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Commanding Officer

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Syria	1	0900	Church parade was held in cinema opposite barracks. Padre Archbold paid a tribute to the bands splendid progress. B Coy at open range. Coys report an improvement in the quality of food and better leave facilities for the past week. The weather continues to be very pleasant with a tendency to become warm at times.	Bn tng syllabus 1-15 Mar Report on weeks tng.
Syria	2		HQ Coy at open range-B Coy at 30 yd range. All Coy comds and majority of Pl comds, made a recce of TARTOUSS coastline. CO returned to the unit this evening. 2 Offrs and 80 ORs granted leave in TRIPOLI from 1700-2200 hrs. Personnel from RPs Bn HQ Orderly room and Bn HQs Offrs batmen, commenced a school within the unit on map reading at the conclusion of which, they will be subject to an examination	Range practices result results 1-3Mar

*H. Hammer* Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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Syria	3	0900	Lt Col H H HAMMER inspected the Bn. All Offrs made a recce of RAS CHEKIA tunnel. C Coy attended the open range, while HQ and A Coys were at the 30 yd range.	
Syria	4		1 Offr and 30 ORs were granted TRIPOLI leave from 1700-2200 hrs. Court Martial of Pte HOARE G F proceeded throughout the day.	
Syria	5		2 Offrs and 95 ORs were granted picture leave. C and D Coy at 30 yd range Light rain fell nearly all day	Appreciation by Lt Col H.H. Hammer
Syria	6		2Pl of HQ coy at 30 yd range CO and Brig R W TOVELL inspected proposed A Coy posns, Brig with minor alterations approved of siting. Ten days MC School for personnel, who under new establishment are to ride motor cycles-commenced today. Received orders re Higher Est as from 22 Feb 42 A gymnasuim started today for the use of tps.	Results MC School Ing Syllabus

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SYRIA	6		The ACF through the YMCA supplied boxing gloves, medicine balls and skipping ropes	
SYRIA	7		A Coy attended 30 yd range in the morning- Bn HQ in the afternoon CO made a recce of TARTOUSS area for coastal defence tasks. All Offrs recce EL MINA Port for coastal defence tasks- Recce in form of TEWT.	
SYRIA	8		Thefts in minor way have occurred, mostly blankets and a few pairs of boots. Steps are being taken to make men and picquets responsible During the week 2/48 Bn played soccer against 9 Div ASC and won by 4 goals. Final scores 6 goals to 2 . Coys continue digging and wiring through out the week.	
SYRIA	8		Church Parade in the Cinema, plus personnel of 2/1 Fd Wkshops Bridge, Euchre, 500, Darts, Draughts and Coits Tournaments are held weekly in the recreation rooms and £5 (Aust) Currency) in cash prizes is handed out from regimental funds. Attendances average between 40 and 50 for each tournament and considering the number of duties this indicates the keen interest displayed by the tps. Moving picture entertainment and community singing is organized from time to time with attendance of approx 150. The YMCA library contains 320 books and has a membership of 200. Library is free and like all other facilities in recreation rooms is free. From commodities supplied by the YMCA and Bn ration store hot drinks are served every night, of which 300 afford themselves this pleasure.	Report on Weeks Inq

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SYRIA	9		<p>77 ORs and 3 Offrs were granted leave in TRIPOLI from 1700 - 2200 hrs.</p> <p>Maj G J BULL instructed to co-ordinate fire precautions with all units of LEGOULT Bks</p> <p>CO attended a lecture by Col D A WHITEHEAD MC - "Employment of medium MGS" - Divisional Staff and CO attended.</p> <p>Series of lectures commenced for senior Offrs, Lt Cols and Divisional Staff on first night. Second night - Junior lecture school for Coy Comds, 2 i/cs and Adjts. Third night for arty Offrs. These are given in lecture room provided by the Bn.</p> <p>The Unit was congratulated by Brig R W TONNELL (acting Div Comd) on its general arrangements for lectures.</p>	
SYRIA	10		<p>CO, Coy Comds and Adjts attended on Arty school by 2/7 Aust Fd Regt CO, Lt Col T C EASTICK. Situations were given by Inf Offrs and the Arty fired the tasks. It was an interesting day and most beneficial for arty and Inf Offrs.</p> <p>A series of lectures on malaria by the RMO commenced today, the lectures comprise short summary of characteristics - control - and measures to be taken for personal protection. Measures for anti-malaria control are being maintained.</p> <p>nearby villages have been investigated to ascertain possible potency of reservoirs for malaria. Specimens of ANOPHELES mosquitos were obtained.</p> <p>Scattered cases of louse infestation were discovered in the unit</p>	

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SYRIA	11		<p>20 offrs and 28 ORs granted leave TRIPOLI from 1700 - 2200 hrs            10 Offrs and 10 NCOs attended 2/3 Fd Coy for an all day course on A/Tk mines and minefields. This is to be repeated on 14 Feb 42 and 18 Feb 42.            Bn parade, in which Lt Col HH HAMMER inspected all Coys.            Air Mail has not been received within the unit since 2 Feb 42            Since then a small sea mail has arrived.            C Coy were turned out tonight for CD and created a record, having the detachment on the rd outside the Bks in 7 minutes.</p>	
SYRIA	12		<p>Picture Leave LEGOULT Cinema has been granted 95 ORs.            Coy Comds are carrying out tests on German patrol methods and assault detachment. Reports to be submitted later.            The Unit is better eqpt in clothing now than at any time since it left Australia. Sufficient quantities of F.S.Ds have been received and issued to tps as a second uniform, with the exception of a few large sizes which have been possible to obtain.            Tobacco has been conspicuous by its absence and purchasing of such has had to be rationed. Cigarettes, have most times been procurable.            Lieut P CROMPTON arranged a demonstration to C and D Coys on wire crushing, tps were most enthusiastic. D Coy also attended a demonstration on grenade throwing- 18 mills bombs are to be used.            6 Pl made a compass rd traverse of all likely tracks that would be used if Bn had to take up defensive posn</p>	<p><i>Summary Co<sup>o</sup>            Conference</i></p>

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SYRIA	13		<p>Lieut P CROMPTON gave lecture &amp; demonstration to A and B Coys on wire crushing. Any man incorrectly dressed on parade is reported to Bn and mounts G duty at Retreat on Saturdays. The Carrier cadre which commenced on 26 Feb 42 concluding on 21 Mar 42 is being conducted to give the gunners and NCOs a thorough knowledge of maintaining a carrier and how to drive a carrier. Gunners are being instructed in weapon tng cadre so that all men in the Pl can be switched to any job and carry it out efficiently. Sgts JOHNSON and SMITH are instructing.</p> <p>2 PL have mounted AA post recently following air raid alarms which have been mostly yellow.</p> <p>Offrs of D Coy made a recce for 3 Days "LIVE OUT and TRAIN" which is sited towards HOMS. B Coy took part in a Mills grenade demonstration where 18 Bombs were used.</p> <p>M C School concluded to-day.</p> <p>Lt COL J LOUGHREY formerly Maj LOUGHREY OC of A Coy of the unit Now CO 2/28 Bn paid an unofficial visit to the Bn</p> <p>4 Pl played a cricket match in preparation for future inter-coy matches.</p>	<p>Weekly Review NO2</p> <p>Results MC School</p>
SYRIA	14		<p>Padre "Redwing" PERRY arrived to spend the weekend with the unit. he was attached to the original Bn when it was formed in ADELAIDE</p> <p>Lieut H R BEER evacuated to hospital. Lieut D C C WILLIAMS takes over G(R) personnel.</p> <p>Decontamination centre was set up in the Fd and SBs demonstrated on gas casualties. SBs were instructed by RMO during the week on handling of gas casualties.</p> <p>10 Offrs and 10 NCOs to 2/3 Fd Coy for A/Tk lectures.</p>	<p>Weekly Review NO 2</p> <p>Report On Gas Day Notes on Gas Exercise</p>

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SYRIA	15		<p>Lt Col JINGERALD and Capt JIM DAVIDSON with 46 members arrived will be billeted by the Bn until 21 Mar 42.</p> <p>At 1010 hrs the CD alarm was given and Bn received information that unidentified ships had been sighted 40 miles off TARTOUSS. The Bn stood too and was <sup>READY</sup> to move when the all clear signal came at 1110 hrs. The ships had not been identified but were moving SW along the coast. It was towards the end of Church Parade that the CD alarm was given. Padre PERRY had addressed the Bn during the Church Service. Lieut S A B MAZZUCHELLI departed for ME Tactical School SME NO 17 Fd Wks/course from 18 Mar 42 to 4 Apr 42.</p> <p>A football match was played against the 2/23 Bn on the 2/23 grounds. The game was fast and keenly played and our opponents proved to be the best side for the day.</p>	<p>Reoprt on weeks tng RefG/1/36 RefG/1/20</p> <p>Report on Stand to for CD</p>
SYRIA	16		<p>A Coy at 30 yd range.</p> <p>Div lecture on Tact Emp of Arty by BrigF G S STEVENS.</p> <p>The object of NCO cadre commencing to-day and continuing until 18 Feb 42 is to take all junior NCOs through the course. Methods of instn are - deportment, marching and squad drill, rifle exercises, words of command general Bks square smartness. LOCATION Bks square. RSM and 3 CSMs are the instructors. Ten periods of 40 mins each are to be maintained. 9 NCOs from A and B Coys and 6 NCOs from HQ Coy attend to-day.</p> <p>Maj R L BATTEN left the Bn to Comd 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn. Maj GAVRON gas Offr of Ninth Army inspected the Unit to test gas efficiency and appeared satisfied. We asked for gas tng stores.</p> <p>C and D Coy "LIVE OUT and TRAIN" for 3 days for the purpose of working over new country, longer marches (10 <sup>AT LEAST</sup> miles per day)</p>	<p>Results range practice</p> <p>Syllabus</p>

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SYRIA	16		<p>Night exercises, bivouacning and general hardening, A and B Coys will do the same on Thursday - Saturday.</p> <p>CO visited C and D Coys "<u>LIVE OUT and TRAIN</u>" today.</p> <p>Mule MT tpt will be used- mules to take the place of P1 trucks.</p> <p>For past two weeks we have supplied 1 Sgt, and 2 Cpls to 2/1 Army Fd Wkshops to assist them in tng their personnel in general Inf work and weapon tng.</p> <p>A member of Fd Wkshops is attached to I Sec for tng.</p>	<p>Report on pack saddle for transferring 3" MORTAR.</p> <p>HAHA</p>

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SYRIA	17	9 AT 1930 HRS	<p>C.O. visits C&amp;D Coys on <u>Live Out and Train</u>, incl Bivouacs with them, Tngs going along very well tps enjoying living out. No 1 Pl of B Coy attended open range at EL ABDE, remainder of Coy continue wiring and digging on defensive posns. D Coy who commenced 3 days <u>Live Out and Train</u> on 16 Mar 42 practiced patrolling in undulating country around BENINE at 0830 hrs staged a Coy night attack.</p> <p>Visit by MH and I Photographer who took photos of NCO cadre Tng in Bks Sq, and was later taken out in the Fd to photograph Coys Tng with Mule Tpt.</p> <p>Lecture attended by Coy Comds (less A and C and D Coys) Bn 2i/d Adj, and I O on tactical employment of Fd Arty.</p> <p>T O made recce of EL MINIE on M C. Plan drawn up for 3 Days <u>Live Out and Train</u> in that area.</p>	Range Results
"	18		<p>Leave Party truck to BERUT was unable to return to TRIPOLI owing to floods along the Rd. At 0900 hrs D Coy take up defensive posn and at 1000 hrs practice a withdrawal on <u>Live Out and Train</u>. A and B Coy continue digging and wiring all day. Anti Mosquito measures as are at present available - notably anti Mosquito ointment and anti Mosquito spray are being instituted, mosquito nets are not yet available. Breeding of ANOPHELES mosquito has been noted, in environment of Bks. There have been more cases of louse infestation of tps. Issue of blankets is reduced from 5 to 4 - QMs have commenced issuing summer wear. When issue is completed 2 nd uniforms will be called in.</p>	

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SYRIA	18		<p>10 Offrs and 10 NCOs attended a full day lecture on mines and minefields by 2/3 Fd Coy. 20 carrier drs assisted 2/1 Fd Wkshps in bringing carriers and Lt tanks to wkshop for repair. Drs continue to work with 2/1 st for experience as the unit possesses only two carriers which are not sufficient for tng. Capt F A G TUCKER and Lieut NELSON took a party of 57 ORs to visit 3 Aust Ry Const Coy for the morning. M C School for Gr) personnel - purpose to teach them how to demobilise M TS without creating undue noise. Offrs of HQ Coy made a recce of EL MINIE area. C and D Coys return at 1600 hrs from 3 day <u>Live Out and Train</u>. An issue from ACF:- 2 packets of cigarettes and 2 PKs was afforded to all ranks. First series of NCO cadre course completed.</p>	<p>Report on R/Th mine school.</p> <p>Report on course.</p>
	19		<p>Second series NCO cadre course which commenced on 16 Mar 42 continued today concluding 21 Mar 42. 9 NCOs from C and D Coys, 6 NCOs from HQ Coy attended today. A, B and HQ Coy <u>Live Out and Train</u> for three days for purpose of working over new country, longer marches (10 miles per day) night exercises, bivouacing and general hardening up. During this week 264 personnel of the unit are permitted to see "ALL IN FUN" - a musical review produced by Lt Col Jim Gerald. Owing to heavy rain which fell all day, Coyson <u>Live Out and Train</u> returned to Bks. C Coy visited open range and carried out Fd firing.</p>	<p>Report on 2nd Series</p> <p>HHH</p>

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SYRIA	19		<p>A quantity of Q Stores arrived today incl gas tng eqpt, water containers, ground sheets, digging utensils.            Issue of Anti-malaria cream to all Coys this week.            Four 30 cwt trucks (total 7) delivered to the unit today. These had come from the Western Desert and had been reconditioned, two required considerable overhauling to make them serviceable.            MCs used in Live Out and Train were temporarily demobilised due to the sticky nature of the ground.            MC Sec of carriers carried out on instn of dismantling and thorough cleaning of MCs.            For the first time in the unit a Motley mounting for AA was fitted to a 15 cwt Ford.            C Coy lecture by RMO on prevention of Malaria.            CO and Maj Bull recce area for a Bn exercise.</p>	<p>Report Superintending            Ing.</p>

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SYRIA	20		<p>I Offr and 37 ORS granted two days leave in BEIRUT. Lieut V N NELSON departed for ME Sig school commencing 22 Mar 42 concluding 22 MAY 42 (subsequently cancelled) D Coy field firing all day G(R) and Prov personnel commence one weeks tng on Ju-Jitsu, instr Pte E C BROWN of Bde B Ech. 2/24 Bw A,B,HQ COY continue 3 days LIVE OUT AND TRAIN, mules have been done away with, all stores being carried in MT, following delivery of extra vehs. C Coy digging all day on defensive posns. Large quantity of anti-mosquito ointment arrived in bulk and has been distributed to Coy QMs and RAP. An issue of tobacco -2 tins per man- were purchasable from Coy QMs. Todays ROs state that summer dress will come into effect on 1 Apr 42, tps also warned of anti-malaria measures. Malaria season opened officially on 15 MAR 42 but no anti-malaria eqpt such as nets are available.</p>	<p>Field firing report Summary of tng syllabus 30 Mar-II Apr</p>

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SYRIA	21		<p>Large air mail arrived, the first since 2 Feb 42, these were dated mainly 27-29 Jan 42.</p> <p>Three 15 cwt Fordson trucks utility, plus 2 three ton Chevs delivered to unit today. It is unfortunate that Fordson parts are unprocurable. These vehs were in good condition having completed only 10000 miles.</p> <p>The MC on loan from Army Fd Wkshops for the MC School was returned to that unit today.</p> <p>Heavy rain which had fallen for the past two days has interfered with A, B and HQ Coys <u>LIVE OUT</u> and <u>TRAIN</u></p> <p>Lt Col JIM GERALDS review "ALL IN FUN" concluded to night in the LEGOULT Cinema. He will be showing for the next few nights at ZGHORTA.</p> <p>A considerable quantity of wollen goods from ACF have been returned to Div HQ.</p> <p>The Amn tng allocation for Mar is as follows:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>.303 Blank</td> <td>1600</td> <td>3" Mortar HE</td> <td>108</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>.303 Ball</td> <td>36000</td> <td>Grenades</td> <td>36 M hand</td> <td>468</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2" Mortor HE</td> <td>324</td> <td></td> <td>36M rifle</td> <td>48-68, 60-69, 21-74 (st)</td> </tr> </table> <p>It is announced today that air mail to Australia has been cancelled until futher notice, surface mail still exists.</p> <p>Coys on <u>LIVE OUT</u> and <u>TRAIN</u> returned to Bks at 1430 hrs.</p>	.303 Blank	1600	3" Mortar HE	108		.303 Ball	36000	Grenades	36 M hand	468	2" Mortor HE	324		36M rifle	48-68, 60-69, 21-74 (st)	<p><i>2/48th Inf motor No 1.</i></p> <p><i>Review programme.</i></p>
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SYRIA	22		<p>Church Parade at 0900 hrs in LEGOULT Cinema.            A draft of 3 Offrs- Lieuts D P HILL, H F TRELOAR, E JOHNSON and 35 ORs - all X list, arrived from 26 Inf Tng Bn.            About 50 personnel made a tour in MT to BARNIA but conditions were far from pleasant.            The CO of 2/1 Army Fd Wkshops congratulated NCOs who have been for the past 3 weeks instructing 2/1st personnel in general Inf work and weapon tng- on their quality and efficiency            Bn Nominations for Div Commando Pl fwded to Bde            10 members of the carrier Pl continue to be attached to 2/1 Army Fd Wkshops in the maintenance, driving of carriers and Lt tanks.            Adjnt, 2 i/c of B Coy and 7 Pl Comds received instn on driving by TO. 6 Offrs and 200 ORS attended "ALL IN FUN" at LEGOULT Cinema.            The football match arranged against 2/43rd on 2/32nd ground and Soccer match against 2/23Bn was cancelled owing to the weather. Extremely boisterous weather continues to prevail.            Another batch of Air Mail arrived.</p> <p><i>Heavy Rain.</i></p>	<p><i>Report on Log as at 22</i></p> <p><i>Weekly Review No 3</i></p> <p>COs letter List of names</p> <p><i>Heavy instr course</i></p>

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SYRIA	23	0800 0900	<p>Capt I A LEACH LECTURED ALL OFFRS on QM Adm.</p> <p>CO inspects the Bn</p> <p>All Coys stayed in today and carried out issues and returns of clothing and eqpt.</p> <p>HQ and Bn HQ received a TAB inoculation. For those who have been overseas since the Bn's departure from Australia, this was the 6th TAB inoculation.</p> <p>Maj T H SCOTT, Capt C F WILLIAMS, Capt F A G TUCKER and Capt A V CLUTTERBUCK made a recce for Coy attacks.</p> <p>C and D Coys proceeded to RAS CHEKIA area for CD tasks.</p> <p>Portion of C Coy had a try out of German assault detachment methods using Bangalore torpedo.</p> <p>Maj G J BULL has left the unit for a visit to the Western Dessert to study operations.</p> <p>One further 3 ton veh handed over to unit- total now 22</p> <p>CO attended a Div lecture tonighton "Air co-operation and support"</p> <p>Another batch of air mail arrived to-day</p> <p>The weather is dull, showery and extremely cold- the coldest day since the units' arrival here.</p>	



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SYRIA	24		<p>Draft of 35 ORs arriving 22 Mar 42 commenced one weeks smartening up instn by NCOs of the draft.</p> <p>Third period of NCO drill cadre commenced to-day.</p> <p>20 ORs from A Coy who had not qualified at the range- fired again at 30 yd range.</p> <p>C and DCOY proceed to RAS CHEKIA area for 2 days <u>LIVE OUT AND TRAIN</u></p> <p>I Sgt lectured draft personnel on security.</p> <p>B Coy with a member of the I Sec made a recce of EL MINA for CD Tasks. (Coastal Defence)</p> <p>B Coy received TAB inoculation.</p> <p>Paliases and summer wear issued to all QMs.</p> <p>CO made a recce of beach, S of TRIPOLI and also one at BATROUN - likely enemy landing beaches.</p> <p>CO visited C and D Coys at RAS CHEKIA en route.</p> <p>RQMS has requisitioned for fire fighting eqpt.</p> <p>Bde has issued a tng programme for exercises to be directed by Bde.</p> <p>Coy <u>LIVE OUT AND TRAIN</u> reports incl to show the value of this form of tng.</p>	

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SYRIA	25		<p>C and D Coy complete 2 days <u>LIVE OUT AND TRAIN</u> and return to Bks. One PI of B Coy at 30 yd range. A Coy TAB Inoculation. The Bn has suffered its first case of <u>BENINE TIRTIEN</u>, Malaria. It is a coincidence that the subject should be the hygiene NCO Cpl YOUNG. Large increase of common colds, mainly due to the inclement weather. HQ range practice on 30 yd range in the afternoon. A Coy carry out recce of EL MINA for CD (<i>Coastal Defence</i>). B Coy carry out recce of OIL Refinery. <i>Coastal Defence</i></p>	
SYRIA	26		<p>D Coy TAB inoculation. C and D Coy on recce of EL MINA and refinery - all ranks being shown their locations and tasks in the event of enemy attacks on Syrian coast. A, B and HQ Coy later shown over the same area An Offr from 2/23 Bn carried out a recce of RAS CHEKIA in conjunction with B Coy. Ninth Army carried out inspection of Q Store for surplus eqpt Practice parade of composite Gd under Maj SCOTT for awarding of decorations won in TOBRUK - On Sat next. Lieut V NELSON returned to unit. Sig School which he had been attending was cancelled. Lieut J SMITH returned to unit from hospital.</p> <p><i>Carriers under repair at 2/1 Aust A.F.W. were made available to unit carrier pl for Aug. Unit carriers held are only TWO W.E is 21. It is very difficult to prepare a carrier pl with such limited</i></p>	

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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/48 Aust inf bn

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Commanding Officer.....

Month and Year MARCH 1942

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
SYRIA	27		<p>C Coy were turned out at 0400 hrs to Bn defensive posns to stage a dawn attack. Times taken were 30 mins to embus and on the starting line at 0535 hrs. C Coy stayed out all the morning in the field and in the afternoon received their T A B inoculation. C O visited C and HQ Coys between 0530-0700 hrs.</p> <p>At 1400 hrs, personnel from 2/1st Army Fld Wkshp, 2/23rd Bn, 2/24th Bn, and 2/48th Bn held a practice parade in the Bk square, in preparation for the presentation of medals by C I C, M E F, which is to take place 28 Mar 42.</p> <p>Third series of N C O cadre course completed.</p> <p>A, B, HQ Coys returned from 2 day <del>LOVE</del> OUT AND TRAIN, having staged a dawn attack in the morning.</p> <p>20 Brens received by the unit and 4 TSMGs making a total of 30 Brens and 37 TSMGs.</p> <p>CO lectured to Coy Comds on Fld Firing exercise which is to take place 28 Mar 42.</p> <p>Warning order issued to Coys re Bde exercise 30 Mar 42.</p> <p>An issue of 2 tins of tobacco per man made purchasable from CQMs.</p> <p>Sgt L.A. DITTY departed for METS No 9, junior leaders school.</p> <p>During march halt at 1040hrs, the signal pl at the head of the column were interviewed by GOC Maj Gen L.J. MORSHEAD, Brig R.W. TOVELL, Brig J.E.S. STEVENS.</p> <p><i>H.Q. Coy - Sec Fire Control practices EL ABDE Range</i></p>	Results NCO course

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SYRIA	28		<p>Draft which arrived on 22 MAR 42 were returned to their original Coys today with the exception of 2 (re-allocated).            C and D Coys plus 2 dets of 3 pl, at Bde Field Firing Exercise.            CO visited fld firing coys between 1100 and 1200hrs.            At 1100hrs- rehearsal for ceremonial parade for presentation of medals.            At 1400hrs a composite guard of the 26th Bde and army Fld Wkshp in command of Maj T.H. SCOTT formed a Guard of Honor for GEN. SIR C.J.E. AUCHENLECK when he presented medals to members of 9th DIV. Those who were presented from this unit were, Sgt J.K. WESTON DCM, Sgt L.R. GOODE MM, Pte P.M. ANDERSON MM, Pte R.G. DANIELS MM, Pte J.L. SPAVIN MM - CAPT W. FORBES DSO was absent for the presentations.            CO attended above parade after which G.O.C. made a very brief inspection of Bn defences.            A, and HQ Coy carried out digging all day.</p> <p><i>(ex CO. 4/48 Bn)</i>            Brig Winderup, 20 Aust Inf Bde called for a chat with officers &amp; OR's of the Bn. The unit was pleased to see him once again.            one case Meningitis reported in Bn.</p>	<p>Weekly review No4            Tng instns.            Results NCO cadre.            L.O.A.T. Offrs reports.            Fld Firing reports            Adm Instns</p>

*J.H.H.*

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SYRIA	29		<p>60 personnel were afforded a trip to KRAK DES CHEVALIERS.            At 0900 hrs church parade in LEGOULT CINEMA.            Coy Comds conference at 1400hrs.            CO, IO, Sig offr, Adjt, Coy Comds, BC of 2/7 Fld Regt, 2/3 A/tk Offr-            made recce of Bde 3 day tng area -AZIZIEH.            The Bn football team played 2/23Bn. Final scores were 2 goals II            pts to 9 pts in our favor.            The total MOTLEY mountings in the unit are now 4.            Div Commando Pl nominees report to Bde for an interview.            CO attended a conference at Bde. <i>(Coastal Defense)</i>            2/23 Bn received instns to take over CD tasks for 29/30 MAR while            Bn is on Bde exercise.</p>	<p>Report on tng .            CD mobile forde            Monthly gas tng            report.</p>

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
SYRIA	30 Mar 42		<p>A B C D &amp; HQ Coys (less 2,4, and 5 pls) adm in the morning in preparation for two day Bde exercise.</p> <p>At 1335 hrs the Bn plus 57 Bty (2/7 Aust Fd Regt), one <del>TP</del> <sup>(2/2 Aust (MG) Bn)</sup> coy 3 Aust A Tk Regt and one coy of MMGs, moved by MT to AZIZIEH area.</p> <p>Between 1700 and 1715 hrs coys reported being in pre-arranged posns. All coys maintained protective patrols throughout the night.</p> <p>4 Offrs and 4 NCOs commenced 5 day camflg school at ALMA Dump.</p> <p>2/23 Aust Inf Bn took over CD Mob Coy for two days.</p>	
	31 Mar 42		<p>Draft of 10 ORs - all X List - arrived from 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn.</p> <p>Details of the Bde exercise which commenced 30 Mar 42, are as follows:-</p> <p>Soon after dawn the Bn was ordered to move to attack enemy posns on high ground, vicinity of and incl TEL TERMOS, with 2/24 Aust Inf Bn pushing fwd on the right to give covering fire, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn being held as Bde reserve.</p> <p>2/48 Aust Inf Bn was supported by 57 Bty and 1 Pl of 2 MMG Bn and 1 tp of 3 A Tk Regt.</p> <p>The attack was in three phases. First phase was taking of TEL TERMOS on right and Pt 97 on left by two fwd coys. Second phase was the taking of Pt 177 on right and Pt 151 on left by the two res coys. Third phase was the taking of TLEHI by the original two fwd coys.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contd.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">H.A.H.</p>

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Unit 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Commanding Officer.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
SYRIA	31 Mar	42	<p>(Contd)</p> <p>Soon after the third phase commenced an order from Acting Brig ( Lt Col B Evans DSO ED) was received ordering cessation to the exercise.</p> <p>At conclusion of exercise, Bde Comd held a conference and discussion on exercise. Many lessons were learnt - battle procedure, saving time.</p> <p>CO held discussion with Bn Offrs later.</p>	<p>Report on Ex as at 5 Apr 42 (incl Bde exercise)</p>

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Our Ref: J1

SECRET

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Apr 42

26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON GERMAN PATROL METHODS

Appx "A" to DSI No 222 GSI Hq, NINTH ARMY.

1. The Cross method, size and armament of the patrol is good and would be suitable formation and strength to move in areas where there is not close contact.
2. The Cross gives all round protection, prevents bunching and limits the possibility of surprise.
3. It is suitable for quick manoeuvre and has all the attributes of the old diamond formation of the four sec pl. Fighting patrols should be strong in fire power with only sufficient strength of personnel to carry the weapons etc required, i.e. 15 to 20 men.

*H. H. Hammer*

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



Our Ref: J2

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Apr 48

26 Aust Ind Bde

REPORT ON GERMAN ASSAULT DET AND METHOD OF TAKING A  
PREPARED POSN

1. The method as set out in Appx A to DIS No 213 GSI HQ NINTH ARMY has been tried out by several coys of this unit using actual smoke and Bangalore torpedos.
2. In general the method was considered effective and suitable for many occasions.
3. The following are comments taken from the reports by Coy Comds:-
  - (a) SMOKE: While effective it is considered that the smoke det would be vulnerable and may be prevented from carrying out their task unless the post to be attacked and supporting posts are neutralised by arty fire or by the covering party.  
  
Suggestion: The 2" mortar base ejection smoke may be effectively employed by the Assault det to produce the smoke required and so replace the German smoke det. Arty smoke may be used.
  - (b) WIRE OBSTACLE DEMOLITION DETS: The use of Bangalore torpedos was most effective. A double double apron fence was used and the torpedos made a gap of 20 to 30 ft. Demolition detts are also vulnerable. The assault depends on the ability of the demolition det to blow the gap in the wire. Casualties may prevent this. The point of explosion indicates the point of assault although this may be camflgd by the explosion of arty shells used at the same time. A certain amount of time is lost in placing the torpedos, withdrawing to a safe distance and returning through the gap to guide the support detts.  
  
