once fortnightly for V.D. inspection. R.M.O. has been informed to this effect but Coy Comds must co-operate by advising R.M.O. of suitable time. Coy Comds will also ensure that all ranks are addressed at least once per week on V.D. matters in the way of a lecturette. R.M.O. will address Coys if invited by Coy Comds. It has been a rule that all personnel proceeding on leave proceed to R.A.P. for issue of preventive items and also advice in use of same. ALL OFFICERS of the unit will ensure that such steps are taken before signing leave passes. Also all officers in charge of leave parties will briefly address troops before setting out on leave.

5. RECOVERY AND RECONDITIONING OF M.T. SPARE PARTS:

It is vitally necessary that every M.T. spare part which can be salvaged is immediately returned to the nearest section of 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk or A.A.O.C. workshop. The importance of this will be impressed upon all ranks and will be published in Unit Routine Orders. Officers especially will make every effort to implement the recovery and reconditioning of spare parts, for which the necessary organisation exists in the A.A.O.C.

6. COMPENSATION OFFICER:

Lieut. J.S. ADAMS has been appointed
Compensation Officer of this unit.

John Adams
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
14 Oct 41.

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PROVISIONAL LEAVE SCHEDULE FOR BEYROUTH

Numbers: Daily parties of 50 in charge of an officer.
Allotment to Coys as under:

Date Depart.	Bn.H.Q.	H.Q.	A.	B.	C.	D.
15 Oct.	3	WED, 16	8	8	7	8
16 Oct.	3	THUR. B 16	8	7	8	8
17 Oct	4	FRI. 15	7	8	8	8
18 Oct	3	SAT. 16	8	8	8	7
19 Oct	4	SUN. 16	8	7	8	7
20 Oct	4	MON. 16	7	8	7	8
Total	21	95	46	46	46	46
21 Oct	3	Tues. 16	7	7	8	8

Time of Departure: Leave RAS BAALBECK 0600 hours.
Leave BEYROUTH 1300 " following day.

NOTES:

- NOMINAL ROLLS: Nominal~~X~~ Rols will be submitted to Bn.H.Q. by 1900 hours on day preceding departure.
- ACCOMODATION: Arrangements re accommodation and cost of same will be notified to Coys as soon as details are available.
- OFFICER I/c PARTY: At least one officer must accompany party at own expense but subject to Coy and Bn ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ approval several officers may go with party. The Officer i/c party will be nominated by C.O. and will be granted leave at a later date.
- TRANSPORT: Transport provided by unit under arrangements. T.O. will report to position opposite Guard Tent by 0555 hours.
- HYGEINE: Coys wills see that all personnel proceeding on leave are issued with P.L's and Blue Light outfits etc. (vide BRO 14 Oct)
- ADDRESS BY C.O.: Leave parties will be paraded in turn to BN.HQ. for talk by C.O. at 1800 hours on day preceding leave. Report to RSM at 1755 hours.
- DRESS: During daylight: Hats, Shirts, Shorts, Hosetops, Boots and Puttees, webbing belts (with Sweater optional). After Sunset: Hats, F.S.D, Webbing Belts, (where FSD is not issued cardigan and KD Slacks). Troops are warned that it is exceedingly cold crossing the ranges. *at 0530 hrs*
- BREAKFAST: Early breakfast will be provided for complete party at HQ Coy kitchen prior to departure.

BHQ & HQ Coy to take Bed Rols.

John Adams Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field,
15 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 121/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 15 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer Lieut. L.J. SHEEDY:
N.F.D. Lieut. L.C. COOPER.

Picquet officer Lieut. G.F. BELLMAINE.
N.F.D. Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN

Bn Guards and Duties: B Coy.

2. CINEMA: A travelling Cinema will visit this unit on Saturday 18 Oct
and present "BIG CITY" with Spencer Tracy and Louise Rainer,
"TRAVELOGUE OF CHILE"
"FOX NEWS"

The show is an open air arrangement and will be held in
vicinity of Church Parade area.
Times. 1900 hours - 2100 hours.

Coys are to ensure that all possible personnel except those
needed for security duties are given an opportunity to attend.

John Adams Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
16 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 122/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 16 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. J.S. ADAMS.
N.F.D.	Lieut. L.C. COOPER.


Picquet Officer	Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN.
N.F.D.	Lieut. C.M.Y. THOMPSON.

Bn. Guards and Duties. B Coy.

2. UNITARIANS: There are no Unitarian Chaplains in the M.E.F., and the interests of the Unitarians are cared for by the Unitarian Ministers who are the wardens of Hibbert House, 5 Sharia Sherif, CAIRO. All members of the Unitarian Church are requested to send their names to the Wardens.

3. LOOT AND TRAFFIC IN ARMS: It has been definitely established that members of H.M. Forces have been selling captured arms and ammunition. From this, it is clear that the existing orders on this subject are not being obeyed. All ranks are reminded that it is forbidden to retain in their possession any public enemy property found on the battlefield. Anyone who disposes of captured arms to other persons is directly assisting the enemy, since such arms find their way to those who work for the enemy. Such action is an offence punishable by a sentence of two year's imprisonment. Any captured war material in the possession of army personnel will be surrendered immediately. This order will be brought to the notice of All Ranks.

4. A.I.F. CASH OFFICE: BEIRUT, has moved from Hotel METROPOLE to 159 Rue de Patriarche Hoyek.


Capt.

Adjts 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the field
17 Oct 41.

by

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Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.

Part 1, No. 123/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 17 Oct. 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N.F.D.

Lieut. R. H. Cardew.
Lieut L. G. Cooper.

Picquet Officer
N.F.D.

Lieut C. M. Y. Thompson
Lieut E. C. Metcalfe

Bn. Guards and Duties

B Coy.

2. RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS: A large number of 4-gall returnable square cans and 4-gall returnable round drums have been put into circulation in the M.E.

These containers are being filled with leaded petrol with a tetra-ethyl-lead content. Tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.

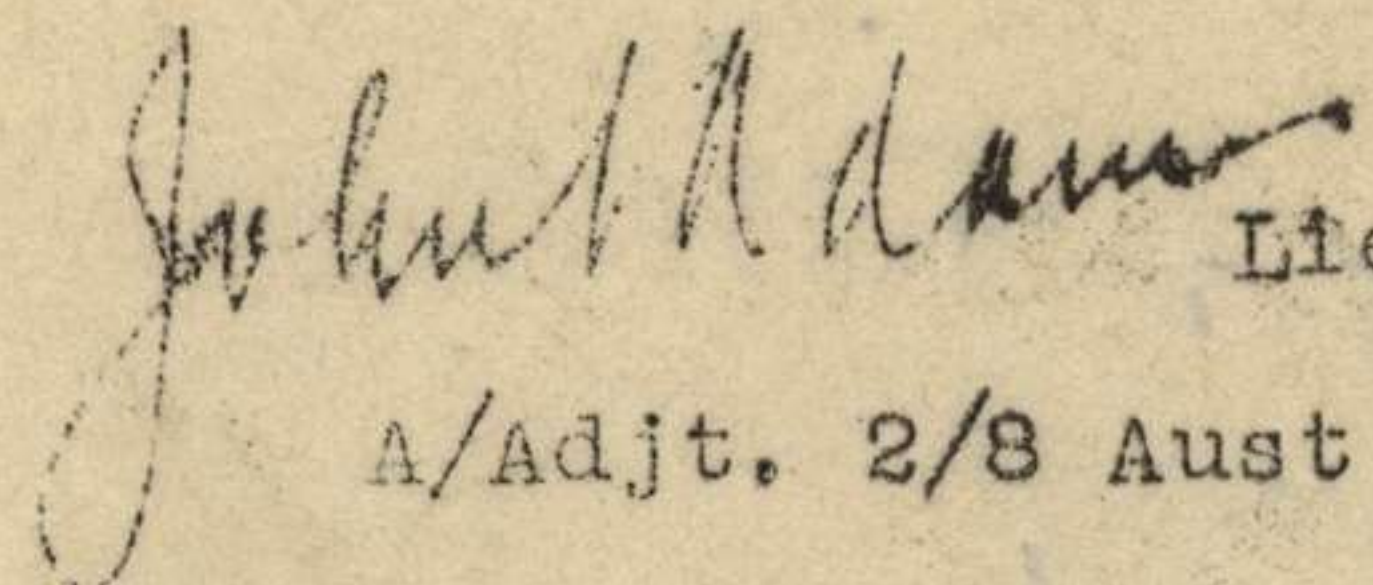
Os C units will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable petrol containers for water for either drinking or washing purposes.

Arrangements have been made for all future issues of such containers to be stencilled:-

PETROL
LEADED
POISON.

3. R. C. Church.

Padre Reid will be in attendance at Monastery tomorrow 18 Oct from 1530 to 1600 hrs for purpose of receiving confessions.


Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

18 Oct. 41.

by

W.D.

Lt. Col R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 124/41

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 18 Oct. 41.

Bn Duty Officer N. F. D.	Lieut L. C. Cooper Lieut M. Perry
Picquet Officer N. F. D.	Lieut E. C. Metcalf Lieut E. Watson
Bn. Guards and Duties N. F. D.	B Coy A Coy

2. BRIGADE DUTIES. These will be provided by D Coy.

To mount at 1000 hrs 19 Oct at BAALBECK. Strength one platoon
3 off, 1 sgt, 3 cpls 34 ptes. Guard H. Q. at Gouraud Barracks
BAALBECK.

To mount at 1000 hrs 19 Oct at AMN DUMP, HOMS 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 13
QRs including one cook.

To mount at 1100 hrs 19 Oct in vicinity of RAYAK two guards
for R. A. F. Dumps.

Each 1 Sgt or L/Sgt	2 Cpls	9 QRs.
Ref. Map BEYROUTH	1/200000	174215
" " DAMAS	1/200000	180217

To mount at 1800 hrs daily commencing 19 Oct two guards each
1 NCO 3 QRs on R.E. Dumps in Bde area. Tour of duty daily from
1800 hrs till 0630 hrs.

Guides except for Pl. to BAALBECK will be provided in all cases
by HIPA.

Tpt under unit arrangements. Tpt will be required to return
equivalent number of DISH personnel to own lines on completion
of relief.

Rations under unit arrangements

3. CHURCH PARADES: Sunday 19 Oct

UNIT PARADE	0930 hours.	Padre A. H. STEWART.
Parade will be held in the vicinity of Bn H. Q.		
Markers to RSM	0920 hours	
Coys march on	0925 Hours	
Duty Officer will arrange table etc.		

R.C.MASS:

0830 hours Padre REID 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
Mass will be held in MONASTERY building
Those attending report to Lieut SHEEDY HQ Coy by 0820 hrs.

4. LIBRARY.

Books are now ready for distribution. All ranks are request-
-ed to exercise great economy in the use of stationery as
this is very hard to obtain at present.

John A. Adams
Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1	1	
Lieutenants ...	4		
2nd Lieutenants ...	6		
Quartermasters ...	20		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...			

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	SMITH J. H. H.	1 Aust	16/10/41	(transferred to Reg)
Lieut	BAIRD H.	"	16/10/41	(superannuated list)

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.)
Capt	SMITH J. H. H.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp
Capt	LONG T. A.	"	"
Lieut	BAIRD H.	"	7 Aust Gen Hosp
Lieut	PAPE H. E.	"	"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	VX144	WINNING R. B.	1 Aust	Yes	C. O.
Major	VX148	KEY A. S.	"	Yes	21/c
Major	VX 49	MCDONALD E. H.	"	Yes	C.O. "A" Coy
Major	VX 55	COOMBS C. J. A.	"	Yes	C.O. "B" Coy
Major	VX 6	WESTER L. U.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "C" Coy
Capt	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	Yes	21/c "C" Coy
Capt	VX204	MASKELL H. J. McL	"	Yes	21/c "B" Coy
Capt	VX7619	RANSOM N. F.	"	Yes	Adjutant
Capt	VX9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	"	Yes	A/ Q.M.
Capt	VX3589	DUFFY S.C. - H.C.	"	Yes	C.O. "D" Coy
Capt	VX3649	LOWE T. A.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX20309	SHERDY L. J.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "HQ" Coy
Lieut	VX282	BURROWS J. F.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX9768	DWYER M. J.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX3359	GRIFFITH J. H.	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX4802	GLUE A. L.	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX6513	METCALF B. C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX2369	KENNEDY L. J.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX34525	THOMPSON C. M. Y.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6401	ADAMS J. S.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX27797	DOWLING W. B.	"	Yes	Asst/Adjutant
Lieut	VX39724	PAPE R..E.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX47101	Gaze R. H.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut	NXK38	GARDEN R. H. G.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX3469	MCDERMOTT R. J.	"	No	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX3405	COOPER L. G.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX9105	WATSON E. L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6300	TRETHOWAN J. M.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6343	PERRY M.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX33144	LADDLAW J. S.	"	No	T. O.
Lieut	VX45779	BELLMARNE G. P.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
KIARE	NA				

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX34382	STEWART A. H.	1 Aust	25/5/41	Chaplain
Capt	VX3355	GILBERT B.St.P.	"	30/5/41	R. N. O.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

18 Oct 41

(Date of Despatch.)

19 Aust Inf Bde

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

6. Aust Div

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																			2	2
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																			2	2
Cooks																			2	2
Despatch Riders																			2	2
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			4	4
" " (Wheeled)																			3	3
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			4	4
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																			8	8
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Mortarmen																			10	10
If these specially trained personnel are not available Unit will accept General Duty personnel																				
General duty personnel																			43	43
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			83	83

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Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Lt Col

Date of Despatch 18 Oct 41

19 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div.

C O 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the field,
19 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 125/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 19 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer, N.F.D.	Lieut. M. PERRY, Lieut. J.F. BURROWS.
Picquet Officer N.F.D.	Lieut. E.L. WATSON, Lieut. G.F. BELLEMAINE.
Bn Duties.	A Coy. Mount at Retreat today.
Bde Duties.	D Coy.

2. LOSSES OF ARMS: It has been directed that the provisions of AIF Order No 642 be rigorously enforced against all personnel losing arms, as the number of losses, already heavy, is increasing.

In every case in which a weapon is lost the member responsible will be charged under AA Sec 24 with "Losing by Neglect" and the charge will set out the value of the arms lost. The accused will not be dealt with by his C.O. but remanded for trial by Court Martial and a Summary of Evidence taken.

Summary disposal of a charge will only be ordered by Corps or Div Comds.

3. SALE OF FOOD, SALVAGE, ETC TO CIVILIANS: The sale or exchange of any food, papers, newspapers, bags or any other rations, stores, equipment, supplies, waste or salvage to any civilian personnel, except upon specific authority from this HQ or higher formation is strictly forbidden.

Any individual found or proved to have contravened this order will be tried by Court Martial unless the Div Comd decides otherwise.

4. ACCOUNTS: Other Ranks are forbidden to operate credit accounts with any shops, warehouses, etc.

5. DISCIPLINE - INDIAN TROOPS:- OFFENCES AGAINST:

A most unfortunate habit of knocking off the puggaroo turbans of Indian Troops has been noticed in this area.

Apart from being an insult to the religious feelings of our Indian allies, this is viewed most gravely by the Indian Troops.

All troops must be warned that this must stop, and that a very serious view will be taken of it.

6. COMMISSIONER FOR AFFIDAVITS: Major A.W. SHEPPARD, D.A.A.C, 6 Aust Div and Major P.J. WOODHILL, L.S.O. 6 Aust Div, have been appointed Commissioners for Affidavits of the Supreme Courts of SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA and the Territory of NEW GUINEA and of any Court in the Territory of NORFOLK ISLAND.

Any soldier may have any documents, declarations, etc, for any of these courts witnessed by these Officers. This does not apply to other States of the Commonwealth, but Commissions from those States may come along later.

John Adam Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
20 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 126/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 20 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer.	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES.
N.F.D.	Lieut. J.S. ADAMS.
Picquet Officer.	Lieut. G.F. BELLMAINE.
N.F.D.	Lieut. R.H. GAZE.
Bn Guards and Duties	A Coy.
Bde Duties	D Coy.

2. BOUNDS - HOTELS AND CAFES - DAMASCUS:

a. BOUNDS: All establishments which are IN BOUNDS to British and Imperial Troops will display a notice to that effect, signed by the DAPM. This notice will state the name and address of the establishment, the hour to which it is in bounds and whether to all ranks, or is restricted to Officers, Warrant Officers, Sgts etc. Any establishment which does not display the notice is OUT OF BOUNDS.

b. PRICES: Hotels and Cafes which are IN BOUNDS will display prominently a list in Syrian piastres with, as a guide, the equivalent in English money alongside. Any establishment failing to do this should be reported immediately to the DAPM. In all such cases a bill should be obtained.

c. The following is IN BOUNDS to OFFICERS only.

Hotel ORIENT PALACE.

The following are IN BOUNDS to ranks above and including that of Sgt only.

Restaurant TRIANON	Restaurant VIVA VILLA.
The following are IN BOUNDS to all ranks.	
Cafe DIANA	Cafe ROSE NOIRE.
Cafe TRIUMPH	Cafe HIGH LIFE.
Cafe de L'ORASIS	Cafe BAR CHAMMAS.
Cafe CHEHREZADE I.	Cafe BAR ELIE FARAH.
Cafe CHEHREZADE II.	Cafe OLYMPIA CASINO.
BAR RESTAURANT FRANCAIS	Cafe YA BON.
SOCRATES	Cafe R. BOUGACHE.
BUFFET BAR RA PIDE	Cafe RESTAURANT DANIEL.
GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOM	Cafe LUX.
HOTEL OMAYADE	GARDEN BAR.

[Signature]
Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
21 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 127/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 21 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer. N.F.D.	Lieut. J.S. ADAMS. Lieut. R.H.C. CARDEV.
Bn Picquet Officer. N.F.D.	Lieut. R.H. GAZE. Lieut. E.C. METCALF.
Bn Duties. Edc Duties.	A Coy. D Coy.

3. CIVIL POLICE AGENTS: Civil Police Agents in plain clothes carry identity papers in English and it is brought to the notice of all ranks that these agents are not to be interfered with in any way.

4. DAMASCUS - BOUNDS FOR LEAVE: As from 8 Oct the LIDO restaurant is in bounds to other ranks.

5. SOLDIER'S CLUB: The Sub-Area Commander, 84 L of C Sub-Area, has received the following from Le Chef de Bataillon RAVEL, Major de Garnison, Beyrouth:-

All British soldiers will be welcome at the Foyer DU SOLDAT (French Soldier's Club), 166 Rue GEORGES PICOT, Beyrouth, by kind invitation of Mme CATROUX.

6. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT - USE OF WEST HALL BY TROOPS:

As term has commenced at the American University, it has been found necessary to restrict the use of West Hall by the Troops. Troops may continue to use the room set aside for them on the first floor of West Hall, and the Milk Bar. They may also use the Tennis Courts and Campus (grounds).

[Signature]
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

BOOKBINDER: Chaplain STEWART is in urgent need of a competent bookbinder. Anyone with the required qualifications report to Bn.H.Q.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
by

In the Field
22 Oct 41.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn
Part 1, 128/41.

N.D.

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 22 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R. H. Cardow
N. F. D.	Lieut L. C. Cooper
Bn Picquet Officer	Lieut E. C. Metcalf
N. F. D.	Lieut C.M.Y. Thompson
Bn Guards Duties	A Coy
Bde Guards Duties	D Coy

2. PAY Leave Personnel have been drawing money from CASH OFFICE Beyrouth. In future pay will NOT be available at this Cash Office. Personnel expecting to proceed on leave during subsequent fortnight will ensure that they draw sufficient money at the usual fortnightly pay day for their needs. In the event of an unusually large and unexpected leave allotment, unit will make arrangements.

3. LEAVE For next few weeks leave allotments will be very small. Details will be promulgated as received.

4. SECURITY Cameras will NOT be withdrawn from personnel at present as they can be used by tps on leave in DAMASCUS or BEYROUTH. But photographs will NOT be taken under any circumstances NORTH of Grid Line 25, or EAST WEST line through LABOUE.

Any civilian photographers operating NORTH of Grid Line 25 will be reported to this HQ immediately.

The official camera of each unit is, of course, permitted to be used.

5. A.C.F. The following has been received from the A. C. F:-

712 Tins Tobacco
1424 Pkts Papers

6. DISCIPLINE ON LEAVE Any member of a leave party who misbehaves or causes a disturbance in any town will cause that town to be placed out of bounds to all personnel of HIS OWN UNIT. There will be no exceptions to this policy which has been laid down by higher authority.

7. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL It has been found that binoculars and other captured war material including documents and manuals are being sent to Australia by members of the AIF.

This practice will cease forthwith.

Such articles reaching Australia will be confiscated and, on receipt of particulars of despatch, disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

8. REVOLVERS Cases have recently occurred of officers losing their revolvers whilst travelling, the revolvers being packed in luggage which was lost.

All officers, while travelling, will carry their revolvers on their person.

9. ANKLETS, WEB Anklets, Web, will in future be worn with Service Dress in lieu of Gaiters S. D. Scale of issue is one pair per all ranks.

Capt.
Adit. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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 Lt Col R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn
 Part 1, 129/41

In the field
 23 Oct 41.

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 23 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut E. G. Cooper
N. F. D.	Lieut M. Perry
Picquet Officer	Lieut L. J. Kennedy
N. F. D.	Lieut G. R. Fishlock
Bn Guards and Duties	A Coy
Bde Duties	D Coy

2. BN DUTY OFFICER This officer will in future sleep in Adj't's office

3. PROFITEERING AGAINST TROOPS Numerous cases of profiteering in the scale of food and drinks by Hotel and Cafe etc., proprietors in Palestine are being reported to Force Headquarters. The question of price fixing is under consideration and specific instances of overcharging are required in order that suitable action may be taken. In cases where an individual considers the prices exorbitant (after reference to the list of prices which all cafe etc., proprietors are bound by law to exhibit) he should obtain a detailed and receipted bill from the establishment and forward this to the D. A. P. M. of the area through his Commanding Officer. If on leave he may hand in his complaint to the Military Police with the bill and a short statement of evidence corroborated where possible.

4. A. C. F. The following have been received from the A. C. F.
 280 Pullovers, 182 Scarves, 1 Box Writing Paper, 1 Box of Envelopes, 6 Pen Holders, 1 Dominoes, 1 Draughts, 1 Chess, and 8 Packs of Playing Cards.

5. CABLES. Standard text E. F. M. cables - 111 Syrian Piastres.

6. FOR INFORMATION: The following personnel have been awarded punishment as shown hereunder:-

VX 13314 Pte MURPHY V.
 Charge 1. Absent without leave (24 hours)
 Punishment: 28 days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay
 Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 22 Oct 41.

VX 18825 Pte DOOLAN R. S.
 Charge: 1. Fails to appear at a place of Parade
 Punishment: 7 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay

VX 43805 Pte CHALMERS P. P.
 Charge 1. When on duty as Tent Guard was asleep
 Punishment 7 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay
 Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 22 Oct 41.

VX 19823 Pte PRICE D. H.
 Charge 1 Whilst being a member of a Re-inforcement Draft
 quit the ranks without permission at Beirut.
 Punishment 14 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay
 Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

VX 44921 Pte BRADY G. J.
 Charge: 1. When on duty as Tent Guard was asleep
 Punishment: 7 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay
 Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 22 Oct 41.

VX 27839 Pte KELLY J. D.
 Charge: Whilst being a member of a Re-inforcement Draft
 quit the ranks at Beirut without permission.
 Punishment: 14 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay
 Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, 22 Oct 41.

