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2/48 Infantry Battalion

August 1942

LOCATION

SHAMRAMA

Area occupied again 2/3 AUG. after being relieved in fwd postn. Tel El Eisa. 2/48 BN. AUG.

CEREMONIAL

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Visited fwd areas, 5 AUG.. CO, IO and one PI from each Coy represented BN: formed up on main Alex-Matruh Road. 2/48 BN. AUG.

TRAINING3 VALENTINE
TANKS

Brought to BN area, 5 AUG., Troops to make close examination, drive in them etc.

EXERCISE

With tanks in close support day and night. Brig. Tove pleased with success of exercise. 2/48 BN. AUG.

BATTLE

Practised over and over again during month. Shortage of approx. 150 men hinders tng. 2/48 BN. AUG.

EQUIPMENT (OWN & ENEMY'S)INTERESTING
TESTS 19 AUG.

37 mm., 2 pr. and 6 pr. tried on new German Mkill-special tank, which was knocked out by a 2 pr. in C Coy's area at Tel El Eisa. 6 pr. best, 37mm. next, and 2 pr. least effective. Tests over 750 yds. 2/48 BN. AUG.

DISCIPLINETROOPS
BEHAVIOUR

In move from Syria to Egypt and in battle has been exemplary. 2/48 BN. AUG.

INTELLIGENCEPAMPHLETS
21 AUG.

Dropped by Germans addressed to Indians, Australians and New Zealanders. Indian one att. 2/48 BN. AUG.

MAPS

TRACE

Of defended Locality A (Shammama Area) showing fire plans, minefields, gaps etc. 2/48 BN. AUG.

UNIT JOURNALS

5th Army News; Digger's Desert Daily (2 copies); Capt. Vanderkellin's poem (Ali Baba & 20,000 thieves) Khamseen Kronicle, by Int Sec; Parade, 8 AUG 42. 2/48 BN. AUG

OPERATIONS

PATROLS

Out to both Pts 23 (3500yds) on night of 1 AUG. Enemy found to be in occupation of Western Pt 23 only. West of our FDLs another patrol went out 3000 yds-no contact with enemy.

DAY+LONG
OBSERVATION

Of enemy made (LANG) from Western Pt 24-postn in full view of enemy and 2000 yds fwd of our FDLs. Party (PI of A Coy) had dug in well during night and although no movement was possible PI stuck it out all day and not fired on by enemy. Arty FOO with PI. was able to direct fire onto enemy targets. Much valuable infm. concerning enemy defences gained. Patrol withdrew after dark without incident.

THREE FIGHTING
PATROLS

Went deep into No Man's Land night of 2 AUG. with object of taking a PW for identification. Enemy voices heard but owing to alertness of his listening posts no contact made.

"STAND TO" FOR
GERMAN ATTACK

From 24 AUG. to end of month stand to expected. Everything ready in defended localities. (Attack failed)

BN. RELIEVED

In fwd postns. 2/3 AUG. by 2/13 and 2/17 BNS. A, B, Coys. relieved by 2/17 BN and reserve areas on Pt 23. 2/13. BN goes back to Shammama area and finds (locality A) greatly improved.

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EGYPT			<p>Ref Maps: EL ALAMEIN 1:50,000 EL QASABA 1:50,000</p> <p>At the end of Jul the Bn received notification that the 2/13 and 2/17 Bns would relieve us on 2/3 Aug. Since then as much preparation as possible for the relief has been carried out. The fwd coys, A, B and C will be relieved by 2/17 Bn and the res areas on Pt 26 ridge by 2/13 Bn.</p>	<p>"PARADE" page 607 2/48 Bn Warning Order</p>
EGYPT	1		<p>Recce party made recce of Bn area at SHAMMAMA HALT (sq 433898). The defences have been greatly improved since the Bn left the area on night 9/10 Jul. Sec posts are almost completed and the area is completely mined and wired. For the most part the units which subsequently occupied the area have adhered to the original defensive lay-out.</p> <p>Today has been a particularly quiet day on the front with very little shelling. Recce parties from the 2/13 and 2/17 Bns arrive to recce Bn area prior to the hand-over. 2/13 Bn will take over HQ Coy and D Coy area on Pt 26 ridge and 2/17 Bn will relieve three fwd coys, C, B and A.</p> <p>During the night coys prepare for handover and as much eqpt as can be spared is packed and sent to the new area.</p> <p>Patrols were out to both Pts 23 (sq 872296 and 873296) a distance of 3500 yds from our FDLs. It was established that the enemy was in occupation of Western Pt 23 (sq 872296) and although there was much evidence of occupation on Eastern Pt 23 (sq 873296) no enemy could be found. West of our FDLs</p>	

