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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/48 Aust. Inf. Bn.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Commanding Officer Lt Col W. J. V. WINDEY, R.

2/48 Bn. A.I.F. Month and Year SEP 41

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	0600	2 Sep	The Battalion is now situated in the SOUTHERN Sector of the Salient. Bn HQ at 40284280. Three coys fwd ( B C D) A Coy	
	0600	3 Sep	in reserve. 73 shells fell during the day, this number being less than previously. The situation remains quiet. The blasting reported indicates that the enemy is continuing to consolidate his position in the Salient area. Enemy air craft flew over our area at 1200 hrs and again at 1210 hrs. Two hurricanes over area 1355 hrs <del>Some</del> dust storm made conditons unpleasant, and reduced visibility. At 2305 one heavy enemy bomber flying NW at low altitude passed over Bn HQ. WO II WILSON (Actg Comd 10 Pl) wounded by Shell fire. 1 OR C Coy wounded by air busrt <del>Shell</del>	"I" Summary No 32 Shelling Report



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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	0600	3 Sep	Brig TOVELL visited Maj BATTEN at Bn HQ where he had arranged	
		to		
	0600	4 Sep	to meet Col MARTIN (Comd RNF) A short conference followed on MMG tasks and programme.	
			The situation remains quiet. Enemy arty fire has shown a	
			marked decrease during the past 24 hours, probably due to poor	Int Summary No 33
			visibility. Two messages written in GERMAN were picked	Shelling report
			up hear our wire fwd of C Coy	
			The works programme is in full swing but is interrupted each night	
			by the harassing fire policy of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	



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TOBRUCH	0600	4 Sep	The situation remains quiet. Shelling was even lighter than usual	
	0600	5 Sep	The unit received notification today of the promotion of the	
			following officers- Capt T H SCOTT to be Maj Lieut R S	Int Summary No 34
			SHILLAKER to be Capt Lieut (T/Capt) I A LEACH to be Capt	Shelling report
			Lieut D BRYANT to be T/Capt	
			The unit made a free issue of the basis of one box of matches	
			and half a bottle of lime juice cordial per man which was	
			bought from the Canteen from Regtl Funds. It was possible	
			also to distribute two packets of biscuits per man from the	
			supplementary rations. Supplies of Canteen goods on the basis	
			of 20 cigarettes, 1 bar of chocolate, 2 oz of tobacco, 2 packets	
			cigarette papers, tin of boot polish, some pipe tobacco, tooth	
			paste and shaving cream per man were made available to all	
			ranks on purchase. The average cost per man was under 20	
			piastres. A few drops of rain fell at 0600 hrs this morning	



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TOBRUCH	0600	5 Sep	The BM (Maj SPEED) visited the Bn this morning to discuss the	
	0600	6 Sep	to condition of the wire on the Bn Left Flank between posts R9	
			and R11 between which the inter Bn and inter Bde boundary	Int Summary No 36
			runs.	Shelling report
			The general situation remains quiet.	
			Cpl FRANCIS B Coy severely wounded in back by MG bullet	
			A humid day.	



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TOBRUCH	0600	6 Sep	The Staff Capt (Capt OCHILTREE) discussed A and Q matters with	
		to		
	0600	7 Sep	Maj BATTEN this morning.	
			The Bn received notification that Lieut ISAKSSON had been awarded	
			C-in-C Card.	
			Col GOODWIN who comds 2/12 Arty Gp (which includes a CARPATHIAN	
			Regt) accompanied by his Adjt and Col <i>Piluski</i> Comd Polish	
			arty together with subaltern to act as interpreter discussed	
			arty DF tasks and decided to shoot in task 16 which appeared	
			from the trace that it would fall within our wire which has	
			been recently moved.	
			Bn notified that Cpl FRANCIS had <del>died</del> of wounds.	
			Between the hours of 0230 and 0330 126 shells were registered	
			on B Coy. No casualties.	



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Commanding Officer ~~and~~ Lt Col W J V WYNDEYE

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	0600	7 Sep	The GOC Maj Gen L MORSEHEAD CMG CBE DSO ED paid a visit	
		to		
	0600	8 Sep	to the unit primarily to see the posts on the South Western	
			Shoulder of the Salient .	
			He was accompanied by Brig TOVELL and was met at Bn HQ at	
			2110 hrs by actg CO Maj BATTEN. He was conducted over the area	
			of posts R8 R9 R10 under comd Capt D BRYANT. He toured the	
			whole <sup>of the</sup> area and spoke to most of the men. Returned to Bn HQ	
			2335 hrs where he remained for a few minutes.	
			The situation remains normal. Shelling showed a slight decrease	
			A GERMAN 5 cm (PAK) (HE) was discovered in deserted diggings	
			200 yds fwd of C Coy wire.	



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TOBRUCH	0600	8 Sep	Situation remains normal. Enemy shelling shown slight decrease	
	0600	9 Sep	Our mortars conducted a successful shoot on known enemy mortar and MG posns at rd junc 40024292. Three direct hits were scored on the Mortar posn. During the last four days enemy air activity over the fortress has shown a marked decrease. The Henschel has been busy over our sector. An air mail arrived today.	Int Summary Shelling report Patrol report.







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TOBRUCH	0600	10 Sep	The situation remains normal. Enemy shelling showed a decrease	
	0600	11 Sep	to but enemy MG fire was heavy particularly on B Coy's front.	
			Our mortars carried out a successful shoot at 40034292.	
			Our working parties are busy each night deepening and improving	Int Summary
			weapon pits and communication trenches.	Shelling report
			Our offensive tactics last night on the left flank caused the	Patrol report
			enemy to withdraw his working parties.	
			The weather continues fine.	



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TOBRUCH	0600	11 Sep	Enemy shelling showed a marked decrease.	
			to	
	0600	12 Sep	Patrols from B and C Coys were active during the night were active during the night. A D Coy patrol contacted and killed three GERMANS. We had 1 OR wounded. 17 P1 captured a GERMAN L/Cpl (taking our total number of PWs to 1378)	Int Summary
			During the day 2/12 Fd Arty Gp in conjunction with the Bn carried out a predicted shoot on known enemy posns	Shelling report
			B Coy snipers accounted for a man outside R7 and another near R5.	Patrol report
			Lieut THREDGOLD left today <del>for</del> for a Fd Wks School at ISMAILIA	
			As The Fd Wks programme is so extensive and Lieut Thredgold absent at a school the QM Capt LEACH who was at one time Pioneer Offr was brought up from B Ech to assist the supervising of our fd wks.	
			Lieut J POTTER assisted with the duties of QM	

*Handwritten initials/signature*

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TOBRUCH	0600	13 Sep	A ME 109 machine gunned the derelict STUKA North of Bn HQ	
	to	0600	14 Sep	
			at 1228 hrs today. At 1320 hrs presumably the same plane	
			machine gunned BIANCA. NO casualties.	
			1 OR C Coy wounded by stepping on a mine whilst on <sup>night</sup> patrol fwd	Int Summary No
			of C Coy.	Patrol Report
			A patrol from B Coy (Lieut HEFFRON and 3 ORs) <sup>by night</sup> made a recce of	
			the enemy minefield from 40004272 to 39904263.	
			Enemy air activity has shown a marked decrease during the last	
			two days.	

*W J V*  
*Windeyer*



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TOBRUCH	0600	14 Sep	The situation remains normal. Enemy shelling was very light	
	to			
	0600	15 Sep	Active patrolling is being carried out each night fwd of our wire	
			Much enemy aircraft activity East and West along the Southern	
			Escarpment during the day.	Int Summary
			Free issue today of 1 chocolate, half a packet of biscuits,	Patrol report
			and 3 razor blades per man; purchased from unit funds.	
			Supplementary rations included half tin preserved fruit and	
			one lemonade powder per man. <sup>and cream</sup>	



















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TOBRUCH	0600 19 Sep		The following extract about local climatic conditions is taken	
	to			
	0600 20 Sep		from today's 9 Aust Div Int Summary "During the last two days	
			the prevailing high wind has veered round from NW to the East	
			This is normal as the month of September is usually marked by	
			very unsettled weather conditions, particularly as far as the	
			wind is concerned. The general tendency is to blow from the	
			North to NE. Temperature range on the coast is 94° to 63°F	
			The months of Oct and Nov constitute the transitional period	
			back to winter conditions. Depressions become more frequent	
			and there are more strong winds. By the end of Nov winter con-	
			ditions are fully established. Temperature ranges from 90° to	
			50°F in Oct and 80° to 45° in Nov."	
			A small number of parcels arrived today.	
			Lieut CADE (9 Aust Div Historical Sec) visited Maj BATTEN today	
			to discuss the history of the Bn since its arrival within the	
			Fortress. Maj Spots and Capt Shillaker and Bryant assisted	
			Movement Control at the wharf	







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TOBRUCH	0600	21 Sep	Capt F A G TUCKER returned from 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn and took	
	to			
	0600	22 Sep	over comd B Coy.	
			Lieut D KIMBER returned from 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn and was posted	
			to 2 Platoon.	
			Lieut CADE (9 Aust Div Hist Sec) visited B Ech and took photographs	
			of the unit laundry in operation. <del>He</del> A pipe, similar to those	
			made <sup>by</sup> members of the unit, constructed from shovel handles was	
			taken away by him as a specimen.	
			Capt SHILLAKER and Lieut CROMPTON assisted Movement Control	
			at the wharf.	



















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TOBRUCH	0600 26 Sep		6 Offrs and 23 ORs of the YORK and LANCASTER Bn who arrived	
	to			
	0600 27 Sep		at B Ech yesterday from SYRIA liaised with their opposite	
			numbers in the Bn. Personnel from the YORK and LANCASTER	
			Bn at Bn HQ include Maj HAWKINS (Rep CO) Lieut PITT (IO)	
			and a Sjt from numbers 12 3 and 4 pls, RAP, and a Sjt Cook	Shelling Report
			A successful shoot was carried out by 1 CARPATHIAN Regt	Int Summary No 47
			on and enemy wking party of 40 to 50 men. C Coy observed fro	
			the Bty. All shots were effective.	
			Some of the personnel of the Adv party of the Y & Ls were	
			sent fwd and stayed at our FDLs to enable them to get and idea	
			of the defensive type of warfare typical of TOBRUCH	



















2/48 INF BN

TOBRUK

SEP '41

UNIT JOURNALS

"GRUBB'S  
GAZETTE".

(The 48 News Sheet) - copy appended.

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REINFORCEMENTS

FROM PALESTINE 30 ORs and 1 Offr join Bn.

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RATIONS

RUM.

To be issued daily as from 21 Sep 41.

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OPERATIONS.

BN RELIEVES

2/24 Bn - 2 Sep 41 - in the SOUTHERN SECTOR of the SALIENT without any casualties.

OUR PATROLS  
ACTIVE

During month, many Germans being killed and a few taken prisoner.

LOCATION 18 SEP Bn occupies the Bde Reserve Area (RAS EL MEDAUUAR SECTOR) and Bn HQ at Pt 152, having been relieved by 2/23 Bn.



# Views And Comments

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## VALOR AT TOBRUK

To the Editor

Sir—The heroes who have defended Tobruk for months under the vilest conditions, are deserving of our highest praise. When the history of this war is written, it may well be revealed that these defenders were responsible for greatly influencing its decision; for, after the powerful German "panzer" divisions had rolled back our depleted forces in Libya, the only obstruction apparently preventing them from sweeping on to Egypt and the vital Suez Canal was Tobruk. This was not accomplished without loss, and many gallant lives have been sacrificed at this fortress in the Empire's cause; but they were not in vain, for the Middle East is now powerful and ready to resist any attack. If any eligibles required an inspiration before joining the A.I.F., surely these heroes have supplied it.—I am, Sir, &c.,

IVAN V. WARD, McLaren Flat.

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SUMMARY B. ECHELON.  
FOR  
WAR DIARY



## HEAD QUARTER COMPANY.

H Q Coy consists of six Platoons and Coy H Q.. On active service the greater portion of the personnel are required for duties, distributed throughout the battalion, in forward areas.

A FORWARD Head Quarters is usually established, in conjunction with or in the vicinity of B H Q and controls such specialists as Signallers, Mortar, A A, Carriers and Pioneers.

B ECHELON, or Head Quarter's rear Head Quarters, is usually located at a serviceable distance in the rear of the remainder of the unit and at a ~~site~~<sup>site</sup> chosen to suit the nature of its various tasks.

ORDERLY. One of B Ech's most important necessities has proved to be a good Orderly Room and staff, consisting of the C S M, Orderly Room Cpl, and runner, usually under the immediate command of the C S M. The runner has been found necessary owing to the dispersion of the personnel of B Ech in small scattered groups. It needs to be established on a central and accessible site so that all traffic can pull in to report as necessary.

FUNCTION. B Ech functions under the joint command of the Q M and the T O and is the chain of supply within the unit. Weapons, Ammunition, stores, clothing, supplies, fodder, fuel, transport, amenities and all distributions are kept account of.

NOMINAL ROLLS. It has been found, owing to the amount of traffic and movement through B Ech of both M T and personnel, that it is very essential to keep accurate records of all movement. This is greatly assisted by Coys sending Nominal Rolls of moving personnel.

SIGNAL PERSONNEL AT B ECH are responsible for maintaining the Communication with Forward Coy H Q and B H Q. The importance of good, unbroken communication with Fwd troops is important. Most Messages for the quick delivery of supplies (i.e. stores, materials, food, fuels, water, transport and Amm), for Fwd troops, are communicated through the Sigs.

COY DISPERSION within B Ech makes it necessary to link up, by phone, the Q M, T O, and the R Q M S with the Orderly room where a Sig remains on duty.

MINOR REPAIRS are now being effected by a Sig whom it has been found advantageous to employ in making minor repairs, adjustments and cleaning of instruments. Also many phones have been constructed from captured materials and put into service.

SIGS MAINTAIN a day and night service at B Ech and usually consist of four O Rs.

Q M SECTION B ECHELON is supervised by the Q M, R Q M S and staff. Ordinance supplies, ration supplies, fuel, fodder, expendable stores, technical stores, ammunition, weapons, canteen supplies, supplementary rations, water supply, kit store and unit amenities are its duties.

TRUST ACCOUNTS. The 2 I/C is responsible to the unit Cmd for the keeping of the trust accounts and the distribution is carried out by the Q M.

AMMUNITION. The R S M, in liason with the R Q M S, is responsible for the supply of Amm. The R Q M S keeps vehicles loaded (W E 1038 ENTITLEMENTS) with Amm drawn from the nearest A P. Some types of Amm have been controled stores and have been distributed through Bde S/Capt.



R Q M S keeps in touch with Coy demands through the C Q M Ss who deal directly through their Coy 2 I/Cs. The R Q M then collects and constructs indents on A O D through DADOS. These are checked and signed by the Q M for the C O and forwarded to DADOS through a Bde S/Sjt. and in the case of controlled stores through Bde S/Capt.

RETURNED STORES. R Q M collects U S equipment (weapons, clothing and all articles and stores) to be returned to A O D for replacement to keep the unit at W E scale. It is the Q staff's duty to keep the unit as near W E as possible. Records have been kept throughout and we feel that this unit has done quite a good job in relation to the conservation of stores in the field.

CANTEEN SUPPLIES have been rationed out under control of 9 Div ASC and allotted to units on a strength basis. Then reallocated by Q M to Coys and made available to personnel as a Coy Canteen. Supplies have been limited and a distinct shortage of chocolates, cigarettes, cigarette papers and tobacco, writing materials (including ink), pipes and tobacco, canned fruit, dried fruit, custard and milk have been noticed at intervals.

FOOD SUPPLY. Not the least important duty of the Q Section, stationed at B Ech is the question of rations and feeding.

RATIONS. A ration scale of available foods, considered essential for the circumstances in which the troops are living, is drawn up and forwarded CHQ to the Sen Sup Officer who, with his staff of his AASC, keep FSDs supplied with stocks from the DID.

THE UNIT draws its daily requirements as indicated by its indents (AB 55), required by the FSD, three days previously.

RATION FIGURES are based on unit strength on the day of indenting and are counter-checked by Bde SO on the AF 3809 and AF 3810. One being compiled by the QM against the Bn Orderly room, and approved by the unit Cmd.

COMPANIES receive their rations daily according to the situation and nature of the operation they may be engaged in. Either by the unit ration vehicle visiting each Coy kitchen or by the Coy vehicles each arriving at a "rendez vous" and drawing its day's supply.

A CORPORAL CLERK and a storeman keep records and operate the receipt and delivery in this section.

THE RATION SCALE has been quite good during almost the whole of the campaign here at Tobruk.

FRESH MEAT and Vegetables have appeared occasionally and in the absence of these, canned vegetables and M & V have been substituted.

ASCOBIC ACID TABLETS have been on issue to counteract the lack of fresh vegetables.

JAM, FRUIT AND SUGAR seem to be the articles most demanded by the Australian troops, sugar being scarce.

DRIED FRUIT in a compressed tablet, approximately 2oz., and suitably wrapped is suggested as a form of fruit issue which would lend itself to an easy issue per man. It would occupy less shipping space and suitable to either direct consumption in Fwd areas or to cooking in the more rearward localities.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL, too, have proved hardly sufficient for much variety or skill in the kitchens.



BREAD however has been maintained on the diet throughout and is a credit to the ASC bakers at Tobruk.

CANTEEN GOODS purchased through Reg Funds and on the Regimental supplementary Account are proportioned out to Coys and handled by the CQMS and the 2 I/C for distribution.

KITCHEN VEHICLES, 30cwt., are employed as a means of transit from rear to forward area.

MAJOR PROBLEMS creating<sup>ed</sup> in ration issuing can be briefly headed as: Difficulty is experienced in establishing the strength of various Coys early enough each day. Meals and the transfer of rations for individuals during movements

- (a) Within the unit,
- (b) Special duties entailing absence from source of normal issue,
- (c) Dental, ablution or washing parades entailing absence for portion only of the days meals.

SOLUTION of most of the ration problems proves to be in a close liason between Coy 2 I/Cs, his orderly room Cpl, his CQMS and the QM's staff with the staff at the destination.

KITCHENS. Contriverty has arisen as to the advisability of maintaining complete unit cooking in a rear area and conveying cooked meals forward or to the practice of adopting Coy cooking or even Pn cooking in forward areas. There is, or has been, a good deal to be said for each method and the conclusion is that the circumstances govern the method adopted. The decision is in the hands of a Coy Cmd and his 2 I/C, who are on the spot, rather than the QM who will see that the system selected functions satisfactorily and that the unit Feeds.

COOKS, provided for in establishment, are two Sjt cooks and ~~ELEVEN~~ other cooks, one of whom may be Cpl.