- VX 11644 Pte HILL W. J.
Charge: 1. Being a soldier acting as a sentinel sleeps at his post.
Punishment: 7 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 22 Oct 41.
- VX 13313 Pte RUSSELL R.
Charge: 1. Absents himself without leave
2. Fails to appear at a place of rendezvous appointed by his C. O.
Punishment: 28 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 22 Oct 41.
- VX 12591 Pte PERRY C. A. R.
Charge: 1. Used threatening and insubordinate language to his superior officer.
Punishment: 14 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 22 Oct 41.

Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

FOR INFORMATION: The following personnel have been awarded punishment as shown hereunder:-
 VX 13314 Pte MURPHY V.
 Charge: 1. Absent without leave (24 hours)
 Punishment: 7 Days Field Punishment with Forfeiture of Pay Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 22 Oct 41.
 VX 18825 Pte [Name] [Charge] [Punishment]
 VX 43802 Pte [Name] [Charge] [Punishment]
 VX 18823 Pte [Name] [Charge] [Punishment]
 VX 44921 Pte [Name] [Charge] [Punishment]
 VX 27839 Pte [Name] [Charge] [Punishment]

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In the field
24 Oct 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Lt. Col R. E. WINN ING, Commanding 2/8 Bn
Part 1, 130/41.

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 24 Oct 41:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut M. Perry
N. F. D.	Lieut. J. F. Burrowes
Picquet Officer	Lieut J. M. Trethowen
N. F. D.	Lieut E. Watson
Guards : Bn Duties	A Coy
Bde Duties	D Coy

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY. A Court of Enquiry constituted as under will assemble as directed by the President, to enquire into and report upon the alleged shortages of cash in the Sgt's Mess Accounts:-

PRESIDENT	Major C. J. A. Coombes.
MEMBER	Lieut. J. S. Adams

3. FOR INFORMATION. The undermentioned soldiers have been awarded punishment as follows:-

VX 44318 Pte. LAFRENZ W. T.
CHARGE: Neglects to obey any "General Order"- In that he was in RAS BAALBECK village after 1800 hrs on 10.10.41, contrary to Routine Orders.
Punishment: Fined 1/-.
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 22.10.41.

VX 40383 Pte CAIN W.
Charge: Neglects to obey an "General Order"- In that he was in RAS BAALBECK village after 1800 hrs on 10.10.41, contrary to Bn Routine Orders.
Punishment: Fined 1/-.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 22 Oct 41.

VX 13319 Pte SLAVIN W.
CHARGE: A.W.L. from 1000 hours on 12.10.41 to 1635 hours on 12.10.41 (Absent 6 hours 35 mins.)
Punishment: Fined 5/-.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 22.10.41.

VX 52310 Pte MCKEE S.A.
CHARGE: A.W.L. from 0715 hours on 9.10.41 to 2030 hours on 9.10.41. (Absent 13 1/2 hours.) Punishment: Fined 10/-.

VX 12985 Pte WHITAKER F.E. (Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 22.10.41.)
CHARGE: Neglects to obey a General Order, In that he contrary to Coy Security Instructions of 17.10.41 Para 1 (A), he left his rifle unchained in an unguarded tent.
Punishment: Fined 5/-
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, 22.10.41.

VX 52969 Pte REARDON A.T.
CHARGE: A.W.L. From 0715 hours on 9.10.41 to 2030 hours 9.10.41 (Absent 13 1/2 hours.)
Punishment: Fined 10/-
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, 22.10.41.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
25 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No. 131/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 25 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. J.F. BURROWS.
n.f.d.	Lieut. R.H.C. CARDEW.
Picquet Officer	Lieut. E.L. WATSON.
n.f.d.	Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN.

Bn Guards and Duties A Coy.

2. DRESS: It has been noted that certain minor irregularities in dress have been occurring within the unit. These concern badges and colour patches and the following instructions are therefore repeated.

Chevrons: N.C.O.'s - On Greatcoats, S.D. Jackets and pullovers the correct position for chevrons is as follows:- Chevrons will be worn on the upper right sleeve, the point of 1 bar chevrons 9 inches from the shoulder seam, the points of 2 bar and 3 bar chevrons will be respectively 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the shoulder seam.

Collar Badges:- On S.D. Jackets will be worn parallel to the lower edge of the collar, midway between the lower edge and neckband of the collar and with the centre of the badge 1 inch from the side seam of the collar. Templates for marking holes for badges are being issued to Coys.

Colour Patches:- On S.D. Jackets and Greatcoats. This will be neatly Sewn on the sleeve in a horizontal position with the top of the Colour Patch 1 inch from the shoulder seam.

3. SALE OF CANTEEN STOCKS TO CIVILIANS: A number of reports have been received that troops are purchasing foodstuffs from canteens on behalf of civilians.

All ranks will be advised that canteen stocks are not sufficient to meet a demand of this nature and a continuance will lead to a shortage of supplies, when the personnel concerned will be the sufferers.

4. FOR INFORMATION - PUNISHMENTS: The undermentioned soldiers have been awarded punishment as follows:-

- VX 6769 Pte CORBETT J.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 4 hours 10 mins.
Drunkenness - In that he on 12.10.41 was drunk.
Punishment: Fined £ 1.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 22.10.41.
- VX 14289 Pte SAUNDERS R.D.
Charge: Uses insubordinate language to a superior officer.
Punishment: Fined £ 1.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 23.10.41.
- VX 40942 Pte MURPHY R.
Charge: Neglect to the prejudice etc, - In that he lost his paybook.
Punishment: Admonished.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 23.10.41.
- VX 42590 Pte DRUMMOND R.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 4 hours.
Punishment: Fined 10/-.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 24.10.41.

VX 6488

L/Cpl JUDD I.

Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 2 hours.

Punishment: Reprimanded.

Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 24.10.41.

5. FOR INFORMATION - A.C.F.: The following articles were received from the Australian Comforts Fund and private gifts, and were distributed by Chaplain STEWART as follows:-
 Pullovers 256, Sox 305 pairs, Balaclavas 404, Scarfs 257, and 44 packets of cards.

	Balaclavas.	Sox.	Scarfs,	Pullovers.
B.H.Q.	30	30	25	25
HQ Coy.	106	71	60	63
A Coy.	67	51	43	42
B Coy.	67	51	43	42
C Coy.	67	51	43	42
D Coy.	67	51	43	42
	<hr/> 404	<hr/> 305	<hr/> 257	<hr/> 256

Cards: 6 pkts to A Coy. 8 to C Coy.

6. CHURCH PARADES: Sunday 26 Oct 41.

Unit Parade 0930 hours. Padre A.H. STEWART.

Markers to RSM 0920 hours

Coys march on 0925 hours

Duty Officer will arrange table etc.

Parade will be held in vicinity of Bn.H.Q.

HOLY COMMUNION 1000 hours in Chaplains Tent.

R.C. MASS: 0830 hours Padre REID 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Mass will be held in MONASTERY building.

Those attending will report to Lieut SHEEDY at

HQ Coy by 0820 hours.

John Adams Hunt
for Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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APPX 24

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 25 Oct 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised 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		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	27		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	64		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	577		79
TOTALS	679	.	79

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.	1 L/Cpl	2/1 Fd Hygiene
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C. (2/7 Fd Amb)		
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.		
1 Cpl	6 Aust Div Postal Unit.		
1 Pte	19 Aust Inf Bde.		
2 Ptes	Sigs 6 Aust Div.		

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)
XXXXXXX				
VX 29286	Pte	WALKER L.H.	1 Aust.	19 I.T.B.
VX 5652	Pte	DAVIES G.W.	1 Aust.	19 I.T.B.
VX 6299	NO 11.	DAVIS E.G.	1 Aust.	19 I.T.B.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																		2	2	
Cooks																		2	2	
Despatch Riders																		2	2	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		4	4	
" " (Wheeled)																		8	8	
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																		4	4	
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																		8	8	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
MORTARMEN																		10	10	
If these specially trained personnel are not available Unit will accept General Duty Personnel.																				
General duty personnel ...																			1	38 39
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																			1	78 79

2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Unit.

[Signature] Lt. Col. C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 25 Oct 41.

19 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div A.I.F. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4	1	
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	21		23
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(Included in Captains)		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	32	1	3

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	1 Aust	22.10.41	Taken on strength from 19 A.I.T.B.

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.)
Capt	SMITH J.A.H.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp.
T/Capt	LOWE T.A.	1 Aust	
Lieut	BALFOUR B.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp.
Lieut	PAPE R.P.	1 Aust	

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust	Yes	C.O.
Major	VX 148	KEY A.S.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c.
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. A Coy.
Major	VX 55	COOMBS G.J.A.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. B Coy.
Major	VX 6	WEBSTER I.C.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. C Coy.
Capt	VX 139	COUTTS E.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c C Coy.
Capt	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c B Coy.
Capt	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	1 Aust	Yes	Adjutant.
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	1 Aust	Yes	A/QM.
Capt	VX 6562	DUFFY (MC) A.C.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. D Coy.
T/Capt	VX 5648	LOBE T.A.	1 Aust	No	Hospital.
Lieut	VX 20309	SHEDDY L.J.	1 Aust	Yes	A/O.C. H Coy.
Lieut	VX 292	BIRKOWS J.F.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 9768	DAYR M.J.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	1 Aust	No	Course.
Lieut	VX 4802	GLITH A.L.	1 Aust	No	Course.
Lieut	VX 6513	WETCALF E.C.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 34523	THOMPSON G.M.Y.	1 Aust	No	Hospital.
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	1 Aust	Yes	Asst/Adjt.
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWNING W.B.	1 Aust	No	Hospital.
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPE R.E.	1 Aust	No	Hospital.
Lieut	VX 47101	GAZE R.H.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	NGX 38	CARDEW R.H.C.	1 Aust	Yes	I.C.
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	1 Aust	No	AIF (MC) Refet Offrs School.
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6300	TREBOWAN J.M.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6543	PERRY M.	1 Aust	Yes	T.O.
Lieut	VX 33144	LAYDLAN J.S.	1 Aust	No	Course.
Lieut	VX 46779	BELLMANE G.F.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.E.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 34982	STEWART A.H.	1 Aust	25.5.41	CHAPLAIN.
Capt	VX 3355	GILBERT B.Stp.	1 Aust	30.9.41	R.M.O.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

25 Oct 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

19 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div A.I.F.

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
27 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 132/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 27 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer. N.F.D.	Lieut. R.H.C. CARDEW. Lieut. L.C. COOPER.
Picquet Officer. N.F.D.	Lieut. L.J. KENNEDY. Lieut. G.F.N. FISHLOCK.
Bn Guards and Duties.	C Coy.

Duty Coy will provide Guard 1 NCO and 3 ORs on Store Dump in Bn defensive area. Guide will be provided by Bn.H.Q. on demand. This guard will be continuous until further notice and will be taken over by Duty Coys in turn.

Duty commences at 1600 hours today.

2. LEAVE: ALL personnel returning from leave will report to R.A.P. immediately on reaching camp.

Disciplinary action will be instituted at once against all who neglect to do this.

John A. Adam
Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field,
28 Oct 41.

by
Lt.Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No 133/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 28 Oct 41.
Bn Duty Officer: Lieut. L.C. COOPER.
N.F.D. Lieut. M. PERRY.
Picquet Officer: Lieut. G.F.N. FISHLÖCK.
N.F.D. Lieut. C.M.Y. THOMPSON.
Bn Guards and Duties. HQ Coy.
2. PHOTOGRAPHY: All personnel are again reminded that no camera may be used NORTH of Grid Line 25 on HOMS map. This means anywhere NORTH of LABOUE. The presence of civilian photographers in this area is to be reported at once. Any attempt to have films developed in other than approved places will result in severe disciplinary action. A list of approved places will be published later.
3. DRESS: The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following orders of dress for walking out.
WINTER WALKING OUT DRESS: Boots, Web Gaiters, Trousers and Jacket S.D., WEB BELT Hat.
SUMMER WALKING OUT DRESS: Boots, Half puttees, Hose tops (or Long Stockings), Shorts, Shirts, WEB BELT.
4. DECONTAMINATION: A disinfection unit will commence work in this camp at 0900 hours on Thursday 30 Oct 41. Commencing with HQ Coy this unit will deal with one coy per day in alphabetical order, disinfecting blankets, palliases, and personal clothing. These are to be delivered by 0900 hours daily. Duty Coy will provide a fatigue of 4 ORs to report daily at 0900 hours to NCO in charge. T.O. will provide four gallons of petrol daily for fuel.
5. FOR INFORMATION: The undermentioned soldiers have been awarded punishments as shown:-
VX 4883 L/Cpl ROBINSON K.
Charge: Neglect to the prejudice etc., in that he failed to furnish a Coy Guard Roster.
Punishment: Reprimanded.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 24.10.41.
VX 9010 Pte FITZGERALD S.H.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 3 hours.
Punishment: Fined 5/-
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 27.10.41.
VX 44721 Pte BAILEY D.W.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 3 hours.
Punishment: Fined 5/-.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 27.10.41.
VX 52618 Pte HOSKING J.W.G.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 11 hours 20 mins.
Punishment: Fined 5/-.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 27.10.41.
VX 19068 L/Cpl RAYNER C.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 10 hours.
Punishment: Reprimanded.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
VX 19067 A/Cpl QUIN W.A.
Charge: A.W.L. for a period of 10 hours.
Punishment: Reprimanded.
Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

P.T.O.

Para 5 Contd:

VX 20072 Pte O'LEARY W.R.
 Charge: Whilst acting as a sentinel sleeps at his post.
 Punishment: Fined £ 1.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 27.10.41.

VX 21091 Pte RUSSELL R.L.
 Charge: 1. Uses insubordinate language to his superior officer.
 2. Disobeys any lawful command given by his superior officer.
 Punishment: Fined 10/-.
 Awarded by C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 27.10.41.

John Adams
 Lieut.
 c/Adj. 2/8 Aust. Inf Bn.

NOTICE

LOST: 1 Haversack containing:- FSD Trousers, 1 Tin containing Gold Watch (Presentation) and Razor.
 It is thought that above haversack may have been left on the Leave truck returning from BEYROUTH 18 Oct 41.
 Any information re above, report to Bn.H.Q.

*Appx 26
 Oct 41*

A. Cardw
2/8 Aust Inf Bn,
In the Field.
28 Oct 41.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No. 9/41.

1. Bn.HQ., A. B. C. & D Coys and Sig and Pioneer Pls will move to defensive position at 0800 hours 29 Oct 41 and will remain there until the afternoon of 30 Oct 41. Every available man of A, B, C. and D Coys will be used for the erection of wire obstacles.
 2. Unit transport will be used to transport as many personnel as is possible in one lift. Personnel who cannot be taken in transport will march via FAKIE.
 3. Blankets will be picked up under Coy arrangements - one truck per Coy - later in day. Blankets will be taken by M.T. to Bn Dump. Blankets will be returned to camp during the morning of 30 Oct 41.
 4. Cooking will be done at present kitchens and food transported to Bn Dump by M.T.
 5. H.Q. Coy will take over responsibility for security of whole camp area at 0700 hours 29 Oct. Lieut L.C. COOPER is appointed Officer i/c of Camp Security.
 6. Capt. MASKELL is appointed O.C. Bn Dump and mules throughout the period of the exercise.
 7. Capt. COUTTS will resume duty with C Coy for the two day period and will again take over duty as O.C. /working party on Friday.
Bn
 8. T.O. will arrange for water deliveries to Bn Dump on scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon per man per day.
 9. 30 mules each will be available to B & C Coys from 1200 to 1900 hours on 29 Oct and from 0600 hours to 1300 hours on 30 Oct 41. These mules are for use in transporting rations, water & blankets.
- Sig Pl will arrange for inter-comm between Bn.H.Q. & Coys.

A. Cameron Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

In the field
29 Oct 41

ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Lt Col R.E. WINNING commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

W.D.

1. DUTIES:- The following duties will mount at retreat 29 Oct 41

Bn Duty Officer N.F.D.	Lieut J.S. Laidlaw Lieut M. Perry.
Picquet Officer N.F.D.	Lieut J.F. Burrowes Lieut C.M.Y. Thompson

2. VILLAGE PICQUET:- The hours of duty of this picquet are now ammended from 1700 hrs to 2300 hrs.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY:- Films may be handed into any photographic shop in BAALBECK for printing and developing.

4. HYGIENE:- A disinfestation Unit will be established in this camp temporarily, and will commence work at 0900 hrs on Thursday 30 Oct 41. Blankets of all personnel must be treated.

C.Q.M.S's will arrange to collect and deliver blankets in rotation as in the attached schedule. Each blanket will be clearly marked with the owners name. Personnel clothing may also be treated. This is to be bundled very loosely and labelled clearly.

Thursday 30 Oct 41 H.Q. Coy, followed by Bn, H.Q.
 Friday 31 Oct 41 A. Coy am, B. Coy. Pm
 Saturday 1 Nov 41 C. Coy am D. Coy pm
 Duty Coy will supply fatigue of 4 O.R's to report at 0900 hrs daily to N.C.O. in charge.

5. A.C.F. The following articles have been issued to Coys for distribution:-

	Bn HQ.	HQ. Coy	A. COY	B. Coy.	C. Coy.	D. Coy
Socks	25 prs	115 prs	70 prs	70 prs	70 prs	70 prs.
Searves	-	58	29	29	29	29

6. FOR INFORMATION :- The following personnel have been awarded punishment as shown hereunder:-

- VX 47514 Pte COOK A.J.
 Charge 1. Fails to appear at a place of Parade (Absent from his tent at tattoo roll call.) Punishment
 Charge 2. Fails to obey any General Order.) 7 Days F.P. with forfeiture of pay
- VX 36403 Pte SCOTT W.G. Charge 1. Neglect to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline in that he failed to carry out his duties as a sentry in a proper manner being asleep at his post. Punishment 7 Days F.P. with forfeiture of pay
- VX 53283 Pte O'BRIEN G.D. Charge 1 Neglects to obey any General Order. Punishment. Fined 10/-

John Adams
 Lieut
 A/Adjt, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

W D.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field
30 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, 135/41

1. DUTIES. The following duties will mount at "etreat 30 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut M. Perry
Lieut J. F. Burrowes

Picquet Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut C. M. Y. Thompson
Lieut A. L. Gluth

Bn. Guards and Duties

HQ Coy.

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[Signature]
Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
31 Oct 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1, No. 136/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 31 Oct 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. J.F. BURROWES.
N.F.D.	Lieut. R.H.C. CARDEW.
Picquet Officer	Lieut. E.C. METCALF.
N.F.D.	Lieut. A.L. GLUTH.

Bn Guards and Duties. HQ Coy.

2. BN QUARTER GUARD: The strength of this guard in future will be 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 18 ORs. Changes in posts will be included in amended orders for guard.

3. DRESS: Hats will be worn turned down all round by all ranks at all times unless otherwise ordered. This now applies to Guards and Picquets.

4. GAMING: All ranks are warned that gaming of any kind is illegal in SYRIA and the LEBANON and participation in any game in hotels, casinos or the like is an offence punishable under Military Law.

5. IDENTITY DISCS, WEARING OF: Identity discs must be worn by all ranks at all times.

A report has been received that two lives have been lost through the blood group of accident casualties not being known in time for a blood transfusion to be carried out successfully.

Coy Comds will take steps to ensure that this order is implemented fully.

6. BOUNDS: The village of MALAKA is placed Out of Bounds to all ranks. Adequate notices to this effect have been posted at the entrance to the village.

Any troops found in this village without a reasonable excuse will be arrested immediately and charged under AA Sec 11.

7. PRICES IN CAFES: Price lists of all commodities will soon be displayed in all cafes in bounds within 6 Aust Div area.

D.A.P.M. 6 Aust Div is to be notified immediately if any proprietors charge more than the authorised prices.

8. BAALBECK- OUT OF BOUNDS: The town of BAALBECK and its approaches are Out of Bounds to all ranks after 2230 hours each night.

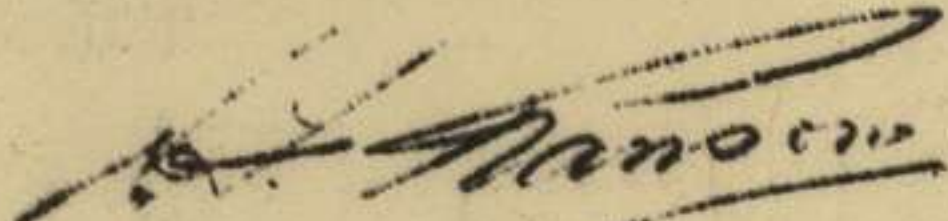
Any troops in the town after that hour without reasonable excuse, will be arrested and placed in the cells.

9. PAYBOOKS - FALSIFICATION OF: The audit of soldier's pay accounts now provides for the early detection of paybook frauds.

The falsification of paybooks constitutes an offence which will be tried by Court- Martial.

10. The following have been received from the A.C.F.:-

1442 pkts Cigarettes, 1442 Handkerchiefs, 3000 sheets of Notepaper, 1000 Envelopes.

 Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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RAS BAALBECK Ref. Homs 1:100,000 214- 857	1st.	0830 Unit Church Pde. (Padre Stewart). 4 O.R.s march in ex 19 I.T.B. 2 O.R.s transferred to 17 Bde. H.Q. General Situation unchanged. eather Fine.	APPX 1	
	2nd.	C and D coys march out to 17Bde area in the region of WADI FARA REF 2023.2623, to carry out preparation of defense posns. Owing to information received from a civil scource houses in RAS BAALBECK village were searched by I.O. Lieut. R.H. Cardew and a party of O.R.s. Small quantity of military clothing and a quantity of military explosives were recovered. The explosives were beleived to have been stolen from the 2/8 Fd. Coy RAE. A and B coys-Routine tasks within unit lines. Weather- Fine.	B.R.O.s 137/41 - 158 /41 APPX 2 FIELD RETURN 1 NOV APPX 3 LEAVE SCHEDULE	
	3rd.	C and D coys in 17 Bde Defense Area untill further notice. Rest of Coys routine tasks and training. C.O. Lieut. Col. R.E. Winning leves for admission to A.G.H. Palestine. M. Shediak of the Surete Generale arrives to take part in the investigation of stealing of military goods in RAS BAALBECK. He was sent by Capt. Knox G.S.O. iii (I) 6 Aust Div. He recovered a further quantity of fuse, explosives etc. and arrested 5 native suspects who were handed over to the local Gendarmerie. Weather fine and cool. 1 Offr and 41 O.R.s leave to Beyrouth for 3 days.		

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Signature *R.E. Winning*

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RAS BAALBECK	4th	<p>Details from A, B and HQ coys commence working on the A/Tk ditch in the DJEDEIDE Defence Area. The working parties are approx. as follows daily.</p> <p>A and B coys 1 Offr and 45 O.Rs H.Q. coy. 1 Offr and 20 O/Rs.</p> <p>A party under comd. of Lieut Cardew I.O. again search RAS BAALBECK village with M. Shediak. Party returned 1200 hrs without results. During the afternoon M. Shediak discovered gelignite and fuses in a cave on the outskirts of the village. No arrests followed this discovery. 3 O.Rs leave for DAMASCUS 3 days. Weather fine and cool.</p>		
	5th.	B Coy -Duty Coy. General Situation unchanged.		
	6th.	All Coys send a section to guard stores in the region of their defense areas. 21 O.Rs to BEYROUTH for 3 days leave. Weather Fine and cool, General situation unchanged.		
	7th.	00840 7 Offrs and 30 O.Rs proceed to BAALBECK to attend a demonstration by an ENGLISH regt on surmounting barbed wire obstacles. Maj. McDonald O.C. Party. 1700 hrs. Party returns to camp. 3 O.Rs to DAMASCUS for 3 days. Coys still on same tasks. General situation unchanged. Weather Fine and cool.		
	8th.	General Situation unchanged. Weather cool.	APPX 4 FIELD RETURN 8 Nov	
	9th.	0830 hrs. Unit church parade. Padre Stewart. 0830 Hrs. R.C. Mass by Padre Reid 2/4 Bn. 21 O.Rs leave to BEYROUTH 3 days. Capt Diffey O.C. Party. No work on ditch or defense area.		
	10th	Coys resume duties as for last week. Capt. Maskell departs for M.E.T.S. Cairo.		

