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Unit 38 Battalion RECORDS Date and Time.—From 10 DEC 41 To 6 JAN 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c.
BALCOMBE.	10 DEC 41	1400 hrs	1 Platoon B. Coy proceeded to YANAKIE. Protn A.O.B.	MM
BALCOMBE	" " "	"	" " C. " " MALLACOOTA INLET. Protn. A.O.B.	
BALCOMBE	15 DEC 41.		Call up of more personnel for F.T.D. also certain men on the reserve list	Proceed to BALCOMBE instead DANDENONG.
"	" " "	0930 hrs.	Battle posns occupied by portion of BN relative to digging in.	MM
DANDENONG.	16 DEC 41	1430 hrs	Certain personnel of BN to new X Bde group.	MM
DANDENONG.	17 DEC 41.	1700 hrs.	Section posts and platoon digging proceeding satisfactorily.	MM Field works plan.
DANDENONG.	26 DEC 41	1530 hrs	Remainder of BN at rear H.Q. marched in.	MM
DANDENONG.	1. JAN 42.	1030 hrs	Day leave granted to personnel who did not proceed on. Leave 25 and 26 Dec 41 66%.	MM
DANDENONG	" " "	1200 hrs.	Baggage etc to be reduced to a minimum.	MM
DANDENONG.	4. JAN 42.	0900 hrs	Wire estimates received from Coy Comdrs.	MM Engineers.
"	6. JAN 42.	1135 hrs.	Demolitions required by this unit.	MM

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

10 DEC. 41. CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 56. 38BN. INF., BALCOMBE.

BY

MAJOR R. M. SEA D'ORTH E. D., ADMINISTERING COMMAND 38th BN.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - 10/12/41 - Lieut. McBRIDE H. V.
 " Sjt. " (MG Coy to Supply)
 " Cpl. " " " " "
 " Officer - 11/12/41 - Lieut. PHILLIPS K. J.
 " Sjt. " (MG Coy to supply)
 " Cpl. " " " " "
 " Officer - 12/12/41 - Lieut. ABERNETHY J.
 " Sjt. " (A Coy to supply)
 " Cpl. " " " " "

2. PAYMENT OF PATIENTS IN NO. 5 C.C.S.

2. PAYMENT OF PATIENTS IN NO. 5 C.C.S. The Commanding Officer of No. 5 C.C.S. Balcombo has requested that fortnightly pay to patients be made by units between 1400 hrs and 1500 hrs only.

3. PAMBOOKS.

3. PAYBOOKS. All personnel marching out of camp to other units, to schools or hospital must be in possession of their paybooks before leaving this unit.

4. ARMY WATER VEHICLES.

4. ARMY WATER VEHICLES. - FILTRATION & STERILISATION OF WATER. The following instructions have been received from A.M.S.:—"The Army Tank Truck and Water Trailer are fitted with a Hollinite Filter which is adapted to filter water from any source, however muddy, in one process without preflocculation. For this purpose the necessary chemicals are carried on the water vehicle, and also filter earth to form the filter pack. It is pointed out however, that many waters can be pumped direct into the tank without filtration and can be satisfactorily sterilised by superchlorination and subsequent dechlorination in the tank. The filter earth and chemicals should not be used needlessly, and medical officers should be instructed that filtration should be carried out only when deemed necessary. The instructions issued with the water vehicles describe how water may be pumped direct into the tank without passing through the filters, and this procedure should be followed except where the medical officer is of the opinion that the water should be filtered as well as sterilised."

MAJOR.
ADJUTANT 38th BATTALION.
(THE BUNDIGO REGIMENT).

N O T I C E S.

LOST.

In 6 Inf. Bdo. H.Q. latrine, 1 leather money belt, containing 2 keys and approx. 5/- cash. Finder return to 6 Bdo. Hq.

1 money belt, dark brown with three pockets, 2 press studs on each pocket, containing four \$1 notes and silver, left in latrine near big Canteen. Finder return to 33Bn. R.M. Office.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

12 DEC. 41. CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 57. 38BN. HQ.. BALCOMBE.

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MAJOR R. M. SHADEFORTH E.D., ADMINISTERING COMMAND 38th BATTALION.