A SCHOOL has recently been conducted in the area and will, undoubtedly, prove a benefit to the unit through the medium of the two personnel who attended.

COOK PROMOTIONS have occurred owing to the casualties and Coys usually have provided the replacement for any absentees from their kitchen staff.

THE BUTCHER has been called upon to function but rarely and has, however, provided the unit with some quite delightful dishes of camel steak etc.. He has acted as a Coy cook for quite a long time, during the absence of members of the cooking staff.

WATER SUPPLY. Contriverty as to the amount of water required by the cook has occurred quite frequently. It is difficult to convince troops that they are entitled to forfeit portion of their daily ration to provide tea and to cook portions of their rations daily.

EXTRA WATER, The RE, fortunately, have made available extra water, from wells or bores, for each kitchen for cooking and the washing of dishes. No bulk storage for kitchen use is provided in WE Establishment and 44 gal drums have been improvised and seem to be indispensible.

B. P. THERMOS CONTAINERS were used and proved ideal for use with forward sections who were difficult to reach or were compelled to feed sometime after the food reached them.

AN IMPROVED CONTAINER might be more useful if it were of a rectangular shape and of a capacity of at least a gallon. Four of these in a section would provide them<sup>men</sup> with a means of carrying



#### AN IMPROVISED CONTAINER (Cont.)

say - tea, hot meal, sweets and hot water for washing dixies. These would pack conveniently on the limited space of the CQMS vehicle also they would be much more convenient for carrying parties right forward.

IMPROVED HOT BOXES, to take only one instead of two of the original issue dixies, were constructed by the pioneers, but neither material nor time could be spared to make enough to really solve the problem.

THE FOOD CARRYING TINS were made by cutting benzine tins length ways, attaching wooden handles and painting them black to obviate light reflection. They were of great assistance.

COOK PERSONNEL have been moved about from Coy to Coy, to enable them to gain experience in each situation and with the help of the 2I/Cs have endeavoured to vary the menu.

KITCHEN VEHICLES. The transport of each Coy kitchen has been catered for by 30cwt truck which, once the kitchen became fixed, was unloaded and used for the conveying of rations and stores daily to forward Coys. It has been invariably noticed, that, owing to the quantity of rations, water, Fd works material, general stores, arms and equipment and, usually personnel, as well, carried forward each trip, the trucks are overloaded; particularly where only one trip daily is possible.

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT. A possible solution to kitchen transport lies in 3 ton vehicles, designed for the job and with equipment of dimensions and structure to fit neatly on the truck, being brought into use. This would ensure rapid, easy and efficient loading and also enable the kitchen to operate on a partially unloaded vehicle.

KITCHEN FURNITURE has been constructed by the pioneers each time B Ech has been established. Suitable tarpaulins have been carried by the kitchens to assist in the construction of shelters for cooking in the field. The essential furniture for kitchens i.e. table, water tank or container, could be part of the vehicle fittings.

HOT BOXES. As kitchen food containers they have been quite useful enabling the cooks to keep food cooked well on time ready for distribution. But as a means of conveying food in forward areas they are too heavy and bulky to carry.

TECHNICAL STORES comprise all weapons and component parts, signalling apparatus, MT stores and spare parts, instruments, such as binoculars, compasses, aiming lamps, batteries etc. and come under the care and charge of the Technical Sjt.

TECHNICAL SJT and two Technical Storemen who assist the armourer in effecting repairs and adjustments to the above stores. The equipment repairer also collaborates with repairs and alterations to associated web equipment etc.. Records of all weapon weapons etc. and their condition in the unit are kept by the Technical Sjt..

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT for the armourer, as laid down by establishment, are inadequate for keeping weapons and equipment up to the front line standard with a minimum of delay. Even the authorised issue is unobtainable in full necessitating the construction of many tools.



A.A.

The duties of the AA, attached to B Ech is to give air protection as well as ground defence. This platoon is the only one which is equipped with LMGs and A/Tk rifles. On arriving at a new position it is the duty of the detachment commanders to select positions that will give ample protection to B Ech against enemy aircraft, and for ground defence so as to cover all roads leading into B Ech and so that the positions will provide protection against parachute troops. When this work is completed the detachments post piquets day and night so that warning can be given to B Ech in the event of any air-raid by enemy aircraft or parachute attack. If this should happen the detachments take up positions and hold the enemy until reinforcements arrive.

ARMS AND SCHOOLS. It is also the duty of the AA Pn at B Ech to teach reinforcements, as they arrive, the use of enemy weapons. Some of these weapons are the Spandau, Breda, (LMG & MMG) Fiat and Schwarzlose.

GUN MOUNTINGS. The improvising of gun mountings for anti-aircraft work for foreign LMGs, such as an old steering wheel and column for the Spandau, also a brake drum with axle casing to suit for the 20mm anti tank gun, besides several other makeshift improvements that proved very satisfactory.

WHEN B ECHELON is changing positions the AA Dets are the only fire-power protection whilst movement takes place, at all times must this platoon be on the alert against enemy infiltration and aircraft so it is their duty to be able to recognise aircraft by salient points to enable the convoy to disperse if the aircraft be hostile.

FLANK PROTECTION. The AA Pn, with the Bren Carrier Pn are the only mobile personnel with the battalion, so in all movement it is their duty to cover the flanks.

OTHER WORKS undertaken by the Pn are the making of damet wire and secondary charges for mortars. It was discovered that the issue secondary charges, for captured mortars, were not satisfactory. The CSM of HQ Coy was asked to experiment in this field and evolved the idea of using cellophane or light tissue paper (toilet paper for preference) which worked better than could be expected. The paper was shaped into cylinders closed at each end after being filled with cordite from captured 8mm Italian ammunition.



POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS are catered for by the Postal Sjt, attached to the unit who, in close liason with the Pay Sgt, operates this branch in the unit.

POST OFFICE is established conveniently near the Orderly room. Constant checking of casualty returns keeps the Sjt posted with the movements to and from the unit. This unit handles an enormous amount of mail both in and out, due, no doubt, to the influence of the Women's Club functioning at home.

PARCELS are swiftly sorted, checked and signed out to CQMS of each Coy for distribution to Fwd areas so that recipients are seldom delayed and unclaimed parcels are then recorded, readdressed and reposted.

F.P.O. Mail is collected from Fwd Pay Office. Cables can be sent by the use of a special number code and stamps are purchased through the Post Office as also the special Letter Card introduced for 3d. air mail service to Australia.

PAY For a time after the inception of the garrison PAY was given very little thought - money was not required - its uses were limited - with the continual renewal of canteen supplies the necessity for stamps and cables home pay became essential; now, however, whether in or out of the line personnel are paid. The Pay Sjt, accompanied by the QM, draws the required amount of money from the Div. Pay Office. Money is then forwarded to Coy 2 I/Cs who pay the personnel. B Ech is paid by the Pay Sjt assisted the Postal Sjt.

PAY-BOOKS. Pay itself is actually only a small part of the Pay Sjt's work. Pay Books have to be checked periodically ascertaining that extra information, contained in the Pay Book is up to date. Such information is promotions, changes of allotment arrangements for remittances, and all sorts of enquiries on behalf of any soldier, advice on financial matters. Records are kept of all correspondance, forms, advices and documents relating to pay and the soldier's finance.

REMITTANCES sent home by this unit, for four months, May to Aug., total 345 representing an amount of £5604. For the month of Aug. alone £2033 was sent home.



IMPROVISED TOOLS such as:-

Tools Bore:-

Bits	6	Keys Gas Regulator Bren	
Bushes	2	Tool Removing <sup>Return</sup> Spring	5
Wad	1	Thompson Sub MG	1
Centre		Tool removing Striker	
Punches	2	Rifle	1
Drifts	5	Tool Grinding Mouth of	
Scrapers	1	Gas Cylinder	1
		Rod Cleaning Bren LMG	1
		" " Boys A/T Rfl	1

have been made by the fitters and armourer of the unit.

ESSENTIAL TOOLS such as a vice, hack saw and blades, breast drill, and drills, files (various sizes), large screw driver, tool combination Bren LMG, side cutting pliers etc. are neither authorised nor issued. Obviously these are necessary to prevent a constant flow of weapons being sent to an already over-worked AOD. The large number of foreign weapons being used by our troops emphasise this lack of necessary equipment.

THE ARMOURER, by obtaining most of these tools, from other sources, has been able to keep many more weapons in the firing line than would have been possible if he were compelled to rely upon AOD workshops entirely and his capability has been proved by the heavy armament the unit has invariably been able to maintain.

A FIRING RANGE has been established by the armourer to test out repaired weapons before they are handed over to the Technical Sjt recording and return to the Coys.

UNSERVICEABLE TECH STORES are listed and returned to the AOD by the Q branch of B Ech.

CLOTHING AND STORES. These are carried normally on the QM's two baggage vehicles and cared for by the RQMS and his storeman. They are replenished, on demand, from AOD, relying on WE1038 for authority to replace them. Close records have been kept and the unit has endeavoured to return all US articles.

CONTROLLED STORES have been necessary in this area and are handled by the QM through the S/Capt or, in some cases, by the A side of the unit. Weapons, signal stores and special duty equipment (such as patrol shoes, equipment and overalls), special types of ammunition (such as A/Tk grenade 68 and bomb 38), rifle grenade firing caps and parachute flares are included in this category.

THE BOOT MAKER functioned only for a short period with the unit but was recalled to AOD, from whence he is detached, and has been functioning directly under the control of AOD. The unit's boots, requiring repairs, are taken into RSD and finally reach the bench of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> unit's own bootmaker and are returned through the Q side. This system functions quite smoothly.

THE TAILOR was able to perform quite a useful amount of immergence repairs to the clothing through the laundry, to equipment on occasions and to the manufacture of Red Cross flags or other unobtainable articles of cloth. It is thought that his services could and would have been more appreciated in mobile warfare and in colder climates.

UNIT WATER SUPPLY. The water for the unit has been catered for, in the absence of MT provided by WE, by captured Italian tanks of 1250 litres capacity and mounted on two 30 cwt. vehicles. When the vehicles have been required for other duties the tanks have been carried on one Italian Deisel.

DAILY RATION OF WATER from a predetermined WP has been fixed at half a gallon per man per day, lately insceased to three quarters of a gallon.



R.E. PERSONNEL have, however, been kept busy with their water plant and have been supplying additional water for forward troops.

STERILIZATION OF THE WATER supply is done at the W P and all other well water, used by the unit, has been treated by the water personnel, who have been trained in the use of Sterilization and Detasting chemicals.

THERE WAS A TIME when the water vehicles were required to carry the daily supply forward but it was subsequently found inadvisable after having a tanker put out of action and the unit supply being jeopardized.

SUBDIVIDING OF DISTRIBUTION had to be carried out, hence the system of carrying it forward in drums on Coy vehicles under supervision of the CQMSs.

HYGIENE SECTION maintained at B Ech is normally an NCO and one OR. It has seemed rather inadequate in this particular area owing to the nature of the ground and the great number of moves the Echelon has made. When however the echelon site is selected these special duty personnel are required to supervise the erection of Ed Roses, latrine seats, pits and soaks and incinerators for the destruction of rubbish. The rocky nature of the ground here has entailed the use of explosives and even then the soakage has been poor so that many more soaks are required than usual.

THE DIV. FD. HYGIENE were of great assistance and were able to provide furniture ready for use in the Fwd areas.

PERSONNEL. It seem that more personnel could be allotted these duties per Coy with the supervision of more broadly trained personnel in the section itself. A knowledge of blasting, carpentry and plumbing would be an advantage, while furnishing the section with a more elaborate kit of tools would help.



2/48 Aust Inf Bn INT SUMMARY NO 32

Compiled from infn received up to 0500 hrs 3 Sep 41

1 GENERAL - The situation remains quiet, shelling was light and no movement was observed. The blasting reported, indicates that the enemy continues to consolidate his posn in certain areas. A heavy dust storm during the day, made visibility difficult.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Disposns - Nothing to report

(b) Works proceeding - Blasting reported at 39974293, 40054291 and 40044292.

(c) Shelling -

	<u>SHELLS</u>	<u>MORTARS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
A Coy	5		
B Coy	24		1 WO II wounded
C Coy	3		1 OR wounded
D Coy	41	6	

The shelling of our FDLs was particularly light during the period under review.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Usual LPs and wire patrols - NMS

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Numerous white flares were reported during the night.

5 AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Own - Two Hurricanes flew over the area at 1355 hrs.

(b) Enemy - A recon plane circled the Bn area at 1200 hrs and again at 1210 hrs  
At 2305hrs one hy bomber, flying westwards at low altitude passed over the area.

Andrew McHay Lieut.  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



Compiled from infn received up to 0500 hrs 4 Sep 41

GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Enemy arty fire has shown a marked decrease during the past 24 hrs, probably due to poor visibility. Further sounds of blasting were heard.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

- (a) Dispositions - Nothing to report
- (b) Observed Movement - Two men wearing dark uniforms were observed in vicinity 40034293 at first light
- (c) Works proceeding - Sounds of blasting were reported from vicinity 39984292 at 2230 hrs
- (d) Shelling  
A marked decrease, no shelling having been reported after 1935

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Shells</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A	16			
B	2		5	
C	16			
D	-			

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Usual LPS and wire patrols reported NMS

ENEMY FIRE WORKS

Nothing to report

CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS

The two messages attached written in GERMAN were picked up near our wire fwd of Centre Coy

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

2 unidentified planes flew over left Coy were over area during the morning

METEOROLOGICAL

Sun rises 0700 hrs                      Sets 1946 hrs  
Moon 1857 hrs                              0633 hrs

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Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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COPY NO. <sup>4</sup>....

2/48 Aust Inf Bn INT SUMMARY NO 34

Compiled from infn received up to 0500 hrs 5 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Shelling was lighter than usual. Sounds of blasting were heard during the night.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy disposns - Enemy mortar posn vicinity R1

(b) Observed movement - Nil

(c) Works proceeding - Blasting was heard during the night.

0210 hrs from vicinity 39934284

0415 hrs " " 40054285

D Coy report sounds of digging at 40024292 and at 40004298

(d) Shelling

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A Coy	-		
B Coy	10	8	
C Coy	-	4	
D Coy	2	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Usual LPs and wire patrols. NMS

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

2 Green flares were observed on two occasions during the night, after which MG fire temporarily ceased.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

An unidentified plane circled over area at 1745 hrs.

7 METEOROLOGICAL

5/6 Sep Moon rises 1935 hrs sets 0730 hrs (Full Moon)

6 Sep Sun rises 0701 hrs sets 1943 hrs.

*Andrew McLay* Lieut.  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 AUSTRALIAN INF BN INT SUMMARY

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Copy No. 4

Compiled from in info received up to 0600hrs 6 Sep 41

GENERAL

Enemy shelling showed a slight increase during the period under review. During the night enemy MG fire showed an increase particularly on the left flank. At 1800 hrs an enemy mortar registered 5 bombs 150 yds fwd of our wire on B Coy front apparently ranging.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions - Nothing to report
- (b) Observed movement - Nothing to report
- (c) Works proceeding - Nothing to report
- (d) Shelling

Shelling and mortar fire showed a slight increase during the period, particularly on B Coy. The majority of the shelling took place during the night. During the previous two days shelling on our area has been confined solely to day light hours

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A	25	-	
B	26	22	
C	-	-	
D	-	-	
Bn Area vicinity 40224277	26	-	

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Usual LPS and wire patrols report NMS

ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nothing to report

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

B Coy report recon plane over area 1725 hrs

METEOROLOGICAL

7 Sep Sun rises 0702 hrs  
6 Sep Moon rises 2011 hrs

Sets 1942 hrs  
Sets 0826 hrs 7 Sep

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Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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COPY NO 5 .....

2/48 AUST INF Bn INT SUMMARY NO 36

Compiled from infn received up to 0600 hrs 7 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The general situation has remained quiet. There has been no increase in enemy shelling. Sounds of blasting have again been heard from the SALIENT.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy disposns - Enemy mortar posns at 40014293, 39994291, 39994292  
Enemy MGs at 40014289, 40024291, 40024292, 39984294  
Enemy sangars at 39984388 and 4002 4292

(b) Observed movement - At 0545 hrs a man was observed approaching our wire fwd of C Coy. After being fired on he disappeared.

(c) Works proceeding - At 2330 hrs enemy blasting observed vicinity 40014278, 39984276

(d) Shelling -

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A Coy	10	-	
B Coy	11	-	
C Coy	4	6	
D Coy	2	6	
Bn area vicinity	12	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Usual LPs and wire patrols report NMS.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

B Coy report a number of white flares fwd of the coy area.

5 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

A recce plane flew over the fwd coys at 1105 hrs.  
Enemy planes flying East passed over Bn area at 2215 hrs, 2240 hrs and 2313 hrs.

6 METEOROLOGICAL

7 Sep Moon rises 2046 hrs sets 0921 hrs 8 Sep.  
8 Sep Sun rises 0703 hrs sets 1941 hrs.

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Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



GENERAL - The general situation has remained quiet. Shelling showed an increase - 126 shells being reported from B Coy between 0230 hrs and 0330 hrs. Considerable movement of EA was noticed in the South during the period under review. Blasting in the Salient is still being reported by our FDLs. Immediately after ~~light~~ last light B Coy reported sounds of heavy tpt movement in the South, suggesting the movement of hy guns or track vehs. At 1945 hrs 4 enemy MGs ranged on post R8. A marked GERMAN map of DERNA-TOBRUCH area and two typewritten documents were picked up fwd of our wire by a C Coy patrol. Two EA were reported to have descended on LG vicinity ACROMA.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) Enemy Gd activity - Three mortar flashes were observed at 40114244. Suspected mortar posn at 39744288. MG position at 39884247.
- (b) Observed Movement - At 1200 hrs a man was seen to leave Post R7 and move 80 yds North where he disappeared. At 1130 hrs 2 MT were seen on the escarpment moving in a Southerly direction, disappearing in wadi at 39784248. Immediately after last light B Coy reported sounds of hy tpt movement. A Pl comd moved out fwd of our wire, but was unable to distinguish anything, even with the aid of binoculars. He suggested the movement of hy guns or track vehs.
- (c) Works Proceeding - Sounds of blasting were again heard at 39874277 and 39884273.
- (d) Shelling  
No shelling has been reported from either D or C Coys during the past 24 hrs. At 0230 hrs B Coy was engaged by enemy MG fire, and on returning the fire enemy arty 1 aid down a hy concentration on the area; 126 shells falling from 0230 hrs to 0330 hrs.