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RAS BAALBECK	10th	continued Leave party of 3 O.R.s to DAMASCUS for 3 days. General situation unchanged.		
	11th.	Coys on same duties. During night of 10/11 two rifles were stolen from A coy. Investigation proved fruitless. Two men suitable for training as snipers reported to the I.O. for further training. A course was drawn up including map reading camouflage and use of cover, lasting seven days. In addition a miniature range was constructed for practical instruction and firing practice. General situation unchanged. Weather cool and fine.	from each (coy.)	
	12th.	B coy take over Bde duties. Guards at HOMS and BAALBECK. Unidentified plane heard flying over camp area at approx 2300 hrs. Matter reported to 19 Bde HQ. Lieut Pape returns to unit from C.C.S. Coys still engaged at A/Tk. ditch. 21 O.Rs on leave to BEYROUTH for 3 days. Weather cool and fine. General situation unchanged.		
	13th.	General situation unchanged. Weather cool and fine		
	14th.	General situation unchanged. Weather cool and fine .		
	15th.	Bn move to hatted camp at EL AINE ref 211-254 during the day. Move commences 0830 hrs. 3 shots were fired during the move by sentries to stop the natives of RAS BAALBECK from pilfering goods awaiting move. A and B coys move out of EL AINE to relieve C and D coys in 17 Bde defence area at the conclusion of the move. All work on A/Tk ditch was suspended owing to the move. C and D coys return to camp. 33 O.Rs proceed to BEYROUTH For leave.	APPX 5 MOVEMENT ORDER 3/41 APPX 6 FIELD RETURN 15 NOV	

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Signature *R. W. ...*

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EL AINE Ref Homs 1:100,000 211 254	16th.	0110 hrs. Shots fired at a native acting in a suspicious manner in the area of the tnstpt park. The shots did not take effect and the native departed. 0930 hrs. Unit Church Parade. Brig. Vasey and officers of 19Bde H.Q. attended.	APPX 7 15/41 TRAINING INSTN.	
	17th.	A and B coys in the 17 Bde area in the region of WADI FARA engaged in building a defense posn. C Coy duties in lines. D and HQ coys send details to A/Tk. ditch. General situation unchanged. Weather- Slight showers.		
	18th.	C and D coys and details from HQ coy recommence work on A/Tk ditch. Padre Stewart transferred to 2/2 CCS. Kerosene burning stoves issued to sleeping stoves huts. Weather- showers during the day. General situation unchanged.		
	19th.	3 O.Rs return from M.E.T.S. Situation unchanged. Light rain fell during the day, and snow fell in 17 Bde area occupied by A and B coys.		
	20th.	A and B coys change camp site to point 2024 2623 owing to exposed posn of previous site, and additional blankets are issued to men. C D and HQ coys send details to A/Tk ditch. I OR marches out to Cookery School Sarafand.		
	21st.	A and B coys unable to work owing to weather conditions. Rest of bn as usual. 1900hrs. 6 Aust Div Concert Party give a performance in the bn. recreation hut.		
	22nd.	Leave granted from 0600 to 2200 hrs to 77 ORs to attend charity Race Meeting in BEYROUTH. 8 OR.s march in ex 19 I.T.B. Weather cool and fine. Situation unchanged	APPX FIELD RETURN 22 NOV	

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Signature *R. ...*

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EL AINE	22nd	continued. 6 Aust Div Concert Party render a concert in the bn Recreation hut.		
	23rd.	Unit church parade 0930 hrs. - Padre Callow 2 1/2	Pioneers.	
		Concert Party perform in Wadi Fara for the benefit of coys engaged in 17 Bde area. No work on A/Tk ditch.		
	24th.	HQ coy take over bn duties. Coys resume work at A/Tk ditch, details as previously. 1400 hrs.		
		Lieuts Cardew and Laidlaw attend goodwill dinner given by Mukhtar of FAKIE, the village nearest the bn defense area.		
	25th.	C coy send a party to do wiring job in defence area. A/Tk ditch work as usual. A/C.O. Maj A.S. Key		
		and I.O. Lieut Cardew to defence area on recce. Capts. Ransome and Graham evacuated to hospital. Weather fine and cool.		
	26th.	Capt. L.J. Sheedy evacuated to hospital.		
		20.Rs leave for Anti-Malaria course. Lt. Col Conroy C.O. 2/32 Bn lectures officers and N.C.Os in the bn recreation hut on the TOBRUCH garrison. First lecture at 1400 hrs dealt with the garrison generally and the events leading up to the siege. Second lecture at 1600 hrs dealt with methods of defence and the tactics used, and the third at 1900hrs dealt with patrolling and defence. Lt Col. Dougherty C.O. 2/4 Bn attended. Coys send parties to A/Tk ditch as usual. C Coy send party to defence area to carry out wiring task.		
	27th.	C coy sends detail to wire defence area. A/Tk ditch		
		duties as usual. Lt. Col. Winning returns to unit and duties. 15 O.Rs to CCS BEYROUTH for eye treatment. Heavy rain during morning and night. Situation unchanged.		

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Signature *R. Cunningham*

Nov MONTH

1941 YEAR

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WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/8 AVST INF BN

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
EL AINE	28th.	230 2 Offrs and 5 O.R.s attend 6 Aast Div Cav Regt carrier school daily for next 10 days. Situation unchanged. Weather cold and windy.		
	29th.	Situation unchanged.		
	30th.	Church parade cancelled owing to duties. C, D and HQ coys send details to RE Dump for unloading duties. 14 Ofs from C Coy to HOMS amn dump as guard. 20 O.Rs to Beyrouth for 3 day leave. Weather fine. Situation unchanged.	APPX 9 FIELD RETURN day 29 NOV	

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Signature *R. W. King*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE

In the Field,
1 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt. Col R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, No. 137/41

1. Duties: The following duties will mount at retreat on 1 Nov 41.

Bn Duty Officer Lieut R.H.C. CARDEW
N.F.D. Lieut J.S. ADAMS

Picquet Officer Lieut A.L. GLUTH
N.F.D. Lieut E.L. WATSON

Bn Guards and Duties H.Q. Coy.

2. Church Parades: Sunday 2 Nov 41

Unit Parade 0930 hours
Markers to RSM 0920 hours
Coys march on 0925 hours
Duty Officer will arrange table etc.
Parade will be held in vicinity of Bn.H.Q.
HOLY COMMUNION 1000 hours in Chaplains Tent

R.C. Mass: 0830 hours Padre REID 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
Mass will be held in MONASTERY building.
Those attending will report to Lieut SHEEDY at
H.Q. Coy by 0820 hours.

3. Court of Enquiry: A court of Enquiry constituted as under will assemble as directed by the President, to enquire into and report on wounding of VX 9213 Pte KING A.C. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

PRESIDENT Major C.J.A. COOMBES
MEMBER Lieut J.A. ADAMS,

4. Security - Irregular despatch of uncensored letters to AUSTRALIA
1. It has come to notice that members of the A.I.F. (ME) are despatching uncensored or insufficiently censored correspondence to Australia other than through the authorized channels. This includes correspondence handed to personnel returning to Australia or intermediate place of call.
 2. Dicipinary action will be taken against detected offenders

John Adams
for Capt.
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NXXXXXX					
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust	Yes	C.O.
Major.	VX 148	KEY A.S.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c.
Major.	VX 49	MCDONALD H.H.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. A. Coy.
Major.	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. B Coy.
Major.	VX 6	WEBSTER I.G.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. C Coy.
Capt.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. D Coy.
Capt.	VX 139	COURTS R.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c C Coy.
Capt.	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c B Coy.
Capt.	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	1 Aust	Yes	Adjutant.
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM C.H.S.	1 Aust	Yes	Q.M.
Capt.	VX 6569	DUFFEY (MC) S.C.	1 Aust	Yes	2 i/c D Coy,
Ex/rapplieut.	VX 20309	SHEEDY L.J.	1 Aust	Yes	A/OC HQ Coy.
Lieut.	VX 282	BURROWS J.P.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9768	DWYER M.J.	1 Aust	No	SKWONK Course
Lieut.	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	1 Aust	No	Course.
Lieut.	VX 4802	CLUTE A.L.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 34525	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	1 Aust	Yes	Asst/Adjt.
Lieut.	VX 39724	PAPE R.E.	1 Aust	No	Hospital.
Lieut.	NOX 38	CARDEW R.H.C.	1 Aust	Yes	I.O.
Lieut.	VX 6469	MCDERMOTT R.J.	1 Aust	No	AIF (ME) Rfct Offrs School.
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6548	PERRY M.	1 Aust	Yes	T.O.
Lieut.	VX 33144	LIDLAW J.S.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 46779	BELLMARNE G.P.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX 1522	ANDERSON R.R.	1 Aust	15.6.40	R.M.O.
Capt.	VX 34932	STEWART A.H.	1 Aust	25.5.41	Chaplain.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

1 Nov 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

R. W. ... Lt Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div A.I.F.

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

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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.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																		2	2	
Cooks																		2	2	
Despatch Riders																		2	2	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		4	4	
" " (Wheeled) ...																		8	8	
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		4	4	
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																		8	8	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
MORTARMEN																		10	10	
If these specially trained personnel are not available unit will accept General Duty Personnel.																				
General duty personnel ...																		14	14	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																		54	54	

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
2 Nov 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No. 138/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 2 Nov 41.

Bn Duty Officer.	Lieut. J.S. ADAMS.
N.F.D.	Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
Picquet Officer.	Lieut. E.L. WATSON.
N.F.D.	Lieut. L.J. KENNEDY.

Bn Guards and Duties A Coy.

2. ORDERS FOR BN QUARTER GUARD: In future an exercise book containing a list of all guardscommanders orders and instructions which should be in the Guard room will be kept in guard room and included on inventory of stores taken over. This book will be signed by the oncoming guard commander on taking over, and presented by him to the RSM daily at 0900 hours for inspection.

3. LEAVE: DISCIPLINE GENERALLY: Dress and bearing in DAMASCUS leave much to be desired. ALL ranks are informed that it is forbidden to walk around the streets of ANY TOWN hatless or with tunics unbuttoned. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member of this unit who offends in this or any other respect whilst on leave.
PAY: Pay is NOT available in DAMASCUS OR BEYROUTH.
Troops must not endeavour to obtain pay from British Cashier DAMASCUS. Continued efforts to do this will result in the town being placed out of bounds to leave parties.

4. JOURNEYS BY RAIL IN EGYPT - RETURN TICKETS: The attention of all ranks travelling by rail is drawn to the new ESR regulations regarding return tickets, whether obtained in exchange for a warrant or by payment:-

- a. Return tickets will be of one piece only and will be used for both outward and return journeys. Ticket holders will not, therefore, give up any portion of their tickets until the return journey.
- b. Before commencing the return journey, holders MUST present the ticket at the booking office for it to be stamped with the date and train of the return journey. If this is not done, passengers are liable for the difference in fare between the cost of the return ticket and that of two single tickets.
- c. Until present stock of tickets are exhausted, the old type of ticket will be issued which must NOT, therefore, be torn in two.
- d. These rules do not affect the period of validity of return tickets.
- e. These instructions are not applicable to suburban line return tickets.

R. H. P. O'Connell
Lieut.
for Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

LOST: 1 Respirator in Haversack. Bearing name, RODERICK A.N.
Finder please return to C Coy.

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2/8 Aust Inf Bn,
In the Field,
2 Nov 41.

LEAVE SCHEDULE

1. BEYROUTH 3 days

	Bn.H.Q.	H.Q.	A.	B.	C.	D.
3 Nov.	-	7	4	4	3	3
6 Nov.	2	5	3	3	4	4
9 Nov.	-	7	4	4	3	3
12 Nov.	2	5	3	3	4	4
15 Nov.	-	7	4	4	3	3
18 Nov.	2	5	3	3	4	4
21 Nov.	-	7	4	4	3	3

2. DAMASCUS 3 days:

	Bn.H.Q.	H.Q.	A.	B.	C.	D.
4 Nov.	-	3	-	-	-	-
7 Nov.	-	-	3	-	-	-
10 Nov.	-	-	-	3	-	-
13 Nov.	-	-	-	-	3	-
16 Nov.	-	-	-	-	-	3
19 Nov.	1	2	-	-	-	-

- 1 day leave will be available in future on Saturdays and Sundays to either Damascus or Beyrouth. Details will be published later in form of a separate schedule.
- On the dates shown the following officers will be in charge of 19 Bde Group leave parties. They will report to C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn at least 24 hours before departure.

Nov 7.	Damascus	three days	Capt. MASKELL.
Nov 9.	Beyrouth	three days	Capt. DIFFEY.
Nov 19.	Damascus	three days	Capt. COUTTS.
Nov 21.	Beyrouth	three days	Lieut. SHEEDY.
- The officer in charge Bde Group parties is on duty for the duration of the leave and will have expenses incurred for meals and accommodation refunded. Full details of duties may be obtained from A/Adjutant.
- PAY: Pay cannot be obtained in either Damascus or Beyrouth. Personnel going on leave will make arrangements to draw sufficient for their needs at usual pay days. The system of a Coy waiting list will help considerably in this as it is possible to ascertain from the schedules above the approximate number from each Coy who will be able to go on leave during a pay period.
- DISCIPLINE: All personnel are reminded that any offence by a member of a unit against discipline or good bearing and conduct generally will result in his own unit having its leave allotment cancelled. Complaints have been received already from Damascus to the effect that troops have been walking round the streets hatless and with tunics un-buttoned. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn personnel will NOT offend in this or any other respect.
- TRANSPORT: Unit transport will be used on all three day leave to BEYROUTH. On 7 and 19 Nov 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will supply transport for Bde Group party (20 all told). Transport will leave Bn.H.Q. at 0630 hours and report to RV on road opposite Hut area at EL AINE by 0700 hrs.
- BREAKFAST: Under arrangements of Q.M. early breakfast will be provided at HQ Coy kitchen for 22 ORs on the following dates. 3, 6, 9 Nov.
- NOMINAL ROLLS: These will be submitted by Coys to Bn.HQ by 1700 hours on day preceding leave.
- HYGIENE: Leave parties will parade to be addressed by RMO at 1730 hours on day preceding departure and will report to RAP immediately on return to unit.
- GENERAL: Where Coys are temporarily detached for duty in other areas they will make arrangements for personnel due for leave to return to this HQ by 1700 hours on day preceding departure. These personnel will report to A/Adjt on arrival and accommodation will be arranged. Coy personnel returning from leave will be dispatched to Coys on detached duties as soon as possible after their return. Personnel attached to Coys for duty will be granted leave through the Coys to which they are attached.

John Adams Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
3 Nov 41.

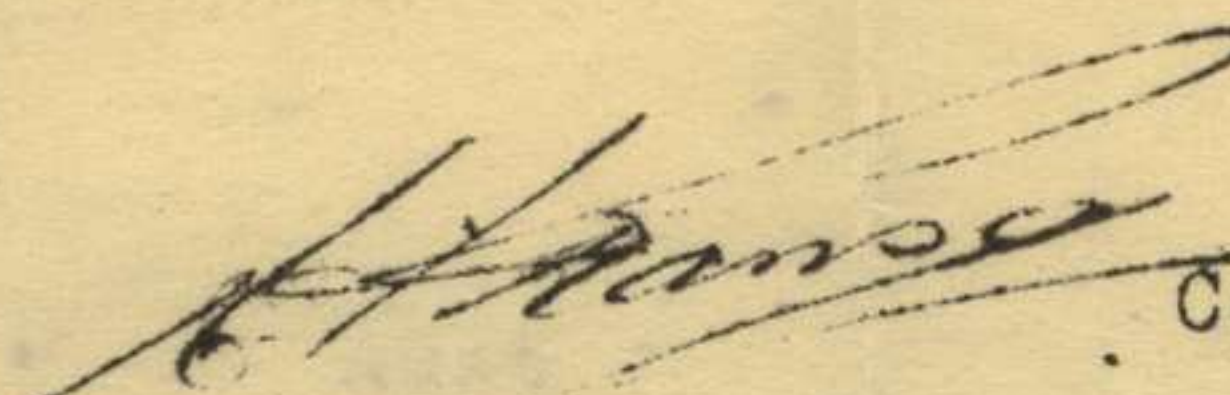
by
Lt Col R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
PART 1. No. 139/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 3 Nov 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
N.F.D.	Lieut. L.C. COOPER.
Picquet Officer	Lieut. L.J. KENNEDY.
N.F.D.	Lieut. E.C. METCALF.

Bn Guards and Duties. A Coy.

2. DRESS: Issue blue sweaters and others of a non uniform variety have been noticed lately. Such articles of apparel must be worn beneath the shirt or in such a manner as NOT to be visible. Leather belts must NOT be worn in such a manner as to be visible. This applies particularly when sweaters are NOT worn.

 Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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4 Nov, 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS
by

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
PART 1, No. 140/41

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 4 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut L. C. Cooper
N. F. D.	Lieut J. F. Burrowes
Picquet Officer	Lieut E. C. Metcalf
N. F. D.	Lieut A. E. Gluth
Bn. Guards and Duties	A Coy.

2. VEHICLES. A considerable number of cases occurred recently of thefts from unattended military vehicles, and in several instances the vehicle itself has been stolen. Drivers of military vehicles are therefore instructed that vehicles must NOT be left unattended under any circumstances.

3. OUT-OF-BOUNDS: Village FAKIE is out of bounds to all tps at all times except when on duty. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn will maintain picquet until further notice.

4. FOR INFORMATION: The undermentioned soldiers have been awarded punishment as follows:-

VX 6012 Pte. MOXHAM J. H.
CHARGE: Absent without leave for a period of 93 hrs.
Punishment: 28 days Field Punishment and Fined £5.
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 31/10/41

VX40258 Pte GLEESON J. W.
CHARGE: AA 15 (3) Is found beyond any limit fixed, or any place prohibited etc, in that he was drinking in a bar in Ras Baalbeck village at 2245 hours on 29-10-41.
Punishment: 14 days Field Punishment.
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 31/10/41

VX 4697 Pte. HEARN V.
Charge: Absent without leave for a period of 13 hrs 16 mins.
Punishment: Fined 5/-
Awarded by C. O., 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2-11-41

VX27994 Pte. GRAHAM L. V. J.
CHARGE: Neglects to obey any General Order- in that he in Egypt on or about 31 July 41, did endeavour to pass by hand of a soldier returning to Australia a letter, contrary to Bn. Routine Orders No. 21/41 Para 3 (a), issued by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn on 3 June 41.
Punishment: Fined £1.
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 2-11-41

J. J. L. ...
Capt. / *for*
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field
5 Nov, 41.

by
Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
PART 1, No. 141/41

1, DUTIES. The following duties will mount at Retreat 5 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut J. F. Burrowes
Lieut. M. Perry

Picquet Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut A. L. Gluth
Lieut E. L. Watson

Bn. Guards and Duties

A Coy.

*John Adams here
for* Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf
Bn.

MOVEMENT ORDER No 3/41.

Copy No 12.....

1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will move from RAS BAALBECK area to hatted camp in vicinity of EL AINE on 15 Nov, 41. In conjunction with this move A and B Coys- under command of Major C.J.A. Coombes, will relieve C and D Coys in 17th Aust Inf Bde area.

2. A and B Coys will take over from C and D Coys in the following manner:

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A and B Coys will each leave party of 1 Officer and 24 ORs to strike tents and transport same together with all gear other than packs, bedding, personal arms, ammunition and equipment, and 3 LMG's with tripod and ammunition to respective Coy stores in hatted areas. A Coy will be responsible for moving and safe custody of C Coy's stores, and B Coy for D Coy stores until C and D Coys arrive in hatted area, when C and D Coys will be responsible for safe custody of A and B Coys stores respectively.

3.

MOVEMENT TABLE.

0815 A and B Coys less rear parties but with all packs, bedding etc embus in present areas.
Capt. J.A.H. Smith i/c.

0915 C and D Coys less rear parties (1 Off and 24 ORs) but with all packs, bedding etc, embus in WADI FARA.
Capt. S.C. DUFFEY i/c.

1400 Rear parties A & B Coys embus from present areas.
Senior officer present i/c.

1500 Rear parties C & D Coys, embus in WADI FARA.

Move of BN H Q and HQ Coy will commence at 0830 hours
15 Nov.

4. TRANSPORT: Transport will be provided as follows.

BN H Q	1	3 tonner	Reports at 0815 hours.
HQ Coy	2	3 tonners	" " 0815 hours.
A Coy	(a)	For personnel	100 all ranks 0800 & 1400 hours
	(b)	Stores to new camp	Coy Tpt 0800 hours.
B Coy		As for A Coy.	
C Coy		reports at	0900 & 1500 hours.
D Coy		As for C Coy.	

5. TENTAGE: All tentage from present area is to be correctly rolled, placed in valises and delivered by Coys to QM Store in new area.

6. HUTS: Huts will be allotted to Coys in accordance with plan which A/Adjt will hold. Allotment of personnel to sleeping huts will be on basis of 22 men per Nissan hut.

7. DEFENSIVE WORKS: NO parties will be required for work on A/TK ditch etc on 15 Nov 41.

8. SECURITY:

H.Q. Coy will take over duties of Bn Guard at 2000 hrs, 14 Nov, 41. Orders for Guard in new Camp will be issued separately.
Personnel of "E" Coy on detached Guard Duty will remain at present posts until relieved by personnel from another Bn.

Distn.
List "B".

[Signature]
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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In the Field
6 Nov, 41.

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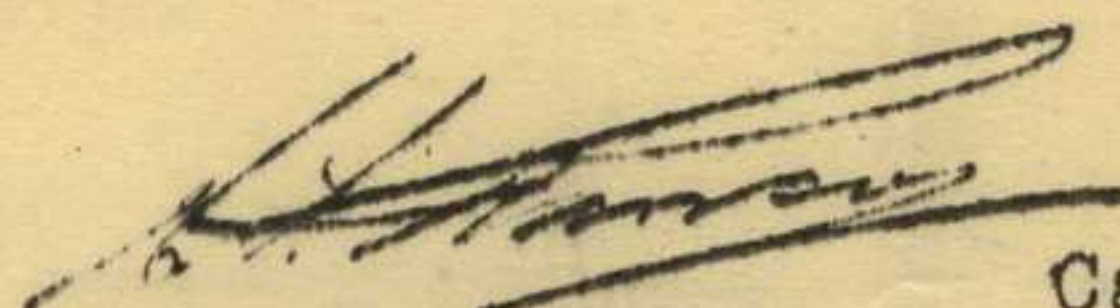
Lt. Col. R. E. W INNING, by
PART 1, 142/41 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount a t Retreat 6 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer N. F. D.	Lieut J. F. Burrowes Lieut R. H. Cardew
Bn Picque Officer N. F. D.	Lieut. E. L. Watson. Lieut. E. C. Metcalf.
Bn Guards and Duties " " " " 9 Nov 41.	A Coy. B Coy.

2. HEALTH. It has been brought under notice that personnel working on digging tasks have been drinking water from the river and ditches in the valley.

Owing to the insanitary habits of the local natives, this practice is very dangerous to health, and will cease forthwith.


Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS.

In the Field
7 Nov, 41.

by
Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn,
Part 1, 143/41.