1. DUTIES. = Orderly Officer - 13/12/41 - Lieut. MONAGHAN F. B.
 " Sjt. " (B Coy to supply).
 " Cpl. " (C Coy to supply).
 " Officer - 14/12/41. Lieut. CAMBRIDGE A. H.
 " Sjt. " (D Coy to supply).
 " Cpl. " " " "
 " Officer & 15/12/41 Lieut. SULLIVAN J. A.
 " Sjt. " (MG Coy to supply).
 " Cpl. " " " "

2. HOT SHOWERS. On all days other than when rain renders it ineffective, the windows of shower sheds will be opened to assist in drying the floors, and thus assist in obviating foot infection.

3. SALVAGE. Repeatedly the necessity for maximum conservation of all normally waste material having salvage value, has been stressed and should require no amplification. In spite of this, however, it is noted that much suitable material, particularly newspapers, is being placed in incinerators and destroyed. All ranks will be advised of the importance of salvaging all such material and all Officers must accept the responsibility to ensure that greater care is exercised in this matter.

4. SVY. BEACONS. Troops will be warned that on no account are beacons erected by 2nd Survey Regt to be interfered with. Instances have occurred where the work of 2 Svy. Regt. has been delayed on account of damage caused by troops.

5. OUT OF BOUNDS. No. 5 C.C.S. Balcombe is in quarantine and out of bounds to all ranks until further notice.

6. REVEILLE. Reveille will be at 0600 hrs as and from 12 DEC. 41. From 0630 hrs to 0650 hrs., P. & R.T. will be carried out by all ranks.

M. J. J. J. MAJOR.
ADJUTANT 38th BATTALION.
(THE BENDIGO REGIMENT).

N O T I C E S.

CHURCH PARADE. On SUN. 14 DEC. 41., R.C. Church Parade will be held in C.W.O. Hut. Mt. Martha at 0830 hrs.

L O S T. Lost in vicinity of 38Bn. Showers. "Westclox" pocket watch, luminous dial. Finder return to 38Bn. Hq.,
38Bn. Hq., Gold signet ring, engraved "H D". Finder return to

latrines. Finder return to 38Bn. Hq.,
in vicinity of 6 Bde. Hq., and Civic Centre. Finder return to 6 Inf. Bde.
leather cover. In 6 Bde. shower room. 1 wristlet watch, enclosed in
F O U N D. Finder return to 6 Inf. Bde. Hq.,
1 Khaki hat (fur). Owner apply to 4 Div. Sigs. R.Hq.,

EDUCATIONAL. Prof. R. D. Wright will talk to troops on the subject -
"MAN'S MAKE UP" in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on MON. 15 DEC. 41 at 2000 hrs.

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24 DEC. 41. CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 61. 38BN. HQ., BALCOMBE.

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MAJOR R. H. SEADFORTH E. D., ADMINISTERING COMMAND 38th BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - 24/12/41. LIEUT. WALLACE R.E.Y.
 " Sjt. " (B Coy to supply).
 " Cpl. " (" " " ").
 " Officer - 25/12/44. LIEUT. SULLIVAN J. A.
 " Sjt. " (C COY TO SUPPLY).
 " Cpl. " (" " " ").
 " Officer - 26/12/41 LIEUT. YOUNG G. A.
 " Sjt./ " (D Coy to supply).
 " Cpl. " (" " " ").

2. LEAVE LOCAL CHRISTMAS DAY. Leave will be granted to 66% of unit personnel from 1000hrs. until 2359 hrs. Christmas Day 1941. Coys to arrange for necessary maintenance personnel to be in remaining 34%. Personnel not granted leave on this date will be granted leave on a date to be notified later. Leave will NOT be granted BEYOND mornington under any circumstances.

3. VISITORS. Visitors will be allowed in camp from 1100 hrs to 1800 hrs
25 DEC. 41.

4. MUSTER PARADE. There will be a parade of ALL personnel on IM. Coy
Parade ground at 1640 hrs, 24 Dec. 41. Battalion in close column of
Coys.

5. POSTAL FACILITIES. The following amended hours of service at BALCOMBE MILITARY P.O. will be observed on dates shown:-

25/12/41. Telephone service only.
0900 hrs. to 1200 hrs & 1400 hrs to 2200hrs.

26/12/41. Full facilities. - 0800 hrs to 1000 hrs.
Telephone only. - 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs.

1/1/42. Full facilities. - 0800 hrs to 1000 hrs.
Telephone only. - 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs.

W. L. Tresidder MAJOR.
ADJUTANT 38th BATTALION.
(THE BENDIGO REGIMENT).

NOTICES.

R.C. CHURCH PARADE. Mass will be celebrated at 0630hrs. on THURSDAY
CHRISTMAS DAY. 25 DEC. 41 at C.W.O. Hut Mt. Martha.
 Confessions. Tonight WED. at C.W.O. Hut Mt. Martha.