Coy	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
A	20	-	
B	195	88	3 Sig wires broken
C	-	6	
D	-	-	

OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Usual LPs and protective patrols report NMS

ENEMY FIRE WORKS

Fwd elements report the enemy firing red tracer into the air possibly to indicate posns. White flares were again observed in the salient.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

A marked GERMAN map of DERNA-TOBRUCH Area and two typewritten documents were found fwd of our wire from the C Coy Area

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Considerable air activity was reported in the South during the period under review. At 1005 hrs an unidentified plane flew over the Bn Area at HL. An enemy recce plane circled this sector between 1125 hrs and 1145 hrs, and again between 1200 hrs and 1205 hrs. A large formation of unidentified planes were heard in the South flying in a Westerly direction. - at 1150 hrs. At 1705 hrs a single EA flew Westwards over Fortress Area and was reported to have landed vicinity ACROMA LG. Recce plane also ~~xxxxxx~~ reported to have landed in the same area.

METEOROLOGICAL.

9 Sep 41 Sun rises 0704 hrs sets 1930 hrs  
8 Sep 41 Moon rises 2120 hrs sets 1015 hrs 9 Sep 41

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Lt Col  
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 Aust Inf Bn INT SUMMARY NO 38

Compiled from infn received up to ,0600 hrs 9 Sep 41

1 GENERAL - The situation remains normal. Enemy shelling has shown a slight decrease. Our mortars conducted a successful shoot on known enemy mortar and MG posns. Three direct hits were observed on an enemy mortar posn at rd junc 40024292. A GERMAN 5 cm (PAK) HE shell - probably fired from Mk III GERMAN tks - was brought in by a patrol from C Coy which discovered it deserted diggings 200 yds fwd of our wire.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy Disposns - Mortar posn at 39854275. Suspected MG posn at 39964294.
- (b) Observed movement - At 0700 hrs approx 20 men were observed moving in the vicinity of a sand bagged building at 39884250 on the escarpment. At 1300 hrs 4 men were seen to move down to the escarpment from 39884250. They appeared to be studying the ground. At 2245 hrs 2 MT thought to be deisel trucks were heard moving in a southerly direction from Pt 209.
- (c) Works proceeding - At 1715 hrs 20 men were observed digging what appeared to be a gun posn at ~~49874251~~ 39874251. At 2245 hrs a compressor was heard vicinity of 39974277. Sounds of blasting in the SALIENT were again reported.
- (d) Shelling -

(a) Enemy	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
A Coy	15	-	-
B Coy	41	-	-
C Coy	3	-	-
D Coy	46	46	-

(b) Own - Our mortars conducted a successful shoot on known enemy mortar and MG posns at rd junc 40024292. 3 direct hits were observed on an enemy mortar posn.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Usual LPs and protective patrols report NMS.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nothing to report

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL - A GERMAN 5 cm (PAK) HE shell ( see 9 Aust Div Int Summary No 137 para 3) was discovered in deserted diggings 200 yds fwd of C Coy wire. It was one of a dump estimated at 100 rds. Efforts are being made to salvage the remainder.

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - At 1530 hrs a recce plane circled our fwd elements. At 0250 hrs an unidentified plane showing red, white and green lights on the wing tips and tail respectively was reported flying East to West over the area. When outside the perimeter it circled and turned into TOBRUK along the coast. It was engaged by AA fire but NO bombs were dropped.

7 METEOROLOGICAL

10 Sep Sun rises 0705 hrs sets 1938 hrs  
9 Sep Moon rises 2154 hrs sets 1107 hrs 10 Sep

*Andrew McKay Lieut.*  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY No 39

Compiled from infn received up to 0600 hrs 10 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains normal with a slight increase in shelling. Sounds of blasting and of compressors were again heard in the Salient. Two hostile Btys were observed firing at 2352 hrs 8 Sep on bearings of 280 degrees and 288 degrees from 40114273. Movement of hy MT down the escarpment into Wadi 39764249 was again observed by B Coy

2 ENEMY GD ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions

Two hostile Btys firing at 2352 hrs 8 Sep on bearings of 280 degrees and 288 degrees from 40114273 were reported by B Coy. It was impossible to estimate the range. New enemy sangars at 39984294

(b) Observed enemy movement

8 large vehs moving very slowly down the escarpment into Wadi 39764249 were observed by a B Coy OP at 1430 hrs

(c) Works proceeding

At 0430 hrs a compressor was heard in the vicinity Pt 209. When engaged by our MGs the sounds ceased. Sounds of blasting in the Salient were reported at 39914283; 39874277 ; 39884293; 40024297 and vicinity 209.

(d) Enemy Shelling

Enemy shelling showed a slight increase. No shells fell during the night. During the day 28 shells in the vicinity of our wire fwd of Post R8. No mortar bombs were reported as having fallen on the area during the period under review.

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A	28	-	-
B	76	-	-
C	4	-	-
D	25	-	-

3 OUR GD ACTIVITY

(a) Usual LPs and protective patrols report NMS. A party working on the wire during the night was fired upon by enemy MGs and forced to gd. 1 OR was wounded.

(b) Our Mortars engaged known enemy ~~posns~~ posns at rd junc 40024292. One direct hit was registered on a ~~XXXXXX~~ sangar.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

White flares were ~~XXXXXX~~ observed at 2 045 hrs, 2145 hrs and 2150 hrs at vicinity Pt 209. Between 0010 hrs and 0020 hrs 14 red flares in the East.

5 CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

At 1230 hrs an unidentified plane flying in a Westerly direction passed over the area. At 1830 hrs and again at 1915 hrs an enemy recon plane circled our FDLs. At 1930 hrs B Coy reported 7 enemy bombers flying along escarpment towards ACROMA

7 METEOROLOGICAL

11 Sep SUN rises 0705 hrs  
10 Sep MOON rises 2233 hrs

sets 1937 hrs  
sets 1200 hrs 11 Sep

Andrew Whyte Lieut.  
for [Signature]



2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 40

Compiled from inf received up to 0600 hrs 11 Sep 41

1 GENERAL - The general situation remains normal. Enemy shelling has decreased, but enemy MGs have been more active, particularly on B Coy area where the MG fire was heavy. This was retaliatory fire owing to his working parties on B Coy front being engaged by our MGs whenever sounds of digging were heard. His works programme was finally postponed in that area and he engaged the coy with mortars and MGs.

At 0520 hrs a man carrying a lighted lantern was observed leaving Post R7. He walked approx 20 yds and placed the lantern on the ground as if searching for something. When engaged by our fire he quickly picked up the lantern and returned to Post R7.

Our mortars carried out a successful shoot on known enemy posns at 40034292. A direct hit was scored on a sangar.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy disposns - An enemy mortar posn was located at 39904273
- (b) Observed movement - At 0520 hrs a man carrying a lighted lantern was observed leaving Post R7. He walked approx 20 yds and placed the lantern on the ground as if searching for something. When engaged by our fire he quickly picked up the lantern and returned to R7.

(c) Works proceeding - Sounds of blasting were again heard in the SALIENT.

(d) Shelling -

(i) Enemy - Shelling has shown slight decrease during the period under review. Mortar fire however, has increased.

Shells Mortars Remarks

A Coy	2	-
B Coy	11	<del>4</del> 3
C Coy	33	4
D Coy	48	6

(ii) Own - Our mortars carried out a successful shoot on known enemy posns at 40034292. A direct hit was scored on a sangar.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Usual LPs and protective patrols report NMS

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Periodical white flares were observed in the SOUTH.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY -

At 0955 hrs one bomber passed over the area flying West  
At 1925 hrs B Coy reported a large EA protected by 5 fighter aircraft flying West.

7 METEOROLOGICAL

12 Sep - Sun rises 0705 hrs sets 1935 hrs

11 Sep - Moon rises 2308 hrs sets 1253 hrs 12 Sep.

*Andrew McHay* Lieut.  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



1 GENERAL

The general situation remains quiet . Enemy shelling showed a definite decrease, the ~~early~~ shelling occurring between 1815 hrs and 2000 hrs in retaliation ~~of~~ to our own arty HF.

One of our patrols from D Coy contacted the enemy near his wire. 3 of the enemy were killed. We had one OR slightly wounded.

A protective patrol from D Coy captured a GERMAN L/Cpl near our wire. He was armed with a machine pistol and on being challenged stopped and then gave himself up to the patrol. Later two hand gren (see Appx A 9 Aust Div Int Summ 35) were found on the ground where the incident occurred.

A patrol from C Coy reported the discovery of an ITALIAN body 300 yds fwd of our wire. It was impossible to secure any article from the body for identification as mines and booby traps were <sup>to</sup> legs waist shoulder straps and helmet.

At 0730 hrs in conjunction with 2/12 Fd Regt Arty Gp our mortars engaged known enemy ~~xxxxxxx~~ strongpoints in square 400429 vicinity rd junc.

Between 2345 and midnight known enemy targets in area bounded by 39984288: 39944288: 39994289: 39954289 were engaged by 2/12 Fd Regt Arty Gp and all arms of our Bn

2 ENEMY GD ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions - Nothing to report

(b) Observed movement - At dusk four men were observed by B Coy near post R5. We opened fire. One man was seen to fall and was carried into the post by his comrades.

During the afternoon one man appeared at Post R7. He was wounded by a sniper from B Coy and was seen crawling back towards the post.

At 0215 hrs fwd coys reported sounds of heavy MT movement (thought to be Diesel trucks) moving South or West from vicinity Pt 209. It died away at ~~0215~~ 0250 hrs. (~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~)

(c) Works proceeding - Sounds of blasting were again heard in the Salient.

(d) Shelling -

(i) Enemy Shelling showed a marked decrease the only shell- ing ~~occurring~~ occurring between 1815 hrs and 2000 hrs evidently in retaliation to our own arty HF

Coy	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
A	21	-	+
B	4	2	-
C	22	-	-
D	10	-	-

(ii) Own - At 0730 hrs 2/12 Fd Regt Arty Gp in conjunction with our mortars engaged known enemy ~~xxx~~ strong point at rd junc square 400429.

At 1850 hrs 2/12 Fd Regt Arty Gp placed HF on Post R7 and vicinity Pt 209. Shells were observed left and beyond Post R7 and left of Pt 209.

Between 2345 hrs and midnight and area shoot was carried out by 2/12 Fd Regt Arty Gp in conjunction with all arms 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

3 OUR GD ACTIVITY

D Coy Patrol moved 300 yds fwd to enemy wire. A rattling sound was heard and the patrol went to gd. 3 men were observed coming through the wire. On approaching the patrol they became suspicious. Both sides opened fire - all 3 of the enemy being killed Our cas 1 OR slightly wounded.

D Coy A protective patrol captured a GERMAN L/Cpl near our wire. The prisoner appeared to be lost.

C Coy The patrol moved due West for approx 300 yds and at 40054285 they discovered a dead body thought to be ITALIAN. It was impossible to secure any article for identification as mines and booby traps were attached to the body by wires from the legs, waist shoulder straps and helmet. At 40064286 the patrol discovered a newly dug pit thought to have been used by a sniper although no empty cartridge cases were found.

C Coy The patrol moved out ~~from~~ at 0010 hrs to 400<sup>4</sup>42<sup>9/</sup> to observe the results of our earlier harassing fire. Sounds of digging were heard at approx 400<sup>4</sup>429<sup>3</sup> but other wise NMS

G Coy



C Coy The patrol reports sounds of 3 large enemy wking parties on a line running approx NE and SW from 39984284 to 40034290. All patrols reported hearing enemy working parties.

ENEMY FIRE WORKS

The following flares were observed on the C Coy front - 2 red flares at 2345 hrs - 1 white flare at 2350 hrs - 1 white flare at 2352 hrs.

CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS

Documents taken from GERMAN PW were fwded to 9 Aust Div HQ. When the prisoner was challenged he was seen to stoop down. Later 2 handgren (New Type - see Appx A 9 Aust Div Int Summary No 35) were found. When captured the PW was armed with a machine pistol.

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

A plane flew Eastwards over the area at 0320 hrs. A plane flying West passed over at 0518 hrs and another flying in the same direction at 0530 hrs.

7 METEOROLOGICAL

13 Sep	SUN	rises	0706 hrs	sets	1934 hrs
12 Sep	MOON	"	2348 hrs	sets	1344 hrs

*Andrew Mc Kay Lieut.*

for

..... Lt Col  
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY No 42

Compiled from info received up to 0600 hrs 13 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Enemy shelling of our coys was almost negligible. Sounds of hy MT thought to be a stationary engine were heard throughout the day, from area vicinity Pt 209. NO MT movement was observed.

None of our patrols contacted the enemy.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions - New diggings at 40004289 and 39944288

(b) Observed movement - At 0915 hrs 3 men one bearing a Red Cross flag were observed searching the gd in vicinity of area engaged with all arms the previous night. At 0945 hrs the men disappeared into diggings at 40004289. At 1000hrs an amb drove along the rd from direction Pt 209. The man carrying the flag ran back approx 100 yds and climbed into the amb which then drove off. The other two men were ~~then~~ observed to walk Westwards they disappeared into what appeared to be new diggings at 39944288.

Sounds of hy MT were reported throughout the day and night vicinity Pt 209. It is now thought that the sounds were made by a stationary engine.

(c) Works proceeding - A D Coy patrol reports <sup>s</sup>ounds of pegs being driven into the gd behind the enemy ~~in~~ wire fwd of D Coy area

(d) Shelling - Enemy shelling was very light over the whole of the Bn Sector -

COY	SHELLS	MORTARS	REMARKS
A	7	-	-
B	2	14	-
C	-	-	-
D	-	-	-

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

A D Coy patrol inspected new diggings ~~axix~~ fwd of the coy area. They appeared to offer cover for only one man.

A C Coy patrol moved fwd 600 yds to 40034284 wh where sounds of iron being off-loaded from trucks rear Pt 209 were heard. The body of a recently killed ITALIAN soldier with mines and booby traps attached was discovered when returning. Push type booby traps were observed close to the body. The body was lying in an unnatural posn and had obviously been placed there.

At 2155 hrs whilst returning an enemy party estimated strength 10 was observed moving in the direction of our wire. Our patrol then withdrew 400 yds to our wire but NMS

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

A red flare was observed fwd of D Coy at 2155 hrs and a white flare was seen fwd of B Coy at 2220 hrs.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS → Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - EA were heard flying over the area into TOBRUCH continuously between 0415 hrs and 0500 hrs.

7 METEOROLOGICAL

14 Sep SUN rises 0707 hrs sets 1932 hrs  
MOON rises 0033 hrs sets 1434 hrs

*Andrew Mc Kay* Lieut.  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 43

Compiled from infn received up to 0600 hrs 14 Sep 41

- 1 GENERAL - The situation remains quiet. Enemy shelling was light. Our patrols were active during the night but NO contact was made with the enemy. Sounds of MT from the escarpment to rear CARRIER HILL were heard during the day.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY
  - (a) Enemy disposns - MG posns at 39984284 and 39964284
  - (b) Observed movement - B Coy report that at 1015 hrs sounds of MT and dust behind escarpment to SOUTH indicated a convoy making in an easterly direction.
  - (c) Works proceeding - Nothing to report
  - (d) Shelling - During the period under review no mortar fire was reported. No shelling was reported after 1900 hrs.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A Coy	16	-	1 OR wounded
B Coy	30	-	
C Coy	-	-	
D Coy	-	-	

- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - During the night our patrols were active on the Bn front. A patrol from B Coy (1 Offr and 3 ORs) made a recce of the enemy minefield extending from 40004272 to 39904263 fwd of coy area. The field was bordered by A/P mines on the Eastern side free of trip wires. On the Western side the minefield was connected with trip wire to the A/P mines. The mines were <sup>TELE</sup> type and were buried about 4 inches below the ground. The field was 20 yds wide and the mines were laid criss-cross at intervals of 5 yds. Another minefield was located running parallel to the first field, 15 yds to the West. Same lay-out as other field. NO MG posts were located along the minefield. A patrol from D Coy discovered what was thought to be a booby trap att to L/T wire. Other LPs and Standing patrols report NMS
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Two white flares were reported at 2325 hrs, 2330 hrs, 0105 hrs, 0130 hrs and 0135 hrs. Single red flares were reported at 2325 hrs and 2355 hrs.
- 5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil
- 6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - At 1030 hrs and again at 1045 hrs a Henschel circled over FDLs. At 1228 hrs a ME 109, painted yellow and black, flew very low behind our Bn HQ and machine-gunned derelict STUKA. At 1320 hrs a ME 109 flew over BIANCA and machine-gunned in the vicinity. NO damage done. At 0340 hrs, 0415 hrs and 0540 hrs EA flew from the SW into TOBRUCH.
- 7 METEOROLOGICAL  
15 Sep 41 Sun rises 0707 hrs - sets 1931 hrs.  
Moon rises 0118 hrs - sets 1522 hrs.

*Andrew J. Hayes* Lieut.  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 43

Compiled from infn received up to 0600 hrs 15 Sep 41

1 GENERAL - The situation remains normal. Enemy shelling was again light. Enemy MGs were less active than usual during the night. Our patrols did not contact the enemy and all report NMS. At 0415 hrs an unidentified plane thought to be ITALIAN from the sound of the engine dropped 4 bombs vicinity Pt 209.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy disposns - MG posn at 40014286
- (b) Observed movement - Sounds of MT were heard rear Pt 209 at 2020 hrs believed to be ration trucks.
- (c) Works proceeding - Nothing to report
- (d) Shelling - Enemy shelling of our FDLs was very light. The centre and right coys report no shelling for the past 24 hrs, but 54 shells were recorded by the left coy between 1800 and 1900 hrs. No mortars were reported.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A Coy	9	-	
B Coy	54	-	
C Coy	-	-	
D Coy	-	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Active patrolling fwd of our wire during the night. All patrols report NMS or H.

4 ENEMY FIREWORKS - Two white flares observed at R7 at 0100 hrs.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - At 1155 hrs recce plane circled our FDLs. 1550 hrs 4 unidentified bombers flew West along escarpment to the South. 1935 hrs 1 unidentified air craft was observed circling around escarpment rear 209. 0415 hrs a single plane thought to be ITALIAN dropped 4 bombs vicinity 209.