1. DUTIES. The following Duties mount at Retreat 7 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer N. F. D.	Lieut. R. H. Cardew Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw
Bn Picquet Officer N. F. D.	Lieut. E. C. Metcalf Lieut. A. L. Gluth
Bn Guards and Duties N.F.D. 9 Nov.	A Coy. B Coy.

2. LEAVE: Coys will ensure that ALL personnel proceeding on 3 day leave are in possession of at least £S15, preferably £S20.

3. R. C. CHURCH: Pade Reid of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will be hearing confessions from 1645 to 1715 hours in Monastery Church on Sat 8 Nov,

4. FOR INFORMATION: The undermentioned soldiers have been awarded punishment as follows:-

VX 9013 Pte DUNBAR W. J.
CHARGE: Neglects to obey any General Order-
in that he
On 25 July 41, did endeavour to pass by hand of
a soldier, a letter to a person in Australia.
Punishment: Fined £1
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 6/11/41

VX 6549 Pte D. G. BROWNE
CHARGE: Being a soldier acting as sentinel sleeps at his
post.
Punishment: Fined 10/-
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 6/11/41

VX 6111 L/Sgt JOHNSON K. T.
CHARGE: Conduct to the prejudice etc
in that he
failed to keep the Guard Tent clean and tidy
Punishment: Severely reprimanded
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 6/11/41.

VX40383 Pte CAIN W.
CHARGE: Neglect to the prejudice etc
in that he
was absent from his tent after tatoo roll call
at 2315 hours on 23 Oct 41.
Punishment: Fined 10/-

VX29936 Pte DEANS A. G.
CHARGE: Neglect to the prejudice etc
in that he
was absent from his tent after tatoo roll call
at 2315 hours on 23 Oct 41.
Punishment: Reprimanded
Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 6/11/41.

John J. Adams
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
for
Capt.

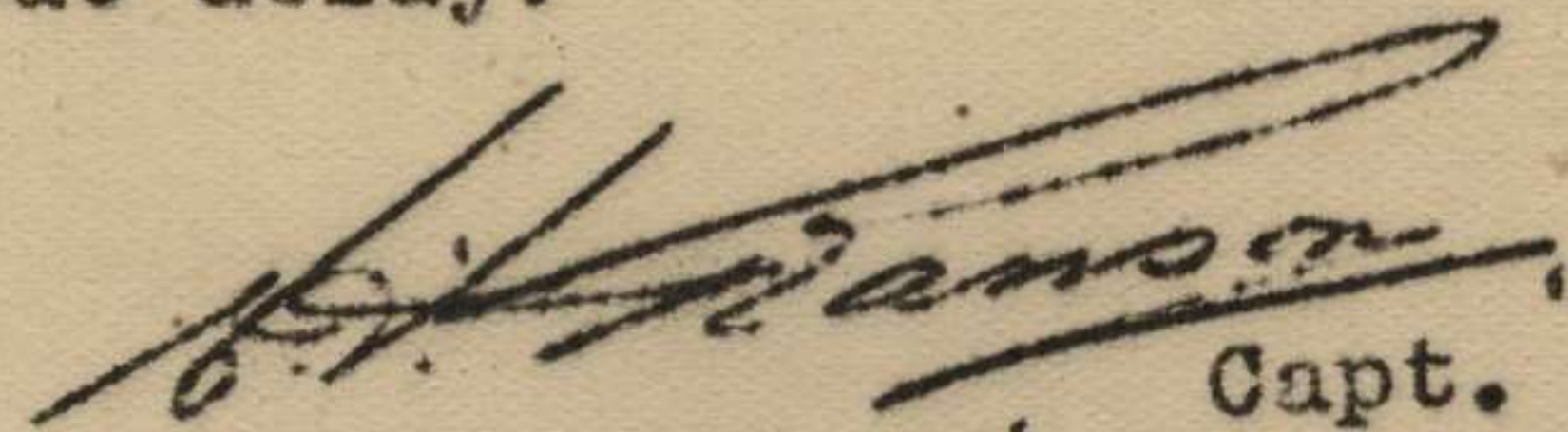
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TRAINING INSTRUCTION

15/41

ANTI GAS TRAINING.

1. T.O.E.T. All Ranks will undergo T.O.E.T. in C. W., during first week in December, and thereafter every three months.
Tests are set out in paras 101-104 of "Protection against Gas and Air Raids", Pamphlet No. 1.
2. Coys will submit to Bn. H. Q., by 7 Dec, 41, and by 7th of March, June, September etc **reports on the** results of these Tests.
3. All Personal and Unit A.G. equipment will be examined monthly. Particular attention is to be paid to Capes A.G.
4. Deficiencies found and faulty equipment requiring replacement is to be indented for without delay.



Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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Part 1,

In the Field
8 Nov, 41.
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
144/41

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 8 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw
N. F. D.	" L. C. Cooper
Picquet Officer	Lieut. J. F. Burrowes
N. F. D.	" M. Perry
Bn. Guards and Duties	A Coy.
N.F.D. Mounting at	B Coy.
Retreat 9 Nov, 41	

2. CHURCH SERVICES: Sunday 8 Nov 41.

Unit Parade	0830 hrs.
Markers to R. S. M.	0820 "
Coys March on	0825 "

Duty Officer will arrange table etc.
Time of Holy Communion will be announced on Parade

R. C. MASS: 0830 hours Padre REID 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
Mass will be held in MONASTERY building.
Those attending will report to Lieut. SHEEDY at
H. Q. Coy by 0820 hours.

3. REMEMBRANCE DAY: Sunday Nov 9 41, will be celebrated as Remembrance Day

4. ARMS AND AMMUNITION: Cases have recently occurred of evacuated casualties bringing ammunition into hospitals, in some instances as souvenirs, with them.
Steps will be taken to prevent this in future.
In all cases the ammunition etc., will be confiscated and at once delivered to the appropriate quarter and will in no circumstances be kept in the Hospital.

5. COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS: Major A.W. Sheppard, DAAG, and Major P.J. Woodhill, LSO of 6 Aust Div H.Q. are Commissioners for Affidavits for all States of the Commonwealth, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

6. EGYPTIAN TEN PIASTRE NOTES: The present issue of the above notes is being withdrawn and replaced by notes of a similar design and colour. The distinguishing features between the two notes are that the new note bears a watermark, and the reverse of the new note has a background of brown wavy lines. The old type does not bear a watermark of any pattern and the background of the reverse side of the note is plain.

Old notes will no longer be issued and will cease to be accepted by AIF personnel after 31 Dec 41.

AIF personnel holding any such notes are advised to convert them to other denominations of Egyptian currency or where personnel are located in other countries they should be converted into the currency of that country.

All ranks are warned against accepting bad 10 Piastre notes described in Para 1 from any source, either military or civilian.

This Order is to be repeated through all Unit Routine Orders.

John Adam
Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4	1	
Lieutenants ...	6		
2nd Lieutenants ...	13		5
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...	(Included in Captains)		
Totals ...	30	1	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Capt	SMITH J. A. H.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp.
T/capt	LOWE T. A.	1 Aust	-----
Lieut	DALFOUR E.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp.
Lieut	PAPE H. E.	1 Aust	-----
Lieut	DOWLING W. B.	1 Aust	-----
Lieut	GAZE R. H.	1 Aust	-----

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	EX 44	WINNING, R. E.	1 Aust	Yes	C. O.
Major	VX 148	KEY A. S.	"	"	21/c
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H. H.	"	"	O. C. " Coy
Major	VX 55	COOMBS C. J. A.	"	"	O. C. " Coy
Major	VX 6	WEESTER I. G.	"	"	O. C. " Coy
Capt.	VX 86	SIMPSON, C. L.	"	"	O. C. " Coy
Capt.	VX 133	COUTES R.	"	"	21/c C Coy
Capt.	VX 204	MACKELL H. J. McL.	"	"	21/c B Coy
Capt.	VX 7819	RANSON N. F.	"	"	Adjutant
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM, G. H. S.	"	"	C. O.
Capt.	VX 6569	DIFFER, S. C. (M.C.)	"	"	21/c D Coy
Lieut	VX20309	SHEDDY L. J.	"	"	A/CO HQ Coy
Lieut	VX 232	BURROWS J. F.	"	"	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9768	DWYER H. J.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	VX 6869	CHRISTIE J. H.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	VX 4802	FLUTH, A. L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6513	METCALF, B. O.	"	"	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 8569	KENNEDY L. J.	"	No	Course
Lieut.	VX34525	THOMPSON, C. M. Y.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS, J. S.	"	"	Astt/Adjt.
Lieut	VX30724	PAPP, R. E.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut.	EX 38	CARDEN H. H. C.	"	Yes	I. O.
Lieut.	VX 6409	McDENROFT R. J.	"	No	AIE (M) Rct
Lieut	VX 6408	COOPER L. C.	"	"	Offrs School
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON B. L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6300	TREHOWNAN J. H.	"	"	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6549	PERRY, R.	"	"	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX33144	LAIDLAW, J. S.	"	"	C. O.
Lieut	VX46779	PELLERINE, G. F.	"	"	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX 6209	FEYLOCK, G. P. H.	"	"	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX 1522	ANDERSON R. R.	1 AUST	15-6-40	R. M. O.
Capt.	VX34982	STEWART A. H.	"	25-5-41	Chaplain.

2/c Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

A. J. Key. Major

(Signature of Commander.)

for Lt. Col.

8 Nov, 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div A.I.F.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

In the Field
11 Nov, 41.

by
Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 145/41

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 11 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut J. F. Burrowes.
Lieut J. S. Laidlaw

Bn Picquet Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut L. C. Cooper
Lieut R. H. Cardew

Bn. Guards and Duties

"B" Coy.

2. LEAVE:

Personnel will not be allowed on leave unless in possession of £S20 at least.

The dress, bearing and conduct of members of this unit on leave has been remarked on very favourably by higher authority. This standard will continue.

3. ORDERS FOR BN GUARD: The following instruction is to be added to "Orders to Gd Comdr in Relation to Prisoners", and the orders of sentry on Prisoners Compound beat. "Prior to each change of relief during the hours of darkness the NCO posting the relief, accompanied by the new sentry will enter the prisoners compound and check the presence of the prisoners."

John Adam

Lieut,
A/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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In the Field
13 Nov, 41.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Lt. COL. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Partl, 146/41

1. DUTIES:- The following Duties will mount at Retreat 13 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Offr	Lieut M. Perry
N.F.D.	Lieut. J. S. Adams

Bn. Picquet	Lieut. J. F. Burrowes.
Officer	Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw.
N. F. D.	

Guards and Bn	
Duties.	B Coy.

2. AIRCRAFT:

The presence by day of unidentified aircraft,
and by night of ALL aircraft, flying over this area, is to
be reported to Bn. H. Q. at once.

This is most important.

3. CONCERT PARTY:

The 6 Aust Div Concert Party will give
performances for the benefit of this Bn. on Thursday,
Friday and Saturday of next week. Full details will be
published later

John Adams
for Capt.
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS.
by

In the Field
14 Nov, 41.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 157/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 14 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Officer	Lieut. J. S. Adams.
N.F.D.	Lieut. L. C. Cooper
Bn. Picquet Offr.	Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw
Guards and Bn Dutes	"E" Coy.

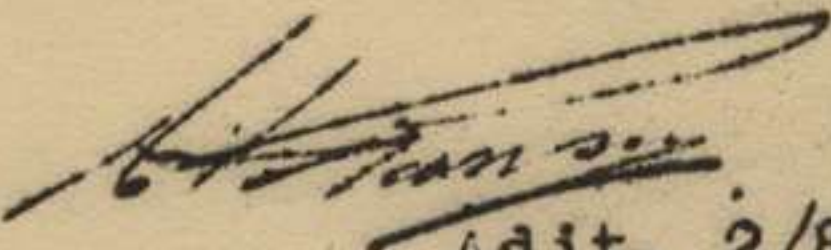
2. DRESS: Commencing as from tomorrow 15 Nov, 41, Winter Dress will be worn by all ranks at all times, unless engaged in fatigues or other manual duties.

3. ALLIED GYMKANA RACE MEETING: At Beirut on 22 Nov, 41, a Gymkana Race Meeting will be held in aid of Red Cross and French Hospitals.

Various interesting horse and mule races will be held.

The question of leave is still under consideration. If possible a percentage of the unit will be granted leave to attend.

4. PICQUET: Picquet RAS BAALBECK village will cease to mount after November 14, 41.

 Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE

In the Field
15 Nov, 41.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

W.D.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 15 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Officer
N.F.D.

Lieut. L. C. Cooper.
Lieut. R. H. Cardew

Guards & Bn Duties

H. Q. Coy.

2. CHURCH SERVICES: Sunday 15 Nov, 41.

Unit Parade Chaplain Stewart . 0930 hrs

Markers to R.S.M. 0920 "

Coys march on 0925 hours.

Area west of Camp.

Duty Officer will arrange Table etc.

Winter Dress, Belt and Sidearms.

R.C. CHURCH SERVICE and Holy Communion Padre Reid.

0700 and 0815 in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. Y.M.C.A.

Dress as for Unit Parade.

Report to Sgt. Quirk by 0800 hrs in front of Bn.H.Q.

3. LIBRARY:

No further books will be issued from the Library until
outstanding Books are returned.


Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital.
Major.	VX 149	KEY A.S.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c.
Major.	VX 49	Mc DONALD H.H.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. A Coy.
Major.	VX 55	COOMBS C.J.A.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. B Coy.
Major.	VX 6	WEBSTER I.G.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. C Coy.
Capt.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c A Coy.
Capt.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c C Coy.
Capt.	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE
Capt.	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	1 Aust	YES	Adjutant.
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.SWH.	1 Aust	YES	Q.M.
Capt.	VX 658296	DIFFEY S.C. (M.C.)	1 Aust	YES	A/O.C. D Coy.
T/Capt.	VX 20309	SNEEDY L.J.	1 Aust	YES	A/O.C. HQ Coy.
Lieut.	VX 232	BURROWES J.F.	1 Aust	YES	Pl Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9768	DWYER M.J.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE
Lieut.	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital.
Lieut.	VX 4302	GLUTH A.L.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE
Lieut.	VX 234525	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	1 Aust	YES	pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	1 Aust	YES	A/ Adjt.
Lieut.	VX 7003	WILSON J.G.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 39724	FAFE R.E.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	NGX 38	CARDEW R.H.C.	1 Aust	YES	I.O.
Lieut.	VX 6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE
Lieut.	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6548	PERRY M.	1 Aust	YES	T.O.
Lieut.	VX 33144	LAIDLAW J.S.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 46779	BELLMARNE G.F.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital.
Lieut.	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX 1522	ANDERSON (MC) R.R.	1 Aust	15.6.40	R.M.O.
Capt.	VX 34932	STEWART A.H.	1 Aust	25.5.41	CHAPLAIN.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

15 Nov 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

for C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 15 Nov. 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants	30		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	64		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	619		34
TOTALS	724		34

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt.	A.A.M.C.	1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.
1 Cpl. (L/Sgt)	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.
1 Pte	19 Aust Inf Bde	1 L/Cpl.	2/1 Fd Hygiene

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)
VX11601	Cpl	LANGSHAW J.	1 Aust Corps	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.)
VX 8613	Pte	QUIGG R.	"	" ") BANDSMEN
VX 6256	"	FARMER G.H.	"	" ") EX
VX 2538	"	TOWERS J.H.	"	" ") 2/8 Aust
VX20063	"	POWER G.J.	"	" ") Inf Bn
) BAND.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																			2	2
Cooks																			2	2
Despatch Riders																			2	2
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			4	4
" " (Wheeled)																			8	8
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			4	4
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																			8	8
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
MORTARMEN																				2
If these specially trained Personnel are not available unit will accept General Duty Personnel.																				
General duty personnel																			4	4
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			34	34

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Nov 41.

A. I. Key
for Lt Col, C.O. 2/8 Aust I. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.
Signature of Commander.
19 Aust Inf Bde. 6 Aust D

ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 149/41.

WD

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 16 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer Lieut. R. H. Cardew
N.F.D. Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw

Guard and Bn H. Q. Coy.
Duties

2. INVENTIONS: Officers and NCOs are to be encouraged to put forward suggestions and ideas which could improve existing or future equipment, or overcome difficulties now being met. Two immediate needs are:-

(a) A method of getting AFVs over an A/Tk minefield laid in depth and covered by fire.

(b) An apparatus to produce realistic air targets for use when training riflemen and LM gunners in AA action.

Any suggestions which might help, no matter how novel should be forwarded through the usual channels.

3. SECURITY - CAPTURED DOCUMENTS: The absolute necessity of taking all captured documents from Ps.O.W. for use by the Int Branch must be brought to the notice of all ranks.

The following extract from a GSL (ME) Summary is an excellent example of this, having occurred recently in the WESTERN DESERT:-

Four accurate indentifications of German units were obtained from two pieces of paper which, although torn in pieces, had been saved from complete destruction by the action of a quick-witted soldier.

This is a good instance of most valuable information being obtained for the use of the Army, as a whole, through the initiative of a member of our forces.

4. DISCIPLINE - BAALBECK: Discipline in the town of BAALBECK leaves much to be desired, and orders have been issued that control of the town by Military Police will be intensified forthwith. Any troops found in BAALBECK under the influence of liquor, using foul or obscene language, improperly dressed, or not in possession of leave passes, will be locked up in the cells immediately.

Better behaviour in Picture Theatres will be enforced by M.P. Platoon.

Attention is also drawn to the frequent failure of troops on leave to salute Commissioned Officers. Failing to do so in the future will be considered a breach of Standing Orders, and charges will be preferred by 6 Aust Div Pro Coy.

5. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT - SICK AND WOUNDED: There is a grave discrepancy between the number of men being evacuated to base hospitals and the quantity of rifles and equipment which, in consequence, should be returning to Ordnance Depots for re-issue to re-inforcements. Coy Comds will ensure that all personnel evacuated to MDS or direct to CCS take with them their arms and all web equipment.

6. TAILORS CUTTERS: A vacancy exists in the AAOC for a fully qualified military cutter for employment in an AIF Officers' Shop. The accepted applicant will be eligible for promotion to the rank of W.O.(1) if fully satisfactory.

Names of applicants, with particulars of qualifications should be submitted through the usual channels to 1 Aust Corps.

[Signature] Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

17 Nov, 41.
In the Field.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 150/41

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 17 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N. F. D.

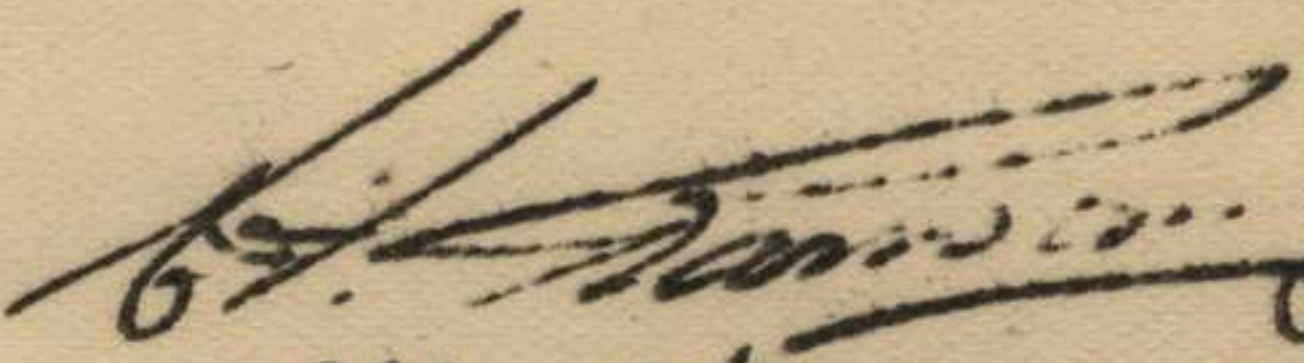
Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw
Lieut. M. Perry

Guards and Bn Duties H. Q. Coy.

2. CRIMES AGAINST CIVILANS: Crimes against civilans have become far too prevalent, and the GOC AIF (ME) directs that drastic action will be taken by all concerned to deal adequately with all offenders. Attention is directed to AMR & O 558 (3), the provisions of which will be complied with by all units.

3. MEDAL RIBBONS: Medal Ribbons (in the form of a brooch) will be worn by all troops in MEF when in short sleeves (including bush shirts). In future immediate awards will be presented personally by Army, Corps, or Divisional Commanders and on such occasions an initial free issue of Medal Ribbon mounted on a brooch will be made. These will be held by A.Ds.O.S. of Formations.

4. CORRIGENDUM: BRO for 14 Nov, 41 Numbered 157/41, should read 147/41, BRO 15 Nov, 41, to be numbered 148/41.


Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.
by

In the Field
19 Nov. 41.

W.D.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 19 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer Lieut. J. F. Burrowes.
N. F. D. Lieut. J. S. Adams.

Guards and Bn Duties H. Q. Coy.

2. LEAVE: One day leave to BEYROUTH to see Race Meeting on Saturday
Nov 22, will be granted on the following scale:-

Bn. H. Q.	5
H. Q. Coy	24
A. Coy	11
B. "	11
C. "	11
D. "	11.

Nominal Rolls to En. H. Q. by 1800 hours Friday Nov. 21. 41.
Unit Transport will be provided by T. O.
Times of departure 0630 and returning at 1800 hrs.

3. SIGNALLERS: Vacancies exist in Signal Platoon for Personnel with
Signalling experience. Applications showing details of
experience are to be forwarded through the normal channels
to Bn. H. Q., before Nov. 22 41.



Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

W.D.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
20 Nov 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1. No. 152/41.

1 DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 20 Nov 41.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J.S. ADAMS
N F D	Lieut L.C. COOPER

Bn Guards and Duties HQ Coy.

2. BOUNDS: The village of EL AINE is out of bounds after 1800 hours daily.

3. CORRIGENDUM: B R O dated 19 Nov 41 will be numbered 151/41.

4. COMFORTS: The following items have been received from A C F

740	ozs LOG CABIN Tobacco,	740	Pkts CIGARETTES,
740	RAZOR BLADES,	3000	Sheets WRITING PAPER,
1250	ENVELOPES.		


Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

LOST:

Wristlet Watch, Oval shaped, Luminous Dial, Leather cover.
Lost in A Coy lines RAS BAALBECK, Finder return to Bn H Q.

LOST:

Wristlet Watch. Lost at RAS BAALBECK bears inscription
'LEO INCABLOE'.

W D

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In the Field
21 Nov, 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part, 1 153/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 21 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Officer Lieut. J. S. Laidlaw
N. F. D. Lieut. J. S. Adams.

Bn Guards and Duties H. Q. Coy.

2. CONCERT PARTY: 6 Aust Div Concert Party will give Concerts in Bn. Rec. Hut at 1900 hrs on 21 and 22 Nov, 41. Up to 50% of Coy strengths (excluding A & B Coys) may attend each night.

Bn. Duty Officer will be responsible for discipline and for making the best use of available seating space. On Sunday the Concert Party will give an open-air concert in the vicinity of MIDDLE FARA for A & B Coys, concert to commence at 1400 hrs.

3. CORRIGENDUM: Ref BRO NO. 152 20 Nov, 41. Comforts shown as 740 Pkts of Cigarettes, should read as 740 Pkts of Cigarette Papers.

4. LAUNDRY: 1. A Laundry service, the cost of which is being borne by the Army, will commence operating on Monday, 24 Nov, 41.

- 2. All ranks may send the undermentioned articles to the Laundry, once weekly:
 - 1 Khaki Shirt - or 1 Flannel Shirt.
 - 1 pr Khaki Shorts - or 1 Pr Pyjamas.
 - 1 Singlet - woollen or cotton.
 - 1 pr U'pants " " (long or short)
 - 2 prs of Stockings or Socks.
 - 2 Handkerchiefs.