ENTERTAINMENT. The "DIGGERS" REVUE" Concert Party will provide an entertainment in the R.S.L. Hut, Balcombe on WED. 24 DEC. 41 at 2000 hrs.

LOST. Brown leather money belt in 38Bn. Showers contain-
ing keys and £6/10/-. Finder please return to
38Bn. Hq.,

FOUND.

- 1 Gold "Cyma" wristlet watch in leather case inscribed on back.
- 1 "Dunkling" wristlet watch in leather case.
- 1 wristlet watch in leather case.
- 1 wristlet watch with leather strap.

Owners of the abovementioned watches can have same on identification at R.H.Q., 4 Armd. Regt.

LOST. Rifle No. 105796. Finder return to 38Bn. Hq.,

H.Q. 38 Bn.,
DANDENONG.

27 Dec. '41.

CAMP STANDING ORDERS.

1. ROUTINE.

REVEILLE	0600 hrs.
BREAKFAST	0730 "
SICK PARADE	0800 "
MORNING PARADE	0815 "
MID-DAY MEAL	1245 "
AFTERNOON PARADE	1345 "
EVENING MEAL	1730 "
RETREAT	1800 "
FIRST POST	2130 "
LAST POST	2200 "
LIGHTS OUT	2215 "

2. ALARM - ACTION TO BE TAKEN. On the alarm being sounded, by any means, all ranks will report to Coy alarm posts with all equipment and arms, and will remain at their posts until the ALL CLEAR (the advance) is sounded, unless other orders are issued. The ALARM will be sounded by bugler from vicinity of Forward Bn. H.Q. and bugler will then report to Forward Bn. H.Q. for instructions. Sigs will warn all Coys etc. with whom they are in communication, immediately the ALARM is sounded.

3. FIRE. The fire menace is always present at this time of the year and all precautions must be observed - in particular, fires will NOT be left unattended. Coys will detail fire fighting personnel and on the alarm being given, these personnel, with fire beaters, will report to Coy fire posts, and then will proceed to site of fire to assist in its extinguishing.

4. TRACK DISCIPLINE. Strict attention is required along the lines already indicated. REMEMBER THE AIR.

5. WATER CONSERVATION. All water has to be carried some distance into the area and the greatest care will be taken that no water is wasted. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

6. CLEANLINESS OF AREA. Strict cleanliness of the 38Bn. area will be insisted upon, and all ranks will see that no litter is allowed to lie around. All ranks are reminded that paper, tins, bottles etc, when in the sun, reflect light and will give away positions to the air.

7. CORRESPONDENCE. Bn. and Coy H.Qs will operate with the minimum of material and staff, and therefore, correspondence will be reduced to a minimum. Coys will NOT pass to Bn. H.Q. any matter which they can deal with, and any matter forwarded must first be fully investigated by Coys and have a report or recommendation attached.

8. DISCIPLINE. - General. A very high standard of discipline will be maintained and to ensure this, all Coys will be responsible for the promulgation to their personnel all orders etc affecting them.

9. GENERAL. These orders are in outline only as they are based on matters of practice and training, and can be elaborated where necessary by Coys and Pls.

W.L. TRESIDDER, Major.
Adjutant 38th. Battalion.

Appx G

38 Bn H.Q.
Forward .
31 Dec 41.

Major Shadforth.

→ H.Q.

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LEAVE - MILITIA FORCES F.T.D. AND U.S.P.

Leave for all tps in the DANDENONG AREA will in all instances be from 1230 hours to 1345 hours of the succeeding day.

2. Tps may be granted leave one day off per week as per roster to be arranged by Coys - but no greater proportion is to be granted on sundays than on any other day. SUNDAY IS A FULL WORKING DAY.
3. Tps will travel to MELBOURNE by trains leaving DANDENONG at 1313 hrs, returning to camp by trains leaving FLINDERS ST at 1219 hrs daily except SUNDAYS. On Sundays trains will be 1345 hrs ex DANDENONG and 1247 hrs ex FLINDERS ST. TROOPS WILL NOT TRAVEL BY ANY OTHER TRAINS THAN ABOVE.
4. Attention is drawn to the fact that restrictions to country centres still applies and above refers only to the METROPOLITAN AREA. However this does not preclude country personnel proceeding as far as MELBOURNE.
5. Leave operates from 1230 hrs 2 Jan 42.
6. In NO instance will leave be granted to a greater number of personnel than one in 7 so that 6/7ths of actual unit will remain in camp.
7. The foregoing does not apply to message ~~xxxx~~ C 37 - which refers to leave to DANDENONG NEW YEARS DAY ONLY, and is additional to above.
8. In special circumstances leave may be granted for periods longer than one day provided members may be recalled within 24 hours. This authority will be sparingly used and will only apply in cases of dire necessity - sickness, death etc. In all cases of special leave passes must be personally signed by C.O.