6 METEOROLOGICAL

16 Sep Sun rises 0708 hrs Sets 1930 hrs  
Moon rises 0307 hrs sets 1609 hrs

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Lt Col

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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY No 44

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Compiled from infn received up to 0600 hrs 16-Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains unchanged. Enemy shelling showed a decrease whilst enemy MG fire was very light. Air activity in this sector has increased.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions - Nothing to report
- (b) Observed movement - At 0740 hrs 4 to 5 men were observed moving vicinity 39944288. This is thought to be the end of a trench system.
- (c) Works proceeding - Nothing to report
- (d) Shelling -

Coy	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
A	-	-	-
B	53	-	-
C	-	-	-
D	-	15	-

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

LPs and standing patrols were active fwd of our wire. All report NMS.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

At 2250 hrs 1 EA flying East into TOBRUCH dropped two green flares immediately afterwards a white flare was seen in the direction of the enemy lines followed 30 secs later by another.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

0920 hrs 3 large enemy aircraft flying West to East flew along Southern Escarpment then South in direction of EL ADEM

0930 hrs 1 large EA flew West over our right flank Coy

1045 hrs recce ~~size~~ plane circled our FDLs

1340 hrs 3 large EA observed flying West along Southern Escarpment

1825 hrs 2 EA wing tips and tails painted yellow circled our FDLs and machine gunned B Coy area. No casualties.

1830 hrs a number of aircraft (approx 9) were observed flying West along Southern Escarpment

1835 unidentified planes flew overhead in a Westerly direction

7 METEOROLOGICAL

17 Sep SUN rises	0609 hrs	sets	1829 hrs
MOON "	0207 hrs	sets	1554 hrs

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Lt Col

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn INT SUMMARY NO 46

Compiled from infn received up to 0600 hrs 17 Sep 41

1 GENERAL - The situation remains normal. From 0300 hrs enemy MGs were active. Heavy mortar fire was reported from our left Coy area. Enemy shelling of our FDLs has shown no increase. EA were less active than on the previous two days.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy disposns - Mortar posns at 40024289, 39804300; behind ridge right of 209.
- (b) Observed movement - At 1830 hrs 20 men were observed in wadi at 39774251. The same number of men were observed in this locality previously and much MT movement had also been reported.
- (c) Works proceeding - Nothing to report
- (d) Shelling - During the period under review shelling has been normal. Mortar fire has increased particularly on our left coy, where 45 bombs fell in 80 mins.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
A Coy	-	-	-
B Coy	25	45	L/T wire broken
C Coy	24	13	-
D Coy	-	-	-

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - LPs and standing patrols fwd of our wire report NMS/H.  
At 0100 hrs our mortars engaged a hostile mortar posn at 40024289.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - The usual illuminating flares from the SALIENT were reported during the night.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY -

0835 hrs - A large aircraft flew West  
1005 hrs - 14 Unidentified planes flew East along Southern escarpment and were later observed flying South in the direction of EL ADEM.

7 METEOROLOGICAL

18 Sep 41 - Sun rises 0610 hrs sets 1827 hrs  
Moon rises 0305 hrs sets 1637 hrs.

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Lt Col

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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 48

Compiled from inf received up to 0600 hrs 25 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Shelling showed a slight increase. Between 2300 hrs and 2330 hrs 30 - 40 explosions were heard from vicinity of WATER TOWER. They were thought to have been caused by the exploding of mines. A further 6 explosions were reported from the same area at 0100 hrs.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy disposns

There is nothing to report

(b) Observed movement

Nil

(c) Works proceeding

There is nothing to report

(d) Shelling

Shelling showed a slight increase over the previous period.

A Coy	4 Shells	1 Mortars
B Coy	21	1
C Coy	27	2

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

The usual listening posts and protective patrols report NMS/H.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS

Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Nil

7 OWN SHELLING

On two occasions during the day, our arty carried out a shoot on 39664325, where enemy movement was reported yesterday. At 1625 hrs C Coy reported being engaged by MG and A Tk gun fire from 39614321. The target was engaged by our arty, and a direct hit was observed on the MG posn.

8 METEOROLOGICAL - 29 Sep Sun rises 0616 hrs Sets 18<sup>h</sup>3 hrs  
28 Sep Moon rises 1345 hrs Sets 0023 hrs 29 Sep

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for Lt Col  
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY No 47

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Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 27 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Shelling has been very light. Two loud explosions were reported 500 yds fwd of A Coy at 0015 hrs. They are thought to have been caused by exploding mines.

2 ENEMY GD ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions - There is nothing to report

(b) Observed movement -

At 0900 hrs 4 men were observed moving about in vicinity 39524336

At 1100 hrs a small party ~~was~~<sup>was</sup> noticed at 39694335

At 1545 hrs a large working party (approx 40/50) were observed wiring an apron fence extending from 39664325 in a Northerly direction for approx 600 yds.

~~At 1840 hrs another shoot was carried~~

At 1600 hrs 1 Carpathian Regt conducted a shoot on 39664325. Movement of men suggested casualties

At 1840 hrs another shoot was carried out on the same target. All shots were effective. The enemy were observed to disperse but we were unable to estimate the number of casualties.

(c) Works proceeding - There is nothing to report

(d) Shelling - Enemy shelling was very light. NO shelling was reported from A and B Coys

COY	SHELLS	MORTARS	REMARKS
B	16	3	-
C	1	1	-

3 OUR GD ACTIVITY

Usual listening posts and protective patrols report NMS/H

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

7 METEOROLOGICAL

26 Sep	SUN	rises 0615 hrs	sets 1814 hrs
27 Sep	MOON	" 1244 hrs	" 2332 hrs

Andrews *McKay* for Lt Col  
Lieut.

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 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 on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	2		
Captains ... ..	6		
Lieutenants ... ..	20		2
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>30</b>		<b>2</b>

\* 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.
bapt	LEANE G.M.	2/48 Bn	24.8.41	Sick - x 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).



**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		WINDEYER W.J.V.	CO	NO	METS
col		BATTEN R.L.	2 I/C	Yes	
"		BULL G.J.	boy bond	"	
bapt		SCOTT T.H.	"	"	
"		FORBES W.	"	"	
"		HART E.H.G.	boy 2 I/C	"	
"		CLUTTERBUCK H.V.	boy bond	"	
"		EDMUNDS G.S.	cdajt	"	
"		WILLIAMS C.F.	boy 2 I/C	"	
lieut		SHALLAKER R.S.	"	"	
"	T/bapt	LEACH I.H.	QM	"	
"		BRYANT D.	boy 2 I/C	"	
"		DOLLMAN R.B.	PC bond	"	
"		HILL D.P.	"	NO	Detached - 2/24 Br
"		REID W.R.	"	Yes	
"		BEER H.P.	"	"	
"		CRUMPTON P.	"	"	
"		LEMESSURIER R.W.	"	"	
"		THREDGOLD F.B.	"	"	
"		BRUCKSOPP H.E.	"	"	
"		POTTER J.D.	TO	"	
"		MCLAY H.H.	IO	"	
"		PAECH I.G.	PC bond	"	
"		WRIGHT M.	"	NO	Detached - 26 adust Bde
"		McLELLAN N.	"	Yes	
"		HEFFRON L.H.	"	"	
"		WALLIS D.N.	"	"	
"		TRELOAR H.F.	"	"	
"		SMITH J.W.	"	"	
"		NICHOLAS P.V.	"	"	

(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.
bapt		DAWKINS D.C.	AAME	26.8.40	MO
captain		ARCHBOLD B.C.	AA 6th Dept	13.10.40	Padre

2/48 adust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)

1 Sep 41

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Lt. Col.  
26 adust Inf Bde  
A.I.F.

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



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit). 30 August 1941 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	22		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	60		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	550		107
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>645</b>	*	* 107

\* 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.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Sjt Drive G.H.	AAFC	Pte Kelly B.P.	AA bks Dept
bpl Manser O.R.	AAOC	Sjt Hawkins H.R.	AAMC
Pte Slater H.B.	"	Pte Morgan H.J.	"
Pte Birmingham G.C.	"	Pte Munchenberg A.H.	"
Pte Brown H.L.	"	bpl Promnitz W.H.	"
L/Sjt Ditty N.F.	AA Postal Corps		

**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).
Sx 7784	bpl	Kennedy H.E.	2/48 Bn	26 adust Inf Ing Bn



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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
Stretchers Bearers Riflemen																6 6 101 101	
General duty personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	107 107

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Date of Despatch 1 Sep 41

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander. Col.  
26 adust Inf Bde  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



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ARMY FORM W. 3012 (BOOKS OF 100)

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**CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.**

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
<b>OFFICERS.</b>							
<b>OTHER RANKS</b>							
Sx 5313	Pvt	SLATER H.B.	Hospital admissions HAOC	Sick	31 adug		Evacuated - x list

Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

(Date) . . . . . 3 Sep 19 41 . . . . .

(Signature and appointment of Officer)

*Robert May*

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

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# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive). Transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
Battle casualties						
Sx 8245	Pte	ADAMS R.T.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	1 Sept	By sniper from enemy shell fire at TOBRUK.
Detached for Duty						
Sx 11161	Pte	WILLING A.T.D.	2/48 Bn	To HQ 26 adust Inf Bde	30 Aug	
Hospital admissions						
Sx 7825	Pte	BRAUND W.G.	2/48 Bn	Sick	30 Aug	Evacuated - "X" list
Sx 10537	Pte	MITCHELL J.	"	"	"	do
Sx 7145	"	GARDNER F.E.	"	"	1 Sept	do
Sx 6379	Lt	BUDGEN E.T.	"	"	"	do
Rejoined Unit						
Sx 7900	Pte	FEEHAN L.E.	2/48 Bn	from 2/24 Bn	31 Aug	
Sx 7682	"	HAUPT D.R.	"	from hospital	"	
Sx 11801	"	GARDNER G.	"	do	"	

(Date) 3 Sept 1941

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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### CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

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Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
Hospital admissions						
Lieut	Sx 9064	TRELOAR H. F.	2/48 Bn	Sick	3 Sep	Evacuated - 'X' List
Transfers						
Lieut	Sx 9064	TRELOAR H. F.	2/48 Bn	To Regimental Supernumerary list	3 Sep	

*[Signature]*  
..... Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commanding Officer, 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.  
Date 4 Sep 41

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
26 Aust Inf Bde  
(Bde. Divn. Area with which Unit is serving).



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2/48 *adust Bn* Unit.)

# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

attached to this return

Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc.; Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc., leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
		Battle casualties				
5x 10269	WO2	WINSON J.T.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	2 Sep	By hospital from...
5x 7824	Pte	BRAUN C.H.		do	3 Sep	Shut down at TUBROK.
		Hospital admissions				
5x 7494	Pte	HAYES T.S.	2/48 Bn	Sick	2 Sep	Discharged - X List
		Rejoined Unit				
5x 10537	Pte	MITCHELL T.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	3rd day	
5x 7660		MCMURRIE T.W.		do	3 Sep	

(Date) 14 Sep 1941

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of Commander.)  
 Lt. Col.  
 Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

2/48 *adust Bn*  
 26 *adust Bn*  
 (Unit.)  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



2/48 2nd Div Bn

Unit.)

# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
SX 7145	Pte	GARDNER F.E.	2/48 Bn	from hospital	6 Sep	
SX 7764		REIDEN L.M.		do		
SX 7590		SCHULTZ C.E.		do	27 Aug	
SX 7695		SCHUBERT E.S.J.		do	5 Sep	
SX 1524	A/Plt	STOPP H.F.	2/48 Bn	to Pte	5 Sep	

(Date) 7 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander) *Robert May* Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

2/48 2nd Div Bn  
26 2nd Div Bn (Unit.)  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
Sx 7254	Pvt	ELLIOTT R.T.	2/48 Bn	Sick	6 Sep	Evacuated - X list
Sx 7015	Pvt	HOFFMAN B.O.	2/48 Bn	SON - BERNARD PETER HOFFMAN	8 Aug	
Sx 7035	Pvt	McGHEE R.P.	2/48 Bn	10 MONTHS 4017 Rifle & AMG 6011 Bn	5 Sep	
Sx 7284	Pvt	HAIRD G.R.	2/48 Bn	Trade Group 1/4 Acting	11 Sep	Mech. in MT

(Date) 7 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col. [Signature]  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving. (Unit.) 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.



2/48 2nd Aust Bn Unit.)

# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

4 Sep 1941. Number of sheets attached to this return 3

Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc.; Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc., leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
Sx 7092	Pvt	KENNEDY R.F.	2/48 Bn	To L/Sgt	11 Sep		
Sx 7508	Pvt	WESTON T.K.		To L/Sgt	11 Sep		
Sx 1235	Lt	FRANCIS H.J.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	6 Sep		By enemy MG fire while in the salient at T. BRUK
Sx 7252	Pvt	SMITH R.H.	2/48 Bn	Sick	2 Sep		Evacuated - 'X' List
Sx 5775		O'SULLIVAN M.F.			3 Sep		do
Sx 8358	Pvt	TOLLY E.W.		Accidental	5 Sep		do
Sx 7221	Pvt	VIVIAN W.H.		Injured			do
Sx 7294	Pvt	STAPP H.F.		Sick			do
Sx 7182	Pvt	HAUPT R.K.			6 Sep		do
Sx 7839		CONNORAY W.M.		Accidental	6 Sep		do

(Date) 7 Sep 1941.

(Signature of Commander.) *[Signature]* Lt. Col. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
 Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F. 6 Aust Inf Bde.  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit). 6 Sep 1941 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	21		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	58		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	548		113
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>639</b>	*	<b>113</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Ljt Drive G.H.	AAPC	Ljt Hawkins H.R.	AAMC
bpl Manse O.R.	AAOC	Pte Moigan H.J.	"
Pte Birmingham G.C.	"	Pte Munchenberg A.H.	"
Pte Brown H.L.	"	bpl Promnitz W.H.	"
L/Sjt Ditty N.F.	AA Postal Corps		
Pte Kelly B.P.	AA Bks Dept		

**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).
5x 7784	bpl	Kennedy H.E.	2/48 Bn	26 adust Inf Ing Bn



2/48 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheeler																		
Stretchers Bearers Riflemen																6 6 107 107		
General duty personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																113 113		

2/48 Aust Inf Bn Unit.  
Date of Despatch 8 Sep 41

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.  
26 Aust Inf Bde  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 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 ... ..	2		
Captains ... ..	5		
Lieutenants ... ..	19		4
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>28</b>		<b>4</b>

\* 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	FORBES W.	2/48 Bn	31.8.41	Sick
lieut	TRELOAR H.F.	"	3.9.41	"

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

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



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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt col	NX 396	WINDEYER W. J. V.	CO	NO	School - METS
col	SX 8894	BATTEN R. L.	2 i/c	Yes	
"	SX 10305	BULL G. J.	boy bond	"	
capt	SX 10309	SCOTT T. H.	"	"	
"	SX 10313	HART E. H. G.	boy 2 i/c	"	
"	SX 10315	CLUTTERBUCK A. V.	boy bond	"	
"	SX 10316	EDMUNDS G. S.	idjit	"	
"	SX 10317	WILLIAMS C. F.	boy 2 i/c	"	
Lieut	SX 10306	SHILLAKER R. S.	"	"	
Lieut (T/bapt)	SX 10194	LEACH I. A.	QM	"	
Lieut	SX 10329	BRYANT D.	boy 2 i/c	"	
"	SX 10321	DOLLMAN R. B.	PL bond	"	
"	SX 10307	HILL D. P.	"	NO	Detached - 2/24 Bn
"	SX 10245	REID W. R.	"	Yes	
"	SX 10324	BEER H. R.	"	"	
"	SX 10244	CROMPTON P.	"	"	
"	SX 10308	LEMESSURIER R. W.	"	"	
"	SX 127	THREEDGOLD F. B.	"	"	
"	SX 175	BROCHSOPP H. E.	"	"	
"	SX 10258	POTTER J. D.	TO	"	
"	SX 8690	MCLAY H. H.	IO	"	
"	SX 7138	PAECH I. G.	PL bond	"	
"	SX 7971	WRIGHT M.	"	NO	Detached - 26 adust Inf Bde
"	SX 7054	MCKELLAN N.	"	Yes	
"	SX 11171	HEFFRON L. H.	"	"	
"	SX 8048	WALLIS D. N.	"	"	
"	SX 8325	SMITH J. W.	"	"	
"	SX 9840	NICHOLAS P. W.	"	"	

(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	SX 10192	DAWKINS D. C.	AAMC	26.8.40	MO
blaptain	NX 70328	ARCHBOLD B. C.	AA BL Dt	13.10.40	Padre

2/48 adust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
8 Sep 41.  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col. A.I.F.  
26 adust Inf Bde  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



2/48 2nd Lt. Bn. (Unit.)

# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date	
SX 4750	1/600	CAMMEL R.C.	2/48 Bn	Wounded	7 Sep	Evacuated - X List
SX 7022	PLC	RYNTER R.C.		"	"	do
SX 7453		HARVEL I.C.		Wounded	8 Sep	do
SX 11068	PLC	HARMER E.T.H.	2/48 Bn	Detached to 2/24 Bn	7 Sep	
SX 7254	PLC	ELLIOTT R.T.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	8 Sep	
SX 7294		STOFF H.F.		do	7 Sep	
SX 6279		WIMM W.A.		do	"	
SX 11161		WILKING A.T.D.		from HQ 26 Coy		

(Date) 9 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander) Lt. Col. (Unit.)

2/48 2nd Lt. Bn. A.I.F. Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.



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### CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

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Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)	
					Date	
		Detached to: Duty				
Lieut	SX 7971	WRIGHT M.	2/48 Bn	to 2/24 Bn	7 Sep	
		Rejoined Unit				
Lieut	SX 7971	WRIGHT M.	2/48 Bn	from HQ 26 adust Inf Bde	7 Sep	
		Transfers				
Capt	SX 10312	FORBES W.	2/48 Bn	to Regimental Supernumerary list	31 Aug	

Signature of Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. [Signature]  
Date: 9 Sep 41.

2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
26 adust Inf Bde  
(Bde. Divn. Area with which Unit is serving).



2/48 adjut Bn Unit.)

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# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date	
Sx 11063	PLC	HARMER E.T.H.	2/48 Bn	from HQ 26 adjut Inf Bde	7 Sep	
Sx 8102	Pvt	DAWE R.P.	2/48 Bn	Delete A/Btl 41 and 2/48 on "Btl"	30 Aug 41	W 3011 65/41 of 21 Aug and insert

(Date) 9 Sep 1941.

(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col. [Signature] 2/48 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit.)



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(Unit to which personnel are attached) .....

2/48 adust Inf Bn

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**CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.**

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
<b>OFFICERS.</b>							
<b>OTHER RANKS</b>							
Sx 8313	Pte	Rejoined Unit SLATER H.B.	AAOC	from Hospital	7 Sep	-	

Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

(Date) 9 Sep 1941

(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

*Abraham Major*  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

Lt. Col.

2/48 adust Inf Bn  
26 adust Inf Bde (Unit).

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



2/48 adust Inf Bn Unit.)