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EGYPT	1		<p>a patrol went out 3000 yds but no contact with the enemy was made.</p> <p>During the day the Pl of A Coy (under Lieut B Y HAMILTON) arty observer and machine gun pl which had taken up posn on Western Pt 24 (sq 873288) made observation of enemy disposns. This feature is in full view of the enemy and 2000 yds fwd of our FDLs but the party had dug well in during the hours of darkness and although no movement was possible the Pl stuck it out all day and were not fired on by the enemy. The Arty FOO was able to direct fire on to enemy targets. L/T comm had been established with A Coy and much valuable infm concerning the enemy defences was gained. The patrol withdrew after dark without incident.</p>	
EGYPT	2		<p>Bn adv parties and B Ech moved to SHAMMAMA HALT area and adv parties of 2/13 and 2/17 Bns move into our area. A very quiet day today and coys make all preparations possible for the change-over tonight (For details of the change-over see Operation Order No 42).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D.S.O..ED</p> <p>Brig R W TOVELL DSO and Brig W J V WINDEYER, visit the area.</p> <p>Change-over commenced at 2130 hrs and proceeded without incident, the last coy being clear of the area by 0130 hrs.</p> <p>The move to SHAMMAMA HALT was completed without incident and coys were all settled in their areas by 0530 hrs 3 Aug 42.</p>	<p><i>2/48 Aust Inf Bn OO no 42</i></p>

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EGYPT	2		Three fighting patrols went deep into no-mans land to-night with the primary object of taking a PW for identification. Enemy voices were heard but due to the alertness of his listening posts no contact was made.	
EGYPT	3		<p>Coys cleaned up the area and while the ORs rested the Coy Comds and Pl Comds made detailed recces of their posns and immediately prepared fire plans.</p> <p>3nPl (Sgt COCHRAN) A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn moved into area and guns are immediately sited.</p> <p>Everything is strangely quiet here and apart from the distant sounds of gun-fire there is little indication that the front is so close. After the weeks of strenuous fighting this is a welcome relief and the tps are enjoying a well-earned rest. Most were glad of the opportunity to have a good clean up and do some washing.</p> <p>The Bde is occupying a 2 Bn defended area divided into two localities. On the right 2/24 Bn occupying high ground from main rd to the coast and the left 2/48 Bn occupying high ground astride rd and ry at SHAMMAMA HALT. The defence is based on separate defended localities, gaps being covered by fire. The object of this defence line is in the event of a major attack on our present FDLs those FDLs will be vacated and the line now occupied by 26 Bde will become the Divisional front.</p>	<i>See TRACES ATT</i>
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EGYPT	4		<p>The Prime Minister (Mr Winston CHURCHILL) visited the fwd areas today and CO (Lt-col H H HAMMER) IO (Lieut B R KING) and one pl from each coy represented the Bn and moved to the main ALEXANDRIA - MATRUH Rd to see him.</p> <p>Today a scheme has been initiated to afford the tps a spell and one pl from each coy marched to the beach. They will return tomorrow morning and another pl will go down. This will be continued indefinitely.</p> <p>Work on the defences is in full swing and fire plans co-ordinated.</p> <p>CO and IO witness tank and inf co-operation exercise of 23 Armd Bde and 2/24 Bn.</p> <p>Two of the Bn 2 pr A Tk guns were handed over to Bde leaving the Bn with two 37mm.</p> <p>Lieut B Y HAMILTON leaves for LOB.</p>	
EGYPT	5		<p>GOC 9 Aust Div (Lt-gen Sir Leslie MORSEHEAD) G I 9 Aust Div (Lt-col WELLS) and Brig R W TOVELL visit Bn area to recce defences.</p> <p>Three Valentine Tanks from 23 Armd Bde arrived in the area last night and are remaining until tonight. This has been arranged so that the tps can make a close examination of the tank, drive in it, see how it works, get to know what it can do and what its limitations are. This has done a lot to bring a</p>	