Suggestion: Wire assault (crushing) by support detts may be equally effective, would not disclose point of assault by demolition. Recent unit practices at wire crushing indicate that the two support detts could be got through the wire in 45 - 60 secs.
  - (c) CLOSE SUPPORT DETS: Suitable and effective.
  - (d) COVERING PARTY: Suitable. May be more effective with 2" mortar att. Probably necessary to use smoke to support the withdrawal of the assault det if bringing captured enemy out. Otherwise would probably move in to captured post to assist in consolidation or form bridgehead for further penetration.
4. GENERAL: The time taken by one coy from the time the smoke det were ordered to move until the last man of the support detts passed through the wire was 3½ mins which included a 1½ min fuse on the Bangalore torpedo. The time would be reduced by the length of the safety fuse used.

General Contd:

Coys all agree that it appears to be a specific task method and not a normal fighting patrol organisation.

The assault det would probably be most effective at night, or just before dawn.

*H. H. Hammer*

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
6 Apr 42

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

SPORTS REPORT WK ENDING 5 APR 42

Friday 3 APR.

Inter Pl Football match was played between  
AA and Sig Pl.

Results. No 2 Pl 10 goals 11 pts.  
No 1 Pl 6 goals 7 pts.

Carrier Pl played a scratch cricket match.

Saturday 4 APR.

In the afternoon a Bn Sports programme was held  
which proved very successful. Fourteen events were held,  
a total of £68 Syrian being paid out in prize money.

Results:

Obstacle Race	(1 Pte Cracknell B Coy (2 Pte Gardiner C Coy
Hop Step & Jump	(1 L/Cpl Mahomet HQ Coy (2 L/Cpl McArdle C Coy
Kicking Football	(1 Pte Jarvis A Coy (2 Cpl Trenorden HQ Coy
100 yds Sprint	(1 Pte Mathews HQ Coy (2 Pte Montgomerie D Coy
Broad Jump	(1 Pte Davis B Coy (2 Pte Dawes HQ Coy
Cock Fight	(1 Pte Albrecht Pte Keeley C Coy (2 Pte Beecken Pte Major A Coy
Eating the Bun	(1 Pte Murphy D Coy (2 Pte Fuss C Coy
Wheelbarror Race	(1 Pte Johns Pte Evans HQ Coy (2 Pte Wear Pte Young B Coy
220 yds Sprint	(1 Pte Mathews HQ Coy (2 L/Cpl Mahomet HQ Coy
Throwing Cricket Ball	(1 Pte Kerry 93yds D Coy (2 Cpl Ranford B Coy Pte Symmons 91yds HQ Coy
High Jump (Draw) 53 5'5"	L/Cpl McArdle C Coy Pte Greening A Coy Pte Dawes HQ Coy
Sack Race	(1 Cpl Bonshor HQ Coy (2 Pte Lamming C Coy

(2)

Coy Relay Race (1 D Coy  
(2 C Coy

Offrs Race 100 yds ( Lieut Le Messurier.  
(Draw) ( Lieut Kennealy.

A soccer match was also played on Sat afternoon  
against Coastal Battery.

Results:

2/48 Bn	5 goals.
Coastal Bty	1 goal.

Sunday 5 APR

A football match was played in the afternoon  
against 2/3 Fd Pk Coy RAE.

Results:

2/48 Bn	17 goals 13 pts .
2/3 Fd Pk Coy	11 goals 13 pts.

*E. Humphrey* Lieut  
Bn Sports Officer

March 42

3 DAYS NCOs SCHOOL, SMARTENING UP, SQUAD DRILL and RIFLE EXERCISES

PERIODS:- 10 40 minute periods each day

DRESS:- F S hats turned down eqpt, drill order boots, gaiters, rifle.

INSTRS:- WO 1 ALEXANDER R E  
WO 11 STEWART D P S  
WO LL GOSLING C W  
WO 11 DICKSON M W

Methods of instrn

OBJECT:- Smartening up of deportment, squad drill, and rifle drill

SYLLABUS

PERIOD				
1	0830-0910	Parade, inspection, position in marching	Parade, inspection, saluting without arms, at the halt and while marching	Parade, inspection, drill without arms deportment, the slow march
2	0915-0955	Squad drill, without arms position of attention and ease	Squad drill without arms numbering and dressing a squad	M I words of comd
3	1000-1040	Squad drill without arms	Squad drill without arms, marching, wheeling, forming	Marching, halting, turning, rifle exercises, on the march
4	1045-1110	Rest discussions	rest discussions	Rest discussions
5	1100-1140	Squad drill without arms	Words of comd	Demo, Gd, sentries, relief falling out, changing of reliefs
6	1145-1225	Squad drill without arms, about turn	Gds, sentries and inspecting	M I saluting without arms
		LUNCHEON	PERIOD	
7	1230-1400			
7	1400-1440	Parade, squad drill without arms, position of attention and ease	Parade, squad drill with arms fixing and unfixing bayonets	Parade M I squad drill Rifle exercises
8	1445-1525	Squad drill with arms, slope and order	Squad drill with arms, port inspection, order examine arms	M I Squad drill, port, inspection order.
9	1530-1610	Squad drill with arms, slope present, slope	Squad drill with arms, saluting	M I words of comd
10	1615-1630	Smartén up on days work	Smartén up on days work	Smartén up on days work

All movements such as changing over squads etc will be done at the double. Any spare time at the end of a lesson will be devated to mutual instruction.

*Robert E. Dickson* WO1

RSM 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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WCO THE CAIRNS

1 OBJECT:- To train junior NCOs in methods of instrn, deportment, marching, squad drill, rifle exercises and words of Comd.

2 DURATION:- 3 Days.

3 LOCATION:- Near Canteen.

4 PERSONNEL:- The following will attend:-  
16-18 Mar (A and B Coy each 9 NCOs  
Hq Coy 6 )  
19-21 Mar (C and D Coy each 9 NCOs  
Hq Coy 6 )

5 INSTRN:-  
WO 1 ALEXANDER R E  
WO 11 STEWART D F  
WO 11 GOSLING C W  
WO 11 DICKSON M W

6 ISSUES:- F B hats turned down, eqpt- drill order, boots, gaiters, rifle.

7 TIMES:-  
Fall In 0830 hrs  
Break 1230 "  
Fall In 1400 "  
Dismiss 1630 "

NOTE:- Personnel attending school to be kept off duties for the 3 days concerned.

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
18 Mar 42

REPORT ON 1st PERIOD, NCOs CADRE HELD LEGCULT BKS

16 - 18 Mar 42

1. Reports of instrs att.

2. General Report

- (a) In my opinion the school could be increased to 4 days. The average type of NCO that passed through the school during the above period needed more than the 3 days allowed to bring him up to the standard that was aimed at. Although the improvement shown was more than satisfactory I am of the opinion that the standard was reached too quickly to be maintained.
- (b) After the first day WO II Gosling developed tonsillitis, and the school was divided into 2 squads only. WO II Stewart was in charge of No 1 and WO II Dickson in charge of No 2.
- (c) The Instrs although badly out of practice, carried out their duties well, and credit is due to them for much of the improvement shown by the school. Although WO II Stewart is by far the better instr, WO II Dickson showed much improvement during the 3 days.
- (d) The CO took the salute from the school on the last day, and inspected the squads. He expressed his satisfaction on the results achieved, and made a suggestion re fitting of eqpt, which will be carried out during the next period.

*Robert E. Alexander*  
WO I

Chief Instr

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
22 Mar 42

REPORT ON SECOND PERIOD NCOs CADRE HELD AT LEGOULT BKS

19 - 21 Mar 42

1. Reports of instrs att.

2. General Report

- (a) The school was for this period, again divided into three squads, Sgt BUCKLEY J A R of D Coy filling the vacancy caused by the illness of WO II GOSLING C W. Sgt Buckley's work was well up to standard and he handled a rather difficult squad, composed mostly of HQ Coy personnel, very well.
- (b) D Coy only sent eight men instead of nine and I immediately called for a report from Sgt Ditty, A/CSM as to the reason. He told me that L/Cpl OSBORNE R D, one of the men detailed, had told him he wished to be paraded to the OC with a view to reverting to the ranks as he did not wish to attend the school. As the matter was then put into the OCs hands Sgt Ditty took no further action.
- (c) Owing to bad weather, many lessons had to be carried out indoors, but this was a failure so far as instructional work on rifle exercises and drill was concerned. A wet weather syllabus had not been arranged, but the instrs gave lectures on methods of instn, <sup>and fitting of eqpt.</sup> and coaching, which occupied the first morning.
- (d) Much improvement in all phases of the work taught was shown by the school, but I do not think they reached the standard attained by the previous school. This in my opinion was entirely due to the bad weather upsetting the syllabus.
- (e) I gave the men a short talk both at the start and conclusion of the course, and explained to them the reasons for the <sup>school,</sup> above. All were in accord that it was necessary.
- (f) As it was raining during the last period on the last day, and as the CO was called away, the squads were not inspected, but the Adjt added the students in the Bn Lecture Room.

*Robert E. Alexander*  
WO I

Chief Instr



2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
28 Mar 42

REPORT ON THIRD PERIOD NCOs CADRE HELD AT LEGOULT BKS

24 - 27 Mar 42

1. Reports of instrs att.

2. General Report

(a) This school contained in addition to junior NCOs, a proportion of potential NCOs, and the work done by these men deserves a special mention. The keenness shown by all ranks throughout the school was excellent; and the squads, although starting off at, perhaps a slightly lower standard than previous schools, finished up at the high standard aimed at.

(b) The instrn was interrupted to a certain extent by the effects of the recent TAB injections and for this reason the CO granted an extra day. Full use was taken of this in giving each student an SI period on the last day, and the benefit was obvious towards the close of the period.

(c) All three instrs once again are to be complimented on the way they handled their respective squads, a more difficult proposition this time owing to the lack of experience on the part of the greater majority of the students.

(d) The CO watched the squads working on the last day and expressed his satisfaction as to their drill and steadiness. He afterwards addressed the school and congratulated them on their improvement.

Robert E. Alexander.  
WO I

Chief Instr.

War diary

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
22 Mar 42

FIELD FIRING REPORT D COY

This Coy attended range and carried out fd firing practices 20 Mar 42. Coy strength 3 Offrs ORs

1. Conduct of the practices
  - (a) Explanation of exercise to be carried out.
  - (b) Safety precautions.
  - (c) Demonstration (and practice).
  - (d) Discussion.
2. Lessons brought out
  - (a) Use of ground.
  - (b) Mutual support (fire and movement).
  - (c) Indication of targets.
  - (d) Fire control.
  - (e) Sequence of fire control orders.

The practices were divided into two phases. The first phase was based on defence. This period was used to bring out lessons c d and e. Situations were created, and it was left to the sec comd of the firing section to decide how to deal with the targets. Situations were created providing both concentrated and distributed fire targets. The volume of fire ordered by the sec comd was carefully noted, also the sequence of his orders, and on completion of that shoot a DS solution was given, and a brief discussion held to drive home important points. The Coy was lacking in NCOs; those we had commanding sections found difficulty in giving definite and unhurried orders. It appears that although sec comds can teach fire orders etc, they find that the delivering of them to their sec under conditions nearly akin to those of battle, a much harder task. In my opinion much practice is required in this direction. Four secs (1 NCO and 10 men) were exercised in the "defence" each firing four practices; score cards were kept recording fire effect, and a competitive spirit introduced. The second phase "attack" was designed to bring out lessons a and b, also the fire effect of an LMG enfilading a position. The covering sec was sited to the right flank of the range. A rifle sec advanced to within the safety limit under covering fire from the flanking LMG. On reaching this position they went to ground and engaged the enemy position. The effect of the covering fire was wellbrought out and the men received an excellent appreciation of the fire power of the bren gun. The range is of the classification type, and for field firing it could be improved if silhouette figures were available.

FD FIRING

<u>Practice No 1</u>		Sec placed in defensive posn.	
(a)	Concentrated target.	Range 300 yds	
No 1	Sec 20 rds fired	13 hits	
2	" 22 " "	5 "	
3	" 22 " "	10 "	
4	" 22 " "	3 "	
	<u>86</u>	<u>31</u>	
(b)	Concentrated target.	Range 400 yds	
No 1	Sec 36 rds fired	5 hits	
2	" 39 " "	13 "	
3	" 53 " "	14 "	
4	" 39 " "	9 "	
	<u>167</u>	<u>41</u>	

OVER

*W. J. ...*

(c) Distributed fire by see done into mound, owing to lack of targets, but brought out the lessons of where each man is to fire on such an order, and an idea of the fire effect.

(d) *Shooting. Range 400 yds (exposure 15 sec) in which time sec had to go to ground.*

No 1	Sec 14	rds fired	1	hit
2	"	35	"	2 hits
3	"	22	"	6
4	"			

The exercise carried out - "Advancing under cover and blow down near by, but sec saw by detaching "fire" and after they returned to heavy rain set in and sec had to be gasped.

*Included for information*

*[Signature]*  
Capt

The first phase... The practice was based on balance... The volume of fire ordered by the sec... The Coy was... The effect of the... it could be improved if silhouette figures were available.

FB FIRING

Practice No 1				
(a) Concentrated target. Range 300 yds				
No 1	Sec 20	rds fired	13	hits
2	"	"	22	"
3	"	"	22	"
4	"	"	22	"
			86	
(b) Concentrated target. Range 400 yds				
No 1	Sec 30	rds fired	13	hits
2	"	"	32	"
3	"	"	23	"
4	"	"	32	"
			100	

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
27 Mar 42

PD FIRING - TEL KILASH

Ref Maps IKES 1/200,000 TEL KILASH 1/50,000

ADM INSTRUCTIONS

1. TPS INVOLVED: (a) OC Det - Capt C F WILLIAMS

(b) Det C and D Coys  
2 dets 3 Pl  
2 Int personnel  
2 Big Runners  
1 DR  
One pl MAG Bn

2. SAFETY PERSONNEL:

(a) Lieut L H HEFFRON  
A Coy 3 NCOs  
B Coy 3 NCOs  
HQ Coy 4 NCOs (incl 1 NCO from 3 Pl)  
Report to Lieut Heffron at 0745 hrs

(b) Picquets - B Coy 14 ORs to report to Pro Sgt at  
LISGULT BKS Main Gate at 0615 hrs. Lieut I G PABCH  
will collect and arrange tpt. 2/48 Bn to supply  
one water truck for this task. (These personnel  
will probably return to unit by 1830 hrs).

3. TIMINGS:

0800 Embus  
0815 Depart unit area  
1045 Arrive RV (Track crossing 21473063)  
1100 Exercise commences  
1245 Attack commences  
1345 Exercise ends  
LUNCH  
1430 Depart from range  
1700 Arrive unit areas

4. VEH

(a) Load table is att as Appx A

(b) Vehs will be tactically loaded and carry stores  
distributed throughout sub-units.

5. AMM:

Rifle	-	10 rds each	(200 - 2000 rds)
MAG	-	12 mags each	( 13 - 5400 " )
2" Mor B	-	20 rds each	( 6 - 120 " )
3" Mor B	-	20 " "	( 2 - 40 " )
3" Mor C	-	10 " "	( 2 - 20 " )

FATIGUEMEN: One man per sec will be detailed to collect ALL  
empties, containers, clips etc and return to COMS on return to  
camp.

6. RATIONS: - All ranks will carry a haversack lunch. CM will  
arrange to provide tea and bring up to vicinity area TEL 2111  
21523109 at end of exercise.

7. DRESS: - Battle order with respirators but NOT AG cape.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adjlt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

<u>DISTRIB:</u>	A Coy	Copy No	1.	3 Pl	Copy No	5.	CO	Copy No	9.
	B	"	2.	TO	"	6.	Adjlt	"	10.
	C	"	3.	CM	"	7.	File	"	11.
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BDE FD FIRING EXERCISE

Att are reports submitted by Det and Coy Comds. These reports are fwded for infm and may serve to be of value in the conduct of future exercises, as well as indicating the lessons learned from a very interesting exercise.

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FD FIRING

Report by  
OC det  
(Capt Williams)

1. The exercise was of great benefit to all personnel participating.
2. Inf tps were able to gain knowledge of the great support of Mortar fire and especially the accuracy of the weapon. One target engaged showed this off to advantage.
3. Although the effect of MMG fire could not be seen many reinfnts must have appreciated their value in support of an attack.
4. The formations adopted by the Inf was good except that D Coy appeared to be bunched at one stage but soon overcame this mistake.
5. The firing of the Brens in bursts sounded excellent showing good control by the gunners.
6. I was in a rear posn of the fwd movement, the Coy Comds can possibly give more detail of the action generally.
7. I consider more time is necessary to do an exercise of this nature as umpiring does not permit of that continuous fwd movement.

Report by  
OC(C Coy)

1. The exercise was spoilt by exaggerated safety precautions. Surely if in action a sec is to give covering fire from a flank it should be practised in this maneuver during tng. The men should be trusted sufficiently to observe a safety angle under direction from their sec leader. Perhaps in action, being inexperienced in correct methods of covering fire with live amm they will injure their own men. I do not imply that casualties should occur in tng but I do suggest that the men should be allowed to perform the tasks exactly as they would in action. There is truth in the German method better 5% casualties in tng when nothing is at stake to 50% casualties in action when everything is at stake.
2. Valuable practise was obtained by the 2" Mortar men and I consider this the outstanding lesson of exercise. This by reason of the fact that very few men had seen the 2" Mortar fired. It was invaluable to the 2" Mortar personnel attached to Pl Hq.
3. The new Brens were excellent every sec leader commenting upon the accuracy of the range as shown on the sights.
4. Sec leaders control was good and the range of the fire orders accurate.

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5. One of the objects of the lesson - "to accustom reinfnts to the sounds of battle" was well worth the conduct of the exercise. More especially was this so when 3" Mortar bombs fell within 250 yds of the Pl.
6. If safety precautions had prevailed the bombs would not have been within 250 yds of us and consequently the object of the lesson would not have been demonstrated. As it was the arrangement was perfect.
7. I do think these exercises are more beneficial to the men than range practice but they would be ever so much more beneficial if safety precautions were not so farcical.

Report by  
OC (D Coy)

1. The tactical handling of the tps, was somewhat curtailed by safety measures which necessarily applied. The fact that the attack was carried out on a two coy frontage, made safety precautions very rigid, and at times it was very difficult task for safety Offrs to control the tps movements owing to the wide front which he had to scan. In my opinion the exercise could have been carried more satisfactorily if the attack was done by one coy only, or failing this that more safety Offrs were appointed. The safety Offr with D Coy, could not control the coy, and paint the picture to those concerned, owing to the dispersion of the fwd Pls. If the picture is not painted to all, there is a danger of comds carrying out movements, tactically correct, yet dangerous, from the point of view of safety.
2. I noticed bunching in the early stages; the Pl Comd concerned was notified and the formation improved. The reason given for this close formation was that he considered that the range was great and that control was an all important factor owing to scanty infm of enemy dispositions, and therefore adopted arrow-head formation, but it was pointed out to sec comds that they must observe dispersion and overcome that "tendency to close in".
3. The covering fire given by Pl weapons when within range of the enemy posns was exceptionally well carried out, and the fire control by sec comds was a vast improvement on that at the previous fd firing exercise carried out by this coy. Fire orders were given loudly, and clearly, and the secs fired with effect. The use of the 2" Mortar was good, and I heard several remarks made by the men, that the Mortar men were very accurate, which I think is a sign that they realize the value of this weapon when fired by trained men.
4. The time to carry out "Battle Procedure" was limited, and orders had to be brief, and possibly the addition of 15 minutes during this period, would have enabled sec comds and men to be put into the picture more fully

5. The 3" Mortar firing, gave men an idea of the effect of this weapon using HE and Smoke, and also of its tactical use, one det supporting the advance on TEL SILL, the other moving with the coy for quick support, and firing on the coys second objective.
6. The men seemed to take an interest in the proceedings throughout the day, and they learned many valuable lessons, particularly the reinfts with respect to the sound and effect of the Mortars, and the use of the Bren gun to supply covering fire.

Report by  
OC (18 Pl)

1. The fd firing exercise was quite successful and the men learnt some valuable lessons. If possible more of these exercises should be carried out. The firing was very accurate and the sec comds had complete control at all times. The fire orders were good and fire was brought to bear on the targets indicated.
2. In my opinion a heavier volume of fire should have been used on several occasions.
3. The 2" Mortar could not be used owing to the range being too great; Mortar personnel with the Pl should be given more practise with live amm.

Report by  
OC (16 Pl)

1. During the whole of the attack control by sec comds was quite satisfactory, and the formations adopted were generally good.
2. At the time at which the Pl first came under fire, the ranges judged by sec comds were inclined to be underestimated but this was soon corrected and subsequent firing was very good. Fire orders throughout were of a high standard, but I consider more practise is required by some IMG men in application of fire with regard to the correct number of bursts within a certain time.
3. More tng is required by 2" Mortar personnel in firing live amm. Mortar (3") support was rather disappointing- neither Smoke or HE having much effect on target area, but this was compensated for to a large extent by the excellent results obtained during the advance to the second objective by reserve Pls. My Pl was in a posn to view this and the accuracy of the Mortar was clearly demonstrated.



Report by  
OC (15 Pl)

1. The role of C Coy was to attack and capture 647 on right of track using 2 Pls fwd and one in reserve. During consolidation on 647 the reserve Pl was to pass through fwd Pls and go on to capture the high ground beyond.
2. The exercise was carried out according to plan up to the time the fwd secs were fired on from 647.
3. The next phase, fire and movement was not good owing to the nature of the ground and the strict safety precautions imposed.
4. The fire from rifle and Bren was very accurate, and sec comds fire orders good. During closing stages of attack on 647 2" Mortar was used to good effect. The posn was assaulted and consolidated by fwd Pls.
5. A message was received at this stage halting the further advance of the reserve Pl while Mortar det fired remaining bombs. This took longer than was anticipated and the cease fire was given with the exercise uncompleted.
6. The exercise was in some measure spoiled by the Pls not being allowed sufficient width of ground to work on, and the fact that all sec moves were previously planned without particular reference to the ground.
7. Let the exercise be planned as before but allowing more room on the flanks, and let Pl comds be free to move secs in accordance with their tactical plan, supervised and not directed by Safety Offrs and I think the fire and movement phase particularly would be better understood by the tps.

Report by  
OC (13 Pl)

1. Exercise showed tps especially reinfts the appearance of fire, how other arms co-operate with the assaulting inf, and the "sound of weapons in battle".
2. Sec comds were able to exercise control and issue fire orders and see and make the necessary corrections to the range.
3. Very useful practise was had in the tactical handling of the Bren and the 2" Mortar and the way it could co-operate. Also limitations of both weapons. Especially the amount of amm that can be carried.
4. Unfortunately safety precautions took away the correct "picture" for the tps in many cases.

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Report by  
OO (14 P1)

1. Movement

The control by sec comds was good and inspite of difficult ground good formation was held.

2. Fire Orders

Sec comds gave clear and concise orders and good concentrations of fire were brought to bear on the targets indicated.

3. Fire and Movement

The lessons for this were not satisfactory owing to restrictions imposed for safety precautions.

4. Handling of Weapons

General handling of rifles was satisfactory, handling and firing of Brens was excellent. 8" Mortar was not very accurate owing to lack of practice with live amm.

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TNG  
26 Aust Inf Bde  
2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
2 Mar 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON TNG AS AT 1 MAR 42

1 RIFLE COYS

- (a) On Monday the bn exercise in co-operation with 2/23 Bn of occupation of a defensive posn, defence and immediate counter attack proved very instructive to all ranks
- (b) Each Coy has been lectured by the R M O on V D
- (c) GAS TNG - Two coys received instn from the Ninth Army Mob Gas School and also underwent a gas chamber test satisfactorily  
30 offrs and NCOs attended a gas spray demonstration by low flying aircraft which proved very interesting
- (d) C D TASK - All Coy Comds and Pl Comds have carried out a general recce of the three C D areas and this is to be continued during the coming week, sec posts etc being sited. The bn trial turnout went well to time and all ranks co-operated well
- (e) TEWTS - Coys have carried out TEWTS under their own Coy Comds, -Pl Comds and NCOs attending. Great keenness is shown in this type of work
- (f) PACK TPT - A 3 day pack tpt school (the second) was successfully completed. Those attending being mortar Pl, Pioneer Pl, one OR per rifle pl, COMSS and RAP orderlies
- (g) LECTURES - NCOs and offrs attended night lectures by the IO on security and by Maj Carter on artillery
- (h) REINFTS - The last draft of 90 men have been given a one-week refresher course covering smartening drill, respirator drill, weapon tng, and lectures on battle procedure and security
- (i) NIGHT TNG - A night compass march was carried out and a withdrawal and night march - at the conclusion of the bn exercise

2 INT SEC

Excellent practical tng was afforded by the Bn exercise on Monday and the obtaining, distributing and filing of infm was satisfactory. The theory and practical of panoramas was continued and good results were gained. Thumb nail sketches, study of conventional signs and gradients were carried another step fwd in the tng of the sec, but enlargements still occupy the greatest part of the syllabus - due to demands from coys for maps showing wiring, posns of artificial features etc. This necessity arises from inaccuracies in the maps and necessitates a great deal of time being spent in resection, which

- 3 No 1 Pl - SIGS: A number of sig personnel attended a Bde sig classification exam, the results of which are not yet available. Tng continues in semaphore, procedure weapon tng, gas decn, recognition of gases and first aid, night marching by compass
- 4 No 2 Pl - A A: Tng has covered pl in attack, consolidation and exploitation, sec stalk, bayonet tng and weapon tng also recognition of aircraft
- 5 No 3 Pl - MORTARS: For 3 days all ranks attended the unit AT school and are proficient in the loading of mortars and stores. Tng has covered recce by day and occupation of posns by night, and night compass march
- 6 No 4 Pl - CARRIERS: Weapon tng, conventional signs, map reading, carrier signals, lubrication and cooling systems, maintenance have been dealt with during the week as well as a night march by compass
- 7 No 5 Pl - PIONEERS: Work has mainly comprised gas decn, recognition and first aid. 3 days were spent at unit pack tpt school. A night march by compass was also carried out
- 8 No 6 Pl - TPT: Other than duty drs the pl has been on security picquets and no tng was carried out. A compass march was made with all personnel available
- 9 Bn HQ: A lecture on layout and composition of Operation Orders was given. A map reading course has now commenced.

*By Bulling for* Lt Col

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
8 Mar 42

26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON TNG AS AT 8 Mar 42.

1 RIFLE COYS

- (a) General - Three days work and three days tng have been carried out during the past week. Tng has been mostly in range practices on both the open and 30 yd ranges. Offrs have prepared tng exercises for the following week's tng during the work period. All batmen and orderlies are receiving special tng.
- (b) Range Practices - All coys fired on the open and 30 yd ranges the results being most disappointing. Bren guns obviously require zeroing but sights are not available at present. It would be appreciated if these could be made available as soon as possible. Results with the TSMG were very poor and much practice is needed with this weapon. More amn should be available for tng with the TSMG.
- (c) TEWTS - Most of the coastal defence tasks have been recced. This being carried out in the form of TEWTS for offrs.
- (d) Classes and Cadres - Offr and NCO classes have been held on three nights during the week dealing with general subjects which require brushing up and preparation for the tng periods. A motor cycle cadre and carrier D & M cadres are in operation to prepare personnel for the Higher Est and when cycles and carriers become available.

2. INT SEC

Work during the week has consisted mainly of enlargements and recces. The practical tng gained in this work has proved beneficial to members of the sec.

Enlargements of EL MINA and CHEKIA TUNNEL and the recces required to complete these enlargements are practically finished.

A thorough check has been made of our defensive posns.

A school on map reading to personnel of Bn HQ is being conducted by members of the sec.

3. No 1 Pl SIGS - Sig tng has covered morse reading, map reading, V/S semaphore, theory of electricity, LMG, R/T procedure and practical exercises in the working of a sig office. Progress is satisfactory but more sig eqpt is required to permit the pl to carry out fd exercises.
4. No 2 Pl - AA - Work for the week has comprised fighting patrols, bayonet tng, fd sigs, map reading, LMG tng and messages and reports.

5. No 3 Pl - MORTARS - Fire control orders and sigs, prismatic compass, JD were carried out at which the Pl is proficient.  
The new personnel taken on strength of the pl require a great amount of further practical handling of the mortar.
6. No 4 Pl - CARRIERS - Tng is divided into two secs - NCOs and gunners, and drs. The former are receiving technical instn on the lubricating, electric, ignition and cooling systems of carriers.. The drs have been instructed in 2" mortar, TSMG, LMG, A Tk rifle and map reading. Progress is satisfactory.  
Night lectures on the rifle and air co-operation were given.
7. No 5 Pl - PIONEERS - LMG tng, disinfecting of respirators, gas decn, LMG and A Tk rifle were dealt with. More time requires to be spent in gas decn and recognition and instn given in mines and booby traps when stores are available.  
Night lectures on the theory of SA fire and air co-operation were given.
8. No 6 Pl Tpt - Map reading, driving instn, wiring, digging and rd repairs comprised the work during the past week.
9. Bn HQ - Members of the Orderly Room Staff receive daily Instn from the Int Sec in map reading, and the Brov Sec are attending a motor cycle school.

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16 Mar 42

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REPORT ON TNG AS AT 15 Mar 42

1 RIFLE COYS:

(a) General - All Coys have been hard at tng and work during the week, and the following exercises have been carried out:-

- (i) Pl in counter-attack
- (ii) Pl in Adv Gds
- (iii) Coy in Adv Gds
- (iv) Fieldcraft
- (v) Wire assaulting
- (vi) Grenade (live) throwing
- (vii) Gas training
- (viii) Anti-malarial talks by R M O

The insistence on prior preparation being made by Coys for all exercises has produced excellent results - The defensive work period providing an opportunity for this

(b) Night Tng - All Coys and specialist Pls have done at least two night exercises

- (i) Digging and wiring
- (ii) Night patrols
- (iii) Protection at rest

(c) Gas Day - On Saturday 14 Mar 42 a full day was spent by the whole Bn on Gas Tng. All phases of gas tng was dealt with, the intention being not so much to teach every subject but to illustrate the necessity for further tng in the defence of against gas. A Bn in defence exercise was held in the afternoon, gas situations created - smoke and tear gas being freely used. A decontamination centre was erected, gas casualties treated and explained to all Coys in turn. A great deal of value and interest was obtained from this gas day.