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date	
8877	Pte	McARTHUR P.D.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	9 Sep	By enemy MG fire while working a forward position in the salient at TORON.
7771		KOHMANN H.D.		do	11 Sep	By enemy SA fire while in a hole in the salient at TORON.
8852	Pte	SMITH J.W.	2/48 Bn	to HIF (ME)	10 Sep	Batman to Lieut J.W. Smith
10365	Pte	CHARLESWORTH T.B.	2/48 Bn	Sick	10 Sep	Evacuated - X List
7769		SELMERS C.R.			11 Sep	do
7467		DECHUK A.J.				do

(Date) 12 Sep 1941

*[Signature]* Capt. Col.  
 (Signature of Commander.)  
 Camp 12/48 Co. A.I.F.

2/48 adust Inf Bn  
 28 adust Inf Bde (Unit.)  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)







2/48 1st Bn (Unit.)

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# CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc.; Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc., leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date	
Promotions appointments - confirmations						
Sx 7967	A/SGT	MONTGOMERY A.C.	2/48 Bn	Confirmation	12 Sep	To be S/Lt
Sx 5344		IDE R.M.				do
Sx 5454		HARDING A.H.R.				do
Sx 5087		FLETCHER I.W.				do
Sx 7294	Pte	STOPP H.F.		Promotion	8 Sep	To be A/SGT
Battle casualties						
Sx 7215	Pte	WOODMAN J.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	13 Sep	By shrapnel from enemy shell fire on the Saboteur at TOBRUK.
Rejoined Unit						
Sx 8358	A/SGT	JOLLY E.W.	2/48 Bn	from Hospital	12 Sep	
Sx 6379	Sgt	RUDGEN E.T.		do	7 Sep	
Sx 7825	Sgt	BRAUND W.G.		do	10 Sep	
Sx 9370	Pte	CHARLTON E.		do	7 Sep	

(Date) 14 Sep 1941

*Robert Taylor*  
 (Signature of Commander.)  
 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

2/48 1st Bn (Unit.)  
 26 1st Bde  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit). 13 Sep 1941 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	24		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	61		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	560		95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>657</b>	*	<b>95</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Sjt Driver G.H.	AAPC	Pte Kelly B.P.	26 adust Inf Bde
bpl Manse O.R.	AAOC	Sjt Hawkins H.R.	AAAC
Pte Slater H.B.	"	Pte Morgan H.J.	"
Pte Cunningham G.C.	"	Pte Munchenberg A.H.	"
Pte Brown H.L.	"	bpl Promnitz W.H.	"
L/Sjt Ditty N.F.	AA Postal corps		

**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).
Sx 7784	bpl	Kennedy H.E.	2/48 Bn	26 adust Inf Inf Bn



2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
Stretchers Bearers																6	6
Riflemen																89	89
General duty personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	95 95

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Date of Despatch 14 Sep 41.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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## 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 ... ..	2		
Captains ... ..	5		
Lieutenants ... ..	19		4
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>28</b>		<b>4</b>

\* 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	MURPHY E.A.	2/48 Bn	12.9.41	from Reinforcements

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	BEER H.R.	2/48 Bn	12.9.41	Sick

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

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



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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt col		WINDEYER W.T.V.	CO	NO	School
maj		BATTEN R.L.	2 i/c	Yes	
"		BULL G.T.	boy bond	"	
bapt		SCOTT T.H.	"	"	
"		HART E.H.G.	boy 2 i/c	"	
"		CLUTTERBUCK A.V.	boy bond	"	
"		EDMUNDS G.S.	cdjt	"	
"		WILLIAMS C.F.	boy 2 i/c	"	
lieut		SHILLATER R.S.	"	"	
"	T/bapt	LEACH I.A.	QM	"	
"		BRYANT O.	boy 2 i/c	"	
"		DUNLMAN R.B.	PL bond	"	
"		HILL D.P.	"	NO	Detached - 2/24 Bn
"		REID W.R.	"	Yes	
"		CROMPTON P.	"	"	
"		LEMESSURIER R.W.	"	"	
"		THREDGOLD F.B.	"	NO	School
"		BROCKSOPP A.E.	"	Yes	
"		POTTER J.D.	TO	"	
"		MCLAY A.H.	IO	"	
"		PARCH I.G.	PL bond	"	
"		WRIGHT M.	"	NO	Detached - 2/24 Bn
"		MCELLEHAN N.	"	Yes	
"		HEFFRON L.H.	"	"	
"		WALLIS D.N.	"	"	
"		SMITH J.W.	"	NO	School
"		NICHOLAS P.W.	"	Yes	
"		MURPHY E.H.	"	"	

(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.
bapt	SX10192	DAWKINS D.C.	AAME	26.8.40	MO
chaplain	NX70328	ARCHBOLD B.C.	AA BLS DE	13.10.40	Padre

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(Signature of Commander.)

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
Sx 6297	Pte	RIDLEY D.S.	2/48 Bn	attended for	12	4/4	from hospital
Sx 7641	-	PERRY F.		do			do
Sx 11528	-	WINTER R.H.		do			do
WX 7147	-	BARBER T.		do			do
WX 9817	-	LEE G.W.B.		do			do
WX 9840	-	PAGE W.F.		do			do
WX 9841	-	LARNER H.H.		do			do
WX 9844	-	JONES H.T.		do			do
WX 9845	-	HAMMOND D.		do			do
WX 9848	-	BURRIDGE F.J.		do			do
WX 9851	-	JAMES L.		do			do
WX 9852	-	CHADWICK J.		do			do
WX 9854	-	BRINDLEY T.		do			do
WX 9855	-	RAY H.H.		do			do
WX 9856	-	CUTT C.A.		do			do
WX 9843	H/SM	SINCLAIR C.J.		do			do
WX 9819	Pte	SANDERS C.S.		do			do

(Date) 11 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander.)  
Col. [Signature]  
Comd. 2/48 Bn A.I.F.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
		Strongest - taken On				
WX 9553	ALPL	CLARK H.C.	2/48 Bn	attached to	12 Jan	from Reinforcements
WX 9555	PL	GURNEY H.S.	"	do	"	do
WX 9865	ALPL	ROWE S.A.	"	do	"	do
WX 9869	PL	BIRCHLEY W.T.	"	do	"	do
		Revolutions				
WX 9343	ALPL	SINCLAIR C.T.	2/48 Bn	to Plt	12 Jan	
WX 9553	"	CLARK H.C.	"	do	"	
WX 9865	"	ROWE S.A.	"	do	"	

(Date) 14 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander.) *Edgerton Maj Gen*

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
SX 4897	Pte	WEBER C.A.	2/48 Bn	Relinquishment	13 Sep	Trade Group II - book
SX 7199		KESCHKE L.S.M.		Appointment	14 Sep	Trade Group III - book
		Reloc. Unit				
SX 7221	Pte	VIVIAN W.H.	2/48 Bn	from Hospital	13 Sep	
SX 7252		SMITH I.H.		do	14 Sep	

(Date) 15 Sep 19 41

(Signature of Commander.) *[Signature]* Lt. Col. 2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
 Capt. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F. 26 adust Inf Bn  
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					Date	
Sx 4897	Pte	Promotion WEBER C.A.	2/48 Bn	Promotion	11 Sep	To be H/lt
Sx 7616	Pte	Battle Casualty HITKIN R.M.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	13 Sep	in hospital at TARRITT
Sx 10909		SOUTHERN W.		do	14 Sep	in the hospital at TARRITT
Sx 7716	Pte	Hospital det. MERRITT J.C.	2/48 Bn	Sick	13 Sep	discharged - X list
Sx 11215		JOHNSTON H.W.				do
Sx 6604		REID M.G.			11 Sep	do
Sx 7725		CHARIS C.A.				do
Sx 9450		HUGHES R.I.				do
Sx 7141		POOLE H.R.				do
Sx 10090	Lt	Change of address of next of kin GANNON J.C.	2/48 Bn	Wife 7 390, Sea View Road, Henley Beach		done education

(Date) 15 Sep 1911

(Signature of Commander.) Lt. Col. [Signature]  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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					Date	
SX 10510	Pvt	HSHBY H.H.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in action	16 Sep	By Army MG force in Italy at TARRANT.
SX 7587	Pvt	CRAWFORD G.	2/48 Bn	Discharged	15 Sep	Discharged - X List
SX 7375	Lt	HUMMER C.E.				do
SX 7595	Pvt	HIGH C.	2/48 Bn	When on active service	15 Sep	discharged a lawless command by the 2nd Lt. 11/11/41
SX 7799	Pvt	RECHKE L.S.H.	2/48 Bn	Relinquishment	13 Sep	Trade Group III - Bntch
WX 9839	Pvt	CONNORRY W.M.	2/48 Bn	from Hospital	15 Sep	

(Date) 16 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander) Lt. Col. Comd. 2/48 Bn.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
						Date	
		<b>Strength - Taken On</b>					
WX 10247	Pte	MILDWATERS	J.A.	2/48 Bn	Marched In	16 Sep	From Reinforcements
WX 10347	Pte	PHELAN	T.M.	"	"	"	"
WX 10148	Pte	SCANLAN	M.D.	"	"	"	"
WX 10405	Pte	GOFFEY	J.C.	"	"	"	"
WX 10426	Pte	CRATWICK	P.E.	"	"	"	"
WX 10123	Pte	SMITH	R.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10142	Pte	LINDSAY	R.D.	"	"	"	"
WX 9878	A/Cpl	SLATER	A.E.	"	"	"	"
WX 9860	A/Cpl	HOWARD	R.C.	"	"	"	"
WX 9924	Pte	RYALL	F.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10357	Pte	PATTON	A.J.	"	"	"	"
WX 10335	Pte	LANGDON	H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10425	Pte	SHAW	R.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10447	Pte	McKENNA	J.C.	"	"	"	"
WX 10224	Pte	HOGAN	J.S.	"	"	"	"
WX 10429	Pte	BLOFFWITCH	R.	"	"	"	"
WX 10439	Pte	HODGES	S.	"	"	"	"

(Date) 17 Sep 19 41

(Signature of Commander.) *[Signature]* Lt. Col.

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					Date	
<b>Strength - Taken On</b>						
WX 10332	Pte	WOODROFFE E.J.	2/48 Bn	Marched In	16 Sep	From Reinforcements
WX 10144	Pte	LANG A.B.	"	"	"	"
WX 10416	Pte	SCOTT H.L.	"	"	"	"
WX 9932	Pte	HENDERSON R.I.	"	"	"	"
WX 9870	Pte	SEIVER S.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 0487	Pte	FLEETON R.W.	"	"	"	"
WX 10417	Pte	FINLEY C.R.	"	"	"	"
WX 9518	Pte	JARVIS D.E.S.	"	"	"	"
WX 9439	Pte	DICKEN J.	"	"	"	"
WX 10810	Pte	BOWLES G.R.	"	"	"	"
WX 10326	Pte	ALLEN E.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 9100	Pte	HALIFAX L.C.	"	"	"	"
WX 10133	Pte	KERRY J.T.	"	"	"	"
<b>Reversions</b>						
WX 9860	A/Cpl	HOWARD R.C.	2/48 Bn	To Pte	16 Sep	
WX 9878	A/Cpl	SLATER A.E.	"	To Pte	16 Sep	

(Date) 17 Sep 1941.

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of Commander) Lt. Col.

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					Date	
		<b>Strength - Taken On</b>				
WX 10130	Pte	STANLEY R.O.	2/48 Bn	Marched in	18 Sep	From Reinforcements
WX 10285	Pte	RUSSELL D.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10500	Pte	HARRIVELL R.S.	"	"	"	"
WX 10503	Pte	PAYNE M.F.	"	"	"	"
WX 9872	Pte	ALDERSEA R.	"	"	"	"
WX 10004	Pte	ARUNDALE W.A.	"	"	"	"
WX 10562	Pte	BLACK W.D.	"	"	"	"
WX 10475	Pte	BUCKLAND E.V.	"	"	"	"
WX 9834	Pte	BURKE T.	"	"	"	"
WX 10467	Pte	CARRUTHERS F.A.	"	"	"	"
WX 10461	Pte	CARRUTHERS R.V.	"	"	"	"
WX 9881	Pte	CONNELLY F.K.	"	"	"	"
WX 12932	Pte	COOPER F.L.	"	"	"	"
WX 9930	Pte	CORNELIUS F.R.	"	"	"	"
WX 9813	Pte	COTTER C.C.	"	"	"	"
WX 9902	Pte	EVANS C.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10353	Pte	GADEN T.J.J.	"	"	"	"
WX 10395	Pte	HAWKINS R.A.	"	"	"	"

(Date) 19 Sep 19 41

(Signature of Commander.)

for Lt. Col. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
Comd. Co. Pa. A.I.P.

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					Date	
Strength - Taken On						
SX 7400	Pte	JOHNCOCK G.H.	2/43 Bn	Marched In	19 Sep	From Reinforcements
SX 11264	A/Sjt	HUSSEY F.L.	"	"	"	"
WX 9837	A/Cpl	ARNOTT G.R.	"	"	"	"
WX 9874	A/Cpl	LOGUE R.E.O.	"	"	"	"
WX 9929	Pte	RIDE J.	"	"	"	"
WX 9934	Pte	HOLDWAY G.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10340	A/Cpl	FIRNS D.W.	"	"	"	"
WX 10394	Pte	ADCOCK G.E.	"	"	"	"
WX 10398	Pte	THOMPSON G.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10399	A/Cpl	BRUSH A.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 10423	A/Cpl	GWYNN R.	"	"	"	"
SX 5322	Pte	DEAN F.J.	"	"	"	"
SX 6952	Pte	HILL T.P.	"	"	"	"
SX 6894	Pte	TRISH T.V.	"	"	"	"
SX 7885	L/Sjt	DODD A.C.	"	"	"	"
SX 9601	Pte	SCHUTTE L.G.	"	"	"	"
WX 9862	Pte	FORBES A.R.	"	"	"	"

(Date) 19 Sep 19 41

*Edmund G. G. G.*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Col. 2/43 Bn. A.I.F.

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					Date.	
<b>Strength - Taken On</b>						
WX 9822	Pte	HILL A.	2/48 Bn	Marched In	18 Sep	From Reinforcements
WX 9816	Pte	JARMAN H.H.	"	"	"	"
WX 9890	Pte	JEFFREY J.A.	"	"	"	"
WX I0331	Pte	JOHNSON P.G.	"	"	"	"
WX I0297	Pte	LIEBELT C.L.	"	"	"	"
WX 9805	Pte	MASTERS W.T.	"	"	"	"
WX I0401	Pte	MITCHELL S.L.	"	"	"	"
WX I0481	Pte	O'NEILL J.P.	"	"	"	"
WX I0448	Pte	RAE F.A.	"	"	"	"
WX I0146	Pte	RANDALL A.G.	"	"	"	"
WX I0273	Pte	SMITH W.S.	"	"	"	"
WX I0293	Pte	STRATTON A.E.	"	"	"	"
WX 9877	Pte	DYMOND E.E.	"	"	"	"
WX 9832	Pte	TEMPLETON R.J.	"	"	"	"
WX 9880	Pte	TRESIDDER W.J.	"	"	"	"
WX I0499	Pte	WAY R.G.	"	"	"	"
WX 9818	Pte	WELCH J.B.	"	"	"	"

(Date) 19 Sep 19 41

*Edmunds*  
(Signature of Commander) Lt Col. A.I.F.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date.	
<b>Strength - Taken On</b>						
SX 7659	Pte	MEYERS H.S.	2/48 Bn	Marched In	18 Sep	From Reinforcements
<b>Trade Groupings</b>						
WX 9929	Pte	RIDE J.	2/48 Bn	Relinquishment	18 Sep	From Trade Group II
WX 9934	Pte	HOLDWAY C.A.	"	"	"	From Trade Group II
SX 7400	Pte	JOHNGOCK G.H.	"	"	"	From Trade Group II
<b>Reversions</b>						
SX 11264	A/Sjt	HUSSEY F.L.	2/48 Bn	To Pte	18 Sep	
WX 10399	A/Cpl	BRUSH A.H.	"	To Pte	18 Sep	
WX 10340	A/Cpl	PIRNS D.W.	"	To Pte	18 Sep	
WX 9837	A/Cpl	ARNOTT G.R.	"	To Pte	18 Sep	
WX 9874	A/Cpl	LOGUE R.E.G.	"	To Pte	18 Sep	
WX 10423	A/Cpl	GWYNE R.	"	To Pte	18 Sep	

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
<b>Trade Groupings</b>							
SX 8271	Pte	SNODGRASS C.G.	2/48 Bn	Appointment	14 Sep		Trade Group III - Butcher
<b>Schools &amp; Courses</b>							
SX 9652	Sjt	LEGG P.H.	2/48 Bn	"Qualified" at No 2 Long Course (Platoon Weapons) AIF (M)			INFANTRY SCHOOL FROM 20 Jul 41 to 20 Aug 41
<b>Rejoined Unit</b>							
SX 7725	Pte	CLARKE C.A.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	17 Sep		
SX 7467	Pte	DECAUX A.S.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	20 Sep		
SX 5275	Pte	O'SULLIVAN M.P.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	20 Sep		

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Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
<b>Promotions, Appointments &amp; Confirmation of Acting Ranks</b>						
SX 7808	L/Sjt	WESTON J.K.	2/48 Bn	Promotion	6 Sep	To be A/Sjt
SX 7294	A/Cpl	STOPP H.F.	"	Confirmation	16 Sep	To be Cpl
SX 7677	Pte	STERZL E.T.	"	Appointment	16 Sep	To be L/Cpl
SX 7560	Pte	OSBORNE R.D.	"	Appointment	16 Sep	To be L/Cpl
<b>Battle Casualties</b>						
SX 6766	Pte	DAWSON H.C.	2/48 Bn	Wounded in Action	17 Sep	) By enemy shell fire while ) occupying a position in the salient at TOBRUK
SX 8268	Cpl	MACKEY W.K.	"	Wounded in Action	17 Sep	
<b>Hospital Admissions</b>						
SX 6171	Sjt	CONDER H.A.	2/48 Bn	Sick	17 Sep	Evacuated - "X" List
SX 6896	Pte	CHAPMAN L.	"	Sick	19 Sep	do do
SX 7582	Pte	LIEWELYN D.L.	"	Sick	19 Sep	do do
<b>Change of Address of Next of Kin</b>						
SX 8031	Pte	THORPE G.M.	2/48 Bn	New Address - 5 Chester Street, GLENELG. South Australia		

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Comd. 2/48 Bn A.I.F.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 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 on establishment).
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.....*			
.....*			
.....*			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	7		
Lieutenants ... ..	19		1
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>31</b>		