ACK on message form

G.J. Caldwell Capt.
Adjutant 38 Bn.

SECRET :

Appx "H"

HEADQUARTERS,
 403 Toorak Rd.,
 STH. YARRA. SE1.
 9 DEC. 41.

6 INF. BDE. (4)
 6 FD. AMB.
114 RES. M.T. COY.

PROTECTION OF A.O.Bs. - ADM. INSTRUCTIONS.

1.(a) For movement of protective platoons to A.O.Bs. vide separate instructions, the following vehicles will be supplied viz. :-

<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>YANAKIE</u>	<u>MALLACOOTA</u>
1 30-cwt lorry each to remain with platoon & for stores.	38 BN	38 BN
2 3-ton lorries each for tpt. of personnel	114 RES. M.T. COY	114 RES. M.T. COY.

(b) Drivers and relief drivers for 30-cwt lorries will be included in platoon personnel. 114 Res. M.T. Coy. will provide relief drivers for vehicles which it supplies.

(c) Res. M.T. Coy. lorries will return on day following arrival at outward destination taking necessary food, water, petrol and oil supplies for journey with them, also route cards and maps.

2.(a) Unconsumed portion of ration for 10 DEC. and full rations for 11 and 12 DEC 41 will be drawn and carried with parties.

(b) First issues drawn at destinations will be for consumption on SAT. 13 DEC. 41.

(c) "Yanakie" platoon will draw supplies from Sup. O. FOSTER.

(d) "Mallacoota" platoon will collect rations for 13 DEC. at BAINSDALE. Rly. Stn. after arrival of train at 1530 hrs. FRI. 12 DEC. and thereafter as advised by D.A.D.S. S.COMD.

3. (a) Platoons will each take with them six (6) tents oblong with flies, palliasses, straw, blankets, one Fowler stove and necessary utensils.

(b) Certain hut accommodation is available at each A.O.B. and when not required by R.A.A.F. personnel may, if desired, be utilised by military personnel with the consent of the senior R.A.A.F. officer or N.C.O.

4.(a) Sufficient petrol is to be carried for forward journey of "Yanakie" platoon. "Mallacoota" platoon will carry sufficient to reach BAINSDALE.

(b) Supplies for maintenance at "Yanakie" and returning to carrying vehicles obtainable from Sup. O. FOSTER.

(c) Supplies for journey forward of BAINSDALE, for maintenance at "Mallacoota" and returning to carrying vehicles obtainable at Vacuum Oil Co. "A" Depot, BAINSDALE or Vacuum Oil Co. agency, ORBOST. A.A.F.59 and T.S.4 will be completed for issues obtained from "A" Depot or Agency in accordance with M.B.I. Q.115/41, but petrol ration tickets will not be required for supplies from either of these sources.

5. A Supply N.C.O. from S.Comd. A.A.S.C. will report to 38 Bn. on 10 DEC. 41 to accompany "Mallacoota" platoon for supply duties.

6. S.A.A. will be drawn from unit stocks held by A.A.S.C. 4 Div. BALCOMBE and receipts given therefor. Complete boxes only will be drawn.

7. Platoons will take supplies of A.A.F.55 and A.A.B.55(a) A.A.F.59, T.S.4, A.A.F. A.14 and other necessary stationery and will also obtain from Camp Paymaster a suitable quantity of postage stamps.

8. If pay is desired during tour of duty, arrangements should be made with Camp Paymaster BALCOMBE before parties leave.

PTO.

9. Telephone communication is available at each A.O.B. but numbers are unknown. These will be ascertained and communicated by Pln. Cdrs. by letter direct to this H.Q. when reporting arrival.
10. Water supplies at both A.O.Bs. are limited, and as far as possible requirements will be drawn from river supplies to conserve quantities in tanks. Suitable containers will be taken with platoons.

11.(a) Nearest medical practitioners are :-

Yanakie - Dr. WILSON, FOSTER; Dr. (name unknown) at PAMBULA NSW.

(b) 6 Fd. Amb. will supply one qualified medical orderly with each platoon, and take first-aid outfit and snake-bite outfit.