(d) Classes and Cadress - Offr and NCO classes held during the week dealing with:-

- (i) Security
- (ii) Co-operation of Arty with Inf (Maj Carter)
- (iii) Tactical employment of M M Gs
- (iv) Defence against gas
- (v) General - Coy ~~requests~~ requirements

Motor Cycle cadre for 26 students completed this week with good results generally.

Carrier D and M and gunners course is proceeding satisfactorily.

2 INT SEC The weeks work consisted mainly of recces of our defensive posns. These recces were necessary owing to the errors found in the maps provided, particularly in the boundaries of orchards and posn of rds and tracks. The new A Coy posn has been recced and placed on situation map 1/5000 scale. B Ech to the rear of Bn HQ required an extension to our enlargement which has been completed. The Sec spent one day Gas Tng members of the Sec were attached to Coys for night tng and much was learnt about Coy procedure at night. The map reading class has been continued during the past week.

3. 1 Pl - SIGS - Semaphore, Sig security in the field, morse flag sending and receiving, field sketching and recapitulation were covered during past week.
4. 2 Pl - AA - Night patrols, minelaying, map reading and a lecture on PWS, Red Cross and Bn History were completed.
5. 3 Pl - Mortars - Care and maintenance, advanced handling, map reading, fire control orders, recce by day for night occupation, TsOET and a mortar shoot were carried out during the week. TsOET were satisfactory with the exception of the new men recently taken in to the Pl who require intensive elementary drill. At the shoot on 12 Mar number of bombs fired: 150 HE and 40 smoke. 7 bombs were "blind" - 5 HE and 2 smoke. The following points were noted:
- (a) Being the first time that a few of the men have fired the mortar the handling and preparing of bombs was good.
- (b) It was forcibly brought out that under the new est everything must be prepared before starting <sup>the</sup> of shoot. Under old est No 3 and 4 could prepare bombs whilst shoot was in progress. With new est No 4 has been done away with and No 3 cannot prepare the bombs whilst shoot is in progress unless he has a number prepared before first bomb is fired.
- (c) The handling of the mortar was good.
- (d) The fire control was of a very high standard.
6. 5 Pl - Pioneers - Gas decn, weapon tng, compass march, lectures on security, CYRENAICA lessons, and a sec in attack exercise were satisfactorily carried out.
7. 4 Pl - Carriers - Maintenance, map reading, weapon tng, night compass march and night patrols were covered satisfactorily.
8. 6 Pl - Tpt - A compass traverse, a lecture on mines and minefields and instn<sup>on</sup> map reading have been completed.
9. Bn HQ - Tng in the field has been carried out as well as gas instn to all personnel. Daily lectures on map reading continue.

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SECRET

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23 Mar 42

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REPORT ON TNG AS AT 22 Mar 42

1. RIFLE COYS

(a) General - Tng progressed satisfactorily during the three days available, the remaining three days were spent on defensive works. The heavy rain will retard progress on works for the coming week.

"Live out and Train" three day tng periods have been commenced, all coys incl HQ Coy participating. This form of tng is designed to extract additional tng value from coys. Increased marches for hardening have been included, this being done in the form of adv gds and approach marches. Night tng is done each night while living out. Coys are responsible for own adm arrangements and the lack of tpt was overcome by using mules to replace the pl and coy vehs. All ranks are keen and enthusiastic and report excellent results from the first week's "Live out and Train".

Tng exercises carried out were as follows:

- (i) Adv Gds
- (ii) Pl and coy in attack.
- (iii) Pl and coy in night attack.
- (iv) Protection at night.
- (v) Coy in withdrawal.
- (vi) Rearguards.
- (vii) Range and fd firing practices.

(b) Classes and Cadres - Offr and NCO classes were held.

Two NCO Cadres in "Smartening up" for a period of three days each were held. Junior and potential NCOs were under instn by CSMs. These Cadres are being continued.

Carrier D & M and Gunners Course completed this week with good results.

Offrs have been given instn in MT driving and M/C riding.

2. INT SEC

The week's work has been mainly devoted to map enlargements and the reproduction of traces for the various bn tasks. A recce was carried out of available springs in the area and a report submitted. Members of the Sec accompanied rifle coys during their periods of "Live out and train", and much valuable experience gained. Recce of the Bn defensive area to pinpoint sec posns etc has now been completed and traces are being prepared for coys.

A lecture was given to the Sec by the pioneer Offr on "the arming and laying of mines".

3. 1 Pl - SIGS

Tng has covered buzzer practice, comm on the move, procedure, morse reading on the fullerphone, and lectures were given on sig, fd and civil superimposing. Progress is satisfactory.

4. 2 Pl - AA

Weapon tng and aircraft and AFV recognition formed the greater part of the week's tng whilst occupation of a defensive posn, use of Motley mountings, the classification of gases, construction of Molotoff cocktails and practical camouflaging, were carried out.

5. 3 Pl - MORTARS

Three days were spent out with the rifle coys during their "Live out and train" periods. Further tng was done in fire control orders, maintenance, occupation of a defensive posn. During the wet days lectures were given on method of obtaining line during ranging, rearguard actions, area and pt targets, fire for effect and overhead fire. During the period with rifle coys pack tpt was used and the new type of carrying eqpt experimented with. This was found very satisfactory and has been reported upon separately.

6. 4 Pl - CARRIERS

Map reading, driving instn, occupation of a defensive posn, recce patrols, co-ordination of defence, M/C driving instn, carrier fd sigs, semaphore and maintenance have been carried out during the week. The schools for gunners and drivers has been completed and the improvements in standard are satisfactory.

7. 5 Pl - PIONEERS

During the past week the following subjects have been dealt with - explosives, demolitions, mines and booby traps, laying a minefield, first aid for gas casualties, weapon tng, map reading, air photographs, fd sigs, fire control orders, sec in attack and occupation of a defensive posn.

A lecture was also given with a demonstration on cut and cover shelters.

8. 6 Pl - TPT

MT personnel have been included in all lectures given to HQ Coy and have assisted in exercises when not engaged on other duties. Most of the coy and unit duties were done by this pl to free other pls for tng in the fd.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) A visit was made to 3 Aust Ry Con Coy by some 60 personnel and examples of systems of drainage, culverts, drills and stonecutting inspected.

(b) The pioneer offr gave lectures to the whole of HQ Coy on mines.

(c) RMO has given further lectures on malaria control.

10. Bn HQ Daily lectures on map reading are being continued under the IO.

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REPORT ON TNG AS AT 5 Apr 421. RIFLE COYS:

(a) The Bde exercise for the Bn was the chief feature of the week's tng. The scale and type of exercise was such that many tactical considerations and lessons were disclosed providing the whole Bn in all its departments with extremely valuable lessons. These have all been carefully noted and specialised tng to eliminate faults is now the order of the day.

(b) Two coys remained out to continue the defensive role of the Bde exercise, the other coys being on defensive works.

(c) Offr and NCO Classes held - Lectures on:

Amn supply within the Bn  
Appreciations  
Verbal orders  
Discussion on Bde exercise.

2. INT SEC:

(a) The Sec went out on Bde two day exercise and gained much practical experience in all branches of Bn Int work in mobile operations. Many lessons were learnt and further exercises of this nature are needed to try other methods to overcome the difficulties experienced.

(b) Cipher was used a lot in this exercise and further practice is needed as all members of the sec are not yet proficient enough in handling ciphers.

(c) A recce of alternate routes to CHEKIA Tunnel and BATROUN was carried out.

3. 1 Pl - SIGS:

Pl tng has covered semaphore, maintenance of eqpt, fd sketching and a lecture given on sig procedure and security.

The Pl requires a great deal more practice in maintaining comm during mobile ops.

4. 2 Pl - AA:

In addition to the two day exercise which provided excellent tng for AA weapons, bayonet tng, recognition of aircraft and weapon tng were carried out.

5. 3 Pl - MORTARS:

The Bde exercise showed that the Pl is very much in need of further experience and tng to develop the chief role of the mortar, i.e. to give close support and assist the fwd movement of our tps.

The vital importance of good infm and the ability to anticipate the next move was also brought out.

Tng has covered lectures on care and cleaning, and practice in fire control.

6. 4 Pl - CARRIERS:

With this Pl the two day exercise showed that the carriers are extremely useful where MT obstacles are met and can be considered for:-

- (a) Comms when other means are no longer available.
- (b) Assisting MMGs fwd.
- (c) Amn supply.

Tng has covered map reading, fire control and weapon tng.

7. 5 Pl - PIONEERS:

No tng has been possible during the past week as this Pl took over security duties while the Bn was in the fd, and the remainder of the week was occupied in constructions and repairs in the Bks and Bn defensive area.

8. 6 Pl - TPT:

Tpt duties have fully occupied the Pl, but good tng was experienced during the Bde two day exercise.

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

Lectures: NCOs of HQ Coy received lectures on:  
(a) Amn supply in the fd.  
(b) 68 Gren  
(c) Methods of instn.

Sports: A sports meeting was held on one afternoon and keen interest was shown by all. The sports provided some relief from the rather intense programme of tng and work over the last few months.

10. Bn HQ:

The quick movement of the Bn HQ Office and staff has been practiced and its establishment in the fd.

RP personnel have had lectures on map reading and traffic control.

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Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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30 Mar 42

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REPORT ON TNG AS AT 29 Mar 42

1. RIFLE COYS

(a) CD Tasks: All coys were sent to finalise tasks down to sec posts in the following areas:

Oil Refinery  
EL MINA  
CHEKIA Tunnel

All ranks are now thoroughly familiar with the areas and tasks for the defence of the above.

(b) "Live out and Train" exercises were held in conjunction with the CD recce tasks.

(c) Dawn attacks - were practiced by all coys during the week, many lessons being learnt which should be of value in future tng.

(d) German patrols and assault dets. These were tried out using smoke and bangalore torpedos - separate report will be fwded.

(e) Fd firing: C and D Coys did fd firing on ABDE range. Emphasis was placed on sec comd control and the use of silhouette targets at unknown ranges provided interesting lessons in JD and fire control.

The 30 yd range was also in use. Results are still disappointing and it is obvious that much weapon tng and shooting is required.

(f) Bn adm day: This was carried out for the purpose of a general check-up on adm within the unit - issues were completed and records checked.

(g) Defensive works: Two days only on works this week. The leeway will be made up in the immediate future.

(h) Classes and Cadres: Offr and NCO classes held. Bn "Smartening up" Cadre for junior and potential NCOs is producing good results. The last draft of X List personnel were put through a week's special tng cadre before being posted to coys.

Offr MT driving and M/C riding instn continues.

2. INT SEC

Member of the sec were att to coys for several two day periods of "Live out and Train", and recces of CD tasks at Ras Chekka, Oil Refinery, and EL MINA were completed.

Also in conjunction with rifle coys a dawn attack exercise was carried out.

Tng in cipher word has been done and further practice given in rd recces.

3. 1 Pl - SIGS: The week's tng covered more practice in morse, semaphore and map rwding. A tactical exercise with the remainder of HQ Coy was carried out and included a dawn attack. One sec of the pl carried out fd firing on the open range.

4. 2 Pl - AA - Weapon tng (LMG and 2" Mortar), recognition of AFVs and aircraft, bayonet tng have been carried out as well as a fd firing practice embodying pl in the adv using mutual support. Lectures were given on fire control, river crossings and Bn history.
5. 3 Pl - MORTARS: The bringing into action of mortars from carriers has been practiced over various types of ground. Further tng was done in ranging, observation and safety, fire orders, occupation of a defensive posn by day and subsequent attack upon it.  
Two dets took part in bn fd firing exercise which was of great benefit. Lectures were given in battle procedure and duties of a det comd.
6. 4 Pl - CARRIERS: Work carried out during the week included fire control orders, weapon tng (incl foreign), selection of targets, sec stalk, JD, practice in use of rangefinder, occupation of defensive posn, fd firing on open range. A dawn attack was also carried out embodying movement by night by compass.  
A tour of 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop was made and many points of interest brought out by wkshop NCOs as to their types and scope of work.  
Fd firing on the open range practising secs in mutual support was carried out and practice in fire control orders.  
A number of the pl were able to use the 2" mortar with good results.  
A lecture on 36 M Gren was also incl in the syllabus.
7. 5 Pl - PIONEERS: Tng has comprised gas first aid, weapon tng, occupation of a defensive posn, recce patrols, night march, dawn attack and fd firing on open range which produced good results by the pl.  
A lecture was given in A Tk mines and the laying of a minefield.
8. 6 Pl - TPT: Personnel have been fully occupied in tpt duties and camp duties.
9. Bn HQ: Daily instn in map reading continues.

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To be discussed with tps

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NOTES ON GAS EXERCISE 14 Mar 42

1. Moving through smoke - then contacting gas:

Correct procedure: Comds or leading tps shout "Gas", and respirator is immediately adjusted.

All Comds test for gas periodically (about every  $\frac{1}{2}$  minute) until nature of smoke or gas is determined.

If satisfied that no gas is mixed with smoke, coy comd or pl comds give "Gas Clear", and facepieces are removed unless smoke is sufficiently strong or irritating to warrant the continued wearing of facepieces.

Lessons: (a) All hostile smoke to be treated as gas until proved otherwise.

(b) Facepieces to be worn for minimum time to prevent undue exertion.

2. RAP Gas Centre - collection of gas casualties.

Treatment at RAP requires much time. A considerable amount of work can be done by men in the field, thus easing the burden on the RAP staff.

Tear gas or nose gas casualties are not usually RAP cases, unless the eyes are seriously affected.

Choking gas casualties are always stretcher cases, and are dealt with by RAP, although much can be done by first aid treatment.

Blister gas cases are NOT dealt with by RAP, if the man is capable of attending to himself. Even when blistered a man does not necessarily become a casualty if he can perform his normal duties, although he should report for treatment when possible. Compare with "fog sores".

A patient is NOT brought through DIRTY ENTRANCE unless his body or his clothing and eqpt require cleansing of MUSTARD gas.

3. Tps sprayed while in a hostile smoke or gas cloud.

When subjected to smoke or gas, correct procedure as for para 1. If sprayed while wearing facepiece considerable damage will be done, unless sentries are definitely keeping a watch on their detectors - either "spray" or "individual". Tps must also glance occasionally at "individual" detectors.

As soon as anybody discovers spray, verbal warning "SPRAY" must be shouted at once, or any other local alarm given. If it will NOT jeopardise the posn, PD will be carried out where necessary.

If the comd thinks that the posn will be endangered if all stop to decontaminate, he must immediately call out "carry on firing", or some similar comd, even though these men may later become blistered.

Note: Mustard gas blisters may NOT appear until 8 - 12 hrs after contamination.

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- Gas Day - 14 Mar 42.

The morning was devoted to Aug. The Bn worked by coys, on the lines of the "bull-ring" system, except that in most cases, the squads remained in their place, while the instructors went around. The lessons performed were:

- Gas chamber Test.
- Fitting of facepieces
- A lecture by coy comds } Disinfection of the facepieces.
- Disinfection of the facepieces.
- An exhibition of anti-gas equipment.
- Cape Rolling.
- Personal Decontamination.
- Weapon Decontamination.
- Checking of anti-gas equipment.

The periods were of  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour duration.

The success of the morning may be gauged by the fact that personnel included in the instruction were - Padre, sgt-cook, sanitary cpl, interpreter, YMCA orderlies, batmen, mess stewards and most of Bn HQ.

In the afternoon, the Bn moved out to its defensive positions to practise certain gas exercises. This is the first time in the 2/48 Bn's history that these exercises have been carried out with the actual use of tear gas, smoke generators and blister gas ground bombs.

The wind marred the success of the day, but from what one can gather from the officers and NCOs, the show afterwards was still quite interesting.

There is no doubt that the Bn is much more gas-minded since Saturday, 14 Mar.

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MONTHLY GAS TNG REPORT

1. EQPT

All eqpt is in good order and there are 32 respirators only which require changing for correct size - these are not available.

2. DEFICIENCIES - Personal eqpt

- (a) 660 capes short of authorised est.
- (b) 60 pkts eyeshields
- (c) 1720 prs individual detectors.

3. TNG

(a) Sgt Fraser is attending a ME Gas Course.

(b) On morning of 14 Mar 42 the whole Bn carried out a syllabus of AG tng. The syllabus comprised the following lessons:

- (i) Gas chamber test
- (ii) Cape rolling
- (iii) Disinfection of facepieces
- (iv) Exhibition of AG eqpt (personal and unit)
- (v) Checking of eqpt (personal)
- (vi) Personal decon
- (vii) Weapon decon
- (viii) Fitting of facepieces - talk by Coy Comds on use of gas.

Each lesson was  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr duration.

In the afternoon the Bn carried out tactical gas tng; for this, generators, lachrymatory, generators smoke, bombs ground, tng mixture (G2D) and tng detectors were used.

Exercises were:

- (i) Exhibition of RAP gas centre, demonstration of collection of gas casualties.
- (ii) Coys passing through hostile smoke cloud, then being subjected to gas.
- (iii) Coys being sprayed under cover of smoke cloud.
- (iv) Demonstration of burst of ground bomb - use of detectors.
- (v) Various spray and cloud gas situations.

(c) TOET on adjustment of cape and adjustment of facepieces were carried out. Results were highly satisfactory.

(d) Effects of month's tng has definitely made the unit more gas conscious. This is reflected in the noticeable keenness of personnel to learn more of the subject, and the great improvement in the tng carried out.

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Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

1. THE ECONOMIC WAR

GERMANY is normally short of many of the materials needed for modern war. She has iron ore, but much of it is low grade. She has a great steel making industry - but she is short of the hardening metals which are needed to make machine tools, armour plate, bearings, armour piercing sheels etc. She has very little copper, no nichel, tin or rubber; she is short pyrites and phosphates, of hides and tanning materials, of edible oils and petroleum, and of wool and cotton. We all know that GERMANY was well stocked when war commenced and that she benefited from occupied countries, but daily reports of shortages in food and clothing, of leather and petroleum etc seem to indicate that our economic war is beginning to take effect.

Every country which is as fully mobilised as GERMANY has all her effectives divided into three parts:-

- (1) The armed forces and civil defence - produce nothing and use up munitions etc.
- (2) The workers in war industry - produce the war needs of (1).
- (3) The remainder - have to produce all the ordinary needs of everybody and also to make good all the extra wastage of war.

In order to make (1) as strong as possible, every fully mobilised country sets as big a task as it can on (2) and (3). Economic war aims at making these tasks still harder. When it begins to succeed, the first signs are that (1) and (2) begin to fall down on their job.

ECONOMIC WAR HITS THE FRONT LINE LAST

2. ENEMY DEPT

A booby trap found in the BARDIA area had the form of a single earphone head set and exploded when the nichel plated screw at the back of the ear piece was unscrewed. It may have been intended to explode when the current was applied as in normal use. The charge was sufficient to blow off the victims hand almost completely. It is not possible to reconstruct the device, but it is believed to have been of ITALIAN origin.

3. ENEMY METHODS

Breech blocks etc, removed from guns in the captured enemy defensive posns in the frontier area have been found ~~may~~ buried in neighboring (fictitious) graves marked by a cross, and in latrines in the vicinity.

4. GERMANY

Reports that GERMAN guards on the frontier of unoccupied FRANCE have been noticeably reduced, have further strengthened our belief that all available man power is being combed to provide reinforcements for the EASTERN front.

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WEEKLY REVIEW NO. 3THE ECONOMIC WAR - BEHIND THE FRONT

(i) Much has been said of Br action in the bombing of GERMANY and this bombing has been going on for so long that its importance is somewhat disregarded. Economic war can reach across the frontiers of GERMANY the most obvious of which is the RAF. The strategy of economic war decides which are the towns, factories, ports, railways and junctions on which the bombs shall fall. In picking an economic objective for bombing the first thing is to choose a spot where damage will cause far reaching dislocation - a factory making one product on which whole industries depend, a railway junction essential to production over a whole area; a power which keeps dozens of plants working. A bomb across the track at HAMBURG which may mean a day's delay in the delivery of submarine parts at KIEL or pit props to the RUHR mines and similar repercussions all over GERMANY.

(ii) Most of the Ministry of Economic Warfare's sources and methods are best left undescribed but there is one case in which all can assist. Bits of GERMANY uniform and eqpt, field dressings, torch batteries - almost every thing when analysed by an expert, may add to the Ministry of Economic Warfare's knowledge of the week's position in the enemy's supply position. They may be just as valuable as a prisoner's diary or papers. Anything which shows where and when a thing is made may be of extraordinary importance. These things may make good souvenirs but will be better as intelligence material. By handing these things in quickly you are helping to win the war. You would not keep a prisoner as a souvenir. These things can tell more than most prisoners.

ENEMY METHODS

The GERMANS in CYRENICA have employed the following methods:- Tar barrels have been left on road sides, with 3 approx 6" shells in them, to be fired electrically. AT pts where the road was cut into a hillside, stick grenades have been hung by wire down the steep bank overlooking the road, and a trip wire carried from them across the road.

3 SPECIAL NOTES:- INSPECTION OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT

(a) THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF PROPER INSPECTION, GUARDING AND PREVENTION OF LOOTING OF CRASHED OR FORCED-LANDED OR CAPTURED ENEMY AIRCRAFT IS ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT TO NOTICE.

Personnel have, on some occasions, been heard to enquire "Why bother? Don't we know all about enemy aircraft already" Even if this assumption were true, it could only be so because proper inspections have been ~~made~~ carried out in the past. AS an example of what can be obtained from a crash, reference is made to a Heinkel shot down by night fighter action a few days ago. This aircraft crashed in flames and the wreckage was spread over a sq mile. At first glance, nothing remained but charred and unrecognisable components. Nevertheless, examination quickly established new points

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of technical and other value, as well as standard info confirming eqpt and armament, and production details as to where and when the air firms, components and engines were made. In addition, papers of value were retrieved from the crew. IT CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED THAT EVERY DOCUMENT OR SCRAP OF PAPER MAY BE OF VALUE FROM AN INTERROGATION OR TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW. At the moment we are searching for an important development in German radio, THIS RADIO IS FITTED WITH A SELF-DESTRUCTING DEVICE AND IF ANYONE SHOULD TAMPER WITH ONE OF THEM ON AN ENEMY AIRCRAFT WHICH HAS COME INTO OUR POSSESSION THE APPARATUS WILL BE LOST AND WITH IT EXTREMELY VALUABLE INFO. INDIVIDUALS THEREFORE WHO TAMPER WITH OR LOOT ITEMS OF ENEMY EQPT ARE DOING THE ENEMY A GOOD SERVICE.

(From the Army Intelligence Summary No 273)

(b) About a third of the captured enemy equipment from the West is not being examined by experts. EVERY SCRAP OF THIS MATERIAL WAS INTERCEPTED IN CENSORSHIP AND WAS FOUND TO INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS LIVE BRITISH GRENADE, NUMEROUS ENEMY HAND-GRENADES, MORTAR BOMBS AND OTHER HIGHLY DANGEROUS OBJECTS.

(ii) Most of the Ministry of Economic Warfare staff there are now engaged in the examination of special value items. In some cases these items have been sent straight back to intelligence and we could have even greater success in trying to anticipate the enemy than we shall be able to do with the knowledge of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The fact that this great quantity of material has been found in the post not only shows that the enemy has a very important quantity of material but also that the proper authorities for examining it are not working as well as they should. It is necessary to have a system of regulations which will prevent such things from being lost.

It is only a small part of the material which has been captured. It is not a legitimate souvenir and is NOT to be interfered with. It is only stuff necessary for our research experts that is taken and material which contravenes Censorship Regulations.

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WEEKLY REVIEW No 4

1. THE ECONOMIC BATTLEFIELD - IN "NO MAN'S LAND".

There is a "No Man's Land" on the economic battlefield - the still unoccupied countries which adjoin GERMAN BORDERS by land, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND and TURKEY. The navy cannot prevent their products from going to GERMANY but there are other weapons. One way is to buy what the GERMANS want such as chrome from TURKEY for hardening steel, but they have got only a qualified promise of some in 1945 because the Ministry of Economic Warfare has bought it all up to the end of 1942. Similarly they want Wolfram from PORTUGAL for coal making; but so far very much more than half goes to BRITAIN and the U S A.

Recently the army annexed a huge slice of No Man's Land by running MILITARY'S front line across SYRIA, IRAQ and PERSIA. This was primarily a strategic move; but incidentally it cut off GERMANY from PERSIAN wool and cotton and oil seeds. In the west it is GERMANY which has annexed most of "No Man's Land" by pushing her frontier to the sea. This has given her a larger area to exploit - but that larger area is easier to blockade. The most important case in which GERMANY'S campaigns have tightened her blockade is her attack on RUSSIA. This stopped all RUSSIAN imports.

2. SECURITY

There is reason to believe that the attention of enemy intelligence is being increasingly directed towards the allied forces in the LEVANT. His inquisitiveness as to identifications, to movement and strengths is particularly marked. The land frontier with TURKEY is over 400 miles long. The local population is fond of money. The enemy pays freely for info which may result from a careless word overheard or passed on. The best antidote to his insatiable curiosity therefore is also the oldest - SILENCE ON MILITARY MATTERS AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL COMPANY.

3. SUPPLIES

Wars we know, are not won simply by organisation. They are won by successes in battle but these successes in battles can only be fought so long as we can keep our steady flow of supplies going hence we hear so much about the BORMA ROAD, BUNA and Convoys etc. The strength of the Allied Chain as in the strength of its shipping link and the strategy to send the right quantities of the right resources to the right places at the right time.

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn Tn? Instrn No 1

1. The following tng programme for the week commencing 23 Mar 42 will be carried out:

MON 23 Mar

All day Coy Adm

- (a) Kit inspections
- (b) All  $\varnothing$  Issues and returns of clothing etc to be completed.
- (c) Try out of German Assault Det using one bangalore torpedo and two smoke generators. This to be carried out by coys who have not yet experimented and reports fwded to this Hq as early as possible on completion. Coys to notify 24 hrs in adv the time intended so that an engr offr can be made available to advise. Suggested that this be carried out in coy areas with remainder of coy while one pl is being handled by CQMS.
- (d) Coy Comds carry out recce for rest of week.

TUES & WED 24-25 MAR

- (a) C & D Coys live out and recce CHEEKA CD tasks. Each Pl and sec being allotted its areas and tasks and all ranks made familiar with each posn and landmarks.
- (b) A & B Coys recce REFINERY & EL MINA. CD tasks in each coy area as set out in (a). A & B Coys during these two days to carry out a dawn attack.
- (c) A & B Coys also have 30 yd range for TUES and WED respectively. Bad shots only to be sent (20 men suggested). Amn limited to 1,000 rds SAA.
- (d) Preparation notes to be fwded by coy comds on night 23/24 Mar.

THURS & FRI 26-27 Mar

Reverse (a) and (b) on TUES and WED.

FRI 27 Mar

HQ Coy supply 3 offrns and 57 ORs to visit 2/1 APW 0900 - 1200 hrs.

SAT 28 Mar

Fd Firing for C and D Coys. Further particulars later.

- 2. Sketches of above areas are being prepared by unit Int Sec.
- 3. Tpt will be made available to lift personnel to vicinity CHEEKA but not for the return journey. Coys to advise IO earliest of their estimated requirements for tpt.

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn Tng Instn No 2.

1. Silhouette targets have now been prepared by pioneer Pl and are available.
2. It is intended to use further range allotments for practice in fd firing the object being to develop fire control orders by sec comds firing with ball amn.
3. Immediate preparation for this can be made by coys and careful supervision of orders given during all tng by sec comds (Pl comds giving fire direction orders). Further practice can be given by the use of landscape targets. Also practice in JD.

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DAY.	PERIOD.		
1.	General description & capabilities of the MC.	Characteristics & Engine components.	Characteristics of Engine & maintenance.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Lubrication system & path of oil.	Lubrication system & maintenance.	
2.	Cooling system.	Carburettor & Controls.	Petrol system generally & maintenance.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Ignition system & maintenance.	Recap.	
3.	Lighting & charging system, with components.	Lighting & charging system maintenance.	Clutch components.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Clutch action maintenance.	Clutch recap.	
4.	Gear Box Components.	Gear Box lubrication & maintenance.	Brakes ( front) components & action.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Brakes ( rear) components & action.	Brakes ( generally) lubrication & maintenance.	
5.	Wheels, components & action.	Wheels, ( front) lubrication & removing.	Wheels ( rear) lubrication & removing.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Tyres & Tubes changing & repairing.	Tyres & Tubes changing & repairing.	
6.	Front suspension components & action.	Front suspension lubrication & maintenance.	Tools use of generally.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Inspection details Engine generally.	Inspection details transmission.	
7.	Inspection details Steering, Front suspension & Brakes.	Inspection details electrical equipment.	Inspection details Engine starting & stopping on stand.
<u>AM.</u>			
<u>PM.</u>	Recap.	Recap.	
8.	RIDING INSTRUCTION		
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All Offrs  
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It is the intention of the CO that Offrs of this unit are familiar with and are able to handle all types of Mech vehs which are part of the unit eqpt.

With this object in view it is proposed that practical handling of the vehs will be practiced.

The proposed syllabus for all offrs infm is as follows:

MT

1. Sequence of starting, moving off and use of instruments during driving.
2. Gear changing up and down.
3. Steering and use of brakes.
4. Cross country driving, rd driving and rd discipline.