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EGYPT	5		<p>closer understanding between the Tank units and the inf.</p> <p>Half of the LOB personnel who have been at AMIRYIA since the unit went into action were relieved today by tps from the unit. This system is to give some of the tps a rest and will be continued as long as possible.</p> <p>Mail continues to arrive and with this batch came a lot of papers.</p> <p>Coys continue to improve the defences. A few days rest from the front line have made a marked difference to the tps and after a good clean up and a few good nights' sleep they are in fine spirits.</p>	
EGYPT	6		<p>Cpts D BRYANT, R S SHILLAKER, and P CROMPTON leave today for LOB. They will relieve Lieuts McLELLAN, JOHNSON and P ROBBINS. This again is to give the Coy Comds a rest and after a few days there will be a further change.</p> <p>115 Bty from 32 RA (Comd by Maj G R STANTON) moves into the area. This Regt is in support of the Bde pending the relief of the 2/12 Aust Fd Regt at the front.</p> <p>CO leaves for a couple of days leave at ALEXANDRIA.</p> <p>Four ORs attend 4 day A Tk school conducted by 30 Corps.</p>	

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EGYPT	7		<p>Coys continue to prepare and improve the defences.</p> <p>The Bn policy to disperse as much as possible, all vehs, has resulted in the necessity of placing B Ech outside the Eastern minefield. The ^{smallness} smallness of the defensive area has also warranted the sending out of all unnecessary vehs to B Ech. In the event of the unit being involved in action here the only vehs remaining in the area will be the three "Jeeps", the Carriers and one veh for Engineer stores.</p>	
EGYPT	8		<p>Brig G W RICHARDS Comd 23 Armd Bde lectured all offr and NCOs on tank co-operation in preparation for the combined exercise with tanks and inf which will be carried out tomorrow. Bde Maj (Maj B FINLAY) lectured ORs on the same subject.</p> <p>CO returns to unit.</p>	
EGYPT	9		<p>Bn exercise with tanks in close support by day and night.</p> <p>In the morning the Bn practiced the attack with tanks in preparation for the same exercise to be carried out tonight.</p> <p>CO's conference at 1500 hrs when final details of the exercise were explained.</p> <p>Bn moves out at 2030 hrs and takes up posn at FUP behind tanks area cairn (42568992). The exercise involving the moving of tanks by night and putting the inf on to the objectives. Guiding was done by shaded lights and the mine field gaps made by the tank engineers were clearly marked by lights</p>	<p><i>2/48 Aust Inf Bn. OO no 43.</i></p>

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EGYPT	9		<p>On reaching the objective the Bn dug in.</p> <p>At the conference later Brig TOVELL DSO expressed his pleasure at the standard of the work carried out by the Bn in the exercise and of the energy and enthusiasm of the tps.</p>	
EGYPT	10		<p>Bn returned to SHAMMAMA HALT area at 0900 hrs and all rest.</p> <p>In the afternoon a general kit inspection was held and Coy Comds clean up all outstanding Orderly Room Charges. These are mostly carry-overs from SYRIA. The behaviour of the tps in the move from SYRIA to EGYPT and in battle has been exemplary. We are very proud of the general good conduct of the men - the Bn has worked together as a happy family with a close co-operation between men, NCOs and offr. The esprit-de-corps of the unit after the weeks of fighting has increased more than ever and unit pride is very strong with everybody.</p>	
EGYPT	11		<p>Five ORs leave for 7 days A Tk gun school conducted by 30 Corps.</p> <p>A draft of two offr and 23 ORs arrived at the unit.</p> <p>One Carrier (Mortar type) delivered to the unit.</p> <p>Unit receives one 2 pr A Tk gun and two 37mm guns making total now four 37mm guns and one 2 pr.</p>	