3. It will be the responsibility of all ranks to ensure that all articles are clearly marked, before being sent to the Laundry.

4. Clothing for Laundry will be made up in individual bundles, containing not more than the articles shown in para 2. These bundles will be delivered to Coy Stores before 0830 hrs, and x on Coy Laundry day. will be picked up from and returned to Coy Stores by Contractor. Each bundle must bear a slip showing rank, number and name of individual and a list of articles thereon.

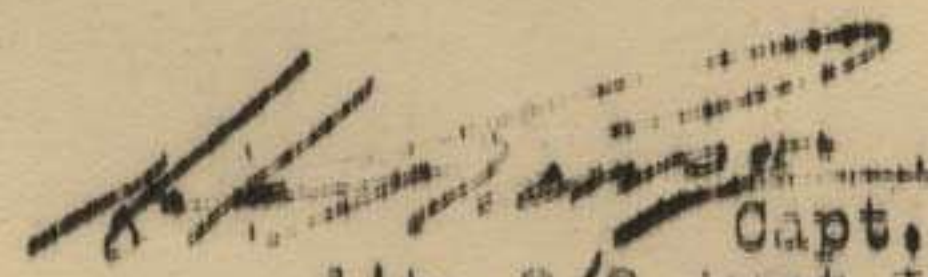
- 5. Coys will maintain a register showing:
 - (a) Laundry handed in by Personnel.
 - (b) " " to Contractor
 - (c) " returned by Contractor.

6. Statements showing the above details will be submitted by Coys to Q.M. on the Monday preceding each pay day.

7. Weekly Laundry Time Table will be as follows:-

<u>COY</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR PICKS UP LAUNDRY.</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR RETURNS LAUNDRY.</u>
C & D Bn. H. Q.	Monday morning	Wednesday morning.
HQ Coys	Wednesday "	Friday "
A & B	Friday "	Monday "

8. Articles other than those shown in Para 2 may be sent to Laundry for washing, but must be paid for by personnel concerned. Price List for these articles will be published later. Articles under this heading must be sent in separate bundles.


Capt,
adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1., No. 154/41.

W.D.

In the Field.
22 Nov 41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 22 Nov 41.

Bn Duty Officer: Lieut. M. PERRY.
N.F.D. Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
Bn Duty Coy. HQ Coy.

2. CHURCH PARADE: 23 Nov 41.

UNIT PARADE Chaplain J.D. McKie. 0930 hours.
Markers to R S M 0920 hours;
Coys march on 0925 hours.
AREA: SOUTH of camp.
Duty Officer will arrange table etc.
Winter Dress, Belt and Side-arms.

R.C. MASS: 0700 and 0815 hours in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn YMCA.
Padre REID 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Dress as for Unit Parade.
Report to Sgt QUIRK by 0800 hours in front of Bn H Q.

~~W.D.~~
Capt.
Adjt, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 AUST INF BN. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4	1	
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	18		4
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(Included in Captains.)		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	31	1	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	BELLMARINE G.P.	1 Aust	22.11.41.	Placed on R.S.L. Evac 7 AGH from ADS.

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.)
T/Capt.	LOWE T.A.	1 Aust	
Lieut.	BALFOUR E.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp.
Lieut.	DOWNING W.B.	1 Aust	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital.
Major.	VX 149	KEY A.S.	1 Aust	YES	2 1/c.
Major.	VX 49	MCDONALD H.H.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. A Coy.
Major.	VX 55	COOMBS C.J.A.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. B Coy.
Major.	VX 6	WEBSTER I.C.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. C Coy.
Capt.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	1 Aust	NO	Course.
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	1 Aust	YES	2 1/c A Coy.
Capt.	VX 139	COUTTS E.	1 Aust	YES	2 1/c C Coy.
Capt.	VX 204	MASKELL H.J. McL.	1 Aust	NO	Course.
Capt.	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	1 Aust	YES	Adjutant.
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	1 Aust	YES	Q.M.
Capt.	VX 6596	DUFFY S.C.	1 Aust	YES	A/O.C. D Coy.
T/Capt.	VX 20309	SHEEDY L.J.	1 Aust	YES	A/O.C. HQ Coy.
Lieut.	VX 282	BURROWS J.P.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9768	DWYER H.J.	1 Aust	NO	Course.
Lieut.	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital.
Lieut.	VX 4802	GLUTH A.L.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	1 Aust	NO	Course.
Lieut.	VX 34525	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	1 Aust	YES	Asst/Adjt.
Lieut.	VX 39724	PAPE R.E.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	XX NGX 38	CARDEW R.H.C.	1 Aust	YES	I.O.
Lieut.	VX 6469	MCDERMOTT R.J.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	1 Aust	NO	Course.
Lieut.	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6548	PERRY M.	1 Aust	YES	T.O.
Lieut.	VX 33144	LAIDLAW J.S.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX 1522	ANDERSON R.P. MC	1 Aust	15.6.40	R.M.O.

2/8 AUST INF BN.

(Unit.)

22 Nov 1941.

(Date of Despatch.)

for C.O. 2/8 Aust (Signature of Commander.)

19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div. A.I.P.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit). **22 Nov 22** 19**41.** (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	-		
Serjeants	31		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	65		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusilliers, etc.	612		39
TOTALS	719	.	39

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C.		
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.		
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	6 Aust 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)
VX 11601	Cpl	LANGSHAW J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.) Bands-
VX 8613	Pte	QUIGG R.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.) men.
VX 6256	Pte	FARMER G.H.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.) EX
VX 2537	Pte	TOWERS J.H.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.) 2/8 Bn
VX 20063	Pte	POWER G.J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.) Band.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																	2		2	
Despatch Riders																	2		2	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																	4		4	
" " (Wheeled) ...																	8		8	
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																	4		4	
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																	8		8	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Bandsmen (as asked for on Page 1.)																	1	4	5	
If these specially trained personnel are not available this unit will accept General Duty Personnel.																				
General duty personnel ...																	6		6	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	1	38	39	39

2/8 AUST INF BN.

Unit.

for C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 Nov 41.

19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div A.I.F.

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE

In the Field.
24 Nov, 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by
Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 155.41.

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat, 24 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Officer Lieut. G. F. N. Fishlock
N. F. D. Lieut. J. F. Burrowes.

Bn. Guards and Duties. H. Q. Coy.

2. LEAVE: Coys will ensure that ALL personnel proceeding on 3 day leave are in possession of at least £15, preferably £20.

3. LOSSES OF ARMS: It has been directed that the provisions of AIF Order No. 642 be rigorously enforced against all personnel losing arms, as the number of losses, already heavy, is increasing. In every case in which a weapon is lost the member responsible will be charged under AA Sec 24 with "Losing by Neglect", and the charge will bet out the value of the arms lost. The accused will not be dealt with by his C.O., but remanded for trial by Court Martial and a summary of evidence taken.

Summary disposal of a charge will only be ordered by Corps or Div Comds.

Coy Comds will ensure the reading of Security Instructions to all ranks at least once per week.

R. E. Winning

Capt.
Act/Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
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In the Field
25 Nov, 41.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 156/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 25 Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer N. F. D.	Lieut J. F. Burrowes. Lieut. R. H. Cardew
Bn Guards and Duties	H. Q. Coy.

2. A. C. F. The following has been received from the A. C. F.:-

4000 Sheets of Writing Paper
1500 Envelopes.

The above have been issued to the Bn. Recreation Hut.

3. DESTRUCTION OF ARMY BUILDING, TENTS, ETC.

1. There has been a marked increase in the outbreak of fires in camp areas under AIF control, with the consequent partial or total destruction of buildings, tents etc.
2. In some instances, the complicity of AIF personnel has been suspected, but the difficulty of producing sufficient evidence to sustain a charge, has usually resulted in the amount of damage being charged to public funds.
3. GOC 6 Aust Div has directed that all Comds will take immediate steps to ensure that adequate measures are taken for the protection of Army property.
4. All Camp Standing Orders will include full instructions for the protection of all buildings, tents, etc against fire and the provision of fire fighting equipment will be investigated and thoroughly overhauled.
5. Personnel must be thoroughly familiar with their duties and picquets warned of the necessity of carefully patrolling areas likely to be affected by an outbreak of fire.

4. LEAVE: Coys Comds will ensure that in future all Personnel proceeding on leave (from outlying areas) will bring in their own blankets when remaining in Bn area overnight. Blankets will be rolled and labelled and placed in QM Store.

Abouth

Capt.
Act/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

FOUND: → CAMERA in case, left on leave bus returning from BEYROUTH Monday 24 Nov. Owner may collect same by claiming at Bn H Q.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
by

In the Field.
26 Nov, 41.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 157/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 26 Nov, 41.

Bn. Duty Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut. R. E. Pape
Lieut. J. S. Adams

En Guards and Duties H. Q. Coy.

2. OUT-OF-BOUNDS: The creek on either side of the Camp is out-of-bounds. Men must not use same for washing clothes, or ablution purposes. Disciplinary Action will be taken against offenders.

3. SLEEPING IN HUTS: In view of the prevalence of Tonsillitis, Diphtheria, etc., it is imperative that men sleeping in Huts, sleep alternately head to foot. This still is not being carried out. NCO in charge of each Hut is to see that this is done. Coy Duty Officers will also check and ensure that the above instructions are adhered to.

4. A.C.F.: The following have been received from the Australian Comforts Fund:
23 Stools.

5. INDISCREET TALK BY ESCAPED Ps.O.W: It has been established that cases have occurred of indiscreet talk on the part of AIF personnel who have escaped from enemy POW camps.
2. Attention of all ranks must be drawn to the fact that indiscreet conversation regarding methods of escape and assistance given by friendly nationals in enemy occupied territories may have grave consequences for those who are helping British soldiers to escape.
3. Such indiscreet talk will further imperil the lives of British soldiers who have escaped from POW camps and who are still being befriended in occupied territory.

6. DISCIPLINE-WRITING TO PRESS: Attention is drawn to K.R.547 which forbids officers and other ranks to communicate with the Press without special authority.
Commanding Officers will draw the attention of all officers and other ranks to this Section, forthwith.

7. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS - TO AUSTRALIA -SPECIAL XMAS GREETING ISSUE:

Free issue of Special Xmas Air Mail Letter Cards will be made on the basis of three (3) per man to all personnel. It is anticipated the Cards will be available for distribution by 1 Dec, 41. The Xmas Air Mail Letter Cards will replace for one week, the issue of the ordinary type Air Mail Letter Card.

8. DISCIPLINE: Reports from T.C.P. show that only a small percentage of AIF Drivers are in possession of Work Ticket and Pay Book. In future any Driver found to be without a Work Ticket and Paybook will be charged and a report will be required from his C. O.,

R. E. Winning

Capt.
Act/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn,

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

In the Field
27th Nov, 41

by

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 158/41.

W.D.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat, 27th Nov, 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut. J. S. Adams.
Lieut. C. M. Y. Thompson.

Bn Guards and Duties

H. Q. Coy.

2. KIT INSPECTION: A Kit Inspection will be held on Sunday, Nov, 30th 41.
Returns are to be furnished by 1700 hrs, on that date.

3. SAFE CUSTODY AND MAINTENANCE OF PAYBOOKS: HQ AIF (ME) has ruled that the safeguarding of Paybooks shall, from the date of issue of these instructions, be regarded as equal in importance to the safeguarding of a rifle. This is essential as the loss of paybooks is becoming a matter of grave concern from the security and administrative aspect.

In the event of loss, the case will be dealt with by the soldier's C.O. and if, in the opinion of the latter, the loss was due to neglect, a fine will be imposed within the limits laid down in AA 46 (2) (d) and AMR 0 418, and in addition such further punishment as may be decided. This fine will take the form of stoppages of so many days pay. It has been suggested that the stoppages should normally not be less than seven days' pay for the first offence, or 14 days pay for subsequent offences.

R. E. Winning
Capt.
Act/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Beads of other...
to ensure that all...
held responsible...
alone, &...
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 AUST INF BN. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4	1	
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	18		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	31	1	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
T/Capt	Sheedy L. J.	1 Aust	2/1 C.C.S.
Capt.	HANSON N.F.	1 Aust	2/1 C.C.S.
Capt.	GRAHAM G.H.S.	1 Aust	2/1 C.C.S.
T/Capt.	LOWE T.A.	1 Aust	-----
Lieut.	BALFOUR E.	1 Aust	7 Aust Gen Hosp.
Lieut.	DOWN NG W.B.	1 Aust	-----

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.Col.	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust	YES	C. O.
Major.	VX 149	KEY A.S.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c.
Major.	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE.
Major.	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. B Coy.
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Capt.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE.
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c A Coy.
Capt.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c C Coy.
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Capt.	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	1 Aust	NO	HOSPITAL.
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Lieut.	VX 33144	LAIDLAW J.S.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX 1522	ANDERSON (M.C.) R.R.	1 Aust	15.6.40	R.M.O.

2/8 AUST INF BN.

(Unit.)

29 Nov 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div. A.I.F.

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

Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 AUST INF BN. (Unit). 29 Nov 19 41. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
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Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	65		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	618		32
TOTALS	726	.	32

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 SGT	A.A.P.C.		
1 SGT	A.A.M.C.		
1 CPL	A.A.M.C.		
1 CPL (L/Sgt)	6 Aust Div Postal Unit.		
1 CPL	2/1 FD HYGEINE.		

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)
VX11601	CPL	LANGSHAW J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn)
VX 8613	PTE	QUIGG R.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn) Bands-
VX 6256	PTE	FARMER G.H.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn) men
VX 2537	PTE	TOWERS J.H.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn) EX
VX 20063	PTE	POWER G.J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn) 2/8 Bn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																		2	2	
Despatch Riders																		2	2	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		4	4	
„ „ (Wheeled)																		8	8	
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																		38	38	
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																		8	8	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
TRADSMEN (as asked for on Page 1.)																		1	4	5
If these specially trained personnel are NOT available this unit will accept General Duty Personnel.																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																		1	31	32

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
El Aine Ref Map HOMS I/100,000 Pt. 20(91)2535	1	<p>I00 O.R.s proceed to RAS BAALBECK stn ref. 214262 as an unloading party. "C" and "D" coys are camped in the bn hutted camp and "A" and "B" coys are in the 17 Bde area approx ref 202262. A camouflage course to last three days commences at 2/8 Fd. Coy RE to instruct NCOs in the art of camouflaging fd works in the defence posn. 7 ORs attend the course.</p> <p>Weather- During the day cold and fine. Light fall of snow at night.</p>		
	2	<p>50 ORs to Ras Baalbeck stn and 58 to No.2 RE Dump for unloading duties. Remainder of bn engaged in routine training and duties in camp area. "A" and "B" coys in the 17 Bde area are held down by heavy snowfalls. General situation unchanged. Weather- Cloudy, commenced raining 1600 which turned to snow at 1900 hrs and continued intermittently throughout the night.</p>		
	3	<p>Owing to the cold and damp prevalent in the area an administrative instn was issued in relation to Frostbite and chilled feet----- The cold weather is having effect on the bn MT, and numerous front axles have broken owing to freezing of the metal. Approx I00 troops engaged in unloading duties at the 2/8 Fd Coy dump. "A" and "B" coy are unable to work in the 17 Bde defence area owing to the prescence of 6" of snow on the ground. Weather- cold throughout the day. 2" to 3' of snow in the camp area, and heavy snow in the surrounding hills.</p>	APPX IA	

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UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	4	Coys in camp send loading party to RE Dump. Remainder duties and training in lines. Weather- Fine and cold.		
	5	Situation unchanged with coys. Owing to the natives ceasing work through cold weather the Pioneer Pln is forced to commence work on erecting Nissen huts, a job that was previously carried out by native labour. 14 ORs proceed to HOMS on guard duty, and 10 ORs proceed to 22 Fd Pk RAE for guard duties. Weather- Cloudy with sundry showers.		
	6	Situation unchanged. I.O. Lieut R H C Cardew and intelligence section proceed to arty range on BAALBECK ZEBDANI road to watch an arty shoot by 2/11 Fd Regt. Weather- Bitterly cold. Showers during the day and snow from 1930 hrs onwards.		
	7	Church pde in coy lines. A and B coys in 17 Bde Defence posns and C and D coys in bn lines. Leave is still being granted on a liberal scale for the bn-----	APPX 8	
	8	C and D coys send parties to their respective defence posns. Remainder routine duties and training. HQ coy is bn duty coy for the week. Weather- Cloudy and cold.		
	9	Situation as for previous day. The erection of the Nissen huts is proceeding at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per day now that the pioneers have overcome the initial troubles. About 25 men are daily engaged in hut building. Weather- Cloudy and cold.		

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	10	Unidentified plane flew over the bn area on the night 9/10 at 2020hrs in a southerly direction. The matter was reported to HQ 6 Aust Div. Working parties to the defence area from C and D coys went out at 0830 hrs, but were recalled later in the day owing to inclement weather. Weather- Rain throughout the day.		
	11	An order was issued for all ranks to carry respirators AG from 0800 to 1200 hrs each Tuesday. During this period a gas alarm is to be sounded and normal tasks will be carried out in the respirator. In addition a complete inspection and test of all stores AG was ordered to be carried out during the week ending 20 Dec 41.----- APPX 1 C and D coys remained in the bn lines during the day. Weather- Cold and cloudy.		
	12	A and B coys still at L7 Bde defence area. C and D coys form working parties for the bn defence area. Remainder of these coys and HQ coy engaged in routine tasks and training in the bn lines. During the night 11/12 400 yds of signal wire were cut from the bn line to the mule dump at MIDDLE FARA. Weather- Fine and cold.		
	13	Coy situations as for previous day. As from 14 Dec Reveille on Sundays and public holidays will be one hour later. Weather- Cold and fine.		

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	14	No church parade owing to absence of a padre. 1 Offr and 31 ORs from D coy proceed to AL Dump at ZABBOUD for duties. Relieving of A and B coys by details from 2/11 bn at 17 Bde defence area commences-----	---APPX 2 A.O. 13/41	
	15	Relief of 2/8 Bn details at 17 Bde area by 2/11 Bn still going on. C Coy moves to bn defensive posn as per A.O. 13/41. Remainder of bn in camp area. Weather- Cloudy and cold. A court of enquiry was under was convened to enquire into the absence of Pte. Doolan R S. Capt. J McL Maskell Pres. Lieut J S Adams		
	16	A, B, D and HQ coys now in hutted camp. C Coy at bn defence area carrying out defence work. Weather- Cloudy.		
	17	Details frpm A B and D coy to defence area. Bde Showers North of camp are available to bn for today. The showers are hot, and fill a long felt need. Weather- Fine and cool.		
	18	Training in the use of pack mules is given to certain officers and NCOs by Capt. Aldridge of 6 Cypriot Pack Coy in bn lines----- In the morning the training consisted of instruction in tying the various loads, and in the afternoon all ranks had the opportunity of loading and saddling the animals. Situations as for coys same as yesterday. HQ coy carrying out specialist training in lines. Weather- Fine	---APPX 1 Para 2	

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	19	All officers attended a TEWT at 0830 hrs Ref--- Coy situations as for previous day. Weather- Fine. Later cloudy. Training syllabus for month ending 18 Jan issued---Ref Instn to officers-3 Instn 17/41	APPX 1 Para3 APPXS 4-5-7	
	20	Coy situations as for previous day. Weather- Fine and cool.		
	21	Unit church parade cancelled owing to Padre Harfield not being available. New time table for bn comes into operation -Ref BRO 170/41 Unit kit inspection carried out. Weather- Windy and cool.	APPX II BROS DEC	
	22	Se ven members of bn proceed to G(R) course at DJEDEIDE to conclude Jan 10 1942. A,B, and C coys working in bn defence area, and HQ and D coys engaged in training in bn lines. Weather- Cold and squally with rain.	APPX 6 G(R)	
	23	A,C,F. Christmas Parcels distributed to bn. Coy situations as for previous day. A pneumatic drill was borrowed from 2/8 Fd. Coy RAE and used for speeding up work in the right pln area of the bn posn. Although the drill was only used from 1800hrs to 2200 hrs it greatly speeded up work in rock strata, and holes were bored ready for blasting next day. Lieuts Doncaster, Whiteside and Allen taken on strength ex 19 ITB. Posted as follows- D coy A coy and HQ coy respectively. Coy situations as for previous day. Weather- Dull and cloudy with showers early in day.		
	24	Coy situations as for previous day. Weather- cold and cloudy with occasional rain.		

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	25	<p>0900 hrs. Church Pde in bn recreation hut. Lt. Col. Martin A/Bde Comd present. Christmas Dinner was served in the Nissen Huts at 1230 hrs. It consisted of Soup, Turkey pork and vegetables, Plum Pudding with either beer or cigarettes supplied by the ACF. The weather during today was the worst experienced to date, and rain hail and snow were all present between wind storms. Three natives were discovered stealing petrol, and were captured and delivered to the local Police authorities at NEBI OTHMANE.</p>		
	26	<p>C Coy camped in bn defence area unable to carry out any work owing to adverse weather conditions. B Coy bn duties, remainder in camp training and duties. Weather- Cold and rainy.</p>		
	27	<p>Three coys send working parties to bn defence area, and a working party is also provided for the 2/4 bn area work. 2 ORs are sent to a wineshop outside the camp boundary to investigate reports thta the proprietor will buy military clothing and goods. Although the investigators had no concrete results to report, it was decided to pass the matter on to the 19 Bde FSS authority as suspicions were still held regarding the individual. Weather- Cold cloudy and windy.</p>		
	28	<p>Situation unchanged. The natives charged at NEBI OTHMANE Gendarmerie with theft from the bn lines were warned and released. Weather- Fine cold, but windy later.</p>		

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For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
	29	Unit Library re-opens. The library ceased to function several months ago owing to the non return of books, but as most of them had been returned in the interim it was decided to reopen as reading matter was much in demand when activities were restricted by the weather. Bn Training Instn 18/41 comes into operation-----APPX 9 Situation unchanged. Weather- Fine and cold.	APPX 3 (LIBRARY)	
	30	B coy conducting rifle shooting on bde 600 yd range. G(R) training school at DJEDEIDE conduct mock raid on camp. Weather- Windy with odd rain. General situation unchanged.		
	31	Weather- Cold and cloudy. Public Holiday observed.		
DEC	29	(ADDITION.) Bn. I.O. Lievt R. N.C. Candevv transferred to HQ. 19 Aust. Inf. BDE. Lievt J.C. Wilson appointed Bn I.O.		

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4	1	
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	18		4
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	31	1	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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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.)
T/Capt	SHEDDY L. J.	1 Aust	2/1 C. C. S.
Lieut	LOWE T. A.	"
Lieut	BALFOUR J. R.	7 Aust	Gen Hosp.
Lieut	DOWNING W. B.	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col.	NA 44	WINNING R. B.	1 Aust	Yes	
Major	VX 149	KEY A. S.	1 Aust	Yes	21/c
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H. H.	1 Aust	NO	Course
Major	VX 55	COOKES G. J. A.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. B Coy
Major	VX 6	WEBSTER I. G.	1 Aust	Yes	O.C. C Coy
Capt.	VX 66	SIMPSON G. L.	1 Aust	No	Course
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J. A. H.	1 Aust	Yes	2 1/c A Coy
Capt.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	1 Aust	Yes	21/c C Coy
Capt.	VX 204	MASKELL H. J. McL.	1 Aust	Yes	21/c B Coy
Capt	VX7619	RANSON N. F.	1 Aust	Yes	Adjutant
Capt.	VX9212	GRAHAM G. H. S.	1 Aust	Yes	Q. M.
Capt.	VX6596	DIFFEY (M.C.) B.C.	1 Aust	Yes	A/O.C. D Coy
T/Capt	VX20309	SHERDY L. J.	1 Aust	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX 282	BURROWS J. F.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX9769	DWYER M. J.	1 Aust	No	Course
Lieut	VX3539	CRIFFITH J. H.	1 Aust	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX4802	GLUTE A. L.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6513	NEUGALP E. C.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX2569	KENNEDY L. J.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX34525	THOMPSON C. M. V.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6401	ADAMS J. . .	1 Aust	Yes	Asst/Adjt.
Lieut	VX39724	PAPE R. B.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX7005	WILSON J. C.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	NOX 38	CARDES R. H. C.	1 Aust	Yes	I. O.
Lieut	VX6469	McDENNOTT R. J.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6405	COOPER L. O.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX9105	WATSON E. L.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6300	TRATHORAN J. M.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6548	PERRY M.	1 Aust	Yes	T. O.
Lieut	VX33144	LAIDLAW J. . .	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6209	FISHLOCK G. F. H.	1 Aust	Yes	Pl. Comd

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 522	ANDERSON (M.C.)	R.R. 1 Aust	1940	R.R.O.
2/3 Aust	Inf Bn.				Lt Col.