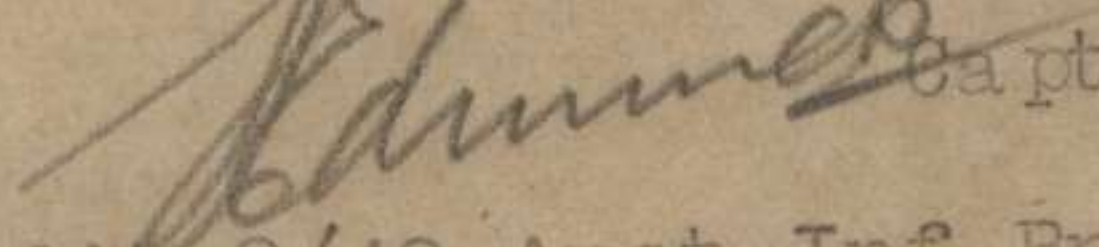
MC

1. Posn and use of various controls..
2. Sequence of starting and moving off.
3. Gear changing up and down.
4. Cross country driving.

CAR

1. Sequence of starting, moving off and use of instruments.
2. Gear changing up and down.
3. Steering and use of brakes.
4. Cross country driving.

This instn will be given on Sundays and a Roster of Offrs will be drawn up and fwded to Coys forthwith.

  
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Wox  
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(cont) SCHOOL 6

REPORT ON MC SCHOOL 6 - 12 Mar 42

The MC school conducted by this Unit concluded 12 Mar 42 after having been conducted for seven days.

All the students with the exception of two have had numerous years experience with MCs, the result of the school therefore must be based on the results of these two members, neither of whom have had any previous experience with MCs or Petrol Motors prior to the school.

The syllabus covered the elementary stages of mechanics and towards the conclusion of the school consisted of fault finding and adjustments for road running.

The final stages of the school enabled each member to handle the MC across open country, but owing to the number of students and the limited amount of time members have not been practised in the handling of the MC sufficiently to enable them to become absolutely proficient in the handling of it in all circumstances.

It is suggested therefore that students be called upon periodically and practised further before they are issued with Army Driving Licence Class V.

			<u>Mechanics</u>	<u>Handling</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
SX 10090	Sgt Glenn	J G	Good	Good	Very reliable and did very well considering he has had no previous experience.
SX 8651	Sgt Goode	L R	Fair	Good	Could do well if he tried - rather inattentive.
SX 7294	Cpl Stopp	H F	Fair	Good	With further practice will do well.
SX 7360	A/Cpl Watson	L	V Good	V Good	Good reliable type.
SX 7335	L/Cpl Jones	J A	Fair	Fair	Could do better - rather nervous.
SX 10726	Pte Powell	M M	Fair	Good	Rather careless, will do well.
SX 3483	Pte Light	F	Fair	V Good	Inclined to be careless and rather inattentive and lazy.
WX 13362	Pte Smith	A	Good	Good	A little over confident.
SX 7851	Pte WILLIAMS	K A	Fair	V Good	Riding excellent rather weak on mechanics.
SX 8381	Pte DORNAN	S J	V Good	Fair	Rather out of practice quite attentive.
SX 7705	Pte HUMPHRYS	D G	Fair	Good	Could do better rather out of practice
SX 7626	Pte JONES	R G	V Good	V Good	Good reliable type.
SX 7019	Pte POYNTER	A A	Good	V Good	Good type.
SX 6934	Pte LOXTON	V F	Fair	Good	Could do better needs more practice.
SX 7551	Pte HORDACRE	A R	V Good	V Good	Rather inattentive and lazy.
SX 5533	Pte LAMONT	H M	Good	Good	Very good type.
SX 10507	Pte LITTLE	R T	Fair	Good	Very careful and should do well, has had no previous ex.
SX 7755	Pte KEEGAN	J P	Fair	Fair	Needs more practice.
SX 6917	Pte GOODES	R D	Good	Good	Very reliable could do better.

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M C SCHOOL (cont)

SX 10390	Pte	ROBINSON	L R	V Good	V Good	Good reliable type.
SX 3532	Pte	DADLEFF	R	V Good	V Good	Very reliable.
SX 5138	Pte	LOXTON	D G	Good	Good	Needs more practice.
SX 8148	Pte	BACKLER	W W	V Good	V Good	Good reliable type.
SX 7721	Pte	PRATT	H H	V Good	V Good	Very attentive and reliable.

based on the results of these two members, neither of whom have had any previous experience with MCA or Patrol Motors prior to the school.

The syllabus covered the elementary stages of mechanics and towards the conclusion of the school consisted of fault finding and adjustments for road running.

The final stages of the school enabled each member to handle the MG across open country, but owing to the number of students and the limited amount of time members have not been practised in the handling of the MG sufficiently to enable them to become absolutely proficient in the handling of it in all circumstances.

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SX	Rank	Name	Initials	Mechanics Handling	Remarks
SX 10080	Sgt	Glenn	J G	Good	Very reliable and did very well considering he has had no previous experience.
SX 8881	Sgt	Goode	L R	Fair	Could do well if he tried - rather inattentive.
SX 7884	Cpl	Stopp	H F	Fair	With further practice will do well.
SX 7380	A/Cpl	Watson	J	V Good	Good reliable type.
SX 7385	L/Cpl	Jones	J A	Fair	Could do better - rather nervous.
SX 10788	Pte	Powell	M H	Fair	Rather careless, will do better.
SX 8488	Pte	Light	F	Fair	Inclined to be careless and rather inattentive and lazy.
WX 13888	Pte	Smith	A	Good	A little over confident.
SX 7881	Pte	WILLIAMS	K A	Fair	Riding excellent rather weak on mechanics.
SX 8881	Pte	DORRAN	S J	V Good	Rather out of practice quite attentive.
SX 7708	Pte	HUMPHREYS	D G	Fair	Could do better rather out of practice.
SX 7888	Pte	JONES	R G	V Good	Good reliable type.
SX 7019	Pte	POYNTER	A A	Good	Good type.
SX 8234	Pte	LOXTON	V P	Fair	Could do better needs more practice.
SX 7881	Pte	HORDACRE	A R	V Good	Rather inattentive and lazy.
SX 8233	Pte	LAMONT	H M	Good	Very good type.
SX 10807	Pte	LITTLE	R T	Fair	Very careful and should do well, has had no previous ex.
SX 7755	Pte	KERRAN	J P	Fair	Needs more practice.
SX 8917	Pte	GOODERS	R D	Good	Very reliable could do better.

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Summary CO's Conference 12 Mar 42

- 1 Bk rooms: Layout & tidiness to be improved
- 2 Coy picquets: Smartness required
- 3 Rifles: Men instructed correct holding
- 4 Boots: All boots to be cleaned daily
- 5 Visitors: Introduce to CO at mess
- 6 Parades: Men to remain steady after inspection
- 7 Language: Offrs & NCO's to stop obscene language
- 8 Mess: For offrs at 1830 nightly
- 9 Arms: Armourer reports coys NOT taking care of LMGs etc & cleaning
- 10 Night Exs: Two night exercises every week
- 11 Orders: AIF, Div, Bde to be read at Bn HQ by coy comdrs regularly
- 12 Programmes: Daily try programmes to give map refs
- 13 Drill:  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr per day - NCO's to exercise voice control of secs
- 14 NCO's: Coys arrange lecture thru NCO's on methods of instr
- 15 Ord Sgts: Bugler will in future blow ord sgts
- 16 Trng: Method to be prelim discussion - exercise - final discussion & summary
- 17 Sqpt: Muster parade - all men warned now their responsibility to safeguard eqpt etc in bks
- 18 Bk Rooms: To be out of bounds to all tps during trng hours

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Summary of CO's Conference - Mon 23 Nov

- 1 15 col's vols to form a pool for use by Coy comds
- 2 Traces issued for CO's to be issued down to pl comds perused then locked in Coy boxes
- 3 German assault det's - try out also wire assault and compare times
- 4 Reports on inefficient NCO's to be issued so that prompt action can be taken
- 5 Lays to complete lectures on In history and esprit de corps
- 6 Half hour period a week to be given to discussion of coming weeks syllabus also in weekly news summary
- 7 Recommended that pl comds hold sun parades each morning and Coy RV's out in area
- 8 Suggested interchange of NCO's between Coy's for new ideas and methods
- 9 Request for aiming rest. (These are NOT obtainable)
- 10 RMC to parade with all SB's in parades
- 11 Bn policy - "TUGH AS NAILS"

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TNG SYLLABUS - 1 to 15 Mar 42

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DAY 1	LAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
<p>B Coy RANGE PRACTICE All Day</p> <hr/> <p>A C D Coys.Pl in counter- attack I.T Sec 74</p> <hr/> <p>Field Signals Fieldcraft (a) Use of ground (b) Selection of lines of advance (c) Sec STALK</p> <p>MTP 33 Secs 3,4, 10, 13, 27.</p>	<p>C Coy RANGE PRACTICE All Day</p> <hr/> <p>A B D Coys Weapon Tng Fire Control Fire Discipline</p> <hr/> <p>Map Reading</p> <hr/> <p>Reports and Messages</p> <hr/> <p>Paying Compliments- Saluting</p>	<p>HQ Coy RANGE PRACTICE All Day</p> <hr/> <p>A B C D Coys Pl Exercises Van Gds</p> <hr/> <p>Protection At rest by Day</p> <p>I.T.Sec 61</p> <p>I.S.L. Chap XI</p>	<p>Bn Offrs TEST for exercise D.6 Bn in the ADVANCE</p> <hr/> <p>Protection at rest</p> <hr/> <p>ORS Wiring and digging</p>	<p>All Coys Coy Exercises</p> <hr/> <p>ADVANCE Gds:- (a) Intercom (b) ADV Gd Fighting I.T. Sec 62</p> <hr/> <p>Lecture to Tps Esprit de Corps Bn History</p>	<p>Bn Exercise</p> <hr/> <p>Bn in the ADVANCE</p> <p>(a) Adv Gds (b) Protection at rest</p> <p>I.T.Sec 62 I.T. Sec 61</p>
<p>Offrs &amp; NCOs CLASSES</p>		<p>Night Exercise Protection at rest I.T.Sec 61</p>		<p>Offrs &amp; NCOs CLASSES</p>	<p>Night Bn Exercise (contd)</p>

DAY 7	A & B Coys LEWIS	Night attack I.T. Sec 84, 85	ORS wiring Defensive area	C & D Coys P1 in the attack (a) Fire and manoeuvre (b) Mopping up I.T. Sec 67 Weapon Tng Fire Control Bayonet Tng SALUTING	Officers & NCOs CLASSES	
DAY 8	C&D Coys LEWIS	Night Attack I.T. Sec 84, 85	ORS wiring Defensive areas	A&B Coys P1 in the attack (a) Fire and manoeuvre (b) Mopping up I.T. Sec 67 Weapon Tng Fire Control Bayonet Tng SALUTING	A & B Coys Night attack	
DAY 9	ALL rifle Coys Bn Officers LEWIS	SMARTENING DRILL SALUTING Attack I.T. Sec 84, 85	Gas and Sentries Lecture- Security wiring	Gas - Special arrangements by gas effr. SALUTING	C & D Coys Night attack	
DAY 10	Bn Officers P1 in Withdrawl whilst in contact I.T. Sec 84, 85	Night Attack I.T. Sec 84, 85	ORS Digging and wiring	ORS Digging and wiring	Bn Exercise Night attack	
DAY 11	Bn Exercise P1 in Withdrawl whilst in contact (a) Night attack (b) Day withdrawl			SPARE at Coy Comps disposal		
DAY 12	Bn Exercise					

Note 1 HQ Coy - specialist tng all P1s. Night exercises on same nights as rifle Coys  
 2 Emphasis to be placed on Fire Direction, Fire Control, Fire Discipline during all exercises.

DAY 7

DAY 8

DAY 9

DAY 10

DAY 11

DAY 12

ALL COYS  
DIGGING AND WIRING ALL DAY

THREE DAY EXERCISE

Bn in the Advance

(a) Advance Gds

(b) Protection on the move

(c) Protection at rest

IT Sec 58, 62

IT Sec 61

Supporting Arms Co-operation if available

TEWT  
For Bn  
Exercise  
Days 10 - 12

Night -  
Offrs and NCOs  
Classes

Motor Cycle School

Carrier School ( D and M)

DVA 1

DVA 5

DVA 3

DVA 4

DVA 2

DVA 6



DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
A and B Coys Digging and Wiring all day			C and D Coys Digging and Wiring all day		
		Night - Digging and Wiring			Night - Digging and Wiring
C and D Coys TEWTS Night Attack IT Secs 84, 85 ----- C and D Coys Pl in Attack (a) Fire and Manoeuvre (b) Mopping Up IT Sec 67 ----- Gas Inspection by Ninth Army	Bn Parade 0845 - 0930 ----- C and D Coys Smartening Drill Saluting Gas and Sentries ----- Lecture Security ----- Weapon tng Fire Control Bayonet Tng Saluting	C and D Coys Pl in withdrawal whilst in contact ----- Spare afternoon at Coy Comds disposal	A and B Coys as for C and D Coys Day 1 ----- C and D Coys TEWTS Night Attack	A and B Coys as for C and D Coys Day 2 ----- C and D Coys TEWTS Night Attack	A and B Coys as for C and D Coys Day 3
Night - Offrs and NCOs classes		C and D Coys Night attack		A and B Coys Night Attack	

Motor Cycle School

Carrier School (D and M)

DVA 8      DVA 9      DVA 10      DVA 11      DVA 12

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SUMMARY OF TNG SYLLABUS 30 Mar - 11 Apr 42

1. DAY

Bde Exercises	8 hrs
Bn Exercises	15
Coy Exercises	10
Weapon tng	2
Appa Fire	3
Gds and Sentries	1
Verbal messages	1
Digging and Wiring	20
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2. TEWTS

Bn	5
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3. NIGHTS

Night Classes	4
Night Exercises:	
Bde)	
Bn )	
Coy)	11

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
Weapon tng ----- Appn of fire ----- Gds and sentries ----- Verbal messages -----		A and B Coys Digging all day	A and B Coys Digging all day	C and D Coys Digging all day	C and D Coys Digging all day
		Weapon tng ----- Appn of fire ----- Fire control <u>Protection on the move</u> <u>Protection at Rest</u>		A and B Coys "LIVE OUT AND TRAIN" TWO DAY EXERCISE (a) Coy in the advance (b) Night advance (c) Dawn attack	
<u>Bde Exercise</u> 2/48 Bn attacks 2/24 Bn	<u>Bde Exercise</u> 2/48 Bn attacks 2/24 Bn	<u>Bde Exercise</u> 2/23 Bn attacks 2/48 Bn (C and D Coys)	<u>Bde Exercise</u> 2/23 Bn attacks 2/48 Bn (C and D Coys)		
		Offr and NCO Classes		C and D Coys Dawn attack Move to defen- sive works on completion	

DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12
All Coys Digging and Wiring		C and D Coys Digging and Wiring	A and B Coys Digging and Wiring	A and B Coys Digging and Wiring	
TEWT for Bn Exercise Days 10 - 12		Bde Exercise A and B Coys Fd Firing Range		"LIVE OUT AND TRAIN" Bn THREE DAY EXERCISE (a) Advance Gds (b) Protection on the move (c) Protection at Rest (d) Night Advance I T Sec 58, 61, 62 Supporting arms co-operation if available	
Offrs and NCOs Classes				Offrs and NCOs Classes	

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REPORT ON STAND-TO OF 2/48 AUST INF BN FOR COASTAL DEFENCE  
TASK 15 Mar 42

1. WARNING

- (a) Signal to Stand-to received at 1012 hrs 15 Mar 42.
- (b) At this time practically the whole Bn was at Church Parade at Cinema nearby during prayer.  
The unit moved quickly to Bks to commence preparations.

2. UNIT ORGANISATION

- (a) The general organisation appears to be effective and the Stand-to was carried out efficiently.
- (b) Tps: Four rifle coys plus one sec carriers and mortars are held ready for fighting. The remaining sub-units of HQ Coy are organised ready on call as an additional rifle coy reserve.
- (c) i. Amn is held in coy stores in pl gps. Bren and TSMG mags are held partly loaded.  
ii. Rations - one day is held by all members of the unit.  
- one day res ration is carried on coy veh.  
(Emergency ration is not yet available)
- (d) Recces - All ofrs of the unit have recced the various tasks of the mobile force; this being carried out in the form of TWTB. It is intended, as time permits, for all personnel to exercise in the areas so that the topography and tasks will be completely familiar.

3. WEAPONS

Only 10 Bren guns are held by this unit which is sufficient for the mobile coy and the unit's two carriers. The remaining rifle coys experienced a feeling of nakedness in firepower without Brens during yesterday's Stand-to. Any raiding enemy will be adequately armed with LMGs and the unit should be sufficiently armed to meet such an attack.

4. VEHICLES

These did not arrive until after the Stand-down was given and some watertight arrangement is necessary to ensure availability of sufficient tpt to lift the Bn. At night vehs are available.

The Bn vehs were standing by and could have lifted the mobile coy yesterday.

It is suggested that all 26 Aust Inf Bde vehs be warned on an alarm to be made available to this Bn in case of necessity.

5. MMGs

Any tasks in daylight can be carried out by MMGs but night tasks need prior preparation.

It is suggested that the MG Comd recess the various tasks allotted to the mobile force making the necessary calculations, and plant concrete pads which would permit the guns to do night firing tasks.

The MG Comd needs to be familiar with the areas, routes and tasks, and it will probably be necessary to give this job to two or three officers only rather than frequent changes of MG personnel for the mobile det duty.

6. MORALE

All ranks showed a distinct keenness for their task yesterday. The element of realism in the stand-to having a good effect. There was considerable disappointment at the failure of the raid to materialise.

7. GENERAL

The opportunity was taken to have a general check up on organisation and many minor points were noted and rectified.

Frequent rehearsals of all coys have been held at night and the best time to date is the move of one coy on wheels moving in seven minutes.

*H. H. Hammer*

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REPORT ON PACK SADDLE FOR TRANSPORTING 3 INCH MORTAR

1. During the recent three days outdoor tng a new type of Pack Saddle was used by the Mortar personnel att to the Coy. The soldier in charge of the det reported that the saddlery was very suitable for quick loading and unloading.
2. Although the det operating the mortar eqpt had a large percentage of only partially trained personnel, the gear is so simple that they had no difficulty in unloading the mortar and coming into action very rapidly, the longest time taken in any operations being three minutes and in many cases the time was less than this.
3. The eqpt loading was vastly superior to the ropes previously used. Average time of unloading and going into action from time the mules stopped at posn until first bomb fired was 4 minutes, which is good.
4. The load is distributed as follows:  
 Top Load - Base Plate 37 lbs  
 Near Side Barrel and 1 amm carrier 3 bombs 74 lbs  
 Off Side Bipod and amm carrier 3 bombs 74½ lbs  
 Total load of Gun mule as carried above 185 lbs
5. It appeared that the saddlery was quite suitable, well balanced, easily and speedily hauled, and that the mortar packed and carried in this way is a safe and suitable load for a pack animal to carry.

*H.A. Hammer*  
Lt Col

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A COY - LIVE OUT AND TRAIN

- THURS 19 MAR - Coy marched to KHANE beginning three days "Live out and train" wet weather necessitated return to barracks - 16 mile route march.
- FRI 20 MAR - COY marched to KHANE, wet weather again, Pls did patrol exercises in afternoon and protection at rest in evening. Spent night in ruins at KHANE.
- SAT 21 MAR - Heavy rain all morning, kept tps under cover. Questionnaire on general patrol etc knowledge. Began march back to barracks in afternoon but were picked up by Bn tpt.

REMARKS

- First day's march clearly demonstrates advisability at more marching, there being a total of 16 men unfit for marching at the conclusion of the first day or early on the second day.

Signed

A.V. CLUTTERBUCK Capt

O C A Coy



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B COY - LIVE OUT AND TRAIN

- THURS 19 MAR - Moved out for "Live out and train" period, carried out Coy as Adv Gd - Pls as Van Gd and Flank Gd and pls in the attack. Owing to heavy rains the coy returned to camp.
- FRI 20 MAR - Coy moved out again to "Live out and train" Carried out Adv Gd, Van Gd and Flank Gd exercises in morning. Pls in the attack with successive objectives in the afternoon and coy in the Night Attack at night.
- SAT 21 MAR - Morning. Although very wet the coy carried out following exercises.
1. Occupation of Def Posn.
  2. Coy withdrawal.
  3. Coy Rear Gd Action.
- Afternoon. Return to camp.

REMARKS

- Ref the "Live out and train" period I consider that very much benefit is obtained by all personnel from this type of tng. It enables each individual to be exercised in his own particular duties and responsibilities, in addition to the opportunity of getting away from the barrack atmosphere. There is a noticeable improvement in the general interest of the men when they are away from the barracks and I think much greater results are obtained by this form of tng.
- Owing to the coy not living out during the two nights, it was not possible to carry out the:-
- A. Pls in withdrawal and counter attack.
  - B. Coy in the attack.
- as were anticipated in the prep notes.

Signed F.A.G. TUCKER Capt

O C B Coy

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C C OY - LIVE OUT AND TRAIN - 15 - 17 MAR

The following report is submitted in connection with the above:-

1. TNG: Loading and unloading Pack Mules. This was an entirely new experience to the personnel of this coy. In the first instance many mistakes were made but after being shown the correct method of rolling and tying, and practicing once or twice they have now become fairly proficient at it.

Tactical Work consisted mainly of Van Gds, Pl attacks, Coy attacks, fighting patrols by day and by night.

Adm Tng concerned mainly Coy 2 I/C, Q Staff, Pls Sgts and Sec 2 i/c and embraced rations, R Vs, collection of blankets, the despatch of same. Hygiene etc.

REMARKS - Many valuable lessons were learned by all ranks. Control of pls and secs in most cases was good. This type of tng is by far the best because

- (a) It is easier and more satisfactory to "Paint the picture", more realism can be put into it.
- (b) Lessons in protection, on the move and at rest can be taught more realistically.
- (c) Sec and pl routine lessons such as, rationing, protection, picquets, normal duties in the field within the sec and pl, scouts, hygiene etc. can be brought out and practiced more effectively.
- (d) Sec and pl leaders get better practical experience at handling and looking after their commands.
- (e) All ranks learn more quickly and thoroughly by practical work of this nature, than by living in barracks and marching out daily for some particular tng. There is a different 'atmosphere' or feeling when the tps are living out.

Health. The men generally were in fairly good physical condition, one man was returned to camp on the second day with a cold, there were very few cases of sore feet.

Signed T.H. SCOTT Maj

O C C Coy

C COY - LIVE OUT AND TRAIN 15 - 17 MAR

1. RATIONS: It appears from experience of the past three days that any coy operating alone or well fwd of a main body would have considerable distance to carry fwd from ration trucksowing to the fact that frequently tps would have to move well away from rds where MT could not go.  
  
Carrying could be done by mules though loss by spilling might be hy.  
  
Difficulty will also be experienced in keeping contact where vehs are following behind as they must be kept well to the rear.
2. STORES: For blankets, picks, shovels etc, mules appear to be quite satisfactory over rough country and have the advantage over MT in that they can get further fwd.  
  
A big disadvantage will be the greater vulnerability of mules as compared with MT and that more men are needed to handle them and protect them.
3. PACKING: This work is simple and tps rapidly become proficient. Ofirs and NCOs must pay particular attention to even balancing of loads and restriction of weight.
4. HALTS: It is necessary to off load mules when halts of any length are made and pls must send back guides to take teams fwd or men for off loading.
5. GENERAL: Much useful experience was gained regarding general movement and contact between Coy HQ and fighting gps, but there is a great deal more to be learned in this respect which can only be gained by further tng of a similar nature.

Sgd P. CROMPTON, Lieut

2 I/C C Coy

C C OY "LIVE OUT AND TRAIN 15 - 17 MAR 42

1. PACKING MULES

Tps quickly learned packing and loading of mules and were quick to grasp the essentials of its:-

- (1) Balancing of load
- (2) Firm packing of bundles
- (3) Tying and loading packs on mules

2. BIVOUACS

Sec Comd controlled sec well. Following points needed more instrn

- (1) Sentries challenging at night
- (2) Cleaning area before leaving
- (3) Men leaving sec areas unarmed

Eqpt NOT laid ready to put on in case of attack

3. RATIONS

Very good. Pl sgts & 2 i/c Sec handled rations within Pl well.

4. HEALTH

Men are fit enough to stand this type of tng. Feet in good condition - only one man with blisters. One man with cold returned on second day on ration truck to barrawks.

5. This type of tng is better than others. It is easier and more satisfactory to "paint the picture". Two lessons on protection (particularly at rest) can be carried out. Section and Pl routine lessons can be taught especially dealing with

- (1) Rations
- (2) Protection
- (3) Picquets
- (4) Duties in the field
- (5) Hygiene

Co-operation with Mor det was very helpful and useful. This type of tng is particularly good for NCOs and Pl Comds.

Signed Peter NICHOLAS Lieut

Pl Comd No 13 Pl

C COY "LIVE OUT AND TRAIN - 15 - 17 MAR

LOADING OF MULES

Prior to our move, blankets had to be rolled and packed in a specified way. Instn and demonstration was provided by Pte Southern who was our Pl representative at the bn mule school. Naturally the men were a trifle slow at their initial attempt but the bivouacs provided further opportunities for practice and now the men have no difficulty at all, in performing the operation efficiently. The experience of mule tpt was an excellent feature of the 3 days exercise.

BIVOUACS

A mix-up in the unloading of blankets caused unnecessary noise on the first night. This was rectified the following night and the unloading was completed satisfactorily. Sentries performed their duties well and the men stood to at 0600 hrs.

EXERCISES & LESSONS LEARNT

Contrasting with the usual morning or afternoon "Pl in attack" it was not necessary to paint an unreal picture. The exercises flowed along from day to day and the men were genuinely interested and consequently when mistakes were made they had learnt their lesson and very little explanation was needed. Valuable experience was gained in crossing obstacles such as (a) Fast flowing river (b) anti tank obstacle (c) rugged hills.

RATIONS

The men of 15 pl were full of comment regarding the excellence of the meals. The standard of cooking was vastly superior to that experienced in the barracks.

MORALE

Very high throughout. Marching with heavy kit over some very high hills in a hot sun is very trying but the men performed their duties cheerfully throughout. When time for bivouacs came the men were very tired. This condition emphasised what a good sleep and a good meal can do and how essential these factors if high morale is to be maintained.

GENERAL

The men's physical condition was good. They appreciated the break from barrack life and are looking forward to more in the future. I consider them the best type of tng.

Signed R. KENNEDY Lieut

Pl Comd No 15 Pl

C COY "LIVE OUT AND TRAIN - 15 - 17 MAR

TNG

1. Mule tpt. The tps on the first day were very poor at loading and unloading but rapidly acquired the correct drill and at the conclusion of the exercise were quite proficient.
2. Exercises carried out. Numbers of Van Gd exercises were concluded and the discipline of the pl was generally good. Sec leaders kept good control and the formations were well maintained.

The river crossing presented a problem which held up the pl for a considerable time and caused a lot of confusion, and control was practically lost. On the return crossing a drill was worked out and the pl crossed quickly, easily and under complete control.

Night discipline was fair but the pl needs more exercises at night to make them proficient.

ADM

The food was excellent, and the pl med in sec gps. the carrying parties were well organised and Sec Comds carried out general adm well. The health of tps throughout was good and there was very little foot trouble, although some of the boots showed excessive wear. The morale of the tps was generally good and the men fairly fit. No man fell out during the three days.

Signed R.F. HAYWARD Sgt  
for Pl Comd 14 Pl

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19-21 Mar 42

D. COY- LIVE OUT AND TRAIN

THURS 19 Mar - SAT 21 Mar.

The "LIVE OUT AND TRAIN" exercise completed by this Coy has been of great value.

The men enjoy living apart from the camp and take more interest in the work. Tng can be carried out without interruption and under conditions akin to those of action. The discussion period after an exercise is in my opinion very important and when away from Bks there is not that "desire to get home" feeling among the men and they pay far more attention to lessons discussed.

The attaching of mules to the Coy gave both Offrs and men valuable tng with regard to employment and packing of the animals which should prove a great asset should we fight in this country.

The preparation of such a scheme gives Offrs experience in Adm matters, a very important branch of the Coy.

The Pl Comds report cover the lessons learned by the men in the exercises carried out, and all agree that such tng is much more beneficial than that normally done.

Signed W REID Lieut

For OC D Coy

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D COY LIVE OUT AND TRAIN

THURS 19 - SAT 21 Mar.

The three day period has been of great value to all ranks from all points of view.

Much useful tng has been obtained and I feel that all ranks now have a much better idear of the role of vanguard, particularly as regards rapid appreciations and quick attack with object of NOT holding up advance of main Gd and main body.

Valuable night tng has been obtained. The withdrawal under contact exercise brought out very well many points that the men have NOT previously properly understood.

All Comds within the Pl discussed the various lessons brought out as they occurred and when opinions differed round table conferences were held.

I Also feel that the spell away from the Four Bks walls has done the men a lot of good mentally and physically.

All ranks quickly adapted themselves to the use of mules for tpt.

Signed

J W SMITH Lieut



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LIVE OUT AND TRAIN - D COY

THURS 19 - SAT 21 Mar.

The tps gained much valuable tng from the three day exercise just completed.

They all have a clear idear of how a vanguard moves and its tasks of brushing aside opposition and protecting the main Gd from surprise.

The Pl attack was a good exercise and the men learnt several useful lessons, such as support within the Pl, the use of covered approaches and the correct formations to adopt to suit the different types of ground.

The night attack was also very instructional in that it brought out the necessity to move slowly and silently across difficult ground by night.

Also it showed the difficulty of keeping control by night. In the bivouac areas the routine of a defensive posn was carried out.

The use of mule tpt introduced a new method <sup>of</sup> tpt and the men quickly adapted themselves to the correct loading of the mules which may be of great value to them later on .

In discussions after the various exercises the men seemed to take a keen interest in the various phases and any points not quite clear to them was explained.

Signed N McLELLAN Lieut

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
19-21 Mar 42

D COY LIVE OUT AND TRAIN

THURS 19 Mar - SAT 21 Mar.

The 3 days exercise completed by this Coy has in my opinion been of the utmost value to all ranks concerned.

In the first place it has been possible to train members of the Coy to an extent which would not be obtained in a week of ordinary day by day tng.