\* 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	GOODEN	O.D.	2/48 Bn	16 Sep From Reinforcements
Lieut	BEER	H.R.	2/48 Bn	17 Sep From Hospital
Capt	LEANE	G.M.	2/48 Bn	19 Sep From Hospital

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



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

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col		WINDEYER	W.J.V.	CO	NO	School
Maj		BATTEN	R.L.	2 I/C	YES	
"		BULL	G.J.	Coy Comd	"	
"		SCOTT	T.H.	Coy Comd	"	
Capt		HART	E.H.G.	Coy 2I/C	"	
"		CLUTTERBUCK	A.V.	Coy Comd	"	
"		LEANE	G.M.	Coy Comd	"	
"		EDMUNDS	G.S.	Adjt	"	
"		WILLIAMS	C.F.	Coy 2I/C	"	
"		SHILLAKER	R.S.	Coy 2I/C	"	
"		LEACH	I.A.	QM	"	
Lieut	T/Capt	BRYANT	D.	Coy 2I/C	"	
"		DOLLMAN	R.B.	Pl Comd	"	
"		HILL	D.P.	"	NO	Detached 2/24 Bn
"		REID	W.R.	"	YES	
"		BEER	H.R.	"	"	
"		CROMPTON	P.	"	"	
"		LEMESURIER	R.W.	"	"	
"		THREDGOLD	F.B.	"	NO	School
"		BROCKSOPP	A.E.	"	YES	
"		POTTER	J.D.	TO	"	
"		McLAY	A.H.	IO	"	
"		PAECH	I.G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		WRIGHT	M.	"	NO	Detached 2/24 Bn
"		McLELLAN	H.	"	YES	
"		HEFFRON	L.H.	"	"	
"		WALLIS	D.N.	"	"	
"		SMITH	J.W.	"	NO	School
"		NICHOLAS	P.W.	"	YES	
"		MURPHY	E.A.	"	"	
"		GOODEN	O.D.	"	"	

(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		DAWKINS	D.C.	AAMC	26.8.40	NO
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD	B.C.	AA Ch's Dept	13.10.40	Padre

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(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit). 20 Sep 1941 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	25		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	60		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	632		24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>728</b>	*	* 24

\* 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.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Sjt Driver G.H.	AAFC	Sjt Hawkins H.R.	AAFC
Spl Messenger O.R.	AAOC	Pte Morgan H.J.	"
Pte Slater H.B.	"	Pte Munchenberg A.H.	"
Pte Birmingham G.C.	"	Spl Promnitz W.H.	"
Pte Brown H.L.	"	Pte Kelly B.P.	26 adust Inf Bde
Sjt Ditty N.F.	AA Postal Corps		

**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).
SX 7784	Spl	Kennedy H.E.	2/48 Bn	26 adust Inf Inf Bn



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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
Riflemen																24	24
General duty personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																24	24

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Signature of Commander.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
<b>Promotions</b>						
SX 9034	Pte	TIETZEL N.A.	2/48 Bn	Promotion	30 Aug	to be A/Cpl
SX 9988	Pte	MILES R.C.W.	"	"	21 Sep	To be A/S/Sjt
<b>Hospital Admissions</b>						
SX 10362	Pte	GOX J.A.	2/48 Bn	Accidentally Injured	19 Sep	Evacuated - "X" List
SX 7936	Pte	MURPHY H.	"	Sick	20 Sep	do
SX 7798	Pte	MORRIS A.W.	"	Sick	20 Sep	do
WX 10210	Pte	BOWLES G.R.	"	Sick	20 Sep	do
SX 7980	Pte	EVERETT T.E.H.	"	Sick	22 Sep	do
SX 7360	L/Cpl	WATSON L.	"	Sick	22 Sep	do
SX 7166	Pte	DAVIS A.R.	"	Injured	22 Sep	Cause not known pending investigation
<b>Rejoined Unit</b>						
SX 7582	Pte	LLEWELYN D.L.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	21 Sep	
SX 7141	Pte	POOLE A.R.	"	From Hospital	22 Sep	

(Date 23 Sep 1941)

*Robert Majors*  
Lt. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
<b>Promotions</b>						
SX 8105	Sjt	DICKSON M.W.	2/48 Bn	Promotion	24 Sep	To be A/WO II Authority - 26 Aust Inf Bde 174/1/94 of 24 Sep 41.
<b>Hospital Admissions</b>						
SX 3611	Pte	RYAN G.W.	2/48 Bn	Sick	24 Sep	Evacuated - "X" List
SX 7609	Pte	RICKARD G.H.	"	Sick	26 Sep	do
SX 8370	Pte	MARTIN T.J.	"	Sick	25 Sep	do
SX 6471	Pte	BUCHANAN J.S.	"	Sick	26 Sep	do
SX 9614	Pte	MILICH M.W.	"	Sick	27 Sep	do
SX 7762	Pte	PAYNE R.J.S.	"	Sick	27 Sep	do
SX 6896	Pte	CHAPMAN L.	"	Sick	27 Sep	do
<b>Detached For Duty</b>						
SX 7314	Pte	PHILLIPS V.L.	2/48 Bn	AIF (WE) Small Arms School	23 Sep	Batman to Lieut H.R.Beer

(Date) 28 Sep 41 19

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.) Col. A.I.F.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
<b>Schools &amp; Courses</b>						
SX 7567	Cpl	LAMPRE C.H.	2/48 Bn	Marched Out	23 Sep	To AIF (ME) Small Arms School No 3 Course - Pl Weapons Wing 28 Sep 41 to 29 Oct 41.
<b>Rejoined Unit</b>						
SX 7166	Pte	DAVIS A.R.	2/48 Bn	From Hospital	24 Sep	
SX 7936	Pte	MURPHY H.	"	Do	26 Sep	
SX 6896	Pte	CHAPMAN L.	"	Do	24 Sep	
SX 7375	Sjt	PLUMMER C.E.	"	do	27 Sep	
SX 7587	Pte	CRAWFORD G.	"	do	24 Sep	

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 Lt. Col.  
 A.I.F.  
 (Signature of Commander.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 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 on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	8		
Lieutenants ... ..	19		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>32</b>	-	-

\* 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.
Capt	TUCKER F.A.G.	2/48 Bn	22.9.41	From Hospital
Lieut	KIMBER D.G.	2/48 Bn	22.9.41	From Hospital

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	GOODEN O.D.	2/48 Bn	27.9.41	Sick - "X" 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).



**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		WINDEYER W.J.V.	CO	NO	School
Maj		BATTEN R.L.	2 I/C	YES	
"		BULL G.J.	Coy Comd	"	
"		SCOTT T.H.	Coy Comd	"	
Capt		TUCKER F.A.G.	Coy Comd	"	
"		HART E.H.G.	Coy 21/c	NO	Detached-Aust Con Dep
"		CLUTTERBUCK A.V.	Coy Comd	YES	
"		LEANE G.M.	Coy Comd	"	
"		EDMUNDS G.S.	Adjt	"	
"		WILLIAMS C.F.	Coy 21/c	"	
"		SHILLAKER R.S.	Coy 21/c	"	
"		LEACH I.A.	QM	"	
Lieut	T/Capt	BRYANT D.	Coy 21/c	"	
"		DOLLMAN R.B.	Pl Comd	"	
"		HILL D.P.	Pl Comd	NO	Detached - 2/24 Bn
"		REID W.R.	Pl Comd	YES	
"		BEER H.R.	Pl Comd	NO	School
"		CROMPTON P.	Pl Comd	YES	
"		LOMESSURIER R.W.	Pl Comd	"	
"		KIMBER D.G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		THREDGOLD F.B.	Pl Comd	NO	School
"		BROCKSOPP A.E.	Pl Comd	YES	
"		POTTER J.D.	IO	"	
"		McLAY A.H.	IO	"	
"		PAECH I.G.	Pl Comd	"	
"		WRIGHT M.	Pl Comd	NO	Detached - 2/24 Bn
"		McLELLAN N.	Pl Comd	YES	
"		HEPFRON L.H.	Pl Comd	"	
"		WALLIS D.N.	Pl Comd	"	
"		SMITH J.W.	Pl Comd	NO	School
"		NICHOLAS P.W.	Pl Comd	YES	
"		MURPHY E.A.	Pl Comd	"	
"		RODNEY G.P.	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		DAWKINS D.C.	AAMC	26Aug40	NO
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD B.C.	AA Chs Dept	13Oct40	Padre

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

29 Sep 41

(Date of Despatch.)

*Edmunds* Capt  
(Signature of Commander.) A.I.F.  
Comd. 2/48 Bn

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 adust Inf Bn (Unit). \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	24		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	61		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	627		27
TOTALS	725	*	* 27

\* 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.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Sjt Driver G.H.	AAFC	Sjt Hawkins H.R.	AAMC
bpl Manser O.R.	AAOC	Pte Morgan H.T.	"
Pte Slater H.B.	"	Pte Munchenberg A.H.	"
Pte Birmingham G.C.	"	bpl Bromnitz W.H.	"
Pte Brown H.L.	"	Pte Kelly B.P.	26 adust Inf Bde
1/Sjt Ditty N.F.	AA Postal corps		

**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).
SX 7784	bpl	Kennedy H.E.	2/48 Bn	26 adust Inf Bn



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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
Riflemen																27	27
General duty personnel																27	27
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 29 Sep 41.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

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



SECRET

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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY No 49

Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 29 Sep 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Enemy shelling has shown no increase during the period under review. During the day our mortars carried out a shoot on known enemy posns.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy dispositions - There is nothing to report
- (b) Observed movement - At 1210 hrs 3 MT were observed at 39404343. They were engaged by our arty and dispersed
- (c) Works proceeding - Nothing to report
- (d) Shelling - Between 1300 hrs and 1700 hrs a large number of shells registered on C Coy were air bursts

<u>COY</u>	<u>SHELLS</u>	<u>MORTARS</u>
A	9	5
B	13	6
C	35	33

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Usual LPs and Protective Patrols report NMS/H

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

C Coy report 8 flares - white, green, repeated 4 times, on bearing of 320° from Post S9

5 CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Single aircraft flew East area into Tobruch at 2105, 2120 and 2150 hrs

7 METEOROLOGICAL

30 Sep Sun Rises 0616 hrs sets 1811 hrs  
29 Sep Moon Rises 1430 hrs sets 0129 hrs 30 Sep

*Andrew Mc Lay* Lieut. Col  
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY No 50

Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 30 Sep 41

1 GENERAL  
The situation remains quiet. Enemy mortar fire showed an increase but shelling remained normal. At 1145 hrs enemy MG posts at 39854305, 39834306 and 39814307 were engaged by our arty. Direct hits were scored. An enemy SB party were later observed to remove 3 casualties from the area.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY  
(a) Enemy dispons - MG posts at 39854305, 39834306, 39814307, 39824310, 39844310 and 39694321. All are active. Direct hits were scored on the first three posns and casualties inflicted when engaged by our arty

(b) Observed movement - Nil  
(c) Works proceeding - There is nothing to report

(d) <u>Shelling</u>	<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>
	A	-	7
	B	18	20
	C	19	37

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY  
Usual LPs and protective patrols were active over the Bn front and report NMS/H

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

5 CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - There is nothing to report

7 METEOROLOGICAL

1 Oct	SUN	rises 0618 hrs	sets 1811 hrs
30 Sep	MOON,	rises 1555 hrs	sets 0328 hrs 1 Oct
		FULL MOON 5 Oct	

*Andrew M. Hay* Lieut.  
Lt Col  
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



SECRET

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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 51

Compiled from info received up to 0600 hrs 1 Oct 41

1 GENERAL

The situation remains unusually quiet. Enemy shelling has shown a marked decrease. A C Coy recce patrol moved out to the vicinity of WATER TOWER and POST S6. Contact with the enemy was NOT made.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy dispositions - There is nothing to report

(b) Observed movement - At 0920 Hrs a large enemy working party, estimated strength 60-80 men were observed by C Coy vicinity 39704327. They were engaged by our arty and 1 Pl of RNPs. The party was dispersed. Casualties are thought to have been inflicted but no accurate estimation can be given.

(c) Works proceeding - There is nothing to report

(d) Shelling - C Coy 10 Shells 31 Mortars

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

A C Coy patrol consisting of 1 Offr 2 ORs carried out a recce vicinity WATER TOWER AND POST S6. As far as could be ascertained the posns in the area are occupied in strength by GERMANS. There does not appear to be any thinning out of enemy tps. Usual LPs and Protective Patrols fwd of the Bn area report NMS/H.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

Usual illuminating flares were reported during the night.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

7 METEOROLOGICAL

2 Oct Sun rises 0618 hrs sets 1810 hrs  
1 Oct Moon rises 1555 hrs sets 0328 hrs 2 Oct.

*Andrew McLay* Lieut.  
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 2 Oct 41

## 1 GENERAL

The situation remains quiet. Enemy shelling showed an increase and by mortar fire was reported from our Right Coy. During the day our arty and one Pl RNFs carried out four shoots on enemy wking parties in vicinity 39704325. On each occasion the parties were dispersed but no estimation of casualties can be given

## 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Enemy disposns - MG and ~~mk~~ A Tk gun at 39714327; MGs at 39744308 and 39784306. These MGs were active during the day
- (b) Observed movement - Wking parties in strengths varying from 12 to 50 and extending over several hundred yds were reported from vicinity 39704325. They were engaged by our arty and MGs and were dispersed
- (c) Wks proceeding - There is nothing to report
- (d) Shelling -

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>
C	57	164
D	36	-

## 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

During the day our mortars conducted shoots on known enemy disposns at 39814299, 39804305 and 39824305. Direct hits were scored.

## 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

There is nothing to report

## 5 CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS

Nil

## 6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

At 2000 hrs ~~an~~ unidentified plane thought to be ITALIAN flew over C Coy area and dropped a stick of bombs on the enemy lines vicinity 39704325

## 7 METEOROLOGICAL

3 Oct SUN rises 0619 hrs sets 1809 hrs  
2 Oct MOON rises 1633 hrs sets 0424 hrs 3 Oct

FULL MOON 5 Oct

LAST QUARTER 13 Oct

*Andrew P. Layton* Lt. Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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- 2 Own tps - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn on right incl S10 to incl FORBES MOUND  
2 POLISH Inf Bn on left incl R11  
2/23 Aust Inf Bn in reserve on BLUE LINE

## INTENTION

- 3 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/23 Bn on night 17/18 Sep and will move into reserve where the role will be:-
  - (a) Anti paratroop - see Op Instn No 23
  - (b) Counter attack - " " " " 24
  - (c) Penetration - " " " " 24

## METHOD

- 4 Reliefs will be:-
  - A Coy 2/48 Bn by A Coy 2/23 Bn and move by march route to 40314297
  - B Coy 2/48 Bn by B Coy 2/23 Bn and move by TC vehs to 40284304
  - C Coy 2/48 Bn by C Coy 2/23 Bn and move by TC vehs to 40314331
  - D Coy 2/48 Bn by D Coy 2/23 Bn and move by TC vehs to 40414341
- 5 Recce parties:-
  - (a) Coys will arrange for coy 2 i/c and 3 OR per Pl (incl 1 NCO) to move to new posns during afternoon 17 Sep and take over stores. These personnel will also act as guides on morning 18 Sep
  - (b) On night 16/17 Sep 2/23 Bn are arranging to send in coy 2 i/c Pl Sjts and 2 Sigs per coy
- 6 Guides - Coys will arrange for the following guides to recce routes as under:-
  - (a) B, C, HQ: 1 man at junc RAP track and ACROMA Rd marked by barrel (40464303) Thence B and HQ Coy via gap 40364289 and C Coy via gap 40244294 *In position by 2000 hrs*
  - (b) A Coy: 1 man per pl to report to A Coy HQ 2/23 Bn at 40304296 during afternoon 17 Sep
  - (c) D Coy: 1 man per Pl to report to D Coy HQ 2/23 Bn at 40274303 afternoon 17 Sep
- 7 Tpt
  - (a) TC vehs - 6 TC vehs will report to D Coy at 2230 hrs B, C & HQ coys will use the TC vehs which bring in corresponding coys 2/23 Bn
  - (b) Stores - B, C & D Coys will each use ration truck (30 cwt) and one tonner  
A Coy will use an additional tonner  
Bn HQ and HQ Coy will arrange own tpt of stores
- 8 2/48 Bn will hand over any patrols or listening posts which may be out. For this purpose 2/23 Bn are sending 24 and 16 personnel to C and D Coys respectively who will mount the necessary patrols on night 17/18 Aug. To relieve congestion coys may withdraw a number of personnel to Coy HQs before first light 17 Sep

## ADM

- 9 Evening meal for 17 Sep will be brought fwd night 16/17 Sep and consumed prior to commencement of move.
- 10 Weapons - All British or equiv weapons will be taken out
- 11 Bren Mounting - fixed lines - coy comds will arrange to hand over corresponding number of Bren mountings
- 12 Patrol dress - overalls will be handed over at respective coy HQs.  
Patrol boots will be taken out
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night  
16/17 Sep



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 Water 1½ gallons per man

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16 Sig Stores - Will be handed over on basis of recent sig instructions.

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**INTERCOMM**

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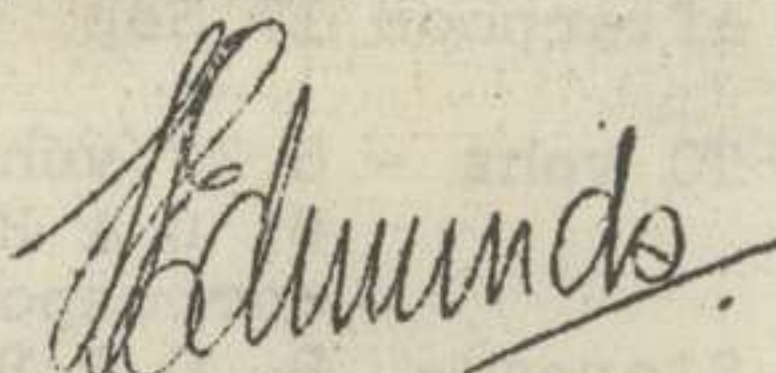
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ACK by giving Sub-unit code name and copy number.