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EGYPT	11		Capt O H ISAKSSON returned to unit today and was posted to Carrier Pl. Capt ISAKSSON was seconded to 26 Aust Inf Trg Bn for six months.	
EGYPT	12		LOB personnel were changed over today, the following offrs being included, Maj G S EDMUNDS, Capt D MAXWELL-WRIGHT, Lieut R E KENNEALLY.	Notes on Comd's Conference
EGYPT	13		The Bn is back to normal routine again and emphasis has been laid on trg rather than the defensive posns which are almost complete. Parades are held each morning and PT carried out at 0615 hrs. The pls which are at the beach each day carry out pl trg. All this is designed to bring the tps back to the state of physical fitness and discipline which was characteristic of the unit prior to going into action.	Notes on Comd's Conference 12 Aug 42
EGYPT	14		All LOB personnel returned to the unit. Lieut H F TRELOAR (Mortar Offr) returns to unit. All coys commenced trg patrols - fighting, recce and protective. Emphasis is to be laid on the setting of definite tasks, maintaining direction and position and on return answering the question which the patrol was set and making out patrol reports. CO attends Bde conference to meet new GOC EIGHTH Army (Lt-gen MONTGOMERY).	Posting of Offr

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EGYPT	15		<p>7 ORs rejoined the unit from hospital.</p> <p>Bn received notification that the following immediate awards have been made:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Capt D BRYANT MC Pte R RAMSDALE MM</p>	
EGYPT	16		<p>A "T" shaped pit is being constructed about 1600 yds East of the area which when completed will be burned black. This sign is for AC recognition</p> <p>RC Mass held by Padre HONNER at 0900 hrs.</p> <p>Church Parade held by Padre ARCHBOLD 0730 hrs in ry cutting.</p> <p>KHAMSEEN KRONICLE is published by the Int Sec giving local news of the Bn.</p> <p>Bn receives notification that a MG Pl will be included on establishment. Personnel and offr will be taken from coys and there will be no increase in WE strength. Pl will be equipped with four Vickers Machine guns.</p> <p>Lieut SHEPARD will be OC MG Pl.</p>	<p><i>Syllabus Trg of NCO</i></p> <p>SEE APPENDIX FOR ALL COPIES KHAMSEEN KRONICLE</p>
EGYPT	17		<p>Syllabus of extra trg for NCOs was commenced today (see appx)</p>	<p><i>Training to be carried out in addition to normal boy. trg.</i></p>

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EGYPT	17		<p>B and C Coys commenced a period of Mob Trg today, A and D will commence tomorrow. This is a prelude to the Bn trg which it is anticipated we will be doing in the near future. (see Trg Instn No 8 and Notes on Trg - Mob Force).q</p> <p>Two ORs leave for 5 day A Tk gun school conducted by 30 Corps.</p> <p>CO and Adjt visit B and C Coys on Mob Trg exercise.</p> <p>ACF issue of 1 oz tobacco, 1 pkt cigarette papers, one pkt razor blades and toilet soap.</p> <p>Mail arrived tonight - the largest the Bn has received and some letters were dated up to 22 Jul 42.</p>	<p><i>2/48 Aust Inf Bn Trg</i> <i>Instn no 8.</i></p>
EGYPT	18		<p>Capt BRYANT MC, Cpl HINSON DCM, Pte RAMSDALE MM visit Bde to be photographed by official photographer.</p> <p>A and D Coys carry out desert trg exercise. This mainly involves mob movement in vehs and quick manoeuvres.</p> <p>Comds conference to discuss mob force trg carried out by all coys during past two days.</p> <p>A Tk Pl carries out firing practice at Divisional range. CO visits the range and expresses satisfaction at the way in which the men have acquired the use of the gun. The 37mm American gun with which the unit is equipped seems a</p>	<p><i>Results of ATK practice</i> <i>shoot.</i></p>