By this it is meant that Sec Comds and men carry out duties which would not normally be done on ordinary Pl and Coy exercises, such as protection at rest both day and night, messing and hygiene arrangements generally.

Also the problem of the time factor is largely done away with. An exercise can be discussed fully without regard to the question of getting men back to Bks in time for meals.

Finally in addition to all lessons learnt in the various exercises it can be said that every man in the Coy is capable of loading blankets on mule Tpt and also has a knowledge of the conditions under which they may be employed.

Signed P ROBBINS Lieut

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COASTAL DEFENCE - MOBILE FORCE

1 Herewith are Copies NOs 23 and 24 of sketches showing defensive layout for both the Mobile Det (one copy) and the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn in the following areas:-

- (a) REFINERY area - TRIPOLI
- (b) EL MINA
- (c) CHEKIA TUNNEL AREA

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*H.A.H.*  
Lt Col

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2. "A DAY IN SPAIN"  
Vocalist . . . . . Pte. John Swain,  
Spanish Fandango Mia Pick and the Eight Twinklers
3. PIANO-ACCORDEON . . . . Pte Lin Sharam.
4. "A BUNCH OF NONSENSE"  
S/Sgt. Fred Meredith, Sgt. Rex "Waca" Dawe,
5. JUGGLING L/Sgt. O. Delroy. Sgt. V. Sanderson.
6. THE TWINKLERS with Pte. Jimmy Ricketts  
Spécialty Dance Mia Pick and Pte. H. O'Connell
7. "THE FOURTH FORM" . . . . . Sgt. Dawe  
Supported by S/Sgt. Meredith, Ptes. Swain and  
Joe Paterson.
8. ALICE BLUE GOWN . . . . . Pte. Jack Kersh
9. THE SHADOWS . . . . . Sgt. Sanderson
10. "REAL NONSENSE" . . . . . Sgt. Dawe as  
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15. "SWITZERLAND" . . . . . Entire Company  
Acrobatic Novelty . . . . Ptes S. & L. Shipway  
INTERVAL . . . . . 10 Minutes
16. ENTR'ACTE . . . . H/Capt. J. Davidson and his  
Orchestra.
17. TRIPLE BAR TWINS . . . . Ptes. Shipway
18. "WOULDN'T IT?" . . . . . S/Sgt. Meredith
19. FUN AND FROLIC ON WHEELS L/Sgt. Delroy
20. "HOT AND STRONG" Sgt. Dawe and S/Sgt.  
Meredith
21. THE DOLL MAKER'S DREAM  
The Twinklers, Mia Pick, Ptes Shipway,  
Ricketts and Wright.
22. VOCAL . . . . . Cpl. Laurie Brooks
23. TWO BASEBALLERS Sgt. Dawe and S/Sgt.  
Meredith
24. "THE MAD DRUMMER" H/Capt. J. Davidson  
and his Orchestra
25. FINALE - "FLYING HIGH" Entire Company

# "ALL IN FUN"

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Tonights performance is one of a series of A.I.F. entertainments given throughout Syria, and will be available equally to all British forces in recognition of the many courtesies extended us by Unit and N.A.A.F.I Concert Parties.

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PRODUCTION	H/Lt.-Col. J. Gerald
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	H/Capt. J. Davidson
ASSISTANT STAGE DIRECTOR	Sgt. Rex Dawe
CHIEF MECHANIST	L/Sgt. Stan Carrodus
ASST. MECHANIST	Pte. Bob Waddington
CHIEF SOUND TECHNICIAN	S/Sgt. Tom Wood
ELECTRICAL EFFECTS	Pte. J. Nitschke
WARDROBE	Mme Archerhold & Assls
MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS	Sgt. Wally Portingale

War Diary

Our Ref: G/1/31

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
5 Mar 42

26 Aust Inf Bde

RANGE PRACTICE RESULTS

1 - 3 Mar 42

	<u>Rifle</u>				<u>Bren</u>		
<u>C Coy</u>							
Practice	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	
Qualified	33	50	60	35	30	19	
Failed	35	18	8	33	38	49	
<u>B Coy</u>							
Practice	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Qualified	52	53	76	29	18	72	24
Failed	11	6	6	11	24	9	57
<u>HQ Coy</u>							
Practice	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Qualified	42	50	50	30	10	44	25
Failed	12	4	4	24	44	10	29

The percentage of failures is very high and obviously much more tng and firing is required. Every effort will be made to improve the standard.

*A. H. Hammer* Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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Our Ref 9/1/39

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Mar 42

26 Aust Inf Bde

RANGE RESULTS - EL ABDE - 17 Mar 42

B Coy

	<u>RIFLE</u>			<u>L M G</u>	
	100 yds Grouping	100 yds App	200 yds App	200 yds App	200 yds 3 bursts
Fired	28	28	28	28	28
Qualified	21	27	24	17	4
Failed	7	1	4	11	24

*H. H. Hammer*

Lt Col  
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



War diary

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Mar 42

REPORT SUPERNUMERARY TNG - Signal Pl

1. In Dec 41 the following personnel were detached from rifle Coys to train with No 1 Pl as emergency reinforcements:-

<u>A Coy</u>	<u>B Coy</u>	<u>C Coy</u>	<u>D Coy</u>
Collins R R	Sutherland J M	Arundale N	Banks F H
Jones K H	Goldspink R S	Johns T H	Gwynne R W
	Lovelock R B	Holmes T S	Thompson G N
		Sara A S	

2. A recruit Signaller's Training course was organised by the Sig Offr with Cpl Scutt T A as instructor. Tests were held weekly and after the first months training a thorough examination was conducted, involving theory, Morse reading and Practical work.

3. Progress report on month's training:-

<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>SATISFACTORY</u>	<u>WEAK</u>
Banks F H	Gwynne R W	Johns T H
Collins R R	Goldspink R S	Sara A H
Arundale N	Holmes T S	
Sutherland J M	Lovelock R B	
Thompson G N	Jones K H	

4. During the course of tng several changes were made in the supernumerary personnel. The following did not complete the course.

Jones K H	Goldspink R S
Lovelock R B	Holmes T S
Banks F H	Gwynne R W

The following were later admitted:-

O'Neil P	O'Donoghue A J
Larner A H	Major H
Pearce H	Houston B

The following have joined the Sig Pl:-

Collins R R	O'Donoghue A J
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5. On 2 Feb 42 Cpl Scutt left to attend ME Sch of Sigs. Sig Milde was promoted to A/Cpl and assumed duties as instructor.

6. Progress report on 2nd month's tng:-

<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>SATISFACTORY</u>	<u>WEAK</u>
O'Donoghue A J	Arundale N	Pearce H
Collins R R	O'Neil P	Johns T H
Thompson G	Larner A	Houston B
Sutherland J M	Major H	
	Sara A S	

Note:- Pte Houston was admitted to the class just prior to the examination.

7. During the 3rd month tng was facilitated by the acquisition of more eqpt in the Pl, and the work covered was much more advanced. On the 13 Mar the final examination was held, the standard required being equivalent to the Signallers Classification test.

		Theory	Morse	Prac	Remarks
Pte Sutherland	J M	83%	98%	VG	Very keen, excellent results, desires to join Sigs. Would become an acquisition to the Pl
Pte Lerner	A H	89%	92%	G	Very keen, excellent results, desires to join the Pl and would become an acquisition.
Pte Major	F	82%	85%	G	Very keen, desires to join Pl. Will become an excellent reinfect.
Pte Thompson	G N	80%	84%	G	Excellent work done, Very keen, lost considerable time through sickness.
Pte Arundale	N P	82%	64%	G	Very industrious and most interested in the work. Would become good all round Sig.
Pte Pearce	H	80%	60%	G	Joined class late, has tried hard, Morse reading needs further practice.
Pte O'NEIL	P	81%	44%	VG	A capable soldier but is not keen to become a Sig. Expressed desire to remain in Rifle Coy.
Pte Sara	A R	51%	62%	V F	Has tried hard but I consider the work is beyond him.
Pte Houston	B	43%	44%	VG	Only recently joined class, has worked hard and is keen to become a Sig. With further experience would become a efficient Sig.
Pte Johns	T H	25%	44%	F	Signalling is beyond this man. Lack of education prevents him from grasping Theory and Morse. I consider he would be an excellent linesman in the field.

8. The above personnel have been returned to their Coys. I consider that if the past three months training is to be of value to them they should continue to receive at least part time Sig Tng.

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Murphy

2/48 Aust Inf Bn  
18 Mar 42

REPORT ON A TK MINE SCHOOL HELD 2/3 Fd Pk Coy RAE  
for Offrs and NCOs of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

For personnel of this unit a short course (one day) on A Tk mines and minelaying was held at and conducted by 2/3 Fd Pk Coy RAE. Ten Offrs and ten NCOs (a total of 20 per day) attended on the following dates:- 11, 14, 18 Mar 42.

The course opened with a general lecture on the advantages and possibilities of A Tk mines including camflg of the minefield and safety precautions. Following this lecture was a talk on mines including practice in handling, charging and disarming of the following types of mines:-

GS Mk 11, GS Mk 1V, EP Mk 11, and the Anti personal BP Mk 1.

The afternoon commenced with an excellent lecture on method of laying<sup>a</sup>/minefield, explanation of the code (detail of tapes) and the method of recording the minefield followed by practice in laying the tapes and detailing of each man for definite tasks, e.g. digging, carrying of mines and charges, charging and placing in posn, covering and finally camflg.

In my opinion the course was an excellent one - very simple and conducted by men who knew their job thoroughly. I feel sure that valuable infm was gained by all who attended which should prove of great value to the unit for future operations,

..... E A MURPHY ..... Lieut

*War Diary*  
*Include Trace B.*

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5 Mar 42

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APPRECIATION

BY LT COL H H HARNER - 2/42 AUST INF BN

Reserve Bn to 26 Aust Inf Bde, Defensive Sector TRIPOLI FORTRESS

Ref Maps: TRIPOLI SPECIAL (SHEET 1) 1:25,000  
TRACES: A and B attached.

GENERAL

- 1 (a) The following appreciation is based on a defensive layout handed to the 2/42 Aust Inf Bn by the 2/33 Aust Inf Bn in Jan 42 (Trace A).
- (b) The roles or roles and tasks of the Bde reserve Bn were not available and comments are based on assumptions made.
- (c) The layout provides for:
  - i One Bn (less two coys) sited West of the rear A Tk ditch on the high ground in squares 164279 and 164278 (EL BEDAOUI area).
  - ii One coy disposed in the left fwd Bn area on the northern slopes of HILL 207 ( Square 167279 ) - HILL 181 (Square 166279) incl to track junc 16652799.
  - iii One coy was to be sited on the TOURBOL high ground but is now withdrawn by order of 26 Aust Inf Bde to fill the gap in the reserve Bn area, West of the rear A Tk ditch from the main TRIPOLI rd incl to the coast (Squares 165279, 165280).
2. A task is allotted to the Bde reserve Bn to protect engineer parties during the demolition of Oil Tks, Refinery, Pumping Sta etc and details are given in 26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 3 of 2 Mar 42.

OBJECT

3. To study the role or roles of the Bde reserve Bn in relation to the ground on which it is disposed.

CONSIDERATIONS

4. Topography

- (a) The main defensive area of the reserve Bn is located on the high ground to the South and the East of the village of EL BEDAOUI - this ground in the main overlooks the surrounding ground particularly the area between the rear of the FDLs and the reserve Bn area. The present defences are well sited and form a compact fortress, the terraced knolls making partial A Tk obstacles. In the case of a break through in the FDLs this area, if held resolutely, might well prevent the area being overrun and gain sufficient time for the Div reserve to be employed in counter attack. A few minor disabilities exist - not all the posts are mutually supporting but this can be remedied in most cases by siting additional weapon pits.

The siting of a third coy will permit the thickening up of the fwd localities along the eastern slopes of the ridge on which Pt 52 is the highest Pt (Square 164279), (Trace B).

- (b) The ground vital to the defence of the FDLs are the features TOUREBOL - HILL 181 - TRIG 63 (Square 165279) and this high ground running almost parallel to the front separates the fwd Bns from the reserve Bn. Because of the ground and the range it is not possible for the reserve Bn to support the fwd Bns by fire.
- (c) The ground to the East and SE of the reserve area is under observation for a distance of 1800 yds and 1000 yds respectively and is fairly flat and undulating. The ground rises sharply and what are really the SW slopes of TOUREBOL bound the reserve Bn's area to the East and SE. In the East TOUREBOL and HILL 181 are held but in the SE, which is in the rear area, no inf are holding these high ridges - Pts 201, 200, 182 which overlook and dominate the rear area to the main TRIPOLI rd and the coast. A gap of 300 yds exists between the right flank of the Bn area and the high ground to the East and SE; the ditch also not being covered in this area. It is proposed that the Carrier Pl (Higher Est) prepare a defended locality to cover the ditch and close the gap in this area from 16522784 to 16462787. Carriers and tps to be held in reserve by day as observation is very good - posns to be occupied by night to prevent infiltration or as required (Trace B).
- (d) Immediately in front of the reserve Bn defensive area is a large oil tk farm - the tks covering a large area and because of their size and the huge concrete saucers in which they are embedded they would offer great cover from view and fire to an attacking force.
- (e) West of the tk farm and in front of the reserve Bn area is an A Tk ditch (still under construction) which extends from the high ground on the SE to the coast on the North - a distance of approx 2000 yds. The ditch runs close to a Pl locality just East of Pt 52 (Square 164279) then runs almost due North completely away from the defended localities. The arrangement made by 26 Aust Inf Bde is to site the coy withdrawn from TOUREBOL (para 1 (c) (iii)) to cover the ditch and close the gap between the two coys already sited and the coast (Trace B).
- (f) To the North of the present reserve area in succession are the main TRIPOLI rd - ry line - coast and in the intervening ground many tin huts, oil refinery, pumping sta and adm buildings, which to a great extent obscure observation and fields of fire and would continue to do so even if demolished. However until the enemy succeeded in reaching these areas the advantage would be with the defenders. Between the ry line and the coast, a varying distance of 300 - 400 yds, the country is heavily timbered with orchards and undergrowth making movement very difficult for both men and tks.

It would be necessary to clear fields of fire for the additional coy to be sited on the left flank and it is suggested that sufficient timber is left standing to camflg the defended localities of the coy. Cleared lanes from ry to coast may be necessary for lateral comm.

The coast is a suitable landing beach and would need careful patrolling at night.

- (g) The ground to the NW and West of the reserve Bn area includes the village of EL BEDAOUI and is all heavily timbered offering unlimited cover for adm *areas.*  
*units.*

The Bn Coy of the Bn is sited for all round defence of the Bn Bn area 16422788 and for closing the back door of the Bn defensive area.

#### ROADS AND TRACKS

5. (a) East A track runs along foot of TRIG 63 crossing the saddle just to the South and joining up with the DEIR AMAR track which runs between the FDLs and the reserve coys of the left fwd Bn.
- (b) SE A track running from SW 16422779 to NE passes the tk farm on the SE and joins up with the TRIG 63 track and a track which passes over the southern slope of HILL 181.  
A newly constructed rd takes off from the track as in (b) at about Pt 69 in square 164278 and is destined for the heights of TOUREBOL.
- (c) North and South A North and South rd through EL BEDAOUI joins the main TRIPOLI coastal rd and links up with the two main rds running SE from TRIPOLI to RAMLIEH and ZGHORTA respectively.  
Between the TRIPOLI coastal rd and the coast several tracks lead through the undergrowth running North and South and are suitable only in the main for traffic of men and animals.
- (d) West Two additional tracks which require some work, run West from the EL BEDAOUI North and South rd branching off at 16422779 and 16422784 to TRIPOLI town.
6. (a) With a little work on some of the above tracks ample routes exist for the employment of the reserve Bn or part in mobile roles to protect the Bde rear area or rapid movement fwd to counter attack, or assist the fwd localities by fire from the high ground HILL 181 - TRIG 63.
- (b) The existence of the main route along the coast will necessitate sufficient force always being held in reserve to prevent the enemy cutting and securing the rd either by infiltration from the front, coastal or airborne landings.

#### STRENGTH AND SUPPORTING ARMS

7. (a) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (less one coy)  
One Pl MMG - primary tasks - frontal.  
Seven A Tk Guns - sited in reserve area.  
Two Field Guns - on A Tk tasks.  
One Bty 25 pdrs - sited in area for frontal tasks.

- (b) i 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (less one coy). One coy is sited in the FDL area over 2200 yds fwd of the reserve Bn's foremost localities and it is considered that it would be most difficult to administer and control this coy when in contact with the enemy. It is therefore suggested that the coy come under the comd of the left fwd Bn.
- ii Supporting arms. With the exception of the A Tk guns which are sited in depth to deal with tk penetration, the other arms primary tasks are for fire in front of the FDLs.

#### PROBABLE TASKS

8. The main task would appear to be for the reserve Bn to stand fast in the case of a break through on the coastal sector and hold the Bde rear area until the posn could be stabilised.

#### (a) Tasks:

- i To give depth to the defence.  
(Support by fire any attack on fwd areas is NOT possible owing to distance between the two posns, i.e. approx 2000 yds).
- ii To counter attack and stabilise the fwd posn in the event of a break through on the left fwd Bn's front.
- iii To move to fwd posn where they can assist by fire, localities which are still holding out.
- iv To prevent penetration after a break through on the coastal sector until the Div reserve could be employed in counter attack.
- v To prevent penetration along coastal route in the direction of TRIPOLI.
- vi To prevent penetration to encircle TOURBOL, cut off L of C and capture high ground.
- vii Protect the Bde rear area against sea landings.
- viii Mobile patrols to mop up enemy penetration, paratps and airlanding tps within the Bde area.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR TASKS

9. For whichever roles for the reserve Bn are laid down by Bde, complete arrangements, plans and rehearsals will need to be carried out so that any contingency can be met by a force trained for its tasks.

SUM UP

10. From the foregoing the main pts for consideration would appear to be:
- (a) Instns regarding the coy in the left fwd Bn's area.
  - (b) Closing the gap along the A Tk ditch between the present right flank (Trace A) and the high ground around Pt 200 (Square 165275).  
(Note: Use of Carrier Pl)
  - (c) Allocation of tasks to reserve Bn to permit adequate arrangements for them to be put into execution.
  - (d) Track improvement in Bde rear area to assist any mobile roles.
  - (e) Beach patrolling.
  - (f) Arrangements to demolish:
    - i Buildings in area.
    - ii Rds and crossings over rear A Tk ditch when required
  - (g) Clearing of undergrowth and lanes through timber on coastal sector.
  - (h) Arrangements for supporting arms co-operation in the event of a break through.

*H. H. Hammer*

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn



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					Date	
SX 8070	PTE	KENNETT A.E.	2/48 Bn	Detached	28 Feb	for special duties batman - tent Huffon
SX 9259	PTE	WESTPHOLEN E.G.	do	Marched out	13 Mar	attending anti
SX 7222	PTE	WHIMPRESS H.	do	do	13 Mar	Malacca school from 27 Mar 42
SX 7820	PTE	YOUNG I	do	Marched out	12 Jan	Grand to be detached and is transferred to HQ 70 Aust Inf Bde
SX 7574	PTE	GENT R.S.	do	do	4 Mar	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
SX 7633	PTE	MARTIN W.W.	do	do	4 Mar	do

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(Signature of Commander)

Lt. Col.

Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
SX11225	Pte	PITCHER J A	2/48 Bn	Offence - Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO on 25 Feb 42	AA15(2)	Award 3 Days C B by OC D Coy on 2 Mar 42
SX10609	Pte	PERRY A K	2/48 Bn	Offence failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO on 1 Mar 42	AA 15(2)	Award 2 Days C B by OC B Coy on 2 Mar 42
SX9577	Pte	COWIN W D	2/48 Bn	Offence Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO on 26 Feb	AA 15(2)	Award 4 Days C B by A/OC HQ Coy on 3 Mar 42
SX10970	Pte	BROWN R H	2/48 Bn	Offence (i) AWL from 1000 hrs until placed in custody by 9 Aust Div Prov Coy at 1140 hrs (ii) Disobeying a lawful comd by a superior Offr on 1 Mar 42	(i) AA15(1) (ii) AA9(2)	Award 7 Days C B by OC B Coy on 3 Mar 42
SX2008	Pte	DAVIS W J	2/48 Bn	Offence AWL from 1000 hrs to 1140 hrs on 1 Mar 42	AA15(1)	Award 7 Days C B by OC b. Coy on 3 Mar 42
SX9832	Pte	TEMPLATON R J	2/48 Bn	Offence AWL from 2200 hrs to 2245 hrs	AA15(1)	Award 3 Days C B by OC B Coy on 3 Mar 42
SX12191	Pte	TOMLINSON W F	2/48 Bn	Offence Breaking out of Bks on 26 Feb 42	AA10(4)	Award 3 Days C B OC D COY on 4 Mar 42

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<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
WX10154	Pte	CORNELIUS R G	2/48 Bn	Offence- AWL from 1930 hrs to 2130 hrs on 24 Feb 42 AA15(1). Award 5 Days C B by OC D Coy 28 Feb 42		
SX10537	Pte	MITCHELL J	2/48 Bn	OFFENCE- AWL from 1930 hrs to 2130 hrs on 24 Feb 42 AA15(1). Award 5 days C B by OC D Coy 28 Feb 42		
SX8469	Pte	HOARE W B	2/48 Bn	Offence- AWL from 2200 hrs to 2220 hrs on 28 Feb 42 AA15(1). Award 2 days C B by OC D Coy on 2 Mar 42		
SX8469	Pte	HOARE W B	2/48 Bn	Offence- Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO on 25 Feb 42 AA15(2) Award 3 Days C B by OC D Coy 2 Mar 42		
SX8468	Pte	HOARE P H	2/48 Bn	Offence AWL from 2200 hrs to 2220 hrs on 28 Feb 42 AA15(1). Award 2 days C B by OC D Coy on 2 Mar 42		
SX10347	Pte	CODDREAR E S C	2/48 Bn	Offence Breaking out of Bks 1/4 on 26 Feb 42 AA10(4) Award 2 days C B by OC D Coy on 2 Mar 42		
WX10156	Pte	CAR ER J	2/48 Bn	Offence- AWL from 2200 hrs to 2220 hrs on 28 Feb 42 AA15(1) Award 2 Days C B by OC D Coy on 2 Mar 42		
SX7467	Pte	DECAUX A S	2/48 Bn	Offence- Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO on 25 Feb 42 AA15(2) Award 3 Days C B by OC D Coy on 2 Mar 42		

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

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<u>TRADE GROUPINGS</u>						
SX 8466	L/Cpl	HAYNES R N	2/48 Bn	Relinquished	27 Feb	Group III Tech Storeman Paybook No 280191
<u>TRANSFERS</u>						
SX 8490	Pte	WILSON R C	do	Ceased to be detached and transferred to 1 Aust Mov and In Co	22 Jan	
SX 11119	Pte	JOHNSTONE L A	do	Marched out	6 Mar	To HQ 9 Aust Div
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>						
SX 7338	Sgt	PRYOR W E	do	Marched in	8 Mar	) From METS No 7 Junior ) Leaders Course.
SX 7933	Cpl	STEMIEN W H	do	do	8 Mar	
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 7047	Sgt	ROBINSON M	do	Marched out	6 Mar	Attending METS No 8 Junior Leaders Course from 9 to 21 Mar 42
SX 7260	Sgt	FRASER C	do	do	8 Mar	Attending ME Gas School No 19 Regtl Instrs Course from 11 - 27 Mar 42
<u>PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS</u>						
SX 7497	L/Cpl	CHINNER R	do	Promoted	15 Feb	To be A/Cpl vice SX 7499 Cpl DUFFIELD J L transd.
SX 7677	A/Cpl	STENZL E T	do	Rank confirmed	6 Mar	To be Cpl 2/48 BN., A.I.F.

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(Signature of Commander) Lt. Col. Comd. 2/48 BN. A.I.F.

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

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					Date	
SX 7124	Pte	HOOK F W (Contd)		Award: Fined 14 days pay and 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn	5 Mar 42	
WX 10293	Pte	STRATTON A E	2/48 Bn	Offence: Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline 26 Feb 42 AA 40. Award: Admonished by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42.		
SX 11160	Pte	WELSH S E	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2315 hrs 4 Mar 42 AA 15 (1)		
WX 9845	Pte	HAMMOND D	do	Award: Fined £1 and 3 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42		
				Offence: (1) Striking his superior offr 25 Jan 42 AA 8 (1) (2) Resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge 25 Jan 42 AA 10 (3) Award: Fined 14 days pay and 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42.		
WX 10142	Pte	LINDSAY R D	do	Offence: (1) Striking his superior offr 25 Jan 42 AA 8 (1) (2) Resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge 25 Jan 42 AA 8 (2) Award: Fined 14 days pay and 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42.		
SX 8469	Pte	HOARE W E	do	Offence: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline 1 Mar 42 AA 40. Award: Fined 14 days and 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42.		
SX 8468	Pte	HOARE P H	do	Offence: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline 1 Mar 42 AA 40. Award: Fined 14 days pay and 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42		

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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	
<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
SX 10726	Pte	POWELL M M	2/48 Bn	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 4 Mar 42 AA 15 (2). Award: 4 days CB by A/OC HQ Coy 2/48 Bn 4 Mar 42.		
SX 6639	Pte	SPECK G M	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 4 Mar 42 AA 15 (2) Award: 4 days CB by A/OC HQ Coy 2/48 Bn 4 Mar 42.		
WX 7147	Pte	BARKER J	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2315 hrs 4 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42		
WX 10148	Pte	SCANLAN M D	do	Offence: Striking his superior offr. AA 8 (2) 25 Jan 42 (2) Resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge 25 Jan 42 AA 10 (3) (3) Using insubordinate language to his superior offr 25 Jan 42 AA 8 (2). Award: Fined 14 days pay and 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42.		
SX 7124	Pte	HOOK F W	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 24 Feb 42 AA 15 (2) (2) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline 24 Feb 42 AA 40. <del>(3) Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline 26 Feb 42 AA 40</del>		

(Date) 3 MAR. 1942 194

(Signature of Commander)

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Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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					Date	
<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
WX 10133	Pte	KERR J T	2/48 Bn	Offence: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline 1 Mar 42	AA 40.	Award: Fined 14 days pay and 14 days CR by CO 2/48 Bn 5 Mar 42
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 7930	Pte	SQUIRE A W	do	Classified 1st Class (Non-tradesman) at No 56 Course ME School of Cookery	from 31 Jan to 21 Feb 42.	
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
SX 9421	Pte	BARNES M G	do	Marched in	9 Mar	From 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>						
SX 3480	WO II	NOBLE E A	do	Evacuated	5 Mar	To 2/3 Aust CCS and trans to X List
SX 7122	Pte	BARTHOLOMEW P G	do	do	6 Mar	
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 6848	Cpl	MEYER A F B	do	Marched out	11 Mar	Attending NENTS No 22 Rifle and LMG Course 12 Mar - 12 Apr 42.

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SX 8470	Pte	HOARE C F	2/48 Bn	<p><u>DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL held at LICCULT BNS on 4 Mar 42.</u></p> <p><u>Offences:</u></p> <p>(1) When on active service striking his superior officer AA 8 (2) on 4 Dec 41. <u>Finding Guilty.</u></p> <p>(2) When on active service using insubordinate language to his superior officer AA 8 (2) on 4 Dec 41. <u>Finding Guilty.</u></p> <p>(3) When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline on 4 Dec 41 AA 40 <u>Finding Not Guilty.</u></p> <p>(4) When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer on 4 Dec 41 AA 9 (2) <u>Finding Not Guilty.</u></p> <p><u>Sentence - To undergo detention for sixty days 4 Mar 42.</u></p> <p><u>Confirmed by Brig R W TOWELL DSO ED 7 Mar 42</u></p> <p><u>Promulgated in Bn ROs No 136 para 3 of 9 Mar 42.</u></p> <p><u>Period in confinement awaiting trial - 11 days.</u></p>		

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					Date	
<u>REJOINED FOR UNIT</u>						
SX 7208	Pte	TEAGUE E.A	2/48 Bn	Marched in	11 Mar	From 1 Aust Corps Ski Sch.
WX 10353	Pte	GADEN T J J	do	do	13 Mar	From 9 Aust Div Postal Unit
<u>TRANSFER</u>						
SX 7389	Pte	JONES J G E	do	Marched out	13 Mar	To 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
<u>NEXT OF KIN - Change of</u>						
SX 8182	Pte	WOLTER M S	do	Wife deceased. Next of Kin now Son, Raymond Scott WOLTER, C/- Mrs Gwendoline WILSON, 30 Yoe Street, SEMAPHORE. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		
<u>PROMOTIONS</u>						
SX 7923	Cpl	HAYWARD R F	do	Promoted to A/Sgt.	13 Mar	Vice SX 7375 Sgt PLUMMER C E - X List.
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 7997	Cpl	JENKINSON H R	do	Classified 1st Class (Non-Tradesman) at ME School of Cookery No 57 Course	14 Feb	

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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	
<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
SX 7261	Pte	EVERETT W A	2/48 Bn	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2220 hrs 10 Mar 42 AA 15 (1)		
				Award: Admonished by CO 2/48 Bn 13 Mar 42		
SX 5275	Pte	O'SULLIVAN M F	do	Offence: AWL from 0830 to 2200 hrs 24 Feb 42 AA 15 (1)		
				Award: 7 Days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 13 Mar 42		
SX 8468	Pte	HOARE P H	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 8 Mar 42 AA 15 (2)		
				Award: 3 Days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 13 Mar 42		
SX 11784	Pte	CLEARY J J	do	Offence: (1) Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 12 Mar 42 AA 15 (2)		
				(2) Breaking out of Bks AA 10 (4) 12 Mar 42		
SX 8651	Sgt	GOODE L R	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 6 Mar 42 AA 15 (2)		
				Award: Reprimanded by CO 2/48 Bn 13 Mar 42		

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					Date	
SX 12758	Pte	TRUCCINI D G	2/48 Bn	Offence: Neglect to obey a General Order	AA 11	11 Mar
				Award: 3 days C B by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn	12 Mar 42.	
SX 6939	Pte	LENNARD A G	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade		
				appointed by his CO 11 Mar 42	AA 15 (2)	
				Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn	12 Mar 42.	
SX 10840	Pte	SKINNER H E J	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade		
				appointed by his CO 26 Feb 42	AA 15 (2)	
				Award: 3 days CB by OC A Coy	7 Mar 42.	
SX 7234	Pte	GOOD A H	do	Offence: Neglect to obey a General Order	AA 11	11 Mar 42
				Award: 2 days CB by OC B Coy	12 Mar 42.	
SX 11160	Pte	WELSH S E	do	Offence: Neglect to obey a General Order	AA 11	11 Mar 42
				Award: 2 days CB by OC B Coy	12 Mar 42.	
SX 7354	Pte	JONES H C P	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade		
				appointed by his CO	AA 15 (2)	11 Mar 42
				Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy	13 Mar 42.	
SX 7166	Pte	DAVIS A R	do	Offence: Absent without leave	AA 15 (1)	10 Mar 42 2200-7370
				Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy	12 Mar 42.	