12. Before any swimming is permitted at either location, inquiries must be made whether pool or beach is safe and suitable life-saving precautions taken.

13. Please ack on enclosed A.A.F. A.37.

[Signature]

Lieut.-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 4th Division.

COPIES TO :

A.A.S.C. 4 Div.
Sup. O. FOSTER.
D.A.D.S. S.Comd.
Camp Paymaster BALCOMBE.
Southern Area R.A.A.F. (3).

Appx "I"

MD 9/12.

4TH. DIVISION
217/4
SECRET

HEADQUARTERS.
Melbourne.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS, 4th DIVISION.
403 Toorak Road,
SOUTH YARRA S.E.I .

9 DEC 1941

6 INF. BDE.
4 DIV. A.A.S.C.

INSTRUCTIONS - PROTECTION of A.O.B's.

1. 6 Bde will detail two Pls from Res. Bn to move to the following A.O.B's to take over protective duties and to prepare such works as are indicated by R.A.A.F - (one Pl to each A.O.B)

YANAKIE.
MALLACOOTA.

2. Pls will move by M.T. leaving BALCOMBE by 1400 hrs.
10 Dec.
3. Two L.M.G's with A.A. mountings will be taken per Pl.
4. Sufficient wire and pickets for protection of Pl posts will be taken.
5. 5000 rds S.A.A. per Pl will be carried.
6. Tour of duty will be decided later, but it is intended to relieve the Pls at intervals of not more than three weeks.
7. Pl officers will train these Pls in accordance with the programme laid down by Bde.
8. Pls will come under Comd. 4 Div. from time of leaving BALCOMBE.
9. It must be emphasized that the duty is a special one and all ranks will be warned of its special nature.
10. Adm. instruction issued separately.

Copy to Southern Area
R.A.A.F.

Group Stanley
Lt. Col.
G.S. 4th Division.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. 217/41.

SECRET.

Headquarters 38 Battalion.
Balcombe.
10 Dec. 41.

Lieut. W. Moore. 38 Bn.
Lieut. S. Dare. 38 Bn.

Cpl. 104

Protection of A.O.Bs- Instructions.

1. Two Platoons one each from B and C Coys under command of Lieuts Moore and Dare respectively will move by M.T., departing Balcombe at 1400 hours 10 Dec 41, to YANAKIE and MALLACOOTA respectively for the purpose of protecting A.O.Bs in those areas, and preparing such works as are indicated by R.A.A.F.
2. Platoons will be organised as per W.E. 11/1940/12/1., and will include an M.T. Dr. and spare Dr.
3. The following stores will be taken. ...
 - L.L.M.Gs ... two per pl. with A.A. Mtgs.
 - Wire & pickets.. sufficient to protect pl. posts.
 - S.A.A. 5000 rds per pl.
 - Water, Petrol & Oil supplies required. (see note below.)
 - Tents Oblong..... six per pl. (with flies.)
 - Straw..... six bales per pl.
 - Fowler Stoves... one per pl. (and necessary utensils.)
 - Pallliasses & Messing & Cleaning gear
 - Blankets etc.... To be taken by each man.
 - Latrine screens, soap, toilet paper etc etc may be drawn from Q.M. Stores.
 - Pistol, 455., and 48 rounds S.A.A. Revolver will be drawn by each Pl. Comdr.
- 4..... Compasses and maps will be supplied by I.O.
Route Cards will be prepared by I.O. and supplied to Pl. Comdrs by 1200 Hours 10 Dec. 41.
- 5..... Rationing. The unexpended portion of Ration for 10 Dec. 41., and rations for 11 & 12 Dec. 41. will be carried on trucks.
Rations for 13 Dec and onwards will be drawn from Supp.O. Foster (address Supp.O. Foster Show Grounds) in the case of the YANAKIE Pl., and from BAIRNSDALE Rly Stn after arrival of train at 1530 hours Friday 12 Dec. 41 in the case of the MALLACOOTA Pl. Supplies for MALLACOOTA after that will be drawn as advised later.
- 5..... In addition to the tents mentioned above, certain accommodation in huts may be available at each A.O.B., and in the event of this not being used by R.A.A.F., it may be used by pl personnel with the consent of senior R.A.A.F. officer or N.C.O.
6. NOTE Petrol and OIL relative to para 3 above. Sufficient petrol and oil will be taken by YANAKIE Pl. for forward journey. T.O. to supervise this.
MALLACOOTA Pl. will carry sufficient to reach BAIRNSDALE.
Supplies for forward journey from BAIRNSDALE, for maintenance at MALLACOOTA and returning Tp. carrying vehicles obtainable at VACUUM OIL DEPOT ("A" Depot) BAIRNSDALE, or Vacuum Oil Co. Agency ORBOST. A.A.F. 59 and T.S.4. will be completed for issues obtained from A Depot or Agency in accordance with M.B.1, Q 115/41 which will be read by each Pl. Comdr before departure. Petrol Ration tickets will NOT be required for supplies drawn from these sources.
YANAKIE Supplies for YANAKIE, Maintenance and returning Tp. carrying vehicles are obtainable from Supp.O. FOSTER.
7. Supp. A Supp N.C.O. (Cpl. McKenzie) will report to Lieut Dare, and accompany N.C.O. the MALLACOOTA Pl. to its destination.
8. Pls will take supplies of A.A.F. 55, A.A.B. 55a, A.A.F. 59, T.S.4, A.A.F. 14 and other necessary stationery. This will be drawn from Regl Office.
9. Stamps will be drawn from Pay Sgt 38 Bn.
- 10 PAY Personnel desiring pay before departure will draw same from Pay Sgt before 1200 Hrs 10 Dec. 41.
11. Phone Telephone communication is available at each A.O.B. but numbers are unknown. Pls will advise this H.Q. as soon as possible of these numbers, and direct advice by letter to H.Q. 4 Division. 403 Toorak Road Sth Yarra.
- 12 Water. Water supplies are limited at both A.O.Bs, and as far as possible supplies will be drawn from the river
Additional water containers (Dixies or buckets) will be drawn from Q.M.
13. Med. Nearest Doctors are... YANAKIE Dr. Wilson. FOSTER., MALLACOOTA, Dr. (Name not known) At PAMBULA N.S.W.
6 Fd. Amb. will provide one qualified medical Orderly to accompany each pl. He will carry snake bite outfit and first aid outfit.
14. Swmg. Full inquiries will be made before any swimming is indulged in. safety precautions taken