6 Dec. 41.

(Unit.)

19 Aust Inf Bde, 3 Aust Div A.I.F.

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit), 6 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants	30		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	63		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, etc.	612		32 42
TOTALS	716	.	42

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A. A. P. C.		
1 Sgt	A. A. M. C.	(3 Cpls (1 L/Sgt)	A. A. O. C.
1 Cpl	A. A. M. C.	2 ORs.	
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	6 Aust 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)
VX11601	Cpl	Langshaw J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn)
VX 8613	Pte	Quigg R.	"	") Bandsmen
VX 6256	"	Farmer G. H.	"	") ex
VX 2537	"	Towers J. H.	"	") 2/8 Bn.
VX20083	"	Power G. J.	"	")
VX11676	"	Spargo E. R.	"	A.A.M.C. Tng Wing.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																					
Butchers																					
Carpenters and Joiners																					
Clerks																					
Cooks																		2	2		
Despatch Riders																		2	2		
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																		4	4		
" " (Wheeled)																		8	8		
Drivers-Mechanics																					
Drivers-Operators																					
Electricians																					
Equipment Repairers																					
Farriers																					
Fitters																					
Machine Gunners																					
Masons																					
Motor Mechanics																					
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		3	3		
Plumbers and Pipefitters																					
Range Takers																					
Saddlers & Harness Maker																					
Saddle Tree Makers																					
Sanitary and Water Duties																			6	6	
Signallers																			8	8	
Storemen technical																					
Tailors																					
Wheelers																					
BANDSMEN (as asked for on Page 1.)																		1	4	5	
If these specially trained personnel are NOT available this unit will accept General Duty Personnel.																					
Chiropodist (Pte Spargo) A.A.M.C. Tng Wing.																			1	1	
General duty personnel																			11	11	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			1	41	42

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Unit.

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Lt Col. Signature of Commander.
C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Despatch 6 Dec. 41.

19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div A. I. F.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit). 13 Dec. 1941 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	4		
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	29		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	64		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	616		38
TOTALS.	720	*	* 38

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.	2X Cpls	A.A.O.C.
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C.	2 Ptes	A.A.O.C.
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.		
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	6 Div Postal Unit.		
1 Sgt	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.		
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	A.A.O.C.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX 11601	Cpl	LANGSHAW J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.) Bands- do) men ") ex ") 2/8 Bn ") ")
VX 8613	Pte	QUIGG R.	1 Aust	
VX 6256	Pte	FARMER G.H.	1 Aust	
VX 2537	Pte	TOWERS J.H.	1 Aust	
VX 20063	Pte	POWER G.J.	1 Aust	

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.					
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.		Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																		2	2	
Despatch Riders ...																		2	2	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		4	4	
" " (Wheeled)...																		8	8	
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		3	3	
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																		6	6	
Signallers ...																		8	8	
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors ...																				
Wheelers ...																				
BANDSMEN (as asked for on Page 1.)																		1	4	5
If these specially trained personnel are not available this unit will accept GENERAL DUTY PERSONNEL.																				
General duty personnel...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																		1	37	38

2/8 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch

13 Dec 41.

[Signature] Lt. Col.
C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bde. Signature of Commander.

H.Q. 19 Aust Inf Bde. 6 Aust Div A.I.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

W.D.
Dist

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 AUST INF BN.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4	1	
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	18		4
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	31	1	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut.	BALPOUR E.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Yng Bn.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING R.E.	1 Aust	YES	C.O.
Major.	VX 148	KEY A.S.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c.
Major.	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE.
Major.	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. B Coy.
Major.	VX 6	WEBSTER I.G.	1 Aust	YES	O.C. C Coy.
Capt.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE.
Capt.	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c A Coy.
Capt.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c C Coy.
Capt.	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	1 Aust	YES	2 i/c B Coy.
Capt.	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	1 Aust	YES	Adjutant.
Capt.	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	1 Aust	YES	Q.M.
Capt.	VX 6596	DIFFEY (M.C.) S.C.	1 Aust	YES	A/O.C. D Coy.
T/Capt.	VX 20309	SHERDY L.J.	1 Aust	YES	A/O.C. HQ Coy.
Lieut.	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital/
Lieut.	VX 9768	DWYER M.J.	1 Aust	NO	COURSE.
Lieut.	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	1 Aust	NO	Hospital.
Lieut.	VX 4802	GLUTH A.L.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 2569	KENNEDY L.J.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 34525	THOMPSON C.M.Y.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	1 Aust	YES	Asst/Adjt.
Lieut.	VX 39724	PAPE R.E.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	NGX 38	CARDEW R.H.C.	1 Aust	YES	I. O.
Lieut.	VX 6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.M.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6548	PERRY M.	1 Aust	YES	T. O.
Lieut.	VX 33144	LIDLAW J.S.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.
Lieut.	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.N.	1 Aust	YES	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	NX 1522	ANDERSON (M.C.) R.R.	1 Aust	15.6.40	H.M.O.

2/8 AUST INF BN.

13 Dec 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit.)

19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div,

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

C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

(Signature of Commander.)

A.I.P.

Lt. Col.

W.D.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4	1	
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	18		4
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	31	1	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	BALFOUR E.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 44	WINNING R. E.	1 Aust	Yes	C. O.
Major	VX148	KEY A. S.	"	Yes	2i/c
Major	VX49	McDONALD H. H.	"	Yes	O.C. "A" Coy
Major	VX55	COOMBES C. J. A.	"	No	Leave
Major	VX 6	WEBSTER I. G.	"	No	Leave
Capt.	VX66	SIMPSON C. L.	"	No	Course
Capt.	VX203	SMITH J. A. H.	"	Yes	2i/c "A" Coy
Capt.	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "G" Coy
Capt.	VX204	MASKELL H. J. McL.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "B" Coy
Capt.	VX7619	RANSOM N. F.	"	Yes	Adjutant
Capt.	VX9212	GRAHAM G. H. S.	"	Yes	Q. M.
Capt.	VX6596	DIFFEY (M.C.) S.C.	"	Yes	A/O.C. "D" Coy
T/Capt	VX20309	SHEEDY L. J.	"	Yes	A/O.C. HQ "
Lieut	VX282	BURROWES J. F.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX9768	DWYER M. J.	"	No	Course
Lieut	VX6569	GRIFFITH J. H.	"	No	Hospital
Lieut	VX4802	GLUTH A. L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6513	METCALF E. C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX2569	KENNEDY L. J.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX34525	THOMPSON C. M. Y.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6401	ADAMS J. S.	"	Yes	Asst/Adjnt.
Lieut	VX39724	PAPE R. E.	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
Lieut	VX7003	WILSON J. C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	NGX 38	CARDEW R. E. C.	"	Yes	I. O.
Lieut	VX6469	McDERMOTT R. J.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6405	COOPER L. C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX9105	WATSON E. L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6300	TRETHOWAN J. M.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6548	PERRY M.	"	No	X. Course
Lieut	VX33144	LAIDLAW J. S.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6209	FISHLOCK G. F. N.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX1522	ANDERSON (M.C.) R. R.	1 Aust	15-6-40	R. M. O.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

20 Dec. 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit.)

R. M. O.
 Lt Col.
 C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (in charge of Commander.)
 19 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div AIF
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

20 December

194**1** (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	4		
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	29		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	64		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	578		76
TOTALS.	720	*	* 76

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A..A. P. C.	2 Cpls	A. A. O. C.
1 Sgt	A. A. M. C.	2 Ptes	A. A. O. C.
1 Cpl	A. A. M. C.	1 Sgt	A. A. O. C.
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	6 Div Postal Unit		
1 Sgt	HQ19 Aust Inf Bde		
1 Cpl (L/Sgt)	A. A. O. C.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX11601	Cpl	LANGSHAW	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn)
VX8613	Pte	QUIGG R.	"	" " " ") Band smel
VX6256	Pte	FARMER G. H.	"	" " " ") 2/8 Bn. ex
VX2537	Pte	TOWERS J. H.	"	" " " ")
VX20063	Pte	POWER G. J.	"	" " " ")

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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.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																		2	2	2
Clerks ...																		2	2	2
Cooks ...																		4	4	4
Despatch Riders ...																		8	8	8
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																		3	3	3
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																		6	6	6
Sanitary & Water Duties.																		8	8	8
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors ...																				
Wheelers ...																				
BANDSMEN (as asked for on Page 1.)																		1	4	5
If these specially trained personnel are not available this unit will accept GENERAL DUTY PERSONNEL																				
																			38	38
General duty personnel...																				
																		1	75	76
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Lt Col.

20 Dec. 41. Unit.

19 Aust Inf Bde. 6 Aust Div. A.I.F. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit) 27 Dec 1941 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	4		
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	28		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	68		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	580		71
TOTALS.	687	*	* 71

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.	2 Cpls	A.A.O.C.
1 Sgt	A.A.M.C.	2 Ptes	A.A.O.C.
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.	1 Sgt	2/8 Aust Pd Coy R.A.E.
1 Sgt	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde		
1 Cpl (I/Sgt)	A.A.O.C.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX 11501	Cpl	LANGSHAW J.W.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
VX 6256	Pte	FARMER G.H.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng B.
VX 20063	Pte	POWER G.J.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
				All bandmen ex 2/8 Bn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																		5	5	
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																		6	6	
Signallers																		8	8	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
BANDSMEN (as asked for on page 1.)																				
																		1	2	3
If these specially trained personnel are not available this unit will accept GENERAL DUTY PERSONNEL.																				
General duty personnel...																				
																		35	35	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				
																		1	70	71

2/8 AUST INF BN.

Unit.

C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 Dec 41.

NO 19 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div, A.I.F.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4	1	
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	18 21		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	31 34	1	1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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	BALFOUR E.	1 Aust	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX44	WINNING, R. E.	1 Aust	Yes	C. O.
Major	VX148	KEY A. S.	"	"	2i/c
Major	VX49	McDONALD H. H.	"	"	O.C. "A" Coy
Major	VX55	COOMBS C. J. A.	"	NO	LEAVE
Major	VX6	WEBSTER I. G.	"	NO	LEAVE
Capt	VX66	SIMPSON C. L.	"	NO	COURSE
Capt	VX203	SMITH J. A. H.	"	Yes	2i/c "A" Coy
Capt	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	"	A/O.C. "C" Coy
Capt	VX204	MASKELL H. J. McL.	"	"	A/O.C. "B" Coy
Capt	VX7619	RANSON N. P.	"	"	Adjutant
Capt	VX9212	GRAHAM G. H. S.	"	"	C. M.
Capt	VX8596	DIFFEY (M.C.) S. C.	"	"	A/O.C. "D" Coy
T/Capt	VX20309	SHEEDY L. J.	"	"	A/O.C. "HQ" Coy
Lieut	VX282	BURROWES J. P.	"	"	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX9768	DWYER M. J.	"	NO	COURSE
Lieut	VX6569	GRIFFITH J. H.	"	NO	HOSPITAL
Lieut	VX4802	GLUTH A. L.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6813	NETCALF E. C.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX2569	KENNEDY L. J.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX34525	THOMPSON C. M. Y.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX6401	ADAMS J. S.	"	"	Asst/Adjutant
Lieut	VX39724	PAPE R. E.	"	NO	COURSE
Lieut	VX7003	WILSON J. C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	KX NGX38	GARDEW R. H. C.	"	"	I. O.
Lieut	VX6469	McDERMOTT R. J.	"	"	Pl. Comd
Lieut	VX6405	COOPER L. C.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX9105	WATSON E. L.	"	NO	COURSE
Lieut	VX6300	TRETHOWAN J. M.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6548	PERRY M.	"	NO	COURSE
Lieut	VX33144	LAIDLAW J. S.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
Lieut	VX6209	FISHLOCK G. F. N.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX80424	WHITESIDE A. M. W.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX52878	DONCASTER H.	"	"	" "
Lieut	VX52587	ALLAN D. A.	"	"	" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX1522	ANDERSON (M.C.)	R. R.	1 Aust 15-6-40	R. M. O.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn
27 Dec. 41.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

Lt Col.
C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aust Inf Bn
A.I.P.

(Signature of Commander)

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

TRAINING INSTRUCTION.

W.D.
2

GAS TRAINING:

1. All Coys will devote one 2-hour period to A.G. training during week ending 20 Dec. 41.

Coys will carry out a thorough inspection of all A.G. stores during period ending 20 Dec. 41. This inspection will be carried out outside of normal working hours and particular attention will be paid to Cases etc. Constant attention is to be given to the care and preservation of all A.G. stores.

Reports on condition of A.G. stores are to be submitted by 1800 hours 20 Dec. 41.

PACK MULE TRAINING.

2. Training in the use of pack mules for transport will be carried out on Thursday of each week. 6 Cypriot Pack Coy are providing instructors and mules. The following personnel will attend for training each week :-

Bn. H. Q., One Officer, O.R.S., Prov.Sgt., C.Q.M.S., I.Sgt.

H.Q.Coy. Q.M. and R.Q.M.S. one other officer, C.S.M., C.Q.M.S. and all Pl. Sgts.

RIFLE COYS. One Officer, C. S. M., C.Q.M.S. and all Pl Sgts.


Training will be carried out between 0830 and 1130 hours, and 1330 and 1430 hours.

T.E.W.T.

All officers except one per/coy will attend at T.E.W.T. run by Bn on the morning of 19 Dec 41. R.V. at Bn H.Q. at 0830 hrs. Bn will arrange tpt. No maps are available.

Distn.

List "B".


Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field
2 Dec. 41.

by

W.D.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 159/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 2 Dec, 41.

Bn Duty Officer Lieut. R. H. C. Cardew
N. F. D. Lieut. C. M. Y. Thompson

Bn Guards and Duties H. Q. Coy.

2. M.T.: Vehicles will NOT be left unattended at any time. Normally when vehicles will be away from unit overnight a relief driver will always proceed with the vehicle, unless there is already a second person travelling.

Drivers will sleep in the vehicle overnight except in unit lines.

In an emergency, where it is absolutely necessary for a driver to leave his vehicle unattended, such vehicles will be rendered immobile by removing an essential part. T.O. will acquaint all transport personnel of the foregoing, and frequently remind all ranks of it.

3. OFFICERS DRIVING VEHICLES: Notwithstanding any licence issued to an officer for driving Army Motor Vehicles, such officer will NOT drive a vehicle, except in cases of emergency, or for any other reason covered by AIF Standing Orders

4. PUGGAREES: Puggarees of standard pattern will be worn by all ranks. No other pattern is permitted. Puggarees will be stitched front and rear so that stitching will not be noticeable. Disciplinary Action will be taken in the event of loss, if this is not done.

5. INSTRUCTORS IN TYPING AND SHORTHAND: Applications are invited from men qualified to instruct in typing and/or shorthand at clerks' courses. Applications, which should include details of qualifications and experience will be forwarded through normal channels to reach this H.Q. by 7 Dec. 41.

6. DEALINGS WITH CONTRACTORS ETC: Attention is directed to K.R. para 538 & AMR & O paras 316 and 339. All ranks are warned against any of the following offences:-

(a) Accepting hospitality from contractors or prospective contractors or persons concerned or likely to be concerned with contracts.

(b) Accepting any payment, gift, reward or loan from any such contractor or person.

(c) Furnishing any testimonial to any person as to the quality of commodities supplied for military purposes.

Officers and soldiers will be scrupulously careful at all times to avoid any act which might expose them to suspicion of being influenced in dealings with Contractors etc.

6. ILLEGAL FISHING: Reports have been received indicating that fish are being taken in streams and along the coast of SYRIA and LEBANON by means of explosives. This practice is contrary to civil law and will cease forthwith.

7. ROAD ACCIDENTS, SPEEDING - STOPPAGES OF PAY: The provisions of AIF (ME) Order 480 are to be brought under the notice of all Drivers forthwith. In pursuance of this Order, the following stoppages have been made during the past few days:-

VX5743 A/Sgt Saligari L.S. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn EA80
VX45613 Dvr Danaher J.M. 2/7 " " " EA15

Cause:- Damage to vehicle due to speeding.

NX8403 Pte Eager J. S. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn EA9
NX8402 " Daly A. E. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn EA9

Cause:- Illegally using and damaging vehicles.

R. South Capt,
Act/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn,
In the Field.
2 Dec 41.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12/41.

M.B.

PREVENTION OF CHILLED FEET AND FROST BITE:

1. The advent of Winter in SYRIA makes it necessary to take special precautions against chilled feet and frost bite.
2. The conditions of chilled feet and frost bite are caused by:-
 - (a) Prolonged standing in water and/or mud.
 - (b) The continual wearing of wet socks and boots.
3. They are brought on much more rapidly when the blood circulation in the feet and legs is interfered with by the use of tight boots and the wearing of anything calculated to cause constriction of the lower limbs.
4. They can be prevented or diminished by:-
 - (a) Improvement in conditions leading to dry standing and warmth.
 - (b) By Coy arrangement ensuring that so far as is possible men commence a tour of duty warmly clad in dry boots, socks and trousers.
 - (c) By the provision of warm food and drinks whenever possible.
 - (d) By movement when possible so as to maintain blood circulation.
 - (e) By provision of warm shelter, hot food, and facilities for washing and drying wet clothes of men coming off duty.
5. If gum boots are issued, the socks should be supported by some form of fastening such as a safety pin to prevent them working down the heel. On no account should anything in the form of a garter be worn.
6. In order to minimise the prevalence of chilled feet and frost bite all commanders should ensure that the following instructions are carried out un-remittingly and under the strictest supervision where working conditions are such that chilled feet and frost bite are likely to arise:-
 - (a) Before commencing a tour of duty, feet and legs will be washed and dried.
 - (b) A second pair of dry socks will be carried by each man.
 - (c) Where ever possible, boots and socks will be taken off from time to time and when circumstances permit, the feet dried and well rubbed, and dry socks put on.
 - (d) On no account will hot water be used or feet held near a fire.
 - (e) Tours of duty in wet places should be short and strictly regulated.
 - (f) Where possible hot food or drinks will be provided during tours of duty.
 - (g) If any man shows signs of either chilled feet or frost bite he must be treated immediately.

These instructions where applicable will apply to hands also.

R. Bourne Capt.

Act/ Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

CORRIGENDUM: ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION Issued on XX 19 Nov should be numbered 11/41. Coys concerned please adjust. This instruction was re DCM for Ptes ECCLES and ANGUS, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
8 Dec. 41.

by

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 160/41.

W.D.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat, 8 Dec. 41.

Bn Duty Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut G. F. N. Fishlock
Lieut R. H. C. Cardew

Guards and Bn Duties

~~C Coy will relieve H. Q. Coy
at 1730 hrs, on 9 Dec. 41.~~

2. A. C. F. ISSUE:

The following have been received from the A. C. F:

2-12-41.

769 2oz tins Havelock Tobacco.
1538 Pkts Cigarette Papers.

7-12-41.

1 Table Tennis Table
1 Table Tennis Net
4 Table Tennis Balls.

3. SALVATION ARMY COMFORTS FUND:

The following have been received from the S.A. C.F.

34 Pkts of Tooth Paste
4 doz Pkts of Razor Blades
5 " cakes of Toilet Soap
1 " scarves
18 Balaclavas
9 pairs of Mittens
1 doz pairs of Sox.

4. CANTEEN HOURS:

The following hours will be observed by the A.A.C.S.

0730	-	0800 hrs.
1200	-	1330 "
1630	"	1730 "
1830	-	2000 "

5. POST OFFICE:

The Post Office will be open for Cables etc. between
1600 and 1715 hrs only daily. All stamps to be purchased
~~for~~ by Coy Q.M.s, or Clerks, for personnel.
Parcels to be drawn under Coy Arrangements.

6. ARTIFICIAL DENTURES:

The number of personnel applying for replacement
of dentures is becoming excessive. In future, in the case
of loss, breakage, or other damage, witnesses should be
obtained at the time, and a full statement showing reason
why it is considered a new set should be supplied at public
expense made to Coy Comdr for forwarding to Bn H. Q.

Where loss or breakage occurs through negligence,
the C.O. will direct that the cost be debited against the
individual.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

by

Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 161/41.

W.D.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat, 9 Dec. 41.

En Duty Officer	Lieut R. H. C. Cardew
N. P. D.	Lieut M. Perry
En Guards and Duties.	H. Q. Coy.

2. EVACUATIONS TO A.D.S.:

Personnel evacuated to A.D.S., M.D.S, C.C.S., or Hospital will take all clothing and equipment including rifle but excluding Ammunition and Blankets. Officers will not take pistols, Compasses or Binoculars.

All these items i.e., Ammunition, Blankets, Pistol Compasses and Binoculars will be retained by Coys.

3. A. C. F. The following have been received from the A. C. F:

- 2 Tables
- 12 Stools
- 2 dozen Pens
- 7 Bottles Ink
- 2 Dart Flights
- 1 Set of Darts
- 1 set of Basket Ball Hoops
- 4 Footballs
- 1 dozen Playing Cards
- 2 Crib Boards
- 2 Sets of Dominoes
- 2 Sets of Checkers
- 1 Set of Monopoly

4. DAMAGE TO VICILIAN PR PERTY.

Recent instances have been reported of wanton damage caused to civilian property, by the erection of tents on growing crops and the theft of fence posts etc for use as fuel on bivouacs. It has also been represented that threats of force have been made against property owners who protested.

It must be impressed on all ranks that our good relations with the civilian populace must not be endangered, and acts of this nature are in direct conflict with our national aim in prosecuting the War against wanton aggression.

Officers and NCO's will ensure that disciplinary action is taken against personnel found destroying or stealing property or interfering with the natural rights of private citizens.

5. COVERS. Body, WATERPROOF.

It has been brought to notice that a large number of Covers, Body, Waterproof have been removed from vehicles by us during operations and have been either lost or used for other purposes.

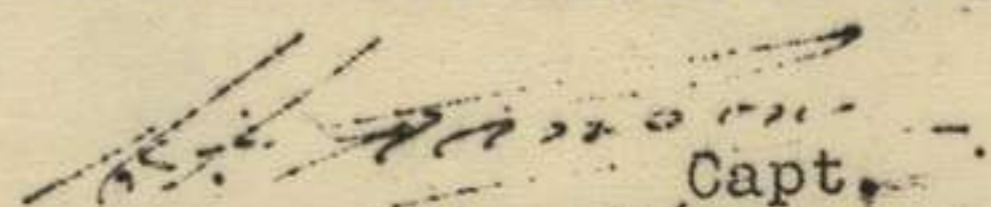
Such a practice is highly irregular and will cease forthwith.

The Cover, Body, Waterproof is part of the V.O. of a vehicle, and must remain on the vehicle.

6. NOTICE.

LOST.