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					Date	
SX 7208	Pte	<u>DETACHED FOR DUTY</u> FRAGUR E A	2/48 Bn	Detached	16 Mar	To 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
SX 7950	Pte	<u>REJOINED UNIT</u> THOMAS J T	do	Marched in	14 Mar	From Pq Punishment Centre
SX 11670	Pte	McGREGOR-DEY D H	do	do	14 Mar	BHIRUT
SX 7808	Sgt	<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u> WESTON J K	do	"Very Good" METS No 4		Course from 11 to 23 Dec 41.
SX 8873	Pte	<u>MARCHED OUT</u> WRIGHT J D	do	Marched out	18 Mar	To 1 Aust Depot Bn for Medical Board. Authority 9 Aust Div A74/1/1241.
SX 7830	A/Cpl	<u>REVERSION</u> ALBRECHT K G	do	Reverted to Pte	13 Mar	
SX 7830	Pte	<u>PROMOTION</u> ALBRECHT K G	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	13 Mar	Vice SX 7923 Cpl HAYWARD R F - promoted to A/Sgt

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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	
Wk 10503	Pte	PAYNE M F	2/48 Bn	<p><u>DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL held at TRIPOLI on 9 Mar 42</u></p> <p><u>Offences:</u></p> <p>(1) When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior offr. AA 9 (2) 10 Feb 42. Pleaded Guilty.</p> <p>(2) When on active service using insubordinate language to his superior offr. AA 8 (2) 10 Feb 42 Finding of the Court - Guilty.</p> <p>(3) When on active service absenting himself without leave from 0830 hrs 13 Feb 42 to 1800 hrs 15 Feb 42 AA 15 (1) Finding of the Court - Not Guilty.</p> <p><u>Sentence:</u></p> <p>To undergo detention for 60 days 11 Mar 42. Confirmed by Brig R W TOVILL DSO ED 16 Mar 42 Promulgated in BA Pos No 145 of 18 Mar 42 period of confinement awaiting trial 23 days</p>		

(Date) 19 MAR. 1942 194

(Signature of Commander) Lt. Col. 2/48 BN., A.I.F. (Unit)

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<u>PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS</u>						
SX 7360	A/Cpl	WATSON L	2/48 Bn	Promoted	21 Mar	To A/Sgt
SX 7923	A/Sgt	HAYWARD H F	do	Rank of Sgt Confirmed	21 Mar	
<u>TRANSFERS</u>						
SX 7281	Pte	BAIRD G R	do	Transferred to AAOC	18 Mar	Authority ADOS 9 Aust Div OS/197/4
SX 8119	Pte	TODD F M	do	do	15 Sep 41	Authority ADOS (B) 9 Aust Div OS/209/4
<u>TRADE GROUPINGS</u>						
SX 7281	Pte	BAIRD G R	do	Relinquished	17 Mar	A/Group II Mech MT Paybook
SX 8119	Pte	TODD F M	do	do	14 Sep 41	Group III Dr Mech Paybook
SX 7117	Pte	MOLLOY G T	do	Graded	22 Feb	Group II Cook
<u>REVERSION</u>						
SX 7261	L/Cpl	EVERETT W A	do	Reverted to Pte	23 Mar	At own request

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

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<b>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</b>						
<b>The following personnel were taken on strength from 26 AUST INF TNG BN</b>						
SX 9480	Pte	AGARS R I	2/48 Bn	SX 7700 L/Cgt	HALE F W	2/48 Bn
SX 7832	"	BOASE M C	2/48 Bn	SX 6606 Pte	KOSTER L T	2/48 Bn
SX 7824	"	BRAUND C A	2/48 Bn	SX 7464 "	KENDALL P W	2/48 Bn
SX 10598	"	BANNISTER R	2/48 Bn	SX 7916 CPL	LAMPE W J L	2/48 Bn
SX 8843	"	BRECKEN M G	2/48 Bn	SX 7582 Pte	LLEWELYN D L	2/48 Bn
SX 7122	"	BARTHOLOMEW P G	2/48 Bn	SX 10247 "	MILDWATERS J A	2/48 Bn
SX 8459	"	BUCKLEY J J	2/48 Bn	SX 8871 "	MARTIN S A	2/48 Bn
SX 10464	"	COCKSHELL W D	2/48 Bn	SX 7292 "	McMAHON J A	2/48 Bn
SX 8847	"	CAMERON D D	2/48 Bn	SX 4804 "	PASCOS A J	2/48 Bn
SX 9432	"	DILLAN F V	2/48 Bn	SX 9283 "	R BERTSON P S D	2/48 Bn
SX 6900	"	HUXTABLE J E	2/48 Bn	SX 7695 "	SCHUBERT E S J	2/48 Bn
SX 7682	"	HAUPT D R	2/48 Bn	SX 7738 "	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	2/48 Bn
SX 5896	"	HOSKINS S F	2/48 Bn	SX 7472 "	STEICKE L G	2/48 Bn
SX 7876	"	STEVENS F	2/48 Bn	SX 5466 "	STODDART J R	2/48 Bn
SX 7732	"	SCHULT	2/48 Bn	SX 8204 "	VIVIAN E W	2/48 Bn
SX 11304	"	WATTS A G	2/48 Bn	SX 10476 "	SPRIGGS R M	2/48 Bn
SX 9570	"	SEIVER A S H	2/48 Bn			

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<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 7117	Pte	MOLLOY G T	2/48 Bn	Attending ME School of Cookery, Cooks Course from		
				24 Mar - 13 Apr 42.	Marched out 22 Mar 42	
SX 7338	Sgt	BYVOR W	do	Qualified, METS No 7 Course		Junior British Leaders Wing
SX 7933	Cpl	STEWART W H	do	ditto		
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>						
SX 7835	Sgt	DODD A C	do	Marched in	22 Mar	From 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
SX 7997	Cpl	JENKINSON H	do	do	22 Mar	do
SX 7930	Pte	SQUIRE A W	do	do	22 Mar	do
SX 3917	Sgt	ZIESING F G	do	do	22 Mar	do
<u>APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS</u>						
WX 10416	L/Cpl	SCOTT H L	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jan	Vice SX 7512 L/Sgt CROSS A R detached 28 Jan 42
SX 7399	L/Cpl	LOVELOCK R B	do	do A/Cpl	18 Mar	Vice SX 9034 A/Cpl TIRTZEL N A reverted to Pte.
SX 8670	L/Cpl	GLANNON W J	do	do A/Cpl	15 Mar	Vacancy new est.
SX 7801	Pte	SMITH E S	do	Appointed L/Cpl	23 Mar	

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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>PUNISHMENTS</b>						
SX 11785	Pte	EVANS J O	2/48 Bn	Offence: Neglect to obey a general order AA 11 20 Mar 42 Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 26 Mar 42		
SX 7483	Pte	HANEL I C	do	Offence: Being a soldier acting as sentinel leaving his post before he is regularly relieved AA 6 (2) 12 Mar 42 Award: Fined 14 Day's Pay & 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 25 Mar 42		
SX 9034	A/Cpl	TIRTZEL N A	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2220 hrs 13 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: Admonished by O C B Coy 2/48 Bn 26 Mar 42		
SX 7936	Pte	MURPHY H	do	Offence: Being a soldier acting as sentinel leaving his post before he is regularly relieved 12 Mar 42 AA 6 (2) Award: Fined 14 Day's Pay & 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 25 Mar 42		
SX 8469	Pte	HOARE W E	do	Offence: Being a soldier acting as sentinel leaving his post before he is regularly relieved 12 Mar 42 AA 6 (2) Award: Fined 14 Day's Pay & 14 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn 25 Mar 42		
SX 9388	Pte	BROWN C G	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO on 21 Mar 42 AA 15 (2) Award: Fined 5/- by CO 2/48 Bn 25 Mar 42		

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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>PUNISHMENTS</b>						
SX 10561	Pte	CRACKNELL R H	2/48 Bn	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO on 20 Mar 42	AA 15 (2)	
				Award: Fined £1 by CO 2/48 Bn	25 Mar 42	
SX 7667	Pte	DABINETT L A	do	Offence: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline	16 Mar 42	AA 40
				Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn	25 Mar 42	
<b>PROMOTIONS</b>						
SX 7641	L/Cpl	PERRY F	do	Promoted to Cpl	25 Mar	New Est
<b>REJOINED UNIT</b>						
SX 7056	L/Sgt	PEARSON F B	do	Marched in	21 Mar	From 9 Army Inf Weapons Sch
<b>DETACHED FOR DUTY</b>						
SX 9359	Pte	WESTPHALEN E G	do	Detached	26 Mar	2/4 Aust Fd Hygiene Sec
<b>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</b>						
SX 7291	Pte	GROCKE A T	do	Evacuated	18 Mar	2/3 Aust CCS
SX 8875	Cpl	YOUNG A K	do	do	20 Mar	do
WX 9872	Pte	ALDERSEA R	do	do	19 Mar	do

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Army N°.	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).
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>						
SX 6829	L/Cpl	BILLING C R P	2/48 Bn	Marched in	25 Feb	From 1 Aust Corps Ski Sch
SX 8878	Pte	BELLINGER G W	do	do	25 Feb	do
SX 7670	"	APLIN C R	do	do	25 Feb	do
SX 9458	"	MONTGOMERIE E L	do	do	25 Feb	do
SX 10241	"	LEARY R	do	do	25 Feb	do
<u>DETACHED FOR DUTY</u>						
SX 8190	Pte	GILL C G	do	Marched out TRANSFER	26 Feb	To HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
SX 7208	Pte	TEAGUE E A	do	do DETACHED	25 Feb	To 1 Aust Corps Ski Sch
SX 7056	L/Sgt	PEARSON F B	do	do DETACHED	24 Feb	To 9 Army Inf weapons Sch as Instr.
<u>TRADE GROUPING</u>						
<del>SX 8119</del>	<del>Pte</del>	<del>TODD F M</del>	<del>do</del>	<del>Graded</del>	<del>15 Sep 41</del>	<del>To Group I Fitter</del>
				<del>Relinquished</del>	<del>14 Sep</del>	<del>Group III Dr Mech</del>

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(Signature of Commander) L. Col.

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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>PUNISHMENTS</b>						
SXX 7415	Pte	STEWART A R	2/48 Bn	Offence: Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline	17 Feb 42 AA 40.	
				Award: Admonished by CO 2/48 Bn	24 Feb 42. Informed stoppage of pay for damages and licence suspended.	
SX 9830	Pte	PARRY B D	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2355 hrs	22 Feb 42 AA 15 (1)	
				Award: 5 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn	25 Feb 42	
SX 10561	Pte	CRACKNELL R H	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2355 hrs	22 Feb 42 AA 15 (1)	
				Award: 5 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn	25 Feb 42	
SX 8665	Pte	LAMING C W	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO	15 Feb 42. AA 15 (2)	
				Award: 2 days CB by OC C Coy 2/48 Bn	26 Feb 42	
SX 11160	Pte	WELSH S E	do	Offence: AWL from 1000 hrs to 1945 hrs	24 Feb 42 AA 15 (1)	
				Award: Fined £1-10-0 27 Feb 42 by Adm Comd 2/48 Bn	27 Feb. Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.	
SX 7675	Pte	DOLAN J J	do	Offence: Neglecting to obey a routine order	AA 11 24 Feb 42	
				Award: Admonished by A/OC HQ Coy 2/48 Bn	26 Feb 42	
SX 8509	Pte	BOYBS A L	do	Offence: AWL from 1730 hrs 21 Dec 42 to 1300 hrs 22 Dec 41	AA 15 (1).	
				(2) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.	AA 40	

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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 8509	Pte	BOYES A L	(Contd)	Award: (1) Fined £2 (2) Fined £2; by Maj Adm Comd 2/48 Bn 27 Feb 42.		
SX 7483	Pte	HANEL I C	2/48 Bn	Automatic forfeiture 1 day's pay. Offence: Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior offr. 3 Sep 41. AA 9		
WX 9818	Pte	WELCH J B	do	Award: Fined £5 by Adm Comd 2/48 Bn 27 Feb 42 Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 13 Feb 42 AA 15 (2)		
SX 7478	Pte	IZZELL M R	dp	Award: admonished by CO Coy 2/48 Bn 27 Feb 42 Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO 15 Feb 42 AA 15 (2)		
SX 6939	Pte	LENNARD A G	do	Award: 1 day CB by OC C Coy 2/48 Bn 27 Feb 42 Offence: AWL from 0830 to 2200 hrs 24 Feb 42 AA 15 (1) Award: Fined £2-10-0 by Adm Comd 2/48 Bn 27 Feb 42 Automatic forfeiture 1 days Pay.		

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# CASUALTY RETURN - OFFICERS AND NURSES

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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).
Maj.	<u>REJOINED UNIT</u> BATTEN R L	2/48 Bn	Marched in	11 Mar	From 1 Aust Corps Ski Sch.
Lieut	<u>NEXT OF KIN - SUPPLEMENTARY</u> KING B R	do	Miss Mary DEMPSEY, 255 Port Road, KILKENNY SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		

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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).
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>					
Lieut	BEER H R	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	14 Mar	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb, <del>probable absence more than 30 days.</del> - X List
<u>DETACHED FOR DUTY</u>					
Maj	BATTEN R L	do	Detached	16 Mar	To 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>					
Lieut	MAZZUCHELLI S A B	do	Marched out	15 Mar	Attending ME SME No 17 Fd Wks (All Arms) Wing from 18 Mar - 4 Apr 42

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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).
	<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>				
Lieut	HEFFRON L H	2/48 Bn	Marched in	19 Mar	From Interpretation of Air Photographs Course 2 - 15 Mar 42
	<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>				
Lieut	TRELOAR H F	do	Qualified NEWTS No 35 Mortar in 3" and 2" Mortars and .45		Course from 10 - 28 Feb 42 Pistol
	<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>				
Lieut	TRELOAR H F	do	Marched in	22 Mar	From NEWTS No 35 Mortar Course from 10 - 28 Feb 42
	<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>				
Lieut	HILL D P	do	Marched in	22 Mar	From 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
Lieut	JOHNSON G E	do	do	22 Mar	do

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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).
<u>DETACHED FOR DUTY</u>					
Maj	BATTEN R L	2/48 Bn	Detached	25 Feb	To 1 Aust Corps Ski Sch
Lieut	PAECH I G	do	do	26 Feb	To HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>					
Lieut	GILLIS D M	do	Marched out	28 Feb	Attending ME DM & ME Sch No 1 Junior Offrs Course 2 - 28 Mar 42
Lieut	HEPFRON L H	do	do	28 Feb	Attending Interpretation of Air Photographs Course 2 - 15 Mar 42
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>					
Lieut	GOODWIN O D	do	Marched in	22 Feb	From 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn

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Lt. Col  
Comd. 2/48 Bn A.I.F.

(Unit to which personnel are attached) **2/48 Aust Inf Bn**

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

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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>SX 10192</b>	<b>Capt</b>	<b>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS DAWKINS</b>	<b>AAMC</b>	<b>Evacuated</b>	<b>23 Feb</b>		<b>To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb and transferred to X List</b>
<b>VX 39180</b>	<b>Capt</b>	<b>ATTACHED FOR DUTY (Temporarily) PROUGHAN</b>	<b>AAMC</b>	<b>Marched in</b>	<b>24 Feb</b>		
<b>OFFICERS.</b>							
<b>OTHER RANKS.</b>							

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).

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Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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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 7281	Pte	BAIRD	G R AACG	Attached for duty	18 Mar 42		Authority ADOS 9 Aust Div OS/197/4
SX 8119	Pte	TODD	do	do	15 Sep 41		Authority DADOS (E) 9 Aust Div OS/209/4
<b>TRADE GROUPING</b>							
SX 7281	Pte	BAIRD	G R	Graded	18 Mar 42		Group I Fitter
SX 8119	Pte	TODD	F M	do	15 Sep 41		

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).

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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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)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		1
Majors ... ..	2		3
Captains ... ..	7		
Lieutenants ... ..	27 (incl 8 supernumary)	8	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	37	8	4

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	TRELOAR H P	2/48 Bn	22 Mar	26 AITB - School
Lieut	HILL D P	do	22 Mar	X List - 26 AITB
Lieut	JOHNSON G E	do	22 Mar	X List - 26 AITB

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	BATTEN R L	2/48 Bn	14 Mar	Seconded
Lieut	PABCH I G	do	11 Mar	Seconded
Lieut	BYRNE W A	do	24 Mar	Detached

## 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		HAMMER H H	C O	Yes	
Maj		BULL G J	2 I/C	"	
		SCOTT T H	Coy Comd	"	
Capt		TUCKER F A G	"	"	
		CLUTTERBUCK A V	"	"	
		EDMONDS G S	Adjt	"	
		WILLIAMS C F	Coy Comd	"	
		SHILLAKER R S	Coy 2I/C	"	
		LEACH I A	QM	"	
		BRYANT D	Coy 2I/C	"	
Lieut		HILL D P	A/ do	"	
		REID W R	A/ do	"	
		CROMPTON P	Pl Comd	"	
		LEMESSURIER R W	"	"	
		KIMBER D G	"	"	
		ROBBINS P	"	"	
		THREDGOLD F B	"	"	
		POTTER J D	"	"	
		KING B R	A/I O	"	
		JOHNSON G E	Pl Comd	"	
		WRIGHT M	"	"	
		McLELLAN M	"	"	
		HEFFRON L H	"	"	
		NICHOLAS P W	"	"	
		WALLIS D N	"	No	SCHOOL
		BYRNE W A	"	No	DETACHED
		TRELOAR H P	"	Yes	
		SMITH J W	"	"	
		MURPHY B A	"	"	
		GOODEN O D	"	"	
		MAZZUCCHELLI S A B	"	No	SCHOOL
		LEWIN R W	"	Yes	
		TAGGART C E	"	"	
		<u>ATTACHED</u>			
		NELSON V H	"	"	
		WILLIAMS D C C	"	"	
		HAMILTON B Y	"	"	
		KENNEALLY R E	"	"	

(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.
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD B C	AA Ch Dept	13Oct40	Padre
Capt		FRASER A N	AAMC	24Feb42	A/RMO

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

28 Mar 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*A.H. Hammer*

(Signature of Commander.)

26 Aust Inf Bde

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

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

# CASUALTY RETURN - OFFICERS AND NURSES

Date of last A.F. W. 3010 rendered 24 Mar 1942

No. of sheet attached to this return .....

Detail of casualties to officers and nurses 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, 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 connected with an officer's or nurse's service.

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>SECONDMENTS</b>				
Maj	BATTEN R L	2/48 Bn	Seconded	14 Mar	26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
Lieut	PARCH I G	do	do	11 Mar	26 Aust Inf Bde
	<b>DETACHED FOR DUTY</b>				
Lieut	BYRNE W A	do	Detached	24 Mar	9 Aust Div (Bk Detention Room)

(Date) 28 MAR. 1942 194

(Signature of Commander)

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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

27/42

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered  
 24 Mar 1942 Number of sheets

(Unit to which personnel are attached) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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

attached to this 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). 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>							
<u>NEXT OF KIN - CHANGE OF ADDRESS</u>							
NX 70328	Chaplain	ARCHBOLD B C	AA Ch Dept	Next of Kin, Wife, Isabel Doris ARCHBOLD New Adress - MEADE STREET, GLEN INNES, N S W			
<b>OTHER RANKS.</b>							

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) 28 MAR. 1942 19.....  
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*[Signature]*  
 (Signature and appointment of Officer.)  
 Comd. 2/48 Bn. A. I. F.

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

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# CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 26 MAR 1942

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

No. of Sheets 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. 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	
<u>SCHOOLS &amp; COURSES</u>						
SX 7456	Sgt	DITTY L A	2/48 Bn	Marched out	26 Mar	Attending METS No 9 Junior Leaders Course 30 Mar - 11 Apr
<u>DETACHED FOR DUTY</u>						
SX 7089	Sgt	KIBBY W H	do	Detached	24 Mar	9 Aust Div (BK Detention Room)
<u>TRANSFERS</u>						
SX 7208	Pte	FRAGUE E A	do	Marched out	16 Mar	26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSION</u>						
SX 7501	Pte	GERLACH D H	do	Evacuated	25 Mar	2/3 Aust CCS

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(Date) ..... 194.....

(Signature of Commander)

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 28 Mar 1942 (Date).

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

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

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants	28		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	69		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	703		2
TOTALS	810	.	2

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

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

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Medical Sgt	AAMC	Fitters MV -	
Chiropodist	AAMC	3 Gp I & 1 A/Sgt	AAOC
Med Orderlies		Batman Dr	26 Aust Inf Bde
2 Ptes	AAMC	Pay Sgt	AAPC
Armourer Cpl	AAOC	Postal Cpl	AA Postal C
Shoemaker	AAOC		

**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 10269	WO II	WILSON J J	2/48 Bn	
SX 8011	Cpl	SCUTT T A	do	26 Aust Inf Eng Bn
SX 8027	Sgt	AYRES J F	do	do

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
See Part C																			2	
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																			2	

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 28 Mar 42

*AA Hammer*

Comd, 2/48 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)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	7		3
Lieutenants ... ..	27 (incl 3 supernumary)	8	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	38	8	3

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Trilock	H.F. 2/48 Bn	26 AITB

**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		HAMMER H H	CO	YES	
Maj		BATTEN R L	2 1/e	NO	DETACHED
		BULL G J	COY COMD	YES	
		SCOTT T H	DO	"	
Capt		TUCKER F A G	DO	"	
		CLUTTERBUCK A V	DO	"	
		EDMUNDS G S	ADJT	"	
		WILLIAMS C F	COY COMD	"	
		SHILLAKER R S	COY 2 1/e	"	
		LEACH I A	QM	"	
		BRYANT D	COY 2 1/e	"	
Lieut		REID/ W R	A/ DO	"	
		BEER H R	PL COMD	"	
		CROMPTON P	A/COY 21/e	"	
		LeMESSURIER R W	PL COMD	"	
		KIMBER D G	DO	"	
		ROBBINS P	DO	"	
		THREDGOLD F B	DO	"	
		POTTER J D	DO	"	
		KING B R	A/IO	"	
		PAECH I G	IO	NO	DETACHED
		WRIGHT M	PL COMD	YES	
		McLELLAN N	DO	"	
		HEFFRON L H	DO	NO	SCHOOL
		NICHOLAS P W	DO	YES	
		WALLIS D N	DO	NO	SCHOOL
		BYRNE W A	DO	YES	
		TRELOAR H F	DO	NO	(School 26 AITB from
		SMITH J W	DO	YES	
		MURPHY E A	DO	YES	
		GOODEN O D	DO	"	
		MAZZUCHELLI S A B	DO	"	
		LEVIN R W	DO	"	
		<u>ATTACHED</u>			
		TAGGART C E	DO	"	
		NELSON V N	DO	"	
		WILLIAMS D C C	DO	"	
		HAMILTON B Y	DO	"	
		FENNEALLY R E	DO	"	

(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 CH	13Oct40	PADRE
			DEPT		

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

*H. H. Hammer*  
Comd (Signature of Commander.)

7 Mar 42

(Date of Despatch.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 7 Mar 42 19 (Date).

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

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

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants	26		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, etc.	685		24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>738</b>		<b>24</b>

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

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

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Medical sgt	AAMC	Fitters MV -	
Chiropodist	AAMC	1 Gp I & 1 A/Sgt	AACC
Med Orderlies		Batman Dr	26 Aust Inf Bde
2 Ptes	AAMC	Pay Sgt	AAPC
Armourer - Cpl	AACC	Postal Cpl	AA Postal C
Shoemaker	AACC		

**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 10269	WO II	WILSON J J	2/48 Bn	
SX 7930	Pte	SQUIRES A W	do	
SX 7997	Cpl	JENKINSON H R	do	
SX 7338	Sgt	FRYON W E	do	
SX 7933	Cpl	STEWART W H	do	
SX 3917	Sgt	ZINSING F G	do	? AGH

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
"    " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																			5	
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
Mortarmen																			8	
Clerks																			1	Good Typist
Int																			2	) Irwin H V ) Simpson A M
X List																			6	See Part C
General duty personnel																				
Fd Works																			2	) Collins S G ) Bridgeland LW
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																			24	

PERSONNEL MENTIONED IN REMARKS COLUMN ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

7 Mar 42

*J.H. Hammer*

Signature of Commander.

26 Aust Inf Bn. A.I.F.

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 19 14 Mar 48 (Date).

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

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

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	26		
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	57		
	333		27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>735</b>		

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

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

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Medical Sgt	AAAC	Fitters MV	
Chiropodist	AAAC	1 Op 1 & 1 A/Sgt	AAAC
Med Orderlies		B atman Dr	26 Aust Inf Bde
2 Ptes	AAAC	Pay Sgt	AAFC
Armourer Opl	AAAC	Postal Opl	AA Postal C
Shoemaker	AAAC		

**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 10269	WO II	WILSON J J	2/48 Bn	
SX 7930	Pte	SQUIRE A W	do	
SX 7997	Cpl	JENKINSON H R	do	
SX 3917	Sgt	ZIESING F G	do	
SX 8971	Pte	MARTIN S A	do	
SX 7700	L/Sgt	HALE F W	do	
SX 7862	Pte	LEWELLYN D L	do	
SX 7732	Pte	SCHOLE C H	do	

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"    " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<b>Northmen</b>																				9
<b>Clerks</b>																				1 Good typist
<b>Int</b>																				2 ) Irwin H V
																				) Simpson A M
<b>X List</b>																				3 See Part C
<b>Fd Wks</b>																				4 ) Collins S G
																				) Bridgeland LW
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																				

PERSONNEL MENTIONED IN REMARKS COLUMN ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 14 Nov 42

*H H Hammer*

Signature of Commander.

Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	7		3
Lieutenants ... ..	27 (incl 8 supernumerary)	8	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	38	8	3

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	BATTEN R L	2/48 Bn	11 Mar	From detachment
Capt	FRASER A N	AAMC	24 Feb	A/RMO

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	DAWKINS D C	AAMC	23 Feb	X List - 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.)
Lieut	TRELOAR H F	2/48 Bn	26 Aust Inf Tng Bn

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col Maj		HAMMER H H	CO	YES	
		BATTEN R L	2 I/c	"	
Capt		BULL G J	Coy Comd	"	
		SCOTT T H	do	"	
		TUCKER F A G	do	"	
		CLUTTERBUCK A V	do	"	
		EDMONDS G S	Adjnt	"	
		WILLIAMS C F	Coy Comd	"	
		SHILLAKER R S	Coy 2 I/c	"	
Lieut		LEACH I A	QM	"	
		BRYANT D	Coy 2 I/c	"	
		REID W R	A/ do	"	
		BEER H R	Pl Comd	"	
		CROMPTON P	A/Coy 2 I/c	"	
		LEMESSURIER R W	Pl Comd	"	
		KIMBER D G	do	"	
		ROBBINS P	do	"	
		THREDGOLD F B	do	"	
		POTTER J D	do	"	
		KING B R	A/IO	"	
		PAECH I G	IO	NO	Detached
		WRIGHT M	Pl Comd	Yes	
		McLELLAN N	do	"	
		HEFFRON L H	do	No	School
		NICHOLAS P W	do	Yes	
		WALLIS D N	do	No	School
		BYRNE W A	do	Yes	
		TRELOAR H F	do	No	26 AITB from Sch
		SMITH J W	do	Yes	
	MURPHY E A	do	"		
	GOODEN O D	do	"		
	MAZZUCHELLI S A B	do	"		
	LEWIN R W	do	"		
	<u>ATTACHED</u>				
		TAGGART C E	do	"	
		NELSON V N	do	"	
		WILLIAMS D C C	do	"	
		HAMILTON B Y	do	"	
		KENNEALLY R E	do	"	

(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.
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD B C	AA Ch		
Capt		FRASER A N	Dept AANC	13 Oct 40 24 Feb 42	PADRE A/RMO

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

14 Mar 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*A. H. Hammer*

Comd. (Signature of Commander.)