15. Duty. This duty is a special one, and pl comdrs. will warn their men that this is the case.
The conduct and discipline of the men is to be maintained at a high standard, and advice of any untoward occurrence will be forwarded to this H.Q. immediately, together with details of the action taken by Pl. Comdr.
16. Trng. Training will be carried out in accordance with the programme already laid down by Bde.
17. Comd. Platoons will come under command 4 DIV from 1400 Hours 10 Dec 41.
18. Route. Route, V.I.M., M.L.H., will be in accordance with ROUTE CARDS issued.
19. Genl. Q.M, T.O, I.O, Pay Sgt, etc etc, have been advised of the requirements and Pl. Comdrs. may contact direct.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution. Copy No. 1. Lieut Moore.

" No.2. Lieut Dare.

" No.3. C.O.

" No.4. File.

MAJOR.

Adjutant 38th Battalion.

38 BN

WAR DIARY

Appendices.

"A" to "I"

December
1941.



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TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO.



Phone Aerodrome. Yarrakie.

Lieut. W. G. Moore.

38th Batt

Post Office

Porter.

11/12/41

The Adjutant
38th Battalion
Balaclava
Vic.

Philip Warriner

Dear Sir:

The Platoon under my command arrived at their destination and are in position at their station. The trip down was very satisfactory, the convoy making very good time with no stoppages or bother of any kind.

Supply officer at Porter has been contacted and rations should begin to arrive tomorrow from this source.

The Battalion plates attached to the 114th MT. trucks are to be returned to the Battalion by the corporal in charge of the trucks. Should there not be forthcoming, I would advise that you contact 114th MT re same.

Please note phone number at head of letter.

I am
yours respectfully
W. G. Moore.

P.S. Any phone calls make personal.

Sgt Forbes

SECRET.
COPY No. 5
14 DEC. 41.

38 BN. ADM. INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

MOVE OF PERSONNEL. 38 BN. PERSONNEL TO DANDENONG 15 DEC. 41.

REF. MAPS CRANBOURNE 1 inch.
RINGWOOD 1 inch.

1. PERSONNEL. 38 Bn. A., B., C., D and E Coys (less P. & OR. Upls. and BN. Hq.) and H. Q. Coy personnel as shown below will move in two gps. by road and by rail as set out in appx. A and B respectively (attached).

APPENDIX A. BN. HQ., MAJOR SHADFORTH.
CPL. NATION will act as loading and unloading
SJT. FORBES. party.
PTE. LEHMANN. do.
" JAMES. do.
" THOMSON. do.
" McNAMARA (Clerk) do.