Time of Signature... 1600...hrs

Method of despatch... runner...  
 + 19RL5



Capt

Adjnt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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Time of Signature... 1600...hrs

Method of despatch... runner...  
+ 10RLS

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 2/48 Bn in reserve on BLUE LINE from DERNA RD to 40264295

**INTENTION**

3. 2/48 Bn will relieve 2/24 Bn on night 25/26 Sep

**METHOD**

4. C Coy on right (relieving C Coy and right pl of A Coy 2/24 Bn)  
 A Coy in centre (relieving A Coy less right pl and plus composite pl 2/24 Bn)  
 B Coy on left (relieving D Coy 2/24 Bn less composite pl)  
 D Coy in reserve (relieving B Coy 2/24 Bn)
5. Routes - A Coy by TC vehs to 40204328  
 B Coy by march route through gap 40234299  
 C Coy by TC vehs to bottom of escarpment at FIG TREE  
 D Coy by march route via WADI GIAIDA
6. Recce parties  
 (a) On night 23/24 Sep coy comd and 1 man per sec (incl 1 NCO) will move to new posns (arrange own tpt of necessary)  
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 C Coy at FIG TREE
8. Tpt - Stores - Coys will take in 3 one ton trucks (or less) which will carry next days rations as well as stores
9. Movement times:-  
 A B C HQ Coys and Bn HQ at 2000 hrs  
 D Coy at 2015 hrs
10. Patrols - On night 24/25 Sep B and C Coys will send fwd 6 men and A Coy 12 men who will take over present patrols for night 25/26 Sep

**ADM**

11. Evening meals for 25 Sep will be brought fwd night 24/25 Sep and consumed prior to move. Kitchens will move to B Ech before 2000 hrs 25 Sep. QM will arrange to hand over the following rations to 2/24 Bn (a) 36 rations for consumption 24 Sep  
 (b) 58 " " " 25 Sep
12. Weapons - All British or equiv weapons will be taken out
13. Bren Mountings - Fixed lines - Coy comds will arrange to hand over corresponding number of Bren mountings
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16 RAP will close present location 1930 hrs and move at 2000 hrs

17 Sig Stores - Sig offr to liaise and take over on basis of Bde instrn

INTERCOMM

18 En HQ will close present location at 2030 hrs and reopen at 40124321 at same time

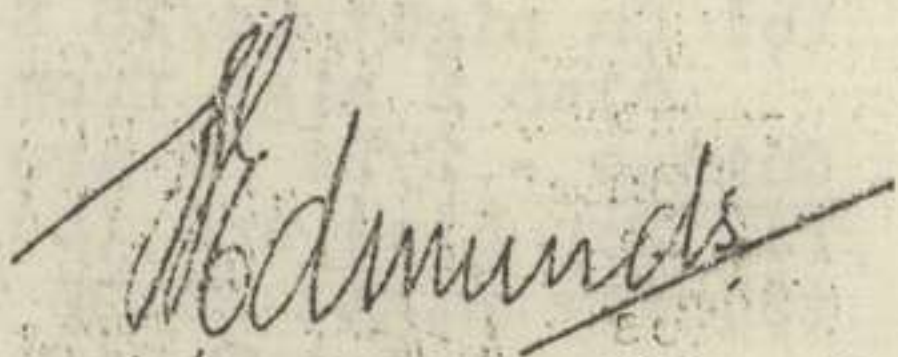
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On leaving present posn SALT  
On arrival new posn WATER  
On 2/24 Bn moving out SOAP

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Time of signature... 1600 .....hrs

Method of despatch... runner & 10 RLS



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## ADM

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INTERCOMM

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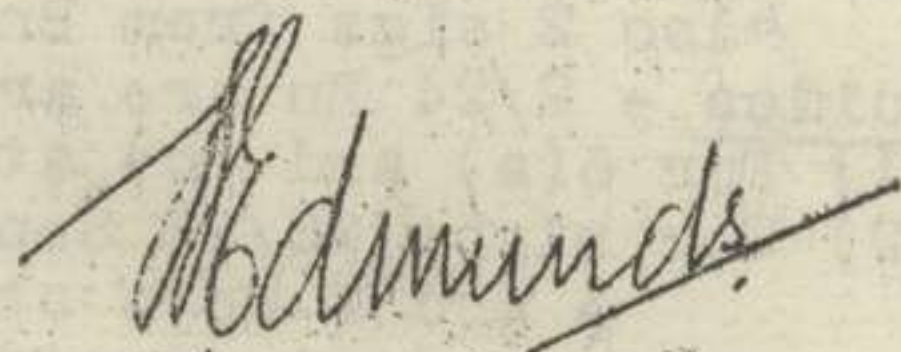
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ACK by giving sub-unit code name and copy number

Time of signature... 1600 .....hrs

Method of despatch... runner .....  
WRLS

  
Capt  
Adjnt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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## INFORMATION

1. Enemy - unchanged as per recent Int Summaries
2. Own tps - 2/43 Bn on right from incl S11  
2/24 Bn centre from S10 to incl FORBES MOUND  
2/23 Bn on left from excl FORBES MOUND to incl R10  
2/48 Bn in reserve on BLUE LINE from DERNA RD to 40264295

## INTENTION

3. 2/48 Bn will relieve 2/24 Bn on night 25/26 Sep

## METHOD

4. C Coy on right (relieving C Coy and right pl of A Coy 2/24 Bn)  
A Coy in centre (relieving A Coy less right pl and plus composite pl 2/24 Bn)  
B Coy on left (relieving D Coy 2/24 Bn less composite pl)  
D Coy in reserve (relieving B Coy 2/24 Bn)
5. Routes - A Coy by TC vehs to 40204328  
B Coy by march route through gap 40234299  
C Coy by TC vehs to bottom of escarpment at FIG TREE  
D Coy by march route via WADI GIAIDA
6. Recce parties  
(a) On night 23/24 Sep coy comd and 1 man per sec (incl 1 NCO) will move to new posns (arrange own tpt of necessary)  
(b) On night 24/25 Sep coy 2 i/c Pl Sjts and 2 Sigs per coy move in. Also 2 sigs from Bn HQ and coy runners.
7. Guides - 2/24 Bn are arranging to supply the following guides:-  
(1) For 6(a) and (b) at Bn HQ at 2000 hrs  
(2) For night 25/26 Sep as follows:-  
A and D Coys at rd junc (turn-off to CARRIER WADI)  
B Coy at minefd gap 40234299  
C Coy at FIG TREE
8. Tpt - Stores - Coys will take in 3 one ton trucks (or less) which will carry next days rations as well as stores
9. Movement times:-  
A B C HQ Coys and Bn HQ at 2000 hrs  
D Coy at 2015 hrs
10. Patrols - On night 24/25 Sep B and C Coys will send fwd 6 men and A Coy 12 men who will take over present patrols for night 25/26 Sep

## ADM

11. Evening meals for 25 Sep will be brought fwd night 24/25 Sep and consumed prior to move. Kitchens will move to B Ech before 2000 hrs 25 Sep. QM will arrange to hand over the following rations to 2/24 Bn (a) 36 rations for consumption 24 Sep  
(b) 58 " " " " 25 Sep
12. Weapons - All British or equiv weapons will be taken out
13. Bren Mountings - Fixed lines - Coy comds will arrange to hand over corresponding number of Bren mountings
14. Amn - (a) Rifle coys take in:-  
150 rds per rifle  
1000 rds per Bren Gun  
400 rds per TSMG  
100 rds per Boys  
36 rds per 2" Mor (prop Smoke)  
Equivalent for 45 mm Mor  
6 rds Sig J per pistol  
3 rds Sig A " "  
3 rds Sig B " "  
1 36M Gren per man  
ALL 68 Gren  
Remainder of amn will be left in posts in accordance with figures sent to coys by RSM  
(b) Bn HQ - 50 rds per rifle  
6 rds Sig J per pistol  
3 rds Sig A " "  
3 rds Sig B " "  
(c) HQ Coy 50 rds per rifle  
AA Pl - 1000 rds .303 per Bren  
100 rds .55 per Boys  
Carrier Pl - total 10,000 rds per .303  
100 rds .55 per Boys  
Mortar Pl - 120 rds per 3" Mor  
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Method of despatch... runner & WRLS

*Edmunds* Capt

Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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SECRET  
Copy No.....  
30 Sep

## INFORMATION

1 Enemy

- (a) The salient sector opposite the unit is held by GERMAN personnel with the exception of the area SW of S9 and to the Right which is held by ITALIAN units
- (b) The salient is held in considerable strength, wired and sewn with Anti-Personnel mines. There is a high proportion of MGs and the posn has strong mortar and arty support.
- (c) Post S7 commands the two right coys and is almost certainly an OP. Pt 209 overlooks the whole area and is another OP
- (d) During the period 27 Sep/30 Sep enemy has activity has been unusually quiet with MG, mortar and arty fire very light. Little hostility occurs before 2400 hrs daily from MGs as enemy undoubtedly brings fwd rations and stores up till then

2 Own Tps

- (a) Disposns are:-
  - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on the Right (posts S27 to S11 incl)
  - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn in the Centre (post S10 to 40004300)
  - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn on the Left (excl 40004300 to incl R10)
  - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in Reserve on BLUE LINE
- (b) Tps in support of this unit:-
  - W Coy 1 RNF
  - 26 Aust A Tk Coy
  - 144 Fd Regt
  - 1 Carpathian Fd Regt
  - 149 A Tk Regt
  - 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
  - C Sec No 1 Tp Carrying Coy RASC
- (c) The following reliefs will take place:-
 

Night 1/2 Oct	1 Pol Bn	relieves	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
" 2/3 Oct	3 Pol Bn	"	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
" 3/4 Oct	2 Pol Bn	"	2/23 Aust Inf Bn

## INTENTION

- 3 On relief night 2/3 Oct 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will move to Right Bn posn of reserve Bde area at ARIENTE

## METHOD

- 4 3 Pol Bn will take over present coy areas as follows:-
  - A Coy 3 Pol Bn from A Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
  - B Coy less one Pl 3 Pol Bn from D Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
  - C Coy plus one Pl 3 Pol Bn from C Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
  - D Coy 3 Pol Bn from B Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 5 Assembly areas, routes, new posns 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
  - A Coy from 40134328 via DERNA RD to 41064343
  - B Coy from 40204300 via ACROMA RD to 40974339
  - C Coy from 40084340 via DERNA RD to 40934341
  - D Coy from 40214328 via DERNA RD to 40684337
  - HQ & Bn HQ from 40194328 via DERNA RD to 40994341
- 6 Tpt bringing in 3 Pol Bn will be supplied by C Sec No 1 Tp Carrying Coy RASC and will pick up 2/48 Aust Inf Bn at above assembly areas. TO will supply 3 one ton trucks per coy for stores.
- 7 Advance parties comprising Coy 2 i/c, Pl Sjts and 1 man per sec will move to new locations on night 1/2 Oct. TO to provide 2 one ton trucks per coy for this task
- 8 Guides:
  - (a) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will arrange guides from Bn HQ for recce party moving in night 30 Sep/1 Oct. Coy runners will be used
  - (b) On night 1/2 Oct 3 Pol Bn have arranged guides at 41064343 (A Coy) 40984343 (HQ Coy, Bn HQ and B Coy) 40934343 (C Coy) 40664343 (D Coy). On night 2/3 Oct our advance party will act as guides at above posns
  - (c) On night 2/3 Oct guides will be supplied on basis of one per posts and will RV at assembly areas mentioned in para 5
  - (d) TO will arrange for one driver per coy to report to 3 Pol Bn HQ by 1800 hrs 2/3 Oct will lead convoys to debussing areas
  - (e) Guides to be in posns by 2000 hrs
- 9 Patrols and LPs - 2/48 Bn will remain with Polish personnel until just prior to first light on 3 Oct then move back to rd junc at



40204329 where TO will arrange for 2 one ton trucks at 0430 hrs

ADM

- 10 Evening meal night 2/3 Oct will be consumed at earliest and kitchens moved independently to new areas
- 11 Weapons and amn - as shown in Appx already issued.
- 12 Bren mountings will be left on fixed lines and arrangements made by coys to take over a corresponding number of mountings
- 13 Res Rations . . . res rations will be left on basis of 110 men
- 14 Res water will be left in posts in present containers and a similar quantity taken over
- 15 RAP will remain at 40114319 until completion of relief and then move to 40994341
- 16 173 Fd Amb MDS situated at 40884356
- 17 2/8 Aust Fd Amb MDS situated at 40914324
- 18 Sig Stores: Ten Italian phones, two 10 line UC switchboards and three 6 line switch boards will remain

INTERCOMM

- 19 On completion of relief Bn HQ will reopen at 40994341
- 20 Ba amn res will be located at 40994341
- 21 Movements will be notified as under:-
  - On arrival of 3 Pol Bn BEER
  - On leaving present posn LIME
  - On arrival new posn SODA

ACK by giving sub-unit code name and copy number where applicable

Time of Signature.....<sup>2045</sup>.....hrs

Method of despatch.....<sup>runner</sup>.....  
+ WRLS

Capt

Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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Y and L Regt	25
War Diary	26 and 27
File	28
Spare	29 and 30



Lt Col W J V WINDEYER ED COMD

1 COMMUNICATION OTHER THAN THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS (AIF (ME) Order 382 14 Jun 41)

- 1 Many applications, requests and submissions are being made direct to formation etc HQ and to AUSTRALIA instead of through the proper military channels.
- 2 Unit censors will ensure that matter of the nature referred to is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of AMR&O 1568(1) and 1569(1) which provide:-

"Correspondence to be referred to superior authority will be fwded through each offr in the chain of commd. The same principle will be followed in communications by a superior to a subordinate authority. A superior authority who communicates directly with a subordinate authority will usually notify his action to any intermediate authority.

An application from an offr will be submitted to his CO. An application from a soldier will be made to his company etc comd who will if the nature of the application requires lay it before the CO."

- 2 ECONOMY IN DISINFECTANTS - CRESOL (Liq. Cresolis) (AIF (ME) Order 397 14 Jun 41)  
Strict economy must be exercised in the use of Cresol. This disinfectant normally will be used in a strength of half a 50-cigarette-tin-full of Cresol to a two gallon bucket-full of water.  
Cresol will not be thrown indiscriminately on the floors of the cookhouses, latrines etc. If an offensive odour exists its cause will be removed and attempts will not be made to hide it with Cresol.  
All indents for Cresol will be scrutinised carefully and countersigned by a Medical Officer who will ensure that demands made by units are not excessive.

- 3 SCALE OF DISINFECTANTS (AIF (ME) Order 398 14 Jun 41 )

Cresol Disinfectant  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gallons per 100 men per month.  
Chloride of Lime Disinfectant 11 lbs per 100 men per month.

- 4 FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES LEAVING EGYPT (Gen Ords 588)

Cases are continually occurring of service personnel attempting to leave EGYPT with undeveloped photographic negatives in their possession. It is notified for information that it is prohibited by EGYPTIAN GOVT DECRETES to take undeveloped photographic negatives out of EGYPT. In future when such negatives are found on service personnel they will be confiscated and destroyed.

- 5 DRESS - WOs and NCOs (AIF (ME) ORDER 409 21 Jun 41 )

- 1 The practice of affixing badges of rank on detachable wrist-bands in the case of WOs and on detachable arm-bands in the case of non-commissioned offr will cease.
- 2 Badges of rank will be permanently affixed in an appropriate place in approved manner. With summer dress WOs may wear badges above the forearm when shirt sleeves are rolled.
- 3 White tape stripes may be worn on shirts KD but will be of standard pattern consisting of white tape stripe  $\frac{1}{2}$  in wide and of same size as stripes normally worn on service dress.

- 6 MT VEHS - DEFECTIVE STUB AXLES (AIF (ME) Order 414 21 Jun 41 )

Breakages of Stub Axles are occurring in load carrying vehs mainly owing to the extra strain imposed by the over sized wheels and tyres fitted to commercial type vehs for Army purposes.

To reduce the strain on Stub Axles under these circumstances it will be ensured that:-

- i Vehs are not overloaded
- ii Speed limits are strictly observed
- iii Vehs are not sharply braked or accelerated
- iv Correct tyre pressure maintained
- v Front wheels are not turned violently when vehs are moving and not turned when veh is at rest.

Broken Stub Axles can be repaired at AAOC wkshops and both pieces of over broken axle are to be saved and returned without fail to the nearest AAOC organisation for repair in all instances.



- 7 SERVICE RESPIRATOR CONTAINERS (AIF (ME) Order 415 21 Jun 41)  
All service respirators should now be fitted with a type E container Mks IV, V or VI  
The two earlier types of containers Mks IV and V (painted buff) do not embody all the most recent improvements but are nevertheless FULLY efficient. Any suggestion from whatever quarter that these older containers are worthless or inadequate is untrue and should be contradicted.
- 8 AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS (AIF (ME) Order 417 21 Jun 41 )  
(a) As from 15 Jul 41 a reduced rate air-mail letter card service to AUSTRALIA will be introduced.  
(b) The postage rate will be three pence and AUSTRALIAN stamps ONLY may be used. Although the cost is much less than the ordinary air-mail letter rate there will be no distinction in speed of despatch and delivery  
(c) The concession is available to all members of the Imperial Forces in ME  
(d) On application at any British Army PO AIF personnel may avail themselves of the similar British Air-mail letter card service for correspondence with persons in United Kingdom  
(e) The letter card is designed to provide a writing space of one and a half pages quarto size. Censorship arrangements will apply as in the case of letters. All ranks are specially warned that if anything is enclosed the card will be sent by ordinary surface mail.  
(f) A first issue of letter cards will be made to units by Stationery Dept Printing and Stationery Services PALESTINE. Units will requisition for subsequent requirements from Stationery Depot, Printing and Stationery Services.  
(g) If issues of letter cards have not reached units by the date of commencement an emergency supply may be obtained by requisition from the nearest Australian Army Post Office. Requisition must be signed by the Off. Commd.  
(h) The available aircraft space and load is limited and it is therefore desirable that letter cards be used instead of air-,ail letters to the maximum possible extent.  
(i) Owing to the acute shortage of suitable paper all ranks are warned that wastage must be avoided. Strict disciplinary action will be taken if necessary to check improper use of letter cards.
- 8 TREATMENT OF UNDELIVERABLE POSTAL ARTICLES (AIF (ME) Order 419 21 Jun 41 )  
In accordance with National Security (General) Regulations promulgated by the Minister of the Army the following procedure will be adopted with all unclaimed unregistered postal articles (other than letters, postcards and commercial papers) :-  
NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS. Undeliverable newspapers and periodicals clearly distinguishable as such shall be distributed at the discretion of the senior postal representative with the force among other members of the unit or address or made available as reading matter to hospitals, convalescent depots, camps or recreational centres for troops. The address labels or covers should in such cases be destroyed or the address completely obliterated before such distribution is effected.  
PARCELS AND PACKETS Undeliverable parcels and packets shall be opened at the Overseas Base Post Officer and such contents as are suitable for the purpose shall be handed over to the accredited representatives of the AUSTRALIAN Comforts Fund and the AUSTRALIAN Red Cross Society for general distribution to the troops. Items of sentimental value shall however be withheld from distribution and whenever possible returned to the senders.  
Officers Commanding will ensure that the foregoing instructions are given effect in accordance with the technical instructions issued by the ADPS HQ AIF (ME) for the guidance of postal orderlies.
- 9 LIGHTS No one is authorised to fire on an exposed light. All persons see lights during the hours of blackout will make enquiries and request that it be put out by the person in charge of it.  
If the request is not complied with a charge should be laid under AA 40 or AA 11 and the CO of the offender notified.  
The attention of all ranks especially sentries, guards and MPs will be directed to this order.  
Disobedience hereof will be followed by disciplinary action against the offender
- A. J. Coth.* Capt Adj 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field  
19 Aug 41

For Official Use Only  
AMR&O 1587

by

Lt Col W J V WINDEYER ED. COMD

1 PAYBOOKS - ENTERING PLACE OF PAYMENT

Ref AIF Orders (ME) 493 dated 19 July 41

The practice of entering location in which payment is made will cease immediately and the only entry which will appear in the third column will be "On Service".