26 Aust Inf Bde

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

(Margin for Filing Purposes) 24/42

ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

2/48 BN., A.I.F. (Unit)

# CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 19 Mar 1942

No. of Sheets attached to this return 1

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	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
<b>REJOINED UNIT</b>						
SX 9359	Pte	WESTPHALEN E G	2/48 Bn	Marched in	16 Mar	From Anti Malaria School
SX 7222	Pte	WHIMPRESS H	do	do	16 Mar	do
SX 8497	Pte	LAWRIE C H	do	do	16 Mar	From Fd Punishment Centre BEIRUT
<b>TRADE GROUPINGS</b>						
WX 10675	Pte	BALLIE J B	do	Graded	24 Feb	To Group II Signaller
SX 7163	Pte	COLLINS R R	do	do	24 Feb	do
WX 10613	Pte	BENCHAM A F	do	do	24 Feb	do
WX 9173	Pte	BOWRON J M	do	Relinquished	20 Mar	Group III Dr Trans Plant
<b>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</b>						
WX 9173	Pte	BOWRON J M	do	Marched in	20 Mar	From 3 Aust Rly Con Coy RAE
<b>PUNISHMENTS</b>						
WX 12029	Pte	HAYWARD L	do	Offence: Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO on 10 Mar 42 AA 15 (2)		
SX 7755	Pte	KERGAN J	do	Award: Admonished by A/OC HQ Coy 2/48 Bn 20 Mar 42 Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2230 hrs 15 Mar 42 AA 15 (1)		
				Award: Admonished by A/OC HQ Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		

(Date) 21 MAR. 1942 194

(Signature of Commander) Lt. Col. 2/48 BN., A.I.F. (Unit)

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(Unit)

# CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

24/42

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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	
<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
SX 9388	Pte	BROWN C G	2/48 Bn	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2240 hrs 12 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		
SX 8058	Pte	MAY L E	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2225 hrs 13 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		
SX 8509	Pte	BOYES A L	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2225 hrs 13 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		
SX 7669	Pte	MILLER W	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2225 hrs 13 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		
WX 9830	Pte	PARRY B D	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2240 hrs 12 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		
SX 5304	Pte	COLEMAN E W	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 to 2240 hrs 12 Mar 42 AA 15 (1) Award: 3 days CB by OC B Coy 2/48 Bn 16 Mar 42		
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>						
SX 11052	Pte	SHANE V M	do	Evacuated	11 Mar	To 2/3 Aust CCS - X List
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
SX 11052	Pte	SHANE V M	do	Marched in	18 Mar	From 2/3 Aust CCS.

(Date) 21 MAR. 1942 194.....

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

2/48 BN., A.I.F. (Unit)

# 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)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7		3
Lieutenants ...	26 (incl 7 supernumary)	7	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	37	7	3

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

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	HEFFRON L H	2/48 Bn	19 Mar	From School

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	BATTEN R L	2/48 Bn	16 Mar	Detached
Lieut	BEER H R	do	14 Mar	X List - 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.)
Lieut	TRELOAR H F	2/48 Bn	26 Aust Inf Tng Bn
Lieut	HILL D P	do	do

**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 Maj		HAMMER H H	CO	YES	
		BATTEN R L	2 I/e	NO	DETACHED
Capt		BULL G J	Coy Comd	YES	
		SCOTT T H	do	"	
		TUCKER F A G	do	"	
		CLUTTERBUCK A V	do	"	
		EDMUNDS G S	Adjt	"	
		WILLIAMS C F	Coy Comd	"	
		SHILLAKER R S	Coy 2 I/e	"	
Lieut		LEACH I A	GM	"	
		BRYANT D	Coy 2I/e	"	
		REID W R	A/ do	"	
		CROMPTON P	A/Coy 2 I/e	"	
		LEMESSURIER H W	P1 Comd	"	
		KIMBER D G	do	"	
		ROBBINS P	do	"	
		THREDGOLD F B	do	"	
		POTTER J D	do	"	
		KING B R	A/ IO	"	
		PAECH I G	IO	NO	DETACHED
		WRIGHT M	P1 Comd	YES	
		McLELLAN N	do	"	
		HEFFRON L H	do	YES	
		NICHOLAS F V	do	"	
		WALLIS D N	do	NO	SCHOOL
		BYRNE W A	do	YES	
		TRELOAR H F	do	NO	26 AITB from Sch
		SMITH J W	do	YES	
		MURPHY E A	do	"	
	GOODEN O D	do	"		
	MAZZUCHELLI S A B	do	NO	SCHOOL	
	LEWIN R W	do	YES		
	<b>ATTACHED</b>				
		TAGGART C E	do	"	
		NELSON V N	do	"	
		WILLIAMS D C C	do	"	
		HAMILTON B Y	do	"	
		KENNEALLY R E	do	"	

(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.
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD B C	AA CH Dept	13Oct40	Padre
Capt		FRASER A N	AAMC	24Feb42	A/RMO

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

21 Mar 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*H. Hammer* Lt. Col.

Comd. (Signature of Commander.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 21 Mar 42 19 (Date).

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

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

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants	27		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	66		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	683		26
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>786</b>		<b>26</b>

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

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

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Medical Sgt	AAMC	Fitters MV -	
Chiropodist	AAMC	1 Gp I & 1 A/Sgt	AAOC
Med Orderlies		Batman Dr	26 Aust Inf Bde
2 Ptes	AAMC	Pay Sgt	AAPC
Armourer Cpl	AAOC	Postal Cpl	AA Postal C
Shoemaker	AAOC		

**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 10269	WO II	WILSON J J	2/48 Bn	
SX 7930	Pte	SQUIRE A W	"	26 ITB
SX 7997	Cpl	JENKINSON H R	"	"
SX 3917	Sgt	ZIESING F G	"	"
SX 8871	Pte	MARTIN S A	"	"
SX 7700	L/Sgt	HALE F W	"	"
SX 7582	Pte	LLEWELYN D L	"	"
SX 7732	Pte	SCHULZ C H	"	"
SX 8011	Cpl	SCUTT T A	"	"

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"    " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																			5	
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<b>Mortarmen</b>																			7	
<b>Clerk</b>																			1	Good typist
<b>Int</b>																			2	Irwin H V
																				Simpson A M
<b>X List</b>																			9	See Part C
<b>Fd wks</b>																			2	Collins S G
																				Bridgland L W
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A)																				26

PERSONNEL MENTIONED IN THE REMARKS COLN ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 21 Mar 42

*H. H. Hammer*  
Lt. Col.

Comd. 2/48 Bn, A. Signature of Commander.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

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Monday 2 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 2 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
Main Gd  
CD Mob Det  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
Duty Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut V N NELSON  
Sgt FRASER C  
L/Cpl SCOTT H L  
Sig Pl 1 OR, Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 3 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
Main Gd  
CD Mob Det  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
Duty Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut M WRIGHT  
Cpl BRAUND W G  
L/Cpl ADAMS R T  
Sig Pl 1 OR, Duty Coy 2 ORs

*William [unclear] for*  
Capt

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*Tuesday* 3 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 3 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut J W SMITH  
Sgt POLKING HORNE A H  
Cpl FLETCHER F W  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 4 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

A Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R W LEWIN  
Sgt FARRELL T W  
Cpl LOVEDAY R T  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

*Melison Lewis*  
for Capt  
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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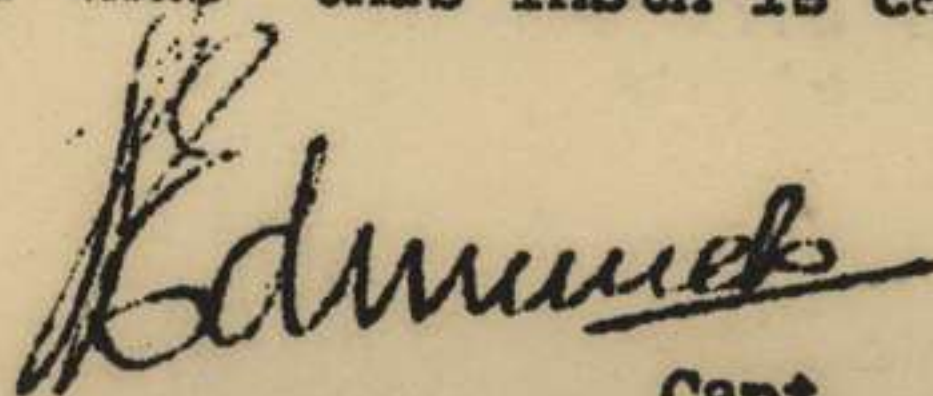
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AMR&O 1587Wednesday 4 Mar 421 Bn DUTIES 4 Mar 42Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Picture Picquet  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn OrderliesA Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut P NICHOLAS  
Cpl PATON H  
L/Cpl BILLING C R P  
Sig Pl 1OR Duty Coy 2 ORs2 Bn DUTIES 5 Mar 42Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Picture Picquet  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn OrderliesC Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut N McLELLAN  
Cpl HAYWARD R F  
L/Cpl ADAMS R T  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

3 DRESS:- w e f 4 Mar Gds will mount with steel helmets and all ranks will wear full webbing eqpt for all parades. Webbing will be kept fully assembled at all times to facilitate moving out on CD tasks.

- 4 GEN:- (i) The attention of all ranks is drawn to a new publication by GHQ and MEF in the form of a pocket digest called "GEN".  
(ii) "GEN" will be published fortnightly, appearing on the 1st and 15th of each month beginning 1st Feb 42. AS a digest it will contain reading matter of all sorts - serious and otherwise. It is designed to meet all tastes. In a sense it is an amplification of "FACTS WORTH THINKING ABOUT", which it will supercede. It will be well illustrated with photographs, drawings and caricatures.  
(iii) The magazine may be had on payment on application to the Editor, GHQ, MEF. Units ordering in bulk are allowed 10% discount on the sale price to the public. Cheques should be made out to the Editor, "GEN", and invoices will be sent for monthly settlement.  
(iv) The price is Pt 2 per copy (25 mils in PALESTINE). Individuals may take out subscription for quarterly, semi-annual, or annual periods to any part of the world. Rates for despatch through Military Post to members of the service are: Three months, Pt 10, six months Pt 20, one year Pt 40. Rates for despatch through civil post where postage is incurred may be had on application to the Editor. Once a subscription has been paid, despatch remains the responsibility of the Editor, who does all in his power to see that copies reach their destination  
(v) "GEN" has passed censorship and can be sent to all non-enemy and non-enemy occupied countries.  
(vi) All ranks in the MEF are asked to co-operate with the Editor in giving this paper the widest possible circulation, so that it may fulfil the purpose for which it is produced.

5 LIQUOR - LEAVE PARTIES. No beer or other liquor will be carried, by personnel proceeding on or returning from leave and no purchases of liquor will be made on route. Picquet Offrs and Offrs in Charge of leave parties will be responsible that this instn is carried out.



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Friday 6 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 6 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut M WRIGHT  
Cpl MOSSOP J L  
L/Cpl GLENNON W J  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 7 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut J W SMITH  
Sgt HEATH H C  
Cpl KEATS R G  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

- 3 REVEILLE:-- On Sundays Reveille will be at 0700 hrs and at Bn Parade will be at 0845 hrs following which RC personnel will be fallen out and taken over by Lieut E A MURPHY.

Capt  
Adj 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

- A Singles Dart Tournament will be held on Monday 9 Mar at 1930 hrs  
The usual Bridge Tournament will be held on Tuesday 10 Mar  
Entries for the above close on Sunday night  
A Euchre Tournament will be held on Thursday 12 Mar  
On Friday 11 Mar there will be a Quoits Tournament. This will be a doubles match, partners to be drawn from a hat - names of those present at 1930 hrs when match will commence. If a good number enter this will be made a weekly feature. Entries for Euchre and Quoits close Tuesday night.  
Details of a Doubles Table Tennis competition will be promulgated later. It is regretted that the Picture night is postponed.

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Saturday 7 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 7 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut J W SMITH  
Sgt HEATH H C  
Cpl KEATS R G  
Sig Pl 1OR Duty Coy 20Rs

2 Bn DUTIES 8 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

D Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut S AB MAZZUCHELLI  
Sgt EVANS L R  
L/Cpl WILLING A T D  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

- 3 FIRE PRECAUTIONS:-** Precautions against the outbreak of fire and Standing Orders for fire Picquets are available at Bn HQ. These are to be notified to all ranks so that all personnel are acquainted with the procedure should an outbreak occur. Any man noticing an outbreak of fire will immediately give the alarm and notify Bn HQ.
- 4 CLEANINESS OF KITCHENS:-** With the approach of warm weather the importance of scrupulous cleanliness of kitchens is stressed. It has been noted that the present standard is not good and that meals are spoiled and tainted by cooking in dirty utensils.
- 5 BRITISH BATTLE DRESS - NOT TO BE WORN:-** Wearing of the type of uniform known as "British Battle Dress" is an infringement of AIF (ME) Orders of Dress in which is laid down Order of Dress for the AIF. Wearing of British Battle Dress will cease forthwith and any disregard of this Order will be treated as a matter for disciplinary action.
- 6 LOSS AND PILFERING OF GOVT PROPERTY:-** Examination by censorship has revealed that parcels despatched by members of the AIF to relatives and friends contain certain articles classified as loot and also Govt property. This practice will cease forthwith and disciplinary action will be taken against both the sender of the parcel and the franking Offr when breaches are detected. In this regard it is stressed that extra unit censorship has recently been greatly extended. It is forbidden to despatch to any private address any article of Govt property or loot in the form of captured enemy clothing material of any type incl live amm and explosives, or documents, books or any other articles of value to the Intelligence Service in determining identification and acquiring information regarding the enemy. Objects which are only curios or souvenirs and are of no military value may be despatched.
- 7 SICK PARADE:-** On occasions when Revbelle is at 0700 hrs Sick Parade will be held at 0730 hrs.

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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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Sunday 8 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 8 Mar 42

Duty Coy	D Coy
CD Mobile Det	A Coy
Main Gd	Duty Coy
Picture Picquet	Duty Coy
Bn Orderly Offr	Lieut S A B MZZUCHELLI
Bn Orderly Sgt	Sgt EVANS L R
Bn Orderly Cpl	L/Cpl WILLING A T D
Bn Orderlies	Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 9 Mar 42

Duty Coy	G Coy
CD Mobile Det	B Coy
Main Gd	Duty Coy
Picture Picquet	Duty Coy
Bn Orderly Offr	Lieut B Y HAMILTON
Bn Orderly Sgt	Cpl KENNEDY H E
Bn Orderly Cpl	Cpl STEWART C W
Bn Orderlies	Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

3 PUBLICATIONS

"Notes on the Laws and Usages of War" has been issued on the basis of one per Offr. This information will be passed on to all ranks as soon as possible and fully understood.

4 LEAVE:- TRIPOLI 9 Mar (80)

xA Coy 34  
 xD Coy 15  
 HQ Coy 20  
 Bn HQ 10  
 G(R) 1

## TRIPOLI 11 Mar (30)

xC Coy 13  
 HQ Coy 17

## Pictures 12 Mar (95)

xB Coy 26  
 C Coy 16  
 D Coy 16  
 xHQ Coy 28  
 Bn HQ 8  
 G (R) 1

each supply one Offr

*W. H. D. Hunt*  
 for Capt

Adjut 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

The tailor operating in HQ Coy block will cease duties on 14 Mar 42. Thereafter work required to be done will be handed in through CQMSs

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1 Bn DUTIES 9 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offs  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

C Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut B Y HAMILTON  
Cpl KENNEDY H E  
Cpl STEWART C W  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 10 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

A Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R L KENNEALLY  
Cpl LOVEDAY R T  
L/Cpl GARDNER G  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

3 COURT MARTIAL FINDING:- SX8470 Pte HOARE G F was tried by DCM on 4 Mar 42 at LEGOULT Bks on the following charges:-

First Charge: When on active service striking his superior Offr AA8(2)

~~Verdict of the Court - Guilty~~

*Finding of the Court Guilty*

Second Charge: When on active service using insubordinate language to his superior Offr AA8(2)

~~Verdict of the Court - Guilty~~

*Finding of the Court Guilty*

Third Charge: When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at JULIS on 4 Dec 1941 behaved in a disorderly and riotous manner AA40

Finding of the Court - Not Guilty.

Fourth Charge: When on active service disobeying a lawful comd given by his superior Offr AA9(2)

~~Verdict of the Court - Guilty~~

*Finding of the Court Not Guilty*

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 60 Days. Confirmed on 7 Mar 42 by Brig R M TOVILL DSO ED

4 LECTURES- RMO-MAL/RIA CONFED:-

- (i) Location YMCA Room No 8 A Coy bldgs
- (ii) Times 0845-0915 hrs daily as under:-  
10 Mar C Coy & Bn HQ, 13 Mar A Coy  
11 Mar D Coy, 14 Mar HQ Coy  
12 Mar B Coy
- (iii) Accommodation Seats to be arranged by Coy prior to start time of lecture.

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1 Bn DUTIES 10 Mar 42Duty Coy  
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Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn OrderliesA Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R W LAMBERSLEYER  
Cpl LOVEDAY R T  
L/Cpl GARDNER G  
Sig Pl 1OR Duty Coy 2 ORs2 Bn DUTIES 11 Mar 42Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Picture Picquet  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn OrderliesB Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut O G GOODEN  
Cpl LAMPRE C H  
L/Cpl FEELAN T M  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs3 USE OF SIG LIGHTS:- In order that coast and air watching dets may be informed Coys will advise this HQ whenever it is intended to fire light sigs during tng. The following particulars will be given:-

- (a) Date and approx time
- (b) Area of discharge
- (c) Colour
- (d) Approx number of carts.

4 PARADE AND GEN:- (i) Attention is drawn to the fact that GSI, GHQ, MEF, produces two weekly publications, "PARADE and GEN", for all branches of the fighting forces in the M E.

(ii) The prices of these publications is PT2 in EGYPT, 25 mils in PALESTINE and 30Pts in SYRIA.

(iii) The editor will fwd issues to units by the quickest available means, and will do all in his power to see that copies reach their destination. Individuals may also take out quarterly, semi-annual, or annual periods to any part of the world. Rates may be had on application to the Editor.

(iv) "PARADE and GEN" have passed censorship and can be sent to all non-enemy and non-enemy occupied countries. This HQ will order in bulk as orders and cash are fwded by Coys.

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NOTICES

Do Not forget entries close for the Doubles Table Tennis Tournament on Thursday Night.



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Wednesday 11 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 11 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
 CD Mobile Det  
 Picture Picquet  
 Main Gd  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
 C Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut O D GOODEN  
 Cpl LAMPRE C H  
 L/Cpl PHELIP T M  
 Sig Pl L/R Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 12 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
 CD Mobile Det  
 Picture Picquet  
 Main Gd  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
 A Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut D G KIMBER  
 Sgt BUCKLEY J A R  
 L/Cpl RICHARDSON M  
 Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

**3 BLACKOUT:-** An inspection of the Bks has shown that blackout precautions are being inadequately carried out. Increased activity will be taken by Gds, Picquets, and orderly Duties to maintain an effective blackout at all times.

**4 ALLOTMENTS:-** All personnel with allotments of 3/- and over whose allotments were in receipt of dependents allowance as at 7 Nov 41 and those whose drawing rate was increased by 1/- per day at that date are instructed to have their paybooks adjusted forthwith.

**5 PUBLICATIONS:-** The pamphlet "INSPECTION MAINTENANCE and care of ARMY VEHs (wheeled) Based on TASK SYSTEM" has been issued on the basis of:-

- (i) All Offrs
- (ii) All NCOs & e M T Supervision
- (iii) All drs

And will be carried in the pocket at all times. This system of maintenance will be used forthwith. The issue to drs of this publication will be recorded on the VOs and produced at all veh kit inspections.

**6 FIRE PRECAUTIONS:-** Coys will check all water and sand buckets and ensure they are in good order. At least 2 buckets water and 1 of sand will be maintained at iether end of bldgs top and bottom.

*Richard Murray*  
 for Capt

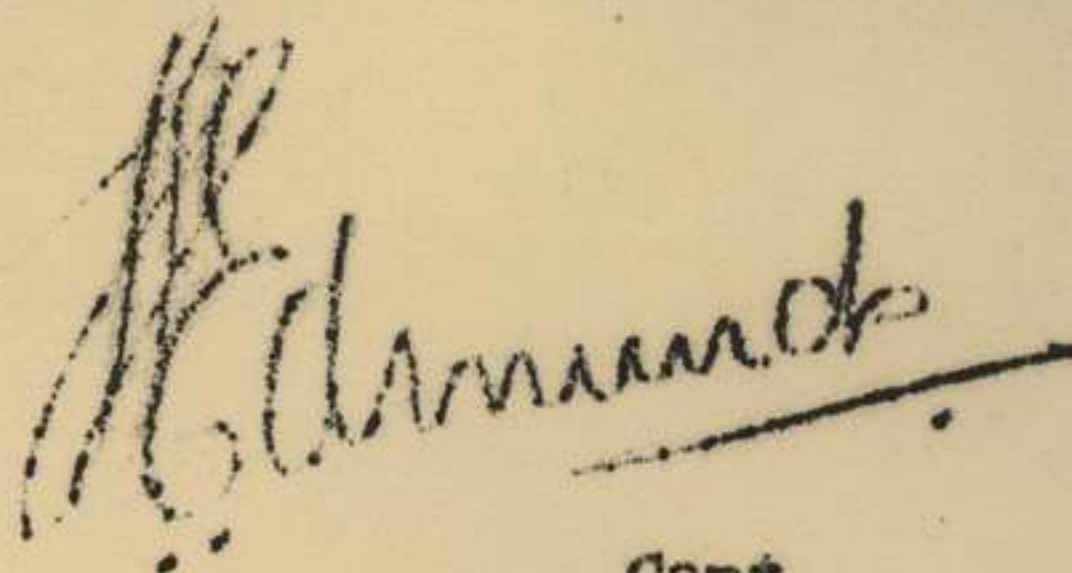
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Thursday 12 Mar 42

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Main Gd  
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B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R L KENNEDY  
Sgt L R GOODE MM  
Cpl KEATS R G  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs3 WEARING OF RESPIRATORS:- Respirators will be worn on Sat 14 Mar from 0900 hrs to 0930 hrs.4 LEAVE ISSUE OF RAILWAY TICKETS:-Instns have been issued to officials ESR at CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA, Pt SAID, SUEZ, PTETWIK, FAUID, GENEIFA, ISMAILIA, QASSASIN, TEL-EL-KEBIR, ZAGRIG, BENHA, KANTARA and AMIRIYA that with effect from 1 Mar 42 railway tickets will not be issued to soldiers in uniform unless either a warrant or a leave pass stamped by the R T O is presented at the time the ticket is demanded.5 GERMAN TYPE RETURNABLE CONTAINERS:- 20 litre captured German Petrol Containers of the pressed and welded type, with hinged quick-acting cap, will in future be referred to for the sake of brevity as JERRISANS.


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Friday 13 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 13 Mar 42

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 CD Mobile Det  
 Main Gd  
 Picture Picquet  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
 C Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut R L KENNEALLY  
 Sgt L R GOODE MM  
 Cpl KEATS R G  
 Sig Pl 1OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 14 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
 CD Mobile Det  
 Main Gd  
 Picture Picquet  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

C Coy  
 B Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut D C C WILLIAMS  
 Cpl KING L M  
 Cpl ALBRECHT K G  
 Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

- 3 LOSSES:- All ranks are warned that the protection of eqpt, clothing etc on issue to each man is now the responsibility of the individual, except during parade hrs, when sleeping quarters are out of bounds and picquets are responsible that during that period nobody is allowed to enter men's quarters, and the removal of any eqpt during that time will have to be accounted for by the picquet Coys will make their own internal arrangements for protection in addition to Coy picquets. Picquets will investigate any movement after lights out and if not satisfied will hand over person concerned to the Gd.

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NOTICESSPORTS FIXTURES

Sunday 15 Mar

SOCCER 2/48 Bn V 2/1 A F W

EL MENA ground at 1015 Hrs

FOOTBALL 2/48 Bn V 2/23 Bn

2/32 Bn ground at 1500 Hrs

SPORTS RESULTS Table Tennis Mar 12

2/48 Bn V 9 Div A S C

Draw - Due to time limit

2/48 Bn in winning posn.

TO will arrange tpt for the 2/48 Bn match leaving at 1430 hrs Coys to advise TO of requirements by 2000 hrs 14 Mar

LEAVE 20 - 22 Mar (37) Allotment HQ Coy 11, Rifles Coys each 6 Bn HQ 2. TO to arrange tpt. Personnel embus 0720 hrs 20 Mar

Convoy on main rd outside Bks at 0700 hrs.

Nominal Rolls to Bn HQ by 2000 hrs 19 Mar

O C party Lieut P CROMPTON.

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Saturday 14 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 14 Mar 42

Duty Coy C G  
 CD Mobile Det  
 Main Gd  
 Picture Picquet  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

C Coy  
 B Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut D C G WILLIAMS  
 Cpl KING L M  
 Cpl ALBERGENT K G  
 Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 15 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
 CD Mobile Det  
 Main Gd  
 Picture Picquet  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
 D Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut P ROBBINS  
 Sgt PRYOR W  
 A/Cpl QUINN W C  
 Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

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NOTICES

LEAVE - BEIRUT - The following extract from 9 Aust Div Adm Instr  
 65 is repeated:

- (a) The continuance of leave to any centre is dependent upon the maintenance of good discipline. It has been laid down by higher formation that where members of a unit misbehave or cause any disturbance in a town, that town will be declared **OUT OF BOUNDS** to all personnel of the unit concerned.
- (b) Before leave parties depart it will be the responsibility of unit Comds to ensure that all personnel proceeding are warned by an offr as to the necessity:-

- i. For the maintenance of good discipline.
- ii. To be correctly dressed as set out below.
- iii. To pay strict attention to notices etc limiting areas which may be visited.
- iv. For the correct use of prophylactics and PACs by those indulgence makes such use necessary.

- (c) Offrs and NCOs are responsible for taking necessary and appropriate action in respect to breaches of discipline or soldierly bearing, which come to their notice irrespective of the fact that the person concerned may be of another unit.

- Dress - (a) The dress for Offs when in any public place will be SD boots, anklets web and hat turned down.
- (b) Tunics and greatcoats when worn will NOT be left unbuttoned.
- (c) Bn Orderly Offr will ensure that personnel are correctly dressed before allowing them to proceed on leave.

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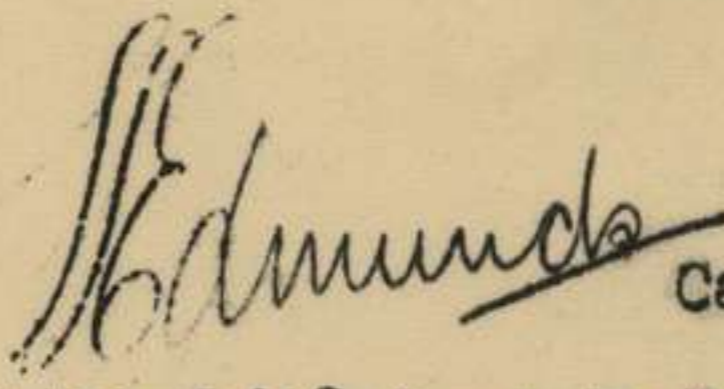
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Sunday 15 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 15 Mar 42Duty Coy  
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Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn OrderliesB Coy  
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Sgt FRYOR W  
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Bn OrderliesHQ Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut E A MURPHY  
Sgt HEATH H C  
Cpl FLETCHER F W  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs3 LEAVE TRIPOLI:- 16 Mar 42 (80)x B Coy 35  
x HQ Coy 35  
Bn HQ 9  
- 1TRIPOLI 18 Mar (30)  
x A Coy 30PICTURES 19 Mar (95)  
x C Coy 35  
x HQ Coy 52  
Bn HQ 7  
- 1

x Each supply one Offr

  
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Monday 16 Mar 42

1. Bn DUTIES 16 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut E A MURPHY  
Sgt HEATH H C  
Cpl FLETCHER F W  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2. Bn DUTIES 17 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

A Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut O D GOODEN  
Sgt GOLDING J F  
Cpl MacKAY W  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

  
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NOTICES

AMENITIES AIF Amenities will present "ALL IN FUN" at  
LEGOULT BKS CINEMA at 1930 hrs from Monday 16 Mar to  
Saturday 21 Mar incl.

264 tickets have been allotted to this unit.  
by allotments have been circulated.

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Thursday  
12 Feb 42

1 • Bn DUTIES 12 Feb 42

Duty Coy  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies  
Picture Picquet

D Coy  
26 A Tk Coy  
Lieut V N NELSON  
Cpl MANLEY W R  
L/Cpl CHINNER R  
Sig Pl 1 OR, Duty Coy 2 ORs  
Duty Coy

2 • Bn DUTIES 13 Feb 42

Duty Coy  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies  
Picture Picquet

D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut C E TAGGART  
Sgt JOHNSON L H  
Cpl FLETCHER F W  
Sig Pl 1 OR, Duty Coy 2 ORs  
Duty Coy

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Tuesday 17 Mar 42

1. Bn DUTIES 17 Mar 42

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 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

A Coy  
 B Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut O D GOODEN  
 Sgt GOLDING J F  
 Cpl MACKAY W H  
 Duty Coy 2 ORs

2. Bn DUTIES 18 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
 CD Mobile Det  
 Main Gd  
 Picture Picquet  
 Bn Orderly Offr  
 Bn Orderly Sgt  
 Bn Orderly Cpl  
 Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
 B Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Duty Coy  
 Lieut P W NICHOLAS  
 Sgt SMITH D S  
 L/Cpl CLARKE E W  
 Duty Coy 2 ORs

3. GUARD - The strength of the Gd will be increased by one post being sentry on tents etc dumped at South end of DADOS building.  
 Strength of Gd now:  
 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 29 ORs.
4. CONTAINERS - Coys are requested to take immediate steps to ensure that each man is in possession of a suitable container (preferably a tobacco tin) in which he can keep his anti-mosquito ointment when issued for malaria control. Ointment will be issued in bulk.
5. BOUNDS - YARKIM PALACE, TRIPOLI is out of bounds for all ranks during this week.

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Sgt SMITH D S  
L/Cpl CLARKE E W  
2 ORs, Duty Coy2. Bn DUTIES 19 Mar 42Duty Coy  
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Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn OrderliesC Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut N McLELLAN  
L/Sgt WILLMOTT P W  
L/Cpl McARDELL P H O  
Duty Coy 2 ORs3. DCM PROMULGATION

On 9 Mar 42 at TRIPOLI a DCM tried WX 10503 Pte Martin Francis PAYNE of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on the following charges:

First Charge - When on active service disobeying a lawful comd given by his superior offr at TRIPOLI on 10 Feb 42 AA 9 (2).  
Accused pleaded Guilty.

Second Charge - When on active service using insubordinate language to his superior offr at TRIPOLI on 10 Feb 42 AA 8 (2)  
Finding of Court - Guilty

Third Charge - When on active service absenting himself without leave from 0830 hrs 13 Feb 42 to 1800 hrs 15 Feb 42. AA 15 (1).