2 Cooks ex A Coy.
2 Cooks ex MG Coy.
1 Cook ex C Coy = (Cpl. Knighton).
1 M/C Orderly ex MG Coy (Pte. Conroy).
All travel by 38Bn MT.
HQ COY. 8 Sigs by rail.
1 Off. & 3 OR's travel by rail. AA Pl. 3 -Mortars
travel by rail. Cpl. Chinn, McGrath & Daley.
3 Pioneers travel by Rail. Sjt. Hanley, Cpl.
Smith and Carpenter Pearson.
Cpl. Leech travel by road.
7 Drivers and trucks travel and stop at Dandenong.
Mein. Maguire. Lacey, James, Hammond, Ellery and
Pellas. Other drivers to stand by trucks for orders.

APPENDIX B. 1. BY RAIL. A COY.
B Coy " 1 " " 4 "
C Coy " 1 " " 12 "
D Coy " " " 47 "
MG Coy " 1 " " 70 "

2. BAGGAGE AND EQUIPMENT. Unit baggage and kit bags of all personnel and unit equipment will move by road. Baggage of all ranks by Coys will be stacked at WEST end of Coy lines by 0800 hrs. and will be picked up by MT (unit) and move to Dandenong. ALL BAGGAGE KITS ETC TO BE LABELLED AND BLANKETS TO BE TIED by each man and labelled.

3. TPZ. All tpz not required in forward area & after dumping baggage etc will return to BALCOMBE calling at QED. DEPOT en route.

4. LAMPS. QM to arrange and necessary supply of kerosene.

5. CAMP EQUIPMENT. This will NOT be taken from BALCOMBE but will be drawn from Ordnance Depot at DANDENONG at times to be notified later. Three blankets and one ground sheet per man will be taken.

6. IRMS Fighting order. Service Dress.

7. SUPPLY. 2/3 rations for all personnel will be carried. C.Q.M.S. from each company will arrange with C.Q.M.S. ELSBURY for out lunches for all troops, to be carried, included in 2/3 rations.

8. M.P. This will be established at cross roads CRANBOURNE 1" 265140 at 2130 hrs. 15 Dec. C.Q.M.S. RICHARDSON with one truck (Sgt. STANYER to arrange) will R.V. at 2120 hrs. and will guide supply vehicles to unit B echelon transport lines. From 16 Dec '41 inclusive, S.P. will be established for unit. C.Q.M.S. RICHARDSON to arrange S.P.

9. INIENTING. Indents for 18 Dec. will be furnished 15 Dec as usual. B.A.S.C.O. will arrange.

10. PETROL POINTS. Petrol points will be established at CRANBOURNE 1" 263122 at 1900 hrs. daily and will remain open to 2030 hrs.

11. MEDICAL. 6 Fd.Amb. will supply one M.O. and Amb. will be attached to 38 Bn. for rations. SICK PARADE and times will be defined by Lieut-Colonel SADLER 7 Bn

12. ROUTINE. Routine will be as per BALCOMBE camp.

13. INTER-COMMUNICATION. In 7 Bn area Sig. office will be established for communication to Bde. H.Q. and to all Bn. H.Qs. by K Sec Sigs, who will be under command Lieut-Colonel SADLER.

14. D.R.L.S. D.R.L.S. will be established by K Sec. Sigs. by 0700 15 Dec, '41. Timetable hereunder:-

Leaves	6 Inf.Bde.H.Q.	0700 hrs.
"	38 Bn.	0800 "
Arrives	6 Inf.Bde.H.Q.	0840 "

All normal returns will be submitted to 6 Inf.Bde. H.Q. by D.R.L.S. as above.

R.E. SHADFORTH Major.
A/Command 38th. Battalion.
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DISTRIBUTION.

Qr. Mr.
All Coy. Comdrs.
All C.Q.M. Ss.
All C.S.Ms.
R.S.M.
Pde. for information
R.Q.M.S.
Sgt. Stanyer
Sgt. Elstury.

APPENDIX A.

ROAD MOVEMENT.