2 PHOTOGRAPHS - Ref AIF Order 500 dated 19 July 41

The practice of forwarding to AUSTRALIA personal photographs taken in such a manner as to show the portrait superimposed or inset on facsimile Australian Bank Notes in the blank oval space reserved for the watermark will cease. The possession of such photographs in AUSTRALIA constitutes an offence under the Commonwealth Bank Act and any person within the Commonwealth in possession thereof is liable to prosecution.

3 PAY BOOKS - LOSS OF - Ref AIF Order Order 503 dated 19 July

Coy Comds will ensure that paybooks remain in the possession of the soldier at all times.

Cases of loss occasioned by negligence or carelessness of the soldier are to be severely dealt with as breaches of military discipline

Periodical checks will be made by Coy Comds for the purpose of establishing (i) The identity of soldiers without paybooks

(ii) The early detection of fraudulent or irregular entries.

and reports will be made to these HQ concerning same.

4 BOTTLES, OIL and PULLTHROUGHS

Heavy wastage in bottles, oil and pullthroughs is occurring. Coy Comds will ensure that stricter supervision is exercised in regard to the carrying of these items in the butts of rifles. When pullthrough cords become unserviceable the weights must be returned to the QM for replacement

5 LOOT AND TRAFFIC IN ARMS - GHQ (ME) General Order No 614 is repeated:-

"It has been definitely established that members of HM 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 arms find their way to those who work for the enemy. Such action is an offence punishable by a sentence of two years' imprisonment.

Any captured war material in the possession of army personnel will be surrendered immediately.

This order will be repeated in all unit orders and brought to the notice of all ranks."

6 SWIMMING

The following amendment to 9 Aust Div RO 245 is repeated:-

(a) Tps, incl res bns of fwd bdes will NOT be permitted to leave their allotted posns to attend swimming parades

(b) Swimming is not authorised at beach 41124360 nor between grids 4103 and 4115. Units stationed West of rd TOBRUK-EL ADEM who previously used that area for swimming will find that extra beach accommodation now exists astride grid 4150



7. BOUNDS

The following area is reserved for use by 4 AA Bde, 4 AGH and dets 2/3 2/8 and 2/11 Fd Amb

<u>Area Boundaries</u>	
NORTH	Coastline from 41154382 to 4103481
WEST	Grid 4103
SOUTH	Track from 4103469 to FORT PERONNE thence line of road to 41154366
EAST	Grid 4115

Transport vehs unless on duty with 4 AA Bdes or medical units concerned will NOT be permitted to enter the area, nor will swimming be authorised within the area.

8. DAMAGE TO EQPT

Immediately any eqpt is destroyed or damaged by enemy action brief particulars will be notified by signal to DADOS at Rear HQ 9 Aust Div. For this purpose eqpt will include:-

- (a) All "A" and "B" behs
- (b) Items included in monthly census of warlike stores

These signals will be in the nature of preliminary advice only and will not take the place of any returns subsequently to be submitted i.e. War Wastage Returns etc.

9. BEARDS

The growing or wearing of beards is NOT permitted. This order applies to all military personnel in the garrison with the exception of INDIANS Coy comds will ensure that the practice of regular shaving is maintained.

10. BOUNDS - 9 Aust Div RO 309 is repeated

"All ranks are warned that the whole of the area comprising 9 BSD is out of bounds to all personnel not required to be there in the course of their duties.

Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who infringe this order. To be repeated in unit orders."

11. TRAFFIC - EL GUBBI AERODROME

The surface of EL GUBBI aerodrome is rapidly becoming unserviceable through vehs driving across it and making deep ruts. In future all vehs incl RAF will drive around and not across the aerodrome.

12. DAGGERS, KNIVES and SWORDS - SOUVENIRS AIF Order (ME) 528

Previous restrictions on the importation into AUSTRALIA of daggers, knives and swords forwarded as souvenirs by AIF personnel are now lifted. The provisions of AIF Order (ME) No 236 of 16 May 41 in respect of such articles still apply.

AHG MELBOURNE advise that an amendment to AIF Standing Orders 436(b) will be issued in due course.

13. BANK ACCOUNT - PERSONNEL

Personnel who have opened private banking accounts in the Middle East will furnish particulars thereof through the usual channels

This information is required in order that balances of bank accounts held by deceased personnel will not be overlooked.

14. DRESS - SAFARI SHIRTS.

Approval has been given for the wearing of safari shirts by officers only purchased at own expense in lieu of Shirts KD

AIF Order (ME) No 296 of 11 Apr 41 as amended by AIF Order (ME) No 458 of 5 Jul 41 is amended accordingly



14 AIF KIT STORES - KITS OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM ONE UNIT TO ANOTHER

Where personnel have deposited kits in any AIF Kit Store and subsequently have transferred to another unit kits remain with those of the original unit until withdrawn. Requisitions for and inquiries as to kits of such personnel will therefore be made to the Store in which the original unit's kits were deposited. The requisition or inquiry will quote the original and present units. A notification was previously made that the kits of this unit are now deposited at No 3 AIF Kit Store at TEL-EL-KEBIR.

15 STRETCHERS, AMBULANCE - ILLEGAL USE OF

It has been brought to notice that tps are using stretchers, ambulance as beds. Stretchers will only be used for legitimate purpose. Coy Comds will take immediate steps to stop this practice and will take disciplinary action when necessary.

16 LETTERS ETC TO PRISONERS OF WAR

The manner in which letters and parcels for POW in foreign countries may be forwarded, can be obtained from this HQ, including details of items which may or may not be sent.



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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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ROUTINE ORDERS

In the Field  
Saturday  
13 Sep 41

by

LT COL W J V WINDEYER ED COMD

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1 MAIL

All letters and parcels addressed to personnel of the unit who have been evacuated through injury, sickness or transferred are readdressed to new location. Newspapers, however, are not sent out of the area.

2 MESSAGES & INSTRUCTIONS

In many instances the acknowledgement of a message or instruction where requested has NOT been complied with. Particular attention must be paid to this item in future.

3 ORDERS OF DRESS - AIF (AIF Order (ME) No 595 is repeated)

AIF ORDER (ME) No 296 of 11 Apr 41 is amended as follows:-  
Delete detail after Note (m) and substitute:- Jerseys, Pullover, Khaki, may be worn as an outside garment, but Jerseys, Pullover, Blue, will only be worn as an underneath garment, except when necessary for tng ops.

4 ISSUES OF BOOTS (AIF Order (ME) No 597 is repeated)

As an economy measure, future issues of Boots, Ankle, to units will comprise 90% of new boots and 10% of part worn boots, repaired. This will continue until stocks of repaired boots have been reduced to a figure sufficient for decontamination reserve.

5 CENSORSHIP

1 Reports have recently been received of letter containing complaints against Australian Canteen Service having reached AUSTRALIA from troops in TOBRUCH

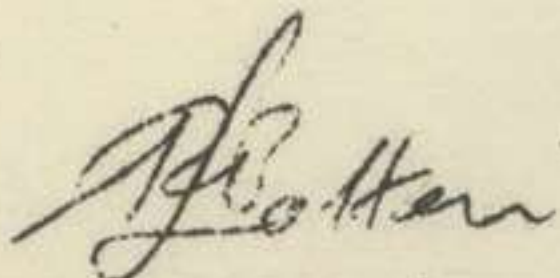
2 The criticism in these letter was in many respects erroneous and malicious to an extreme

3 If franking offrs and censors in units had carried out their duties correctly such statements should not have been permitted to reach AUSTRALIA. An offr performing this duty should censor any protion which includes a statement of such a misleading or incorrect character as to bring an institution into disrepute.

4 As the circumstances in regard to Canteen etc supplies in TOBRUCH are well known correct censoring would result in:-

- i the incorrect and morale-destroying statements not being sent;
- ii an explanation being furnished to the writer if he was not in possession of the true facts;
- iii disciplinary action being taken against the writer if considered necessary.

5 Franking offrs and censors concerned must be held responsible for such reports having left TOBRUCH..



Maj

Adm Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



by

Maj R L BATTEN Adm Comd

1 REMISSION OF CUSTOMS DUTY AND SALES TAX

AIF (ME) ORDER No 604 is repeated:-

1 Presents and other dutiable goods may subject to the conditions enumerated hereunder be admitted without payment of Customs Duty and Sales Tax when fwded to AUSTRALIA or brought back to AUSTRALIA by the following:-  
(a) Members of the Australian Imperial Force

2 The conditions governing relief from payment of Customs Duty and Sales Tax are:-

(a) The concession is limited to the admission of dutiable goods to the value of £10 from any one individual in any twelve months and payment of duty is required in respect of any amount over £10

(b) The word "presents" or the term "other dutiable goods" is to be taken as including articles of adornment, curios, jewellery and other such articles which would ordinarily be brought back to Australia by persons returning from overseas.

3 Apparel sent to or brought back to Australia as a present by any of the abovementioned persons is subject to the above conditions but apparel which is the personal property of any of those persons and is brought back to Australia by them for their own use is regarded as personal effects and irrespective of value is admitted free of all duties.

4 AIF Order (ME) No 121 of 6 Dec 40 is cancelled.

2 CHRISTMAS MAILS

It is recommended that Christmas mails be posted by the following dates in order to reach their destinations by Christmas day:-

Country	Surface Mail	Ordinary Airmail	Airmail Lettercards	Airgraphs
UK and EIRE	18 Sep 41	25 Oct 41	25 Nov 41	25 Nov 41
AUSTRALIA	1 Nov 41	1 Dec 41	1 Dec 41	
INDIA	10 Nov 41	10 Dec 41	10 Dec 41	
NEW ZEALAND	15 Oct 41	25 Nov 41	25 Nov 41	
SOUTH AFRICA	1 Nov 41	1 Dec 41	1 Dec 41	
N & S RHODESIA	1 Nov 41	10 Dec 41	10 Dec 41	
EAST AFRICA	15 Nov 41	10 Dec 41	10 Dec 41	

3 SOLDIERS AWL FROM HOSPITAL - 9 Aust Div RO No 352 is repeated:-

Soldiers who are patients at a hosp and who leave before being discharged thereby become AWL. They will be dealt with disciplinarily by the comd of the hosp.

4 RESERVE WATER AND RATIONS - 9 Aust Div RO No 355 is repeated:-

Attention of all units is drawn to Div RO which states:- "Reserve rations and water will be checked daily by an offr and a weekly certificate will be rendered by each unit to show - ration strength, number of reserve rations and water held, explanation of discrepancies if any."

This certificate will be tendered each Monday to show position on previous Saturday and will be handed to AASC offr's at FSD's.

A pro forma certificate is set out hereunder:-

Certificate of Reserve Rations and Water Held

Ration strength as at.....  
Number of reserve rations and water held.....  
Discrepancy.....  
Explanation:-

Coy Comd

Coys will submit this return by 2000 hrs each Sunday to QM.

5 ANTI GAS EQPT - Coys will submit returns to reach QM by 11 and 26 of each month in accordance with instructions to be issued separately

6 COMFORTS FUND - The following goods have been received and distributed during the past week:- Cigs 540, tobacco 165, Papers, 225, Soap 130, Jam 50, syrup 10, Camp pie 27, Veggies 110, Biscuits 55, Tinned fruit 15, Socks 85 Hanks 170, Face washers 25, Writing paper 2000, Envelopes 20000 Cordial 7.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adj 2nd Lt Aust Inf Bn



RUSSIA: KIEV the key city of the Ukraine is now in GERMAN hands after days of fierce fighting. Before they finally withdrew, the RUSSIANS laid waste the city and when the GERMANS entered the city scenes of indescribable devastation met their eyes. It was reported from MOSCOW that there were about 250,000 GERMAN troops in the KIEV region, and these troops were held at bay while the RUSSIANS completed their destruction of the city, before withdrawing to reinforce the RUSSIAN pocket East of the River Dnieper. The GERMANS claim that this pocket is being reduced, but admit that the RUSSIANS are fighting fiercely.

Near LENINGRAD the RUSSIAN and the GERMAN armies are interlocked in a savage battle, a relentless series of attacks and counter-attacks. GERMAN dive bombers are swooping over the RUSSIAN lines and the heavy RUSSIAN artillery is picking out the GERMAN positions. Guns of the RUSSIAN Baltic Fleet are hammering the GERMANS' flank. The FINNS claim to have reached Lake ONEGA thus cutting the LENINGRAD-MURMANSK railway.

ODESSA is still hitting back hard and it is announced from GERMANY that reinforcements will be sent to assist the RUMANIANS.

No detailed news is available of the CENTRAL FRONT. It is known, however, that the RUSSIANS have occupied a GERMAN defence zone and re-occupied 32 villages.

EASY RULES OF GOVERNMENT

SOCIALISM

You have two cows -  
You give one to your neighbour

FASCISM

You have two cows -  
You keep them both and give the milk to the Government who sells part of it back to you

COMMUNISM

You have two cows -  
You give both to the Government who gives you some of the milk

NEW DEAL

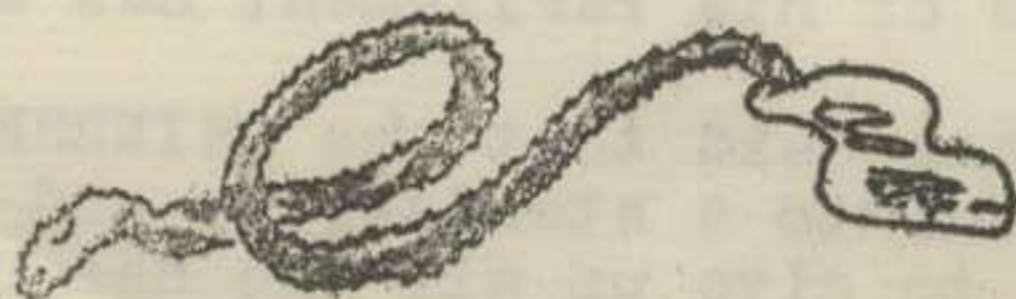
You have two cows -  
The Government shoots one, milks the other and pours the milk down the sink

NAZISM

You have two cows -  
The Government shoots you and takes the cows

CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY

You have two cows -  
You sell one and buy a bull



- GHB -

With apologies to Lahm



THE THIRST THAT GREW  
(and Grew & Grew)

When first we came to Libya,  
Not one amongst us knew,  
That there and then before our eyes  
Was born the Thirst that Grew.

In Palestine we'd lots of beer,  
On it our money blew,  
But in Tobruk it was much less -  
Not so the Thirst that Grew.

The few odd bottles we could get,  
Was to our thirst like dew  
That slightly quenches dusty throats  
But not the Thirst that Grew.

We swallowed tons and tons of dust  
No beer - but lots of stew.  
The talk that came from thirsty men  
Was of the Thirst that Grew.

At first men wished they had a "pot"  
Some dreamed a "pint" they drew.  
Quarts grew to "fives" and then to  
"tons"  
To kill that Thirst that Grew.

A shocking thought has come to me  
And makes me feel quite blue,  
Enough to make men shudder  
That have the Thirst that Grew.

When far behind we leave Tobruk  
To move to pastures new,  
With resolution in each eye  
To fix the Thirst that Grew.

What if prohibition, fire or flood  
Ruins Alex in our view,  
And there's no beer to be had,  
To drown that Thirst that Grew.

WTL

THE CHEMISTRY OF MAN

A man weighing 140 pounds contains  
Enough fat for 7 cakes of soap  
Carbon for 9,000 pencils  
Phosphorous to make 2,200 match heads  
Magnesium for one dose of salts  
Iron to make one medium-sized nail  
Sufficient lime to white-wash one  
chicken coop  
Enough sulphur to rid one dog of fleas  
Water to fill a 10-gallon barrel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sir Earle PAGE has left AUSTRALIA For LONDON  
King George of GREECE with members of his Parliament has arrived in Britain.

The CHINESE Ambassador in LONDON has said that the CHINESE soldiers have fought the JAPANESE War Machine to a standstill, and that JAPAN can see no way out of the war but to give up all she has conquered. If CHINA had enough equipment there would be little difficulty in her ridding herself of her enemy.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE BN

We have been supplied with the following statistics which may be of interest:-

The proportion of City and Country enlistments is 50:50  
From Western Australia 119  
New South Wales 20  
Victoria 10  
The average age of the Bn is 28  
The percentage Married is 29%  
Single 71%

C Coy is the youngest Coy with an average age of 26  
Bn HQ the oldest, the average 29

We would particularly like to extend greetings to the West Aussies. In coming to us they are merely finding their rightful place, for the old 48th was composed originally of South and West Australians. They will find that this is a good show and will, very soon, we are sure be as proud of the Bn as the rest of us

IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE SIZE OF THE DOG  
IN THE FIGHT,  
BUT THE SIZE OF THE FIGHT IN THE DOG

You will all have read that classic A TALE OF TOBRUK or BLOODY, BLOODY, BLOODY! The following answer has been sent to the Editor from home:-

THE LASSES' LAMENT

No use looking bloody coy,  
Can't even catch a bloody boy,  
Life is robbed of bloody joy,  
Oh bloody, bloody, bloody!

When this bloody war is won,  
Perhaps we'll get some bloody fun,  
Been living like a bloody nun,  
Oh bloody, bloody, bloody!

Tired of talking to bloody ladies,  
Of what the latest bloody shade is  
They can go to bloody Hades,  
Oh bloody, bloody, bloody!

Waiting round for bloody letters,  
Knitting piles of bloody sweaters,  
Better if the Nazis get us,  
Oh bloody, bloody, bloody!