1. One Pack containing Personal Clothing issued, from Coy Defense Area to present position. Finder return to B. H. Q.,
2. One Haversack, Helmet Steel, and Respirator, finder return to B.H.Q.,
3. One Haversack, Helmet Steel and Respirator, finder return to B.H.Q., Both 2 and 3 refer to articles taken from Leave Bus. Saturday December 6th, 1941.


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ROUTINE ORDERS
by

10 Dec. 41.
In the Field.

Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 162/41.

1. DUTIES; The following Duties will mount at Retreat, 10 Dec. 41.

Bn Duty Officer N. F. D.	Lieut M. Perry, Lieut. R. W. Pape
Bn Guards and Duties	H. Q. Coy.

2. PUNISHMENTS;

VX5893 Pte THOMAS FRANCIS ECCLES, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, was tried by District Court Martial on 20 November, 1941, on the charge of "Striking his superior officer". The finding of the Court was "Guilty". The sentence was "VX5893 Pte Thomas Francis Eccles, to undergo detention for six months.

The Sentence was confirmed on the 5th Day of December, by Major-General E. F. Herring, Comd 6 Aust Div.

VX13750 Pte WALTER LEWIS ANGUS, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, was tried by District Court Martial on 20 November, 1941, on the charge of "Striking his superior Officer". The finding of the Court was "Guilty". The sentence was "VX13750 Pte WALTER LEWIS ANGUS, to undergo detention for 150 days.

The Sentence was confirmed on the 5th Day of December, by Major-General E. F. Herring Comd 6 Aust Div.

[Signature]
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ROUTINE ORDERS
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WVD
On the Field.
11th Dec. 41.

Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 163/41.

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at Retreat, 11 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut R. E. PAPE
N. F. D.	Lieut. J. M. Trethowan
Bn Guards and Duties	H. Q. Coy

2. Bn ORDERLY OFFICER.

In future the duty Officer will carry out all the duties of Bn Orderly Officer for his tour of duty, and will not be available for other Duties.

3. INCREASE IN PAY.

ALL Personnel who have not yet had the recent increase in pay entered into their paybooks must see the Pay Sgt immediately.

4. ANTI-GAS TRAINING.

ALL ranks will carry respirators in slung position between 0800 and 1200 hours on Tuesday of each week. Between these hours "GAS ALARM" will be initiated by Bn. H.Q., by rattle and voice.

ALL ranks will wear Respirators in "GAS" position until "GAS CLEAR" is sounded from Bn. H. Q.,

5. FOR INFORMATION.

The undermentioned soldiers have been awarded punishment as follows: -

VX6212

Pte DEVER A. J.

Charge: Losses by neglect personal records issued to him in that he lost his paybook.

Punishment: Admonished,

Awarded by C. O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 10 Dec. 41.

VX40572

Pte LANGRIDGE J. D.

Charge: Disobeys a lawful command given by a superior officer.

Punishment: Fined £1.-.

Awarded by C. O., 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 10/12/41.

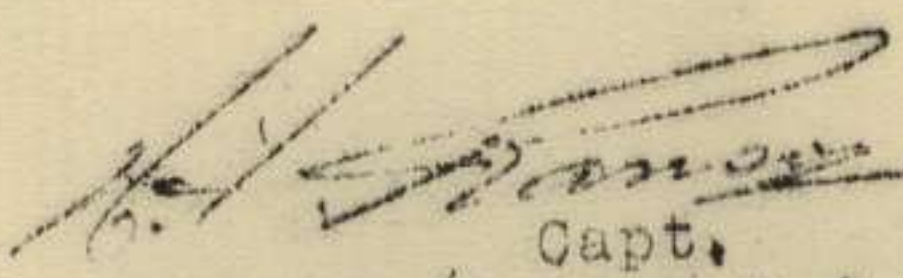
VX52730

Pte HOWARD R. E.

Charge: Absent without leave for a period of 3 days.

Punishment: Fined £3-

Awarded by C. O., 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. 10/12/41.


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Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
12 Dec 41.

by
Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1., No. 164/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 12 Dec 41.

Bn Orderly Officer. Lieut. J.M. TRETOWAN.
N.F.D. Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.

Bn Guards and Duties. HQ Coy.

2. OTHER RANKS VISITING CAIRO: ALL Other Ranks visiting CAIRO on duty will report on arrival to C.O. A.I.F. DETAILS 13 MADAM ISMAILIA, CAIRO.

3. WIVES AND FAMILIES IN SYRIA: Wives and Families of Officers or ORs will NOT be allowed to reside in SYRIA under any circumstances, except when special permission is given for Officers to bring their wives to SYRIA on short leave from elsewhere in the Middle East.
Ninth Army A/284.

4. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS: The Air Mail Letter Card service has been extended to the British West Indies. Australian stamps may be used for this service.

5. CARRYING OF MESS TINS AND CUTLERY BY SOLDIERS TRAVELLING BY TRAIN:
All soldiers moving by train proceeding to or returning from leave, courses etc, will always take Mess tins, Knife, Fork and Spoon, in order that they may be to that extent self-supporting in the event of any holdup on their journey. These articles will NOT be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

6. BOUNDS BAALBECK: All Brothels in the town of BAALBECK are strictly out of bounds, and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier found within their precinct.

7. DAMASCUS - PRICES - GAME LIDO: On and from 8 Dec 41 the price of beer at the above cafe will be 65 piastres per bottle. After 1800 hours there will be an entrance fee of 50 piastres charged to cover the cost of the cabaret.

 Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
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In the Field.
13 Dec 41.

Lt. Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Bn.
Part 1., No. 165/41.

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 13 Dec 41.

Bn Orderly Officer Lieut. J.S. LAIDLAW.
H.F.D Lieut. J.S. ADAMS.

Bn Guards and Duties HQ Coy.

2. TIME TABLE: Amendment Time Table for SUNDAYS commencing 14 Dec 41.

REVEILLE 0730 hours.
BREAKFAST 0830 "

3. CHURCH SERVICES:

Unit Church Parade. 0930 hours, Padre HARFIELD.
Markers to RSM 0920 "
Coys march on 0925 "

R.C. MASS every SUNDAY unless otherwise notified
0700 hours in Chaplain's Hut 2/4 Bn.
0815 " in YMCA Hut 2/4 Bn.

2/8 personnel will parade under Sgt QUIRK near
Bn.H.Q. at 0800 hours and be marched across.

4. COMFORTS FUND:

The following items of comforts have been received
from A.C.F.

- 200 pairs SOCKS.
- 250 SCARVES.
- 50 Sweaters.
- 100 BAJACLAVAS.
- 165 Pair MITTENS.

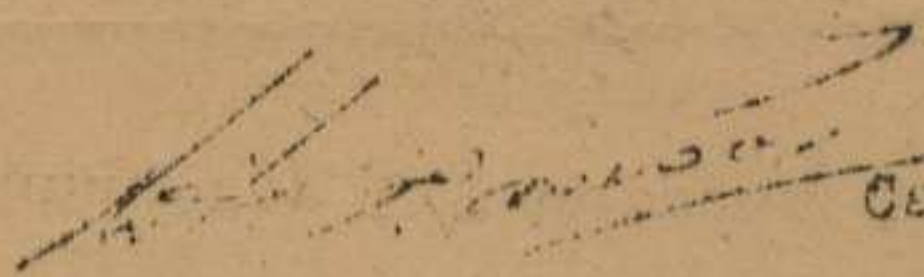
*John Adams, Recd
for Capt
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn*

2/8 Aust Inf Bn,
In the Field,
13 Dec 41,

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 13/41.

1. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn is relieving this unit in 17 Aust Inf Bde area.
2. A & B Coys will return to camp area EL AINE as shown hereunder.
 - (a) A Coy will move on 14 Dec 41 bringing all tentage, camp equipment etc. Tpt will report at MIDDLE FARA at 0930 hours, and will be available until move is completed. T.O. will arrange. Coy Comds will arrange with CYPRIOT Pack Coy for Mule Trains.
 - (b) B Coy will move on 15 Dec 41, details as for A Coy except that a picquet of one NCO and six ORs will be left in the 17 Bde area to give early notice of attempted sabotage or theft. This picquet will be relieved by 2/11 Bn.
 - (c) Allotment of Coys to huts will be indicated to Coy Comds by Adjt.
 - (d) B Coy will hand over 1 RD tent to 2/11 Bn.
3. C Coy will move to 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Defensive Position on 15 Dec 41 and will establish tented camp in COOMBES VALLEY. Tents will be taken over from A Coy. Coy Comd will establish a Road Head Post at most convenient point in vicinity of Bn Dump. Coy Comds will arrange details of Tpt and administration direct with T.O. & Q.M. and will liase with CYPRIOT Pack Coy for Mule Trains between Bn Dump and Coy Camp.

Sigs will arrange for L/T between Bn Dump and C Coy camp.


Capt.

Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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List B plus Capt ROWELL.

Bn H.Q.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

18 Dec. 41.

All Coys, Bn. H.Q., Pils.

LIBRARY BOOKS.

In spite of repeated instructions in B. R. O's, many books are still outstanding from the unit library.

The library will remain closed until such time as these books are returned.

It is felt that O'S.C. Coys could be of assistance in this respect. Coy Comdr are requested to institute energetic measures to ensure the return of all books within Coys.

Disciplinary action under A.A.11 will be taken in all cases where personnel are now found in possession of library books.



Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

1. Wet Weather Syllabus will only be put into operation on direction of C. O.
2. Sandbags will NOT be used in defence works at this stage. They must be preserved till later, in order to prevent rotting.
3. Concertina wire will NOT be used without reference to C. O. Any concertina wire already used will be dismantled and any drawn from RE's will be returned immediately.

NCO'S TRAINING CADRE.Courses

A series of Refresher for Weapon Training of NCO's will commence on 29 December, 41. Each course will be of one week's duration, and a fresh course will commence each Monday. Each Coy will send 2 NCO's to each Course. Names of NCO's selected to attend will be submitted to Bn T. 2., three days before the commencement of each Course. Lieut R. J. McDERMOTT, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, is appointed Instructor.

TRAINING IN IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT.

Coys will include this subject in night and wet weather syllabi. Details of Training are as shown in Memo G13274 which is being circulated to Coys. Sample elementary Sight Cards have been issued to Coys.

LECTURE.

All Officers, W.O's, Staff Sgts, Sgts and L/Sgts will attend Lecture in Officers' Mess at 1930 hrs 24 December 1941.



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ROUTINE

ORDERS.

In the Field.
15 Dec. 41.

by

Lt Col. R. H. WINNING, Commanding B/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 166/41.

1. DUTIES The following Duties will count as Retreat 15 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
N. P. D.

Lieut. R. H. PISHLOCK.
Lieut. A. L. GLUTH

Bn Guards and Duties

"D" Coy.

2. BDE SHOWERS.

These showers are located NORTH of Camp, and have been allotted to this unit on 17 Dec. 41.
Times shown hereunder:-

0800 - 1000 hours	B Coy.
1100 - 1200 "	A "
1400 - 1500 "	Half H.Q. and D Coy.
1600 - 1700 "	" H.Q. Coy and Hn. H. Q.,

There are 24 hot showers in Bde Bath-house.
Additional allocations will be notified periodically.

3. A. C. F.

The following have been received from A.C.F.

750 Packets Cigarettes
750 Razor Blades.

4. PAY.

Personnel are again reminded that PAY will not be available in BAYROUTH or DAMASCUS whilst on leave. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. REMOVAL OF ORDNANCE ISSUES FROM PACKS W.E. at AIF (KIT STORE).

Instructions have been ~~reissued~~ issued to O.C. AIF (ME) Kit Store by HQ AIF (ME) for the removal and return of Packs, W.E. and ordnance issues (including Govt clothing) contained therein, to R.S.D.

Personal property removed from the packs will be placed in sugar bags to which a luggage tag will be affixed bearing the particulars of the owners name, number and unit. On the reverse side of this tag will appear the words "Govt property returned to R.S.D." and the signature and Army number of the storeman concerned.

The necessity for the above instructions has arisen through the large number of Packs W.E. and quantities of Ordnance material lying unused at the Kit Store. They are mainly casualties effects and in most cases would either be dissected for return of personal effects to Australia or the owners have returned to their Unit and have been re-equipped.

6. SPECIAL NOTE. Captured German documents refer to "the very information which has been obtained from the dis British Prisoners of War. It is once more pointed personnel going into action or going into areas is possibility of contact with the enemy, are / carry any personal papers which could possibly to the enemy, and that failure to observe this r offence against discipline.

7. DENTAL CLINIC.

It has been reported that personnel of this unit have attended the Dental Clinic unshaven and with teeth uncleaned.

In future all personnel proceeding to Dental Clinic will report to Bn. H.Q. where they will be inspected by the Bn Orderly Officer, who will take disciplinary action against personnel who are unshaven.

8. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry constituted as hereunder will assemble as directed by the President to inquire into and report upon the illegal absence of VX18825 Pte DOOLAN R. S.

PRESIDENT

Capt. H.J. McE. MASHALL

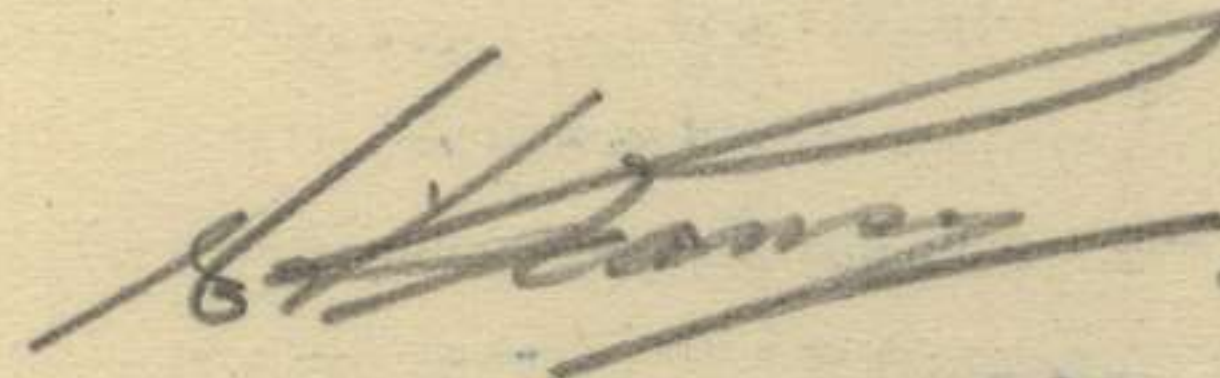
MEMBER

Lieut. J. S. ADAMS

Proceedings will reach Bn H. Q., by 1800 hrs on 16 Dec 41.

9. LIBRARY BOOKS.

Until all Library Books at present outstanding are returned to the Library, no further books will be issued.



Capt.

Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

17 Dec. 41.

In the Field.

by

Lt.Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part, 1. 167/41.

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will mount at retreat, 17 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut E. L. WATSON
N. F. D.	Lieut. L. J. KENNEDY
Bn Guards and Duties	"D" Coy.

2. FREE CINEMA:

The YMCA have arranged for the showing of the following 16 mm silent films in recreation hut :-

- (a) DRAMA - 5 reels - "THE CORSICAN BROS."
- (b) COMEDY - LAUREL and HARDY.
- (c) SHORT - BERUT and BAALBECK.

The showing will start at 1930 hrs, and the itinerary is as follows :-

16 Dec. 41.	2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
17 Dec 41.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn
18 Dec. 41	2/11 Aust Inf Bn
19 Dec. 41	6 Aust Cav

John Adams
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field,
18 Dec. 41.

by
Lt. Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 168/41.

1. DUTIES. The following Duties will Mount at Retreat 18 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut. J. WILSON
Lieut. E. C. METCALF

Bn Guards & Duties.

"D" Coy.

2. HYGIENE.

Except in wet weather the windows of NISSEH HUTS will be opened at both ends during parade hours, to allow fresh air to circulate.

3. A.C.F.

The following items have been received from A.C.F.

12 Tables for Y. M. C. A.

4. ILLEGAL ABSENCE.

A COURT OF ENQUIRY was convened by Lt. Col. R. E. Winning, C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, to inquire into the absence of VX18825 PTE DOOLAN R.F. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

The Court's finding dated 13 Nov. 41, was that VX18825 PTE DOOLAN R.F. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn illegally absented himself without leave at RAS BALBECK on the 4th day of November; and that he is still so absent and that there is no deficiency of kit that can be proved against him.

In accordance with the foregoing, VX18825 PTE DOOLAN R. F. , 2/8 Aust Inf Bn is struck off strength as a deserter on 17th November, 41.

Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. WD

TRAINING MONTH ENDING 18 JAN 42.

1. In addition to carrying out 6 hours work daily on defence works, training will be carried out on one day per week per Coy in accordance with the Bn Syllabus.
2. The total period of day training in one month will be 24 hours. Night Training will occupy 12 hours per month, spread over two night periods per week.
3. Officers and NCO's will attend lectures to be notified, on Wednesday and Saturday nights, and Coys will leave the nights free for this reason.
4. It is the responsibility of Coy Comds to ensure that the training is carried out, and that every available remaining minute is devoted to defence works. This will necessitate careful planning ahead, and constant zeal and resource - upon the part of all officers and NCO's. Difficulties both in the way of training and work must be foreseen and overcome to avoid waste of time.
5. Because of various unforeseeable circumstances, dates cannot be given for various phases of day and night training, but Coy Comds will prepare syllabi for each week, based on one day and two night periods in accordance with Bn Syllabus. Adj. will allot periods for Coys on Range Practices, and also the respective day of each week for Coy Training.
6. Defence works will be pushed ahead under the closest supervision and Section Posts or wiring which are wrongly sited or developed in such a manner as to be not capable of being utilised 100% must be regarded in the light of negligence on the part of Officers concerned. Weapon Pits and trenches will NOT be developed to a greater depth than 3' until the whole area is dug to this depth.
7. Coy Comds will maintain close touch with I.O. and report daily the amount of work completed and the location. Also figures for compilation of reports to higher authority must be furnished to I.O. as required. This is important. Coy Comds will also actively assist the I.O. in keeping the master map of defence works in the right Bde sector up to-date, as regards sites of work, work completed etc.

R. M. Murray
Lt Col.
C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Distn List "C".

18 Dec. 41.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR MONTH ENDING 18 JAN. 1942.

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Nature of Training</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	Weapon Training	6	Camp	All weapons of respective Coys, two separate days, 3 hours each period.
2.	Range Practices	6	Bde Range	All weapons of Rifle Coy.
3.	Training in Mule Transport	6	Camp	
4.	Coy Training	6		Tactical Exercises will be carried out. Two periods of 3 hours on two different days. C.O. will be notified 48 hours ahead.
<u>TOTAL</u> 24 hours.				

PROGRAMME OF NIGHT TRAINING FOR MONTH ENDING Jan 18 42.

1.	Anto-Gas Training	2	Camp	By Coys 1915 - 2015 Two Periods
2.	Night March. Use of Compass & Guides	1	Area WEST of Camp	1915 - 2015
3.	Fighting Patrols	1½	Area WEST of Camp	1915 - 2045
4.	Wiring & Digging	2	On tasks in Coy area	1830 - 2030
5.	Drill for Night Attack	1½	Area WEST of Camp	1915 - 2045
6.	Lecture by O.'s C. Coy	1	Camp	1915 - 2015 Fire plan in defence
7.	Lecture by 2i/c	1	Camp	Air support & relevant matters.
8.	First Aid R.M.O.	1	Camp	
9.	Talk on "Health in this Climate"	1	Camp	

TOTAL 12 hours (or 9 Periods.)

SUBJECTS FOR WET WEATHER SYLLABUS.

- NOTES. 1. These subjects will be prepared by all Coys so that instruction may be carried out at short notice.
2. Maximum hours to be devoted to one subject at any one time are shown in Column 2. Instruction will be of such length as to ensure that full working day of 6 hours is completed - possibly partly on defence works and partly wet weather syllabus.

WET WEATHER SYLLABUS.

1.	Weapon Training	1½ hourly periods	Camp	Subjects to be prepared by all officers so as to be prepared to carry out instrn at short notice.
2.	First Aid	1 hr. period	Camp	R.M.O & R.A.P. staff to be prepared to instruct at short notice.

(2)

Serial.	Nature of Training	Hours	Location	Remarks.
3.	Lectures by O'S.C. Coys.	1 hr.period	Camp	Subjects :- 1.Coy in Defence 2.Coy in Attack 3.Night Operations. 4.Mines & Minefields 5.Newer types of grenades & their uses. 6.Defence against Tanks.
4.	Aiming & Firing Instruction	1 hr.period	Camp	Landscape targets & other aids will be prepared.
5.	Anti-Gas Training	1 hr.period	Camp	
6.	Map Reading & Field Sketching	1 hr.period	Camp	Sand table to be used.
7.	Lectures - Pl. Comds.	1 hr.periods	Camp	Organisation of British & German Divs.
8.	Messages & Reports	1 hr.periods	Camp	
9.	Minor Tactical Exercises (Indoor)	1 hr.periods	Camp	Sand Table to be used.



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Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field.
19 Dec. 41.

by

Lt Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 169/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat 19 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut E. C. METCALF
N. F. D.	Lieut L. J. KENNEDY

Bn Guards and Duties	"D" Coy.
N.F.D. Mounting Retreat	
21 Dec.	"B" Coy.

2. CHURCH PARADE:

R.C. Masses Sunday 21 Dec. 41, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
Y.M.C.A. Hut at 0745 hrs and 0830 hrs. First Mass
for benefit of 2/8 Bn Personnel.

3. Bn POST OFFICE:


In order to avoid unnecessary delay in re-direction
of mail, personnel will, prior to departure from the
unit for any reason i.e. Hospital, School etc, submit
a signed change of address card to Bn Post Office.
This procedure will also apply when returning to
the unit.

4. CORRIGENDUM.

BRO No 168/41. Re COURT OF INQUIRY

The Court's finding dated 16 November 41, to read
16 December 41.

Last para "as a deserter on 17 November 41,
to read 17 December 41.


Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

WD

TRAINING INSTRUCTION


2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
19 Dec. 41.

No. 16/41.

1. A Course in G(R), will be held in the vicinity of DJEIDE, commencing on 22nd December 1941, finishing 10 January 1942.
2. The following personnel will attend :-

VX39724	Lieut	R. E. PAPE	2/8	Aust	Inf	Bn
VX6800	L/Sgt	NOWACKI A. T.	"	"	"	"
VX6031	L/Cpl	ROWE J. E.	"	"	"	"
VX6696	Pte	BROWN E.	"	"	"	"
VX12603	"	SMITH W. G.	"	"	"	"
VX6248	"	MAXWELL G. C.	"	"	"	"
VX16669	"	CHARLES R. M.	"	"	"	"

3. Personnel will report to Bn H.Q. ready to move to School at 1500 hrs on 20 December 41. T.O. to arrange Transport.
4. All bedding, bed-boards, equipment and arms will be taken.
5. Batmen will be taken.


 Capt.
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Distn List "B".

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
20 Dec. 41.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION.

No. 17/41

Distn List "B".

Following is Schedule of Training, Work etc for week ending 27 December 1941.

Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial No.	Date	H.Q.	A	B	C	D	REMARKS.
1	22 Dec. 41	T	W	D	W	W	
2	23 " "	W	W	D	W	T	
3	24 " "	W	W	D	T	W	
3A	25 " "	-	-	-	-	-	
4	26 "v "	W	W	D	W	W	
5	27 " "	W	R	D	W	W	

KEY : D - Duty Coy
W - Work in Defensive Area
T - Training
R - Range Practices



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In the Field.
20 Dec. 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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Lt.Col.R.E.WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 170/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat, 20 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut L. J. KENNEDY
N. F. D.	Lieut. L. C. COOPER
Bn Guards & Duties	"D" Coy
N. F. D.	"B" Coy

Note: B Coy will take over at 1700 hrs 21 Dec. 41.