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			<p>very effective weapon.</p> <p>CO attends conference at Bde.</p> <p>"T" trench for AC recognition has been completed.</p> <p>One offr (Lieut SHEPARD) and 13 ORs leave to attend 14 day Vickers MG school conducted by 9 Aust Div.</p>	
EGYPT	19		<p>From today sec parades will be held each morning and complete inspections will be carried out.</p> <p>One 37mm gun belonging to this unit carried out a test shoot with 2 pr and 6 pr guns (3 Aust A Tk Regt) against a German Mk III - Special. Results were most interesting - 6 pr penetrated the front upper armour which is 20mm then about a 5" air spring gap and then 4" to 5" armour plate, also the armour just below the gun (approx 40mm) was penetrated. The main lower frontal armour (50mm) was completely penetrated. The 2 pr penetrated the 20mm subsidiary armour on the upper structure but barely scoured the main armour behind it. The 37mm gun penetrated this subsidiary armour and scoured the main armour to a depth of 2mm - also against the main lower frontal armour (50mm) penetration to a depth of 30 to 33mm was obtained. It is of interest to note that the tank used in this shoot was one of the German tanks knocked out by a 2 pr in C Coy's area at TEL EL EISA. The range at which the shoot was carried out was 750 yds approx.</p>	<p><i>Discipline: measures to ensure a continued high standard.</i></p>
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EGYPT	20		<p>Brig R W TOVELL and CRA visit Bn area. CO attends parade at Bde when GOC 9 Aust Div presented decorations to members of the Bde. The following were presented to members of the Bn:-</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Capt D BRYANT</td> <td>M C</td> <td>C Coy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cpl J HINSON</td> <td>D C M</td> <td>C Coy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pte R RAMSDALE</td> <td>MM</td> <td>A Coy Sigs</td> </tr> </table> <p>The necessity of getting all available news to the tps has been fully appreciated and the following issues are made to keep the tps as much in the picture as possible:-</p> <p>The "Egyptian Gazette" - on a very small ratio. The "Diggers' Desert Daily" - one copy per sec. This gives the latest overseas news and is much appreciated. The "Eighth Army News" - daily. The "Crusader" - Eighth Army weekly magazine. The "AIF News" - weekly And the "Khamseen Kronicle". (unit paper)</p> <p>As well as all sit-reps coming into the Bn are repeated to coys as quickly as possible and regular talks by the Int Sec are arranged by coys on the latest infm about the enemy.</p>	Capt D BRYANT	M C	C Coy	Cpl J HINSON	D C M	C Coy	Pte R RAMSDALE	MM	A Coy Sigs	<i>Log Index No 7</i>
Capt D BRYANT	M C	C Coy											
Cpl J HINSON	D C M	C Coy											
Pte R RAMSDALE	MM	A Coy Sigs											
EGYPT	21		<p>CO, Adjnt and Capt ROBBINS visit Bde and meet General ALEXANDER GOC-in-C commanding Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Late this afternoon the enemy dropped pamphlets over a wide area. These were addressed to the Indians, Australians and New Zealanders. They caused some amusement and "Jerry" is only wasting his time.</p>	<i>Indian pamphlet with approx map ref of area dropped, att.</i>									

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EGYPT	22		CO and Adjt inspect B and C Coys. CO, Adjt and IO witness 2/23 Bn operation as a mob force. At 1630 hrs all offr's assembled to meet the Bde Comd (Brig R W TOVELL DSO) who was accompanied by the BM and Staff Captain. This was the first time all offr's had been together since the Bn left SYRIA. Also since many of the new offr's had not met all the offr's of the Bn it gave them an opportunity for all to become acquainted. The gathering took the form of a celebration to mark the second birthday of the Bn on 27 Aug.	
EGYPT	23		RC Church parade. Padre hold Holy Communion service in Cutting. C and D Coys hold sports meeting and CO and Adjt attend. Message received from Bde at 2125 hrs - strong indication enemy likely attack night 25/26 Aug. Units will complete all preparations and exercise vigilance including paratp and sea-ward defence.	<i>Log Instr No 8</i> <i>2/48 Aust Inf Bn OO no 43 with trace attached.</i>
EGYPT	24		Coy Comds conference at 0900 hrs to tie up defence of area. This conference was followed at 1100 hrs by conference of supptg arms comds for same purpose. Practice "stand to" at 1600 hrs - to find any weaknesses and generally to test out defences. Comds conference	