1. ROUTE. Move will be made by route A BALCOMBE - PT. NEPEAN RD.
FRANKSTON - P. & R.T. SCHOOL - By crossing - RR. FRANKSTON
DANDENONG D.P.
2. S.P. Br. 073317 (Ref CRANBOURNE 1")
3. D. P. Br. 244096 (Ref " 1").
4. T.C.Ps will be established by 4 Div. Prov. Coy as hereunder:-
No. 1 S.P. to be established by 0815 hrs 15 Dec. 41 and
remain open until tail of colon has passed.
No. 2 D.P. to be established by 0915 hrs 15 Dec. 41 and
remain open until tail of colon has passed.
5. ORDER OF MARCH.
Sor. 1. 38Bn. 7 vehicles. Time past S.P. 0945 hrs Route A.
Time past D.P. 1045 hrs.
6. SPEED AND DENSITY. 25 m.i.h. 10 v.t.m.

APPENDIX B.

1. TIME OF DEPARTURE. All personnel travelling by train as outlined
in para 1 will move by rail from MORNINGTON to DANDENONG by
Special train leaving MORNINGTON 1135 hrs. 15 Dec. 41 and
arriving DANDENONG at approx. 1345 hrs.
2. Tps. will be conveyed to MORNINGTON and will march from
DANDENONG to unit areas. M.T. movement of above personnel
will be effected by one lift from Bde from SOUTH of CUTTING
PT. NEPEAN RD. Personnel to be at embussing area by 1000
hrs. UNIT EMBUSSING OFFICER. LIEUT. J. ABERNETHY, report
to Capt. McKay WILSON 6 Inf. Bde. Embussing Officer.
3. ENTRAINING AND DETRAINING OFFICER. Entraining Officer MORNINGTON
Lieut. J. A. DUGGAN 7 BN. Detraining Officer DANDENONG Lieut. McARTHUR
3Bn.

O.C. Train. Lt. Col. SADLER.
Embussing Officer. Capt. WILSON 6 Inf. Bde M. O.,
4. Lieut. Abernethy is responsible for entraining and detraining
under direction of entraining and detraining officer.
Tps. will be allotted as follows.

Front of train 7Bn. 38Bn and 8 Bn rear of train.

10 pikes
20 shovels

MG [unclear] & [unclear]

Map. [unclear]
Enlargements

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~~10 pikes~~
~~20 shovels~~
~~MG [unclear] & [unclear]~~
~~Map. [unclear]~~
~~Enlargements~~

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CAMP STANDING ORDERS.

1. ROUTINE.

REVEILLE	0600 hrs.
BREAKFAST	0730 "
SICK PARADE	0800 "
MORNING PARADE	0815 "
MID-DAY MEAL	1245 "
AFTERNOON PARADE	1345 "
EVENING MEAL	1730 "
RETREAT	1800 "
FIRST POST	2130 "
LAST POST	2200 "
LIGHTS OUT	2215 "

2. ALARM - ACTION TO BE TAKEN. On the alarm being sounded, by any means, all ranks will report to Coy alarm posts with all equipment and arms, and will remain at their posts until the ALL CLEAR (the advance) is sounded, unless other orders are issued. The ALARM will be sounded by bugler from vicinity of Forward Bn. H.Q. and bugler will then report to Forward Bn. H.Q. for instructions. Sigs will warn all Coys etc. with whom they are in communication, immediately the ALARM is sounded.

3. FIRE. The fire menace is always present at this time of the year and all precautions must be observed - in particular, fires will NOT be left unattended. Coys will detail fire fighting personnel and on the alarm being given, these personnel, with fire beaters, will report to Coy fire posts, and then will proceed to site of fire to assist in its extinguishing.

4. TRACK DISCIPLINE. Strict attention is required along the lines already indicated. REMEMBER THE AIR.

5. WATER CONSERVATION. All water has to be carried some distance into the area and the greatest care will be taken that no water is wasted. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

6. CLEANLINESS OF AREA. Strict cleanliness of the 38Bn. area will be insisted upon, and all ranks will see that no litter is allowed to lie around. All ranks are reminded that paper, tins, bottles etc, when in the sun, reflect light and will give away positions to the air.

7. CORRESPONDENCE. Bn. and Coy H.Qs will operate with the minimum of material and staff, and therefore, correspondence will be reduced to a minimum. Coys will NOT pass to Bn. H.Q. any matter which they can deal with, and any matter forwarded must first be fully investigated by Coys and have a report or recommendation attached.

8. DISCIPLINE. - General. A very high standard of discipline will be maintained and to ensure this, all Coys will be responsible for the promulgation to their personnel all orders etc affecting them.

9. GENERAL. These orders are in outline only as they are based on matters of practice and training, and can be elaborated where necessary by Coys and Pls.

W.L. TRESIDDER, Major.
Adjutant 38th. Battalion.
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