Finding of Court - Not Guilty

Sentence of the Court - Detention for 60 days.

On 16 Mar 42 the sentence was confirmed by Brig R W TOVELL DSO ED Offr performing the duties of Comd 9 Aust Div.

4. MESSAGES - All written messages between Bn and Coys will be handed in to the Sig Office for registration and despatch. This practice will NOT be departed from either in the Bks or in the field. All coy runners to be notified that such messages must be handled through the sigs.

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NOTICESOFFRS' CLUB TRIPOLI: Closing hours, Saturday 2400hrs.

Other nights 2330 hrs.

SPORTS FIXTURES 18 Mar 42. Soccer, 2/43 Bn v 2/48 Bn IPC grd at 1430 hrsLOST: Fountain Pen Black Conway Stewart. Finder please return to A Coy

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Lieut R L KENNEALLY  
Cpl MANLEY W R  
L/Cpl McINNES B H  
Duty Coy 2 ORs3. PUNISHMENTS BY COURTS MARTIAL - The following sentences awarded by Courts Martial held recently are published for info:

- (a) A private soldier convicted of selling public property (blankets) was sentenced to 6 months detention.
- (b) A private soldier convicted of selling public property (blankets) was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment with hard labour.
- (c) A sgt AAPC convicted of attempting to obtain money by false pretences and wearing badges of rank to which he was not entitled was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 6 months imprisonment without hard labour.
- (d) A warrant officer (Class I) convicted of forgery was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 60 days detention.
- (e) Three private soldiers convicted of striking a superior offr were sentenced to 12 months and 9 months detention.
- (f) A private soldier convicted of stealing property belonging to a person subject to military law was sentenced to 6 months detention.
- (g) A private soldier convicted of sleeping on his post and escaping from confinement was sentenced to 90 days detention.
- (h) A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful comd and striking his superior offr was sentenced to 60 days detention.

4. ECONOMY IN USE OF TARES - When drs are on local duty, they will either carry lunch or have it with the unit at which they are at the approx time. Vehs will NOT return from local duty to enable the dr to lunch at his unit.5. BRASS CARTRIDGE CASES - SALVAGE - Coys are reminded that ALL types of brass cartridge cases are valuable salvage, and should be returned through salvage channels.

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6. INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF ARMY VEHs (WHEELED)- The pamphlets referred to below are amended as follows:-

(a) Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehs (Wheeled) 1941.

Page 19 Task No 9c, line 3, delete "or grease"  
" 31 " " 3D (ii), line 2, delete "or grease"  
" 42 Chapter IV, para 6, lines 7 and 10, delete "red" and substitute "coloured" in each case. At the end of paragraph add new sub para:-  
"The colour of the circle to be painted on the radiator header tank will be as laid down in the current General Order on the use of anti-freeze solution"

(b) Vehicle Maintenance Record - Encl to AB 412

Page 8 Task No 9 c, delete "or grease"  
" 17 " " 3D (ii), delete "or grease"

If neither lanoline nor vaseline is available for use for the tasks referred to in sub-paras 2 (a) and (b) above, the battery terminals will be kept CLEAN and DRY.

7. LEADED PETROL PRECAUTIONS

(a) Almost all the petrol now being supplied ex Military Depots and ex Civil Pumps in ME contains a proportion of TETRA-ETHYL LEAD which is poisonous and care will be taken by all concerned in its use. Petrol should not be used for the cleaning of garments or washing utensils, or any part of the body.

(b) The practice of sucking petrol up a rubber tube, in order to syphon it out of the tanks or motor vehs, will be discontinued.

(c) If for any reason the hands have become contaminated with petrol, they should be washed as soon as possible. When petrol comes into contact with open wounds (scratches etc) the wound should be thoroughly cleaned immediately.

8. DRESS - TWC

- (a) Trousers SD and Pullovers
- (b) Trousers KD for use at night only.
- (c) Trousers KD will NOT be worn with Jacket SD

9. WALLS - The practice of sitting on the sandbag walls of the Bns is to discontinue.

*[Signature]*  
Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES:

COMFORTS - The following items have been received from the ACF and distributed to Coys:

1620 pkts cigarettes, 1620 pkts PKs.

BOUNDS - Until further notice, HAKIM PALACE HOTEL is placed out of bounds to all ranks of the forces

The Officiating Minister for Christian Scientists MEF, Mr T E PRICE intends to tour SYRIA from 6 Apr 42 to 13 Apr 42. Personnel desiring to communicate with him should write to him at the following address:

By a Fig Tree, Greek Colony, JERUSALEM.

MAIL - Air Mail will cease to operate to AUSTRALIA until further notice. All mail will be fwded surface mail.

SPORTS FIXTURES - Soccer 21 Mar 42.

2/13 Fd Coy v 2/48 Bn IPC Ground at 1330 hrs

NOTICES

SPORTS FIXTURES (Contd)

22 Mar 42: Aust Rules

2/43 Bn v 2/48 Bn on 2/32 Bn Ground at 1430 hrs.

TO to arrange tpt.

Coys to notify requirements by 2000 hrs 21 Mar.

Soccer

2/48 Bn v 2/23 Bn on IPC Ground at 1530 hrs.

Tpt arrangements as above.

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Friday  
20 Mar 42

1. Bn DUTIES 20 Mar 42

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Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

D Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R L KENNEALLY  
Cpl MANLEY W R  
L/Cpl McINNES B H  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

2. Bn DUTIES 21 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

Hq Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut D C C WILLIAMS  
Sgt JOHNSON L H  
Cpl YOUNG A K  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

3. SUMMER DRESS

(a) Summer dress will be taken into wear on 1 Apr.

(b) Sufficient articles of summer uniforms are in process of issue to all units to permit of this action. For the present trousers KD will be worn, until shorts are issued.

(c) The remaining articles, as under, will be issued shortly:  
Shorts, puttees, stocking tops, singlets.

(d) Special attention is drawn to Order of Dress (AIF Order 296) and in particular to the following:

- i. Shirts - Sleeves must NOT be cut short, and will be worn buttoned down to the wrist after nightfall.
- ii. Modal Ribbons - will be worn on shirts (AIF Order 770)
- iii. Rank Badges (Offrs) and Titles "AUSTRALIA" - Embroidered badges and titles may be worn by offrs only on shirts KD ONLY at own expense (AIF Order 458). Metal badges and titles will be worn on jackets. Embroidered titles will NOT be worn by Oks.
- iv. Rank Badges (WOs and NCOs) See AIF Order 409. WO's will NOT wear badges on wrist bands or detachable arm-bands.
- v. Safari Shirts - With reference to AIF Order 568 safari shirts will NOT be worn by personnel of 9 Aust Div.

(e) Separate orders are issued for return of winter clothing.

4. COMFORTS - Articles of winter comforts (balaclavas, mufflers, mittens, etc) issued by ACF etc will be withdrawn forthwith, and returned under arrangements by QM.

Goods will be sorted into bundles of the same nature of garments etc, and carefully checked on receipt and handover.

Articles received from Aust Red Cross will be kept separate from ACF issues.

Over

5. MAIL - (a) As direct sea comm provides generally the most expeditious form of mail connection with AUSTRALIA, no further air mail rates will be charged on correspondence for AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND. Air Mail covers may be used but no stamps are required.

(b) Air mail correspondence may, however, continue to be accepted at the existing rates for other parts of the world, incl INDIA, but excl ofcourse the Far Eastern countries now in enemy possession.

6. ANTI -FLY MEASURES

(a) Fly breeding is now well established in the Div area.

(b) Diarrhoeal diseases, dysentery and typhoid are very common in SYRIA.

(c) Cleanliness of lines, flyproofing of latrines and food containers are essential as is the provision of flyproof refuse bins.

(d) Refuse disposal MUST be by incineration and burial so that flybreeding material is NOT provided by us. Removal of refuse by native contractors will cease forthwith. Units living in billets will be responsible for carting, incineration and burial of their own refuse.

(e) It is impossible to prevent flies from breeding and becoming infected in native villages therefore they must be prevented from coming in contact with food and eating utensils.

7. ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES

(1) Stores and eqpt are now being issued to all units.

(2) The following special individual measures will be adopted, immediately eqpt is received:

(a) Between sundown and sunrise all exposed portions of the body must be protected:

(i) Sleeves of shirts will be worn down.

(ii) Trousers (NOT shorts) will be worn.

(iii) Personnel necessarily on duty will wear mosquito veils and gloves, or use mosquito ointment (Dover's cream).

(b) All personnel must sleep under sandfly nets.

(c) Sentries and personnel on duty will be issued with mosquito veils and gloves, the use of which must be rigidly enforced. Where these stores are NOT available in sufficient quantities, mosquito ointment must be applied (appn at approx one hour intervals is necessary).

(d) Huts, tents, shelters and buildings will be sprayed frequently.

(3) All ranks will take energetic action to enforce anti malarial discipline, and to assist in special works and precautions required in their area by RMOs, Hy. S. officers, and Anti Malarial Control Units.

  
Capt  
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

It is advised that "GEN" is issued fortnightly and not weekly.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

Lt Col H H HAMMER COMD

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Saturday  
21 Mar 42

1 Bn DUTIES 21 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

HQ Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R L KENNEDY  
Sgt JOHNSON L H  
Cpl YOUNG A K  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

2 Bn DUTIES 22 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R W LEMESSURIER  
Cpl RAMFORD R E C  
L/Cpl SCOTT L  
Sig Pl 1 OR Duty Coy 2 ORs

3 LEAVE TRIPOLI 23 Mar 42 (80)

D Coy 50 x  
Bn HQ 9  
HQ 26 x

TRIPOLI 25 Mar 42 (30)

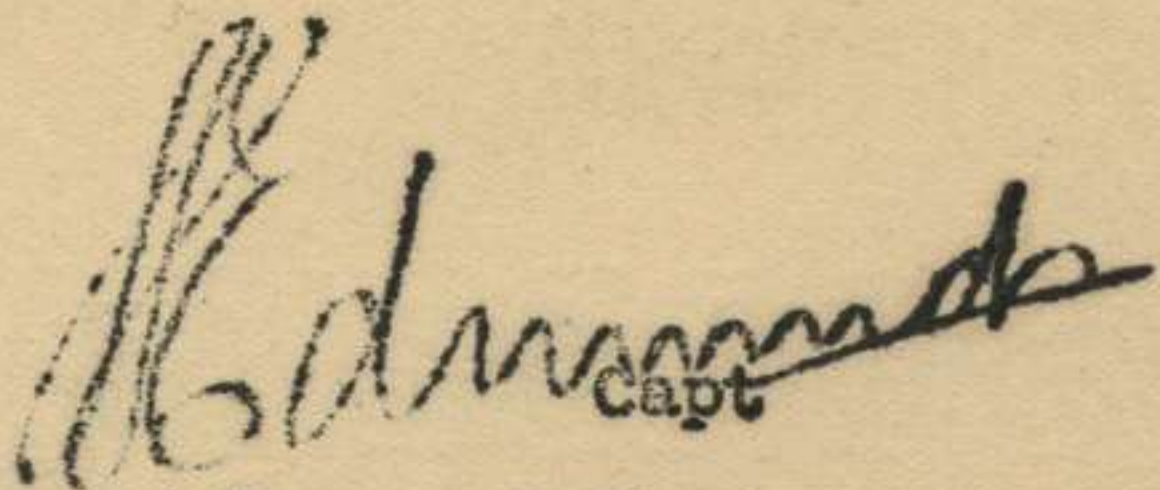
C Coy 30

PICTURES 26 Mar 42 (95)

Bn HQ 7  
D Coy 53 x  
HQ Coy 35x x

x Each supply one Offr.

4 GUARD Ref Bn RO 144 para 3 this post is discontinued, strength of Gd now being 1 Offr 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 26 ORs.



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Sunday  
22 Mar 42

5. Bn DUTIES 22 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

B Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R W LEWIN  
Cpl RANFORD R F G  
L/Cpl SCOTT L  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

6. Bn DUTIES 23 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Orderlies

A Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut C E TAGGART  
Cpl LOVEDAY R T  
L/Cpl GARDNER G  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

7. Bn PARADE:- Will be held at 0900 hrs Mon 23. Every man to be on parade excepting one Sig, duty relief of Gd and essential prowl picquets.

8. LOSSES Any loss of articles of military issue must be reported immediately loss is discovered. Personnel are NOT to wait for Kit inspections before reporting losses.

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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

The following message has been read from CO 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop

With the close of the first period of Instn we wish to thank you for the services of the instructors and the assistance you have given in the preparation of the work.

One cannot speak too highly of the quality and the efficiency of the NCOs attached to us.

Ref RO 148 para 3 New Picture allotment:-

B Coy 30 25 Mar 42

D Coy allotment reduced to 38 26 Mar 42



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Monday  
23 Mar 42

9 Bn DUTIES 23 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CE Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

A Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut C E TAGGART  
Cpl LOVEDAY R T  
L/Cpl GARDNER G  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

10 Bn DUTIES 24 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

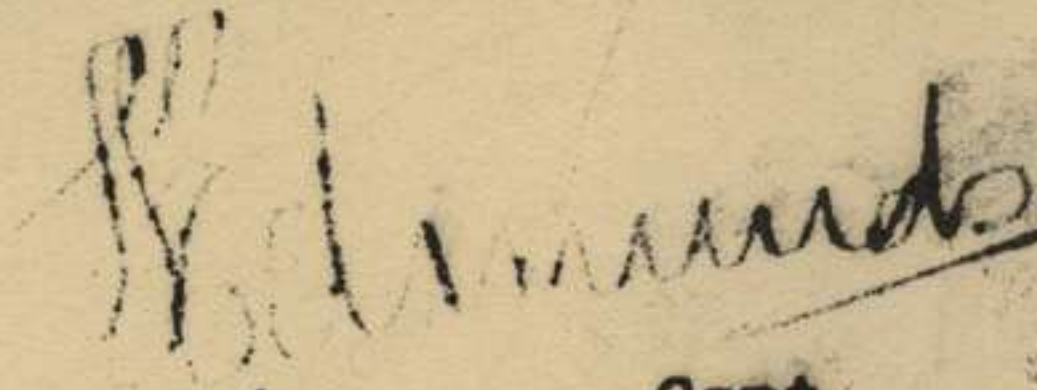
HQ Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R W LEMESSURIER  
Sgt JOHNSON L H  
L/Cpl MORRISSEY P B

- 11 PHOTOGRAPHY:- The following photographers have been added to the authorised list. for BEIRUT  
Studio Empire, Photo Raymond, Photo Nubar,  
Gulbenk, Photo Gai

- 12 BOUNDS The town of HOMS is placed out of bounds for all tps except FFF who are not stationed there on duty.

- 13 M T -- SPEEDING:- Many cases of excessive speeding by WD vch have been noticed. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in future against the offenders.

- 14 CAPE--ANTI-GAS:- In future Capes Anti-gas will not be used in lieu of waterproof sheets.

  
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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Found in wash houses two brown leather belts. Owners apply Bn Orderly Room.

Lost in Bks Service Ribbons finder return to Bn Orderly Room

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Tuesday  
24 Mar 42

15 Bn DUTIES 24 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

HQ Coy  
E Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut H F TRELGAR  
Sgt JOHNSON L H  
L/Cpl MORRISSEY B  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

16 Bn DUTIES 25 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

C Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut P NICHOLAS  
Cpl FOPE G H  
L/Cpl KENNEDY R F  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

17 SICK PARADE:- Personnel with minor feet complaints are not required to attend sick parade. They will report independently to the Chiropracist at some time through the day AFTER the sick parade.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt

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ROUTINE

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Lt Col R H HAMMER COMD

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Wednesday  
25 Mar 42

18 Bn DUTIES 25 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

C Coy  
A Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut P NICHOLAS  
Cpl POPE G H  
L/Cpl KENNEDY R P  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

19 Bn DUTIES 26 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

D Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut N McLELLAN  
Sgt EVANS L R  
Cpl STERZL E T  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

20 LEAVE:- 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp are scheduled to make the following visits.

Sunday 5 Apr KRAK desCHEVALIERS

Sunday 12 Apr BEIRUT

These comprise one day trips for which lunch will be carried. MEALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT HOTEL METROPOLE (ACF) BEIRUT- All ranks to be advised of this.

Allotments will be advised as soon as available.

The following extracts from Leave instns are repeated.

DISCIPLINE:- The continuance of leave to any centre is dependent upon the maintenance of good discipline. It has been laid down by higher formation that where members of a unit misbehave or cause any disturbances in a town, that town will be declared **OUT OF BOUNDS** to ALL personnel of the unit concerned.

Before leave parties depart, it will be the responsibility of OC party to ensure that all personnel proceeding are warned as to the necessity:-

- (i) For the maintenance of good discipline
- (ii) To be correctly dressed

Offrs and NCOs are responsible for taking necessary and appropriate action in regard to breaches of discipline or soldierly bearing which come to their notice irrespective of the fact that the person concerned may be of another unit.

DRESS:- Strict attention will be paid to dress which will be as for normal BEIRUT leave parties. Unit Comds will ensure that men are correctly dressed before allowing them to proceed on leave. Leave will not commence until after Church Parades and will terminate in towns at 18 00 hrs.

Passes All personnel must carry leave passes. Leave passes will be issued in all cases under Coy arrangements and will be checked against leave list on return to camp. Passes will be withdrawn when the check takes place to prevent them being used on future occasions.

21 GUARD:- The post inside the detention cells is terminated w e f 18 00 hrs 26 Mar 42. Strength of Gd is now 1 Cpl, 1 Sgt, 2 CPLs 26 ORs. Present detention cells have been taken over by 9 Aust Div so that prisoners of this unit will be held in present Gd room until dealt with.

Capt

AG 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDER Wednesday 25 Mar 42

NOTICES

POSTAGE STAMPS Australian Postage Stamps in excess of requirements held by personnel are to be repurchased at Unit P O. Coys will arrange for the repurchasing of stamps to be effected through their respective O/R Cpls by 31 Mar 42. Stamps will not be repurchased from individual callers at unit P O. Soiled stamps will NOT be repurchased. Coys will keep a list of all stamps handed in.

ROUTINE

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Thursday  
26 Mar 42

22 Bn DUTIES 26 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

D Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut N McLELLAN  
Sgt EVANS L R  
Cpl STERZL E T  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

23 Bn DUTIES 27 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

HQ Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut L H HEFFRON  
Sgt GOODE L R  
Cpl CAROOD R J  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

24 AMN:- Coys are required to render a return on the Friday of each week by 1600 hrs showing the amount of TRAINING Amn on hand and the exp of TRAINING Amn up to 1600 hrs each Friday.

Rifle Coys are required to return to RSM by 1700 hrs Friday 27 Mar the three boxes of grenades No 36m that were issued on the Sunday the unit was standing by for CD task.

25 LEAVE:- Ref RO 20 of 25 Mar.

Allotment of personnel is 10 per Rifle Coy, 17 HQ Coy 3 Bn HQ. TO will arrange for 3-30 cwt vehs to report Bn HQ 1100 hrs where personnel will embus then to RV at 26 Bde HQ 1130 hrs.

26 GAMBLING IN PUBLIC OR SEMI-PUBLIC PLACES

Members of the AIF are forbidden to congregate in public or semi-public places for the purpose of gambling, either as participants or spectators. Without limiting the definition of gambling this Order includes in its scope "two-up" and "crown and anchor".

Infringements of this order will be dealt with under section 40 of the Army Act, offenders being charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

27 TPT:- Requisitions for tpt will be lodged with TO at least 12 hrs prior to time veh required. Army form F756 obtainable at Bn HQ will be used.

  
Capt  
Aust 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Unit Concert:- On Sat 28 Mar this unit will hold a concert in front of A Coy Block from 1900-2000 hrs. Under the direction of the Padre. All members of the Unit are invited to hop in and make it a good show.

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ROUTINE

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Friday  
27 Mar 42

28. Bn DUTIES 27 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties  
Picture Picquet

B Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut L. H. HEFFRON  
L/Sgt PEARSON F B  
L/Cpl MEREDITH M  
Duty Coy 2 ORs  
Duty Coy

29. Bn DUTIES 28 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties  
Picture Picquet

A Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R L KENNEALLY  
Cpl JENKINS B  
L/Cpl ARNOTT G R  
Duty Coy 2 ORs  
Duty Coy

30 LEAVE:- Ref ROs 20 and 25. These dates are put fwd one week. In addition same allotment for a trip up the coast to TARRAGONA and SAFITA on 29 Mar convoy forming up outside LEGOUAT Bk at 1130 hrs.



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Adj. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

The usual Tournaments will be held as follows:-

Darts Doubles	Monday 30 Mar
Bridge	Tuesday 31 Mar
Quoits Doubles	Wednesday 1 Apr
500	Thursday 2 Apr

All men who have not yet returned books are asked to do so immediately.

All money for Tournament can be collected at Pay Office.

Tournament Results

500	SX8060	Pte McFARLANE	D Coy	£4
	WX10419	Pte BREHAUT G	HQ	£2
<b>Darts</b>				
Doubles	WX9848	Pte BURRIDGE F	A Coy	£4
	WX9878	" SLATER M W J	A Coy	£4
	SX7572	" PARKER H J	C "	£2
	QX3148	Sgt DAVSON	9th Post	£2
Bridge	SX7186	Pte SIVOUR D	HQ Coy	£4
	SX7890	" TRENROVE M	HQ Coy	£2
Quoits	SX9122	" PAGE H	HQ Coy	£4
Doubles	SX8218	" PAGE H C	HQ Coy	£4
	SX6907	" WILLIS P J	A Coy	£2
	SX7771	" LOHMANN H	D Coy	£2
Draughts	WX10210	" BOLLES G	D Coy	£4
	SX7626	" JONES A	HQ Coy	£4
Doubles	WX10419	" BREHAUT G	HQ Coy	£8
T.T	WX10431	" EVANS A	HQ Coy	£8
	SX8172	Cpl KING M	C Coy	£4

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Saturday  
28 Mar 42

31 Bn DUTIES 28 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

A Coy  
B Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut R L KENNEDY  
Cpl JENKINS B  
L/Cpl ARNOTT G R  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

32 Bn DUTIES 29 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

HQ Coy  
2/23 Bn  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut JOHNSON LGE  
Sgt JACKA G R  
Cpl GARWOOD P J  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

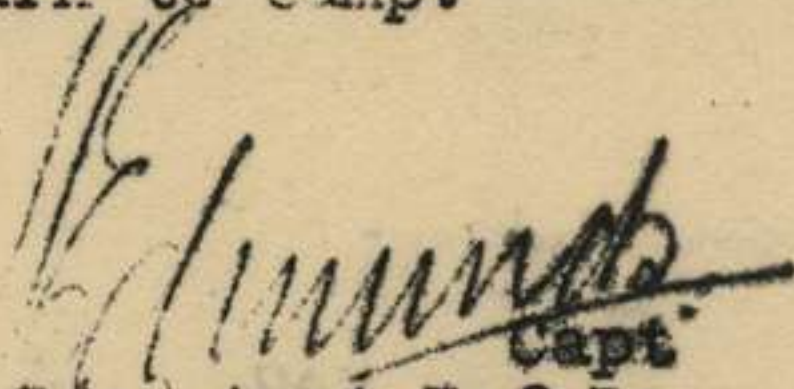
33 LEAVE BEIRUT:- Allotment for period 1-3 Apr is-

HQ Coy 11  
A,B,C, Coys each 6  
D Coy 5  
Bn HQ 1

OC leave party will be Lieut W R REED with Lieut B R KING  
Nominal rolls to be filed by 1200 hrs 29 Mar.

TO to provide 3-30 cot vchs to report Bn HQ 0720 hrs 1 Apr. Per-  
sonnel embus 0730 hrs and convoy to be formed up outside Bks fac-  
ing West at 0745 hrs. Unit tpt will be used for return journey  
details to be advised.

Picquet:- A picquet of 1 Offr ( Lieut R L KENNEDY) and 11 ORs  
from C Coy will move with the above leave party and report to  
DAPM BEIRUT. Blankets and messing gear to be taken. TO to  
arrange tpt (incl in above) Above leave to be allocated to per-  
sonnel who have not yet had overnight leave since the Western D  
Desert. Reports (as per pro forma) by OCs leave party and  
picquet to be handed in immediately on return to camp.

  
Capt  
Adit 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADE:- Bn Church Parade will be held 0900 hrs Sunday 29  
Mar 42 owing to Padre also taking 2/23 Bn Service.

9 Aust Div Concert Party:- A Concert will be given in 2/23 Aust  
Inf Bn Recreation Room commencing 1930 hrs. As under:-

Tues 31 Mar C,D,HQ (incl Bn HQ) each 80

Fri 3 Apr A,B and HQ Coys (incl Bn HQ) each 80

Two Offrs per Coy to march men around to 2/23 Bn Bks and return  
Chairs and Tables:- Acknowledgement is made of 100 chairs and 25  
tables supplied to the unit through AMUNITIES SERVICES.

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Sunday  
**29 Mar 42**

34 Bn DUTIES 29 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn **Duties**

HQ Coy  
2/23 Bn  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut G E JOHNSON  
Sgt JACKA C R  
Cpl GARROOD P J  
Duty Coy 2 OR s

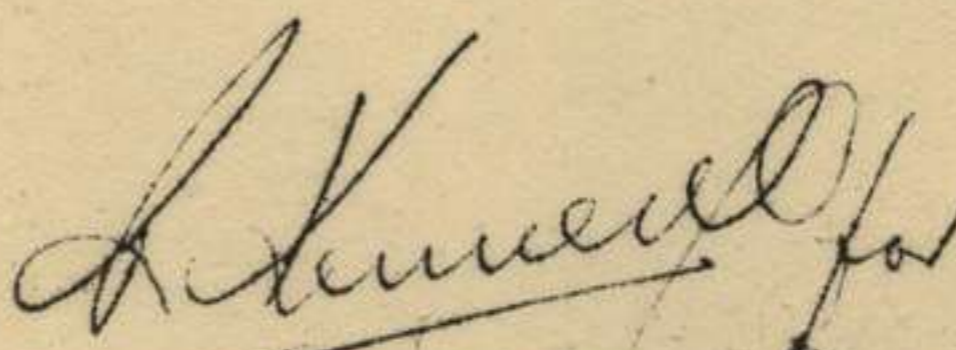
35 Bn DUTIES 29 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly SGT  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

HQ Coy  
2/23 Bn  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut V N NELSON  
Sgt POLKINGHORNE A H  
Cpl HUSSEY F  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

36 LEAVE TRIPOLI:-

30 Mar HQ Coy 80 ORs and one Offr

  
for Capt  
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

FOUND in Latrine, money belt. Contents NZ Badge and one key  
Owner apply Bn Orderly Room.



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Monday

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30 Mar 42

37. Bn DUTIES 30 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

HQ Coy  
2/23 Bn  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut **D C C. ALLIAMS**  
Sgt POLLINGHORNE A H  
Cpl HUSSEY F  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

38. Bn DUTIES 31 Mar 42 (mounting approx 2000 hrs)

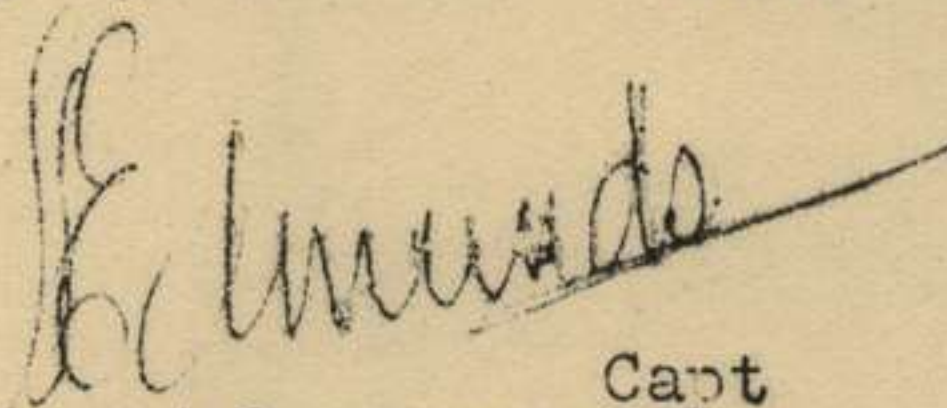
Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

D Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut B Y HAMILTON  
Cpl IDE R M  
L/Cpl **AESALON R H**  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

39

39 LEAVE TRIPOLI:-

1 Apr Wed	C Coy	30 x	
1 Apr Wed (pictures)	HQ Coy	30 x	
2 Apr Thurs (pictures)	D Coy	50 x	x Each supply one
	HQ Coy	30 x	Offr

  
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NOTICES

FOOTBALL Played on 2/32 Bn ground between 2/48 Bn and 2/23 Bn.  
Results 2/48 Bn 2 goals 11 points, 2/23 Bn 9 points.

Boxing:- Personnel interested in boxing will report to Lieut Murphy or Cpl Milde both of HQ Coy.

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*Adit*

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Tuesday  
31 Mar 42

40 Bn DUTIES 31 Mar 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

D Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut P ROBBINS  
Cpl IDE R M  
L/Cpl ABSALOM R H  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

Bn DUTIES 1 Apr 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

C Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut E A JOHNSON  
Sgt J K WESTON D C M  
Cpl STEWART C W  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

*H. Edmunds*

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Wednesday  
1 Apr 42

41. Bn DUTIES 1 Apr 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

C Coy  
D Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut E A JOHNSON  
Sgt J K WESTON D C M  
Cpl STEWART C W  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

Bn DUTIES 2 Apr 42

Duty Coy  
CD Mobile Det  
Main Gd  
Picture Picquet  
Bn Orderly Offr  
Bn Orderly Sgt  
Bn Orderly Cpl  
Bn Duties

D Coy  
C Coy  
Duty Coy  
Duty Coy  
Lieut E A TRELOAR  
Sgt EVANS L R  
Cpl PERRY F  
Duty Coy 2 ORs

*H. Edmunds*

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