2. CHURCH PARADE:

UNIT PARADE PADRE INFIELD	0930 hours.
Markers to R S.M.	0920 "
Coys March On	0925 "

AREA: SOUTH of Camp
Duty Officer will arrange table etc.,
Dress: Winter Dress, Belt and Sidearms

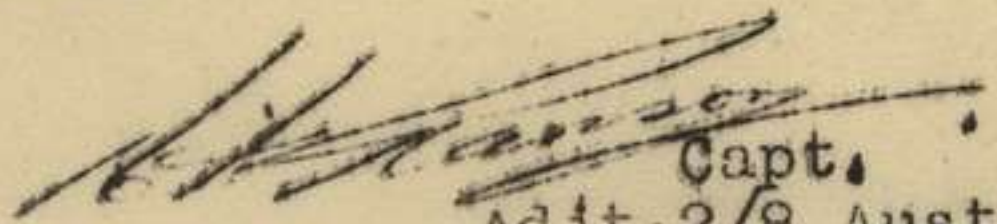
R.C.MASS: 0745 and 0830 hrs in 2/8 Aust Inf Bn YMCA Hut.
Padre REID 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
First Mass for benefit of 2/8 Personnel
Report to W.O. 11 GRAVENOR by 0730 in front of Bn H.Q.

3. TIME TABLE: The following Time Table will become effective on 21 Dec. 41. :-

<u>DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS</u>		<u>SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS ONLY</u>	
Reveille	0630 hrs	Reveille	0730 hrs
Sick Parade	-----	Sick Parade	0800 "
Breakfast	0730 "	Breakfast	0830 "
Sick Parade	0800	Sick Parade	-----
Coy Parade	0815 "	Coy Parade	-----
Cease Work	1200 "	Cease Work	-----
Dinner	1230 "	Dinner	1230 "
Coy Parade	1330 "	Coy Parade	----- "
Cease Work	1630 "	Cease Work	----- "
Retreat	1700 "	Retreat	1700 "
Tea	1715 "	Tea	1715 "
First Post (Tattoo Roll Call)	2130 "	First Post Tattoo Roll Call	2130 "
Last Post	2145 "	Last Post	2145 "
Lights Out	2200 "	Lights Out	2200 "

4 CANTEEN: Trading Hours for CANTEEN are as under :-

1215 - 1315 Hrs
1630 - 1730 "
1900 - 2100 "


Capt.
Adjt., 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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In the Field, 22 Dec. 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by Lt Col. R. F. WING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 171/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will mount at Retreat. 22 Dec. 41.

- Bn Orderly Officer Lieut R. H. C. CARDEW
- N. F. D. Lieut J. M. TRETOWAN
- Bn Guards and Duties "B" COY.

2. SALVAGE: A number of instances have occurred of Salvage Bins, marked as such, being used as incinerators and as receptacles for empty food tins. It is again pointed out that empty food tins are not salvage and will not be placed in Salvage Bins.

Salvage Bins are not placed in the lines to be used as Incinerators. In any case the paper so burnt represents a waste of salvageable material. Apart from being a serious reflection on the intelligence of the individual offenders, this practice leads to much extra work in sorting of salvage.

Disciplinary Action will be taken against all offenders.

3. WINTER ILLMENTS PREVENTION OF: Instruction has been issued through medical channels for precautions against casualties from frost-bite and trench feet, but the following matters are called to the notice of Unit Comdrs. :-

- (a) The winter hutting programme provided the minimum accomodation for units and this must be economically used.
- (b) Raised walks in camp areas are provided by Engineer Services to some extent, but this provision does not exonerate units from self-help in making camps comfortable.
- (c) Most casualties of the nature of frost-bite and trench feet or chilled feet arise from wet socks and boots or prolonged standing in mud or water and are, therefore preventable.
- (d) C.O.'s must ensure the following:
 1. That the "Barrack Room Rule" for laying out beds is applied in quarters to prevent untidiness or lack of cleanliness.
 2. That all foot-gear is sound and that men have enough socks to provide a dry change when required.
 3. That sufficient exercise is taken by all ranks to keep blood circulating.
 4. That warm quarters are provided for personnel on guard or similar duties.
 5. Hot food or hot drinks for men on guard or similar duty.

(e) Men must be educated in the following matters:-

1. Washing mud off boots and drying water off boots before removing.
2. Washing and drying cold and wet feet - NOT IN HOT WATER - and replacing wet socks with dry.
3. Avoiding heaters or fires when feet are cold and wet.
4. Strict personal cleanliness.

(f) Failure to observe the above orders will be treated strictly as breaches of discipline.

(F. R. O. No. 57)

[Signature]
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

In the Field,
23 Dec. 41.

by
Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1,

172/41.

W.D.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat, 23 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
M. F. D.

Lieut J. M. TRETOWAN
Lieut J. S. ADAMS

Guards and Bn Duties

"B" Coy.

2. XMAS DAY: XMAS DAY, 25 December, 41, will be observed as a Holiday.

3. CHURCH SERVICES: 25 December, 41. (a) Unit Parade PADRE HARTFIELD.

at 0930 hrs.

(b) C. of E. Communion Service.

Markers to RSM 0920 hrs
Coys march on 0925 "

YMCA Hut 2/4 Bn lines
at 1115 hrs.

Area - to be notified later.
Bn Orderly Officer to arrange
Table etc.

Dress: Winter Dress, belt and
Sidearms.

(c) R. C. Services:

MASS: Chaplain's Hut 2/4 Bn Lines

2359 hrs on 24 Dec. 41.

YMCA Hut 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines at 0900 hrs

2/8 Bn Personnel parade at Bn. H. Q., at 0845 hrs.

W.O. 11 GRAVENOR i/c.

4. SALVAGE. It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the card-board containers used for A.C.F. Christmas Hampers are valuable, and should be salvaged.

5. SALVAGE OF SCREW TOPS AND BUNGS FOR WATER CONTAINERS.

The supply of "screw tops" and bungs for water containers is a matter of considerable difficulty.

Sub-unit Commanders will make every effort to ensure that every one of these items from unserviceable tins is collected and returned as a matter of urgency, to the nearest ordnance depot.

6. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS.

Petrol tins are now being used packed singly in wooden crates.

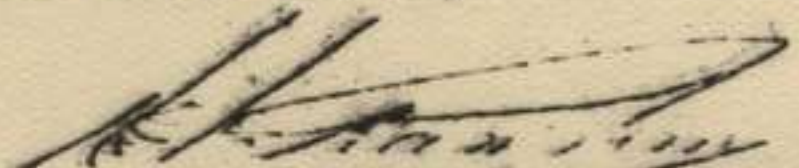
The tin is NOT to be withdrawn from these crates which are to be returned with the tin.

Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents as laid down in General Order No. 217 of 1940 and No. 219 of 1941.

7. TRAFFIC-CONTROL - DJEIDE - BAALBECK ROAD.

Owing to the frequency of serious accidents; N/C patrols have been instituted on this road by 6 Aust Cav Regt. The object of the patrol is to prevent fast, careless and bad drivers. The members of this patrol will be easily distinguishable by their black berets, and they will have the right to hold up any Army vehicle. Any failure to obey a signal given by a member of this patrol will be treated as disobeying a command issued by authority of GOC 6 Aust Div.

8. PAY WHILE ON LEAVE. As adequate arrangements have been made for units to collect pay and for leave personnel, before proceeding on leave, instructions have been issued that pay will not be made available in BEIRUT or DAMASCUS. Any soldier causing a disturbance at a Pay Office by demanding pay will be arrested and returned to his unit.


Adj. 2/8 Aust Div. Capt.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat, 24 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer N. F. D.	Lieut J. C. WILSON Lieut. J. F. BURFOWES
Guards and Bn Duties N. F. D. to mount on 28 December, 41.	"B" Coy "A" "

2. SECURITY: The following Amendments to Standing Orders for Security will become effective at Retreat, 25 December 41 :

- (a) Roving Patrols in Coy lines will NOT be mounted, except in the case of H.Q. Coy who will maintain present picket on transport lines.
- (b) Bn Guard will be increased to 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl 18 Ptes, and the following posts will be manned :-

1. Fixed Beat: At GUARD ROOM, facing EAST and extending from road to NORTHERN end of Guard Room.
 2. Fixed Beat: On EASTERN side of Bn H.Q. facing EAST and extending along full length of Bn H.Q. bldg.
 3. Fixed Beat: Along road on SOUTHERN boundary of camp facing SOUTH - and extending from SOUTH EAST corner to SOUTH WEST corner of Camp.
 4. Fixed Beat: Long WESTERN side of Camp facing WEST and extending from SOUTH WEST corner and NORTH WEST corner of camp.
 5. Fixed Beat: Along NORTHERN side of Camp - facing NORTH and extending from NORTH WEST corner to NORTH EAST corner of Camp.
 6. Roving Patrol: (1 man) who will patrol the whole area systematically. Sentry on this duty will completely circle every building in area at least once during his tour of duty.
- (c) Plan of Camp with beats clearly marked will be hung in the Guard Room.

3. BRIGADE SHOWERS: Showers have been allotted to this unit on 26th December, 41. Coy times are as shown below:-

0900 - 1000 A, and B Coys 1100-1200 Bn H.Q. & $\frac{1}{2}$ H.Q.
 1400 - 1500 B. Coy and half H. Q. Coy.

4. SPEED OF VEHICLES: In future the maximum speed of vehicles within 6 Aust Div area will be as follows :-

Staff Cars	40 m. p. h.
Light Vans	35 m. p. h.
1 ton and equivalent Vans or Trucks	25 m. p. h.
All heavier vehicles and all tracked vehicles	20 m.p.h.

4. MISAPPROPRIATION OF 4 GALLON RETURNABLE PETROL CANS AND DRUMS.

The above type of Petrol Containers has been introduced in the Middle East in order to achieve a much needed saving in tinplate as used in the 4-gallon non-returnable tin. Their use is confined to petrol supply points and to D.I.D.S. where there are petrol pumps, in order to implement bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps. Cases have recently occurred of

(a) Units in convoy misappropriating these cans when filling up at D.I.D.S. and/or petrol supply points.

(b) Misappropriation by units failing to return these cans to local D.I.D.S. when leaving area. Misappropriation of these containers entirely defeats the object of introducing returnable containers at all, i.e. economy in tinplate - and in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken against the Os & C where returnable containers are retained by units without authority.

Capt.

(AMENDED)

LEAVE INSTRUCTION NO.4.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn
24 December, 41.

1.0

DATE	Bn H.Q.	3 DAY BEYROUTH.				
		H.Q.	A	B	C	D.
27 Dec. 41.	-	4	3	3	2	2
30 " "	2	4	3	2	2	2
2 Jan. 42	-	4	2	2	3	3
5 " "	2	4	2	2	2	2
8 " "	-	4	3	3	2	2
11 " "	2	4	2	2	2	2

DATE	Bn H.Q.	2 DAY DAMASCUS.				
		H.Q.	A	B	C	D
25 Dec. 41	2	-	-	4	-	-
27 " "	-	-	-	-	3	3
29 " "	2	4	-	-	-	-
31 " "	-	-	3	3	-	-
2 Jan. 42	-	-	-	-	3	3
4 " "	2	4	-	-	-	-
6 " "	-	-	3	3	-	-
8 " "	-	-	-	-	3	3
10 " "	2	4	-	-	-	-

DRESS: S.D. Anklets Web, Boots, Hats (Turned down) Waistbelt. Jackets and Greatcoats (when worn) will not be left unbuttoned.

INSPECTION: All Leave Parties will be inspected by Bn Orderly officer and any man incorrectly dressed will not be permitted to proceed on leave.

PAY: Pay will not be available in BEYROUTH, DAMASCUS, or BAALBECK en route. Arrangements will be made each Wednesday for pay to be drawn for personnel proceeding on PALESTINE leave; extra money will be drawn to provide those who anticipate going to BEYROUTH or DAMASCUS during the subsequent week with a chance to obtain pay.

OFFICER 1/c PARTIES: This unit will provide an ~~officer~~ to take charge of Bde Leave Parties on the following days:-
BEYROUTH 27 December 41.
" 8 January 42
DAMASCUS 27 December 41
" 12 January 42

TRANSPORT: Unit transport for 20 ORs to BEYROUTH on all BEYROUTH leave days. This unit will provide transport for Bde gp to DAMASCUS for 45 ORs on 27 December 41, and 12 January 42.

PERSONAL GEAR: Coys will take adequate steps to see that personal gear is not left unguarded. It is the responsibility of the soldier concerned to ensure that he carries out the instructions in this respect. Personnel from Coys on outpost will report to RSM on the evening before day of departure and will hand blankets in to care of RSM, neatly rolled and labelled on the morning of departure.

HYGIENE: All members of Leave Parties will report to RAP on evening before departure for S.T. Packets and information. All personnel will report to RAP on return from leave.

DISCIPLINE: This must remain at a very high standard. The provisions which will debar a town from a unit whose members have offended in this respect still apply.

Nominal Roll C/BHO
0915 Proceeding day

[Signature]
Lieut.
A/adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf B.

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ROUTINE

by

ORDERS

In the Field.

26 December, 41.

Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 174/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat, 26 December, 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
N. P. D.

Lieut A. E. WHITESIDE.
Lieut D. A. ALLAN

Bn Guards and Duties

"B" Coy

N. P. D. - To Mount at Retreat on 28 Dec. 41 "A" Coy.

2. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS:

It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so called 4-gallon non-returnable tin is of considerable value for second-hand purposes and that these tins now cost 1s. 5d. each, exclusive of cases and cartons :-

It is in demand for :-

- (a) Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and M.B.C.
- (b) Filling with Bitumen
- (c) P.A.D. and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or "non-returnable", but by their nature and capacity only.

Petrol/oil Drums 40/44 Gall.
Lub. Oil Drums 5-gallon (round)
Petrol/oil Drums 4-gallon (round.)
Petrol Tins 4-gallon LIGHT (previously termed "non) returnable"
Petrol Cans 4-gallon (rectangular)
Petrol Cans 2-gallon (containers.)
No 4-gallon tins will be "cast by the roadside" after emptying, but will be replaced in vehicles and carried to forward destination, where they will be handed in to :-

- (a) S. T. Depots or Dumps, or
 - (b) Salvage,
- as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates and cartons.

3. NOTICE:

LOST

1 "LIBAN" Wrist Watch, between "A" and "D" Coy lines, on Xmas Day (December 25 41),
Engraved "P.V.M. VX6649",
Finder return to Cpl MIDDLETON, "A" Coy.

~~Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.~~
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Capt.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
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In the Field.
27 Dec. 41.

Lt Col. R.E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 175/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat 27 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut D. A. ALLAN
Lieut H. DONCASTER

Bde and Bn Duties

"B" Coy

N.F.D. Bn Duties - To Mount at Retreat on 28 Dec. 41. "A" Coy

2. CHURCH SERVICES:

Unit Parade	Padre HARFIELD	0930 hrs
Markers to RSM		0920 "
Coys march on		0925 "
AREA : SOUTH OF CAMP		
Duty Officer will arrange Table etc.,		
Dress: Winter Dress, Belt and Sidearms		

R. C. MASS: 0900 hrs in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn YMCA HUT and
1000 " in village Church DJEIDE
Padre Reid 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
Report to W.O. 11 GRAVENOR by 0845 in front
of Bn H. Q.,

3. LIBRARY: Bn Library will re-open on 28 Dec. 41. The hours for
drawing and returning books will be from :

1800 - 2030 hrs.

4. CONDUCT OF Psw:

In recent days a few English soldiers have fallen
into our hands as a result of successful patrol actions.

When subjected to interrogation by our Intelligence
Branch all the enemy prisoners refused firmly and categor-
ically to give any military information of any kind what-
soever and confined themselves to providing their personal
particulars and Army Number.

More energetic demands, and indirect questions (intended to obtain details or confirmation of certain information e. . . order of battle, organisation etc) had no better success; all the prisoners remained firm in their dutiful decision to obey the order not to talk, being thoroughly conscious of the fact that any other line of conduct would amount to treachery pure and simple.

I wish these facts to be brought to the notice of all units so that every soldier who is unfortunate enough to be taken prisoner should know that his clear duty is to be silent and that anyone who behaves otherwise is a traitor to his country.

Military honours demands that the spirit of dignity and pride of race should be always alive and present in the minds of our troops.

(SIGNED) ENEA NAVARRINI
G.O.C.

John Adams
for Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.


2/8 Aust Inf Bn TRAINING INSTRUCTION 18/41, 27 December. 41.

DISTN LST "B". Following is Schedule of Training, Work etc for week ending ~~XXXXX~~ January 3, 42.

<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>H.Q.</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
1	29 Dec. 41.	T	D	W	W	W	
2	30 " 41	W	D	R	W	W	W.D.
3	31 " 41	W	D	W	T	W	
4	1 Jan 42	-	-	-	-	-	
	2 " 42	W	D	W	W	T	
	3 " 42	W	D	T	W	W	

KEY - D - DUTY COY.
" - T - TRAINING

- W - Work in Defensive area
- R - Range Practices.


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ROUTINE ORDERS
by

In the Field.
28 December 41. WD 2

Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1, 176/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat, 28 December 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut H. DONCASTER
Lieut J. S. LAIDLAW

Bn Guards and Duties

"A" Coy.

2. The G.O.C. desires that the following message should be communicated to all ranks on Xmas Day :-

First of all I want to wish you a Merry Xmas for 1942, and a safe return home after finishing your job. I want to thank you all for the good work you have done this year both during our campaigns, and training, and more recently in the preparation of defensive positions. We have learnt a lot during the year about soldiering, but we still have a long way to go before we can really redeem ourselves as fully trained as we want to be. I know I can rely on you all to get as much out of training periods as possible, so that we may the quicker defeat our enemy when next we meet him.

This Xmas we have every reason to feel pleased with the news. I know many of you are worried about the War in the Pacific, but it is right that you should know that Germany still remains the main enemy. Her defeat will leave JAPAN in an absolutely hopeless position. Our task is thus still to take a part in the overthrow of the GERMAN Army, which at the moment is suffering defeats on all fronts. In LIBYA her Army is fleeing over the very roads we chased the Italians over in February last. In RUSSIA her armies are withdrawing amid the dreadful cold of the Russian winter. It remains to be seen whether Hitler's armies are not about to suffer a similar fate to those of Napoleon in 1812. But however the RUSSIAN campaign develops we must be ready to play our part in the final destruction of Hitler's Armies and must realise that by so doing we best protect our Homeland and contribute to the ultimate defeat of Japan.

I feel that with your loyal support we can look forward to the coming year with every confidence.

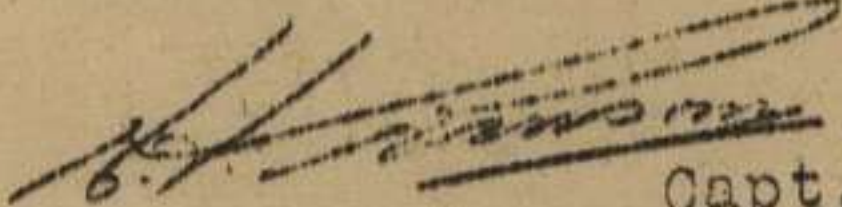
(Sgd.) E.F. HERRING Major → Gener

Comd 6 Aust Div.

3. CORRIGENDUM:

Reference BRO's for 27 December, 41, No. 175.
The following should be inserted to precede the commencement of para 4 re Conduct of PsW.

"The following is a translation of an Italian document captured from GSI of the Italian 21 Army Corps.


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W.D.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

In the Field.

30 December. 41.

by
Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Part 1, 177/41

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat 30 December 41.

Bn Orderly Officer
N. F. D.

Lieut. A. L. GLUTH
Lieut. G.F.N. FISHLOCK

Bn Guards & Duties

"A" Coy.

2. HOLIDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY. THURSDAY 1st JAN, 1942 will be observed as a Holiday.

3. CHURCH SERVICES: 1 January 42,
R. C. SERVICE: MASS Recreation Hut 2/8 Aust Inf
Bn Lines at 0745 hrs., Padre REID

4. CANTEEN: Commencing on 30 December 41, Hot Drinks will be served free of charge at Canteen between 1900 and 2100 hrs each night. Personnel wishing to obtain Hot Drinks must bring their own drinking utensils with them.

5. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING":

(a) Vigorous action will be taken by all Commanding Officers to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the War.

(b) Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable some Commanding Officers are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of Government Property are to be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined.

(c) Commanding Officers are held responsible for safeguarding Government Property committed to their charge and that all their Officers, NCO's and men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard.

(d) Inadequate action by Commanding Officers in taking protective measures carrying out investigations into losses, or inflicting appropriate* within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.

x Corrigendum.
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6. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS: A marked increase in the number of Pay Book losses indicates that Personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures, for their safe custody, and commanding officers will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pick-pockets etc.

The habit of carrying money inside the pay-book is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Units should discourage soldiers carrying money inside their pay-books.

The provision of inside pocket in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under unit arrangements, will be investigated by Formation etc. H. Q.,

H. L. ...

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ROUTINE ORDERS
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Lt Col. R. E. WINNING, Commanding

In the Field
31 Dec, 41.
2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1. 178/41.

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat 31 Dec. 41.

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut G. F. N. FISHLOCK 2/8 Bn
N. F. D.	Lieut E. C. METCALF "
Bn Ord. Sgt	Sgt G. R. QUIRK
N. F. D.	Sgt W. J. CLEMENS
Bn Guards & Duties	"A" Coy

Duties of Bn Orderly Sgt will be published separately.

2. LEAVE: (a) All Leave Parties will be paraded by Bn Orderly Sgt to Adjt or Orderly Officer at 1700 hrs on day prior to departure on leave.
(b) All Leave Parties will be paraded for inspection by Bn Orderly Sgt to Orderly Officer 15 minutes prior to departure.

3. EVASION OF CENSORSHIP: Recent reports indicate that a considerable number of tps en route for PALESTINE and EGYPT have been carrying letters for civilians, thus enabling them to evade the military censorship.

All ranks are to be warned of the seriousness of this offence.

Offenders will be severely dealt with.

4. CHURCH SERVICES: Mass will be celebrated at 0900 hrs 1st Jan 41, in the WCA Hut of the 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines. This cancels previous instruction issued on BRO No. 177.

5. VENEREAL DISEASE: The number of cases of Venereal Disease in this unit is reaching a really serious figure- and in all cases it is found that the soldier has failed to carry out the preventative measures laid down. It is absolutely essential that personal measures be taken immediately, and that a visit be paid to the P.A.C. in the town concerned as soon as possible, after each intercourse. Remember that contracting the disease entails a loss in pay amounting to one third.


6. ACF GOODS IN CANTEENS: Several complaints have been received recently of soldiers purchasing in Canteens, goods which were subsequently found to bear the ACF free issue label.

It is to be explained to all ranks that this has taken place on several occasions, due entirely to the fact that the articles for both organisations are packed in the same factory, and often at the same time. It is thus often difficult for the packers to determine which is which, and mistakes have occurred. On one occasion recently, out of 3000 tins of tobacco opened only 5 were found to bear the ACF mark.

7. POLISHING OF BRASSES: All Webbing Equipment brasses and other brass parts of arms and equipment used or worn, or likely to be used or worn by tps during active service operations will be left unpolished and allowed to become dull, as polishing bright parts renders tps more liable to observation from the air and from the ground.

8. POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS: Notwithstanding the outbreak of hostilities in the Far East, there has, as yet, been no material dislocation of the previously existing service.

Any alteration rendered necessary by circumstances will be promulgated as the need arises.


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