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EGYPT	24		<p>afterwards to tie up any loose ends.</p> <p>Trg programmes have been cancelled for the present and full time is spent on improving defences.</p> <p>Preparations for closing gaps in minefields and some which are not vitally necessary are to be closed immediately.</p>	
EGYPT	25		<p>The weather continues to be hot and the dust storms of the last few days have made things rather unpleasant.</p> <p>HQ Coy hold sports meeting.</p> <p>Coy Comds and supptg arms comds conference.</p> <p>Practice "stand to" held at 2030 hrs. The attack which was expected tonight did not materialise. Enemy indications are still so strong that an attack is expected within a few days. Our bombers were active over enemy territory.</p> <p>The following supptg arms and comds are at present in the area:-</p> <p>115 Bty 32 RA - comd by Maj GRR W STANTON M and N Tps 12 Bty) Lieut A C HARRIS 3 Aust A Tk Regt -) Lieut W E WILLIAMS 3 Pl A Coy 2/2 MG Bn - comd by Lieut R L GARRETT 6 Sec 2/7 Fd Coy Engrs - comd Lieut H H MURRAY 2/11 Fd Amb Mob - Sec comd by Maj N H MORGAN</p>	<p>OO No 43</p>

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Unit 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Commanding Officer H. Hammer

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H. Col.

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EGYPT	25		<p><i>2/11 F.3 AmqB.</i></p> <p>The Mob Sec will move into the area tomorrow. The purpose of the Sec is to provide an ADS in the area which can be maintained as a hospital if the situation makes it impossible to evacuate wounded. The ADS will be equipped to carry out operations and will have an operating theatre underground.</p>	
EGYPT	26		<p>Capt D C DAWKINS RMO leaves the unit. He has been the RMO since the Bn was formed. His place has been taken by Capt J C YEATMAN who is also a South Australian.</p> <p>B and A Coys hold sports meeting at which the CO and 2 i/c are present.</p> <p>A check of the number of personnel from each State today shows the following figures:-</p> <p>SX - 624; WX - 82; QX - 2; VX - 22; NX - 3.</p> <p>Number of personnel over 35 years of age - 88.</p>	
EGYPT	27		<p>During past week all coys have held sports meetings. Events have included LMG stripping, 2" and 3" Mortar drill, sandbag filling, running and team events. All events were keenly contested and the tps obviously enjoy a break from routine trg and digging - it certainly gives them something to discuss in their letters.</p> <p>Today is the second anniversary of the unit's formation,</p>	<p><i>Representatives from various states & personnel over 35 yrs of age with battalion.</i></p>

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EGYPT	27		and a special edition of the "Khamseen Kronicle" in which the CO gave a birthday message to the unit, was published.	
EGYPT	28		<p>Maj F A G TUCKER, Maj G S EDMUNDS and Capt D BRYANT MC recce 2/32, 2/43 and 2/3 Pioneer Bn areas for Bde counter attack role on 24 Bde front.</p> <p>Coy Comds conference.</p> <p>Personnel return to the unit from MMG school which was cut short owing to the situation. Further courses have been cancelled until further notice.</p>	<p><i>Proposed Orgzn</i> <i>- Inf Bn</i></p>
EGYPT	29		<p>TO, IO and Carrier Comd recce 24 Bde area for possible counter attack role.</p> <p>All coys carry out "coy in attack" exercises paying particular attention to the following lessons:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Use of coy supptg weapons before, during and after the attack. (ii) The interval between res pls and secs. (iii) Fwd sec held up - the use of the 2" Mortar. (iv) The employment of the res pl. (v) 2" and 3" Mortar. are to be used ^{used} during the exercise. <p>All ranks receive free issue of 1 bottle of beer, 1 chocolate and packet of cigarettes from Regtl funds to celebrate unit's birthday.</p>	

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EGYPT	29		CO attends conference at Bde.	
EGYPT	30		Comds Conference at which CO announces that the Bde will relieve 24 Bde. 2/48 Bn will relieve 2/43 Bn - the relief to be completed by 3 Sep and to commence 2 Sep. Coy Comds recce area in morning.	
			CO, Adjt, IO, TO and Sig Offr visit 2/43 Bn prior to making a detailed recce.	
EGYPT	31		News was received this morning that the enemy made diversionary raids on the whole Corps front last night, but all were repulsed and over 30 PsW taken. Further south the enemy launched his attack.	
			The Bn stood to at first light and engrs and Pioneers prepared to close the gaps. After first light "stand easy" was given and trg continued.	
			B and C Coys carried out "Coy in attack".	
			Further decorations were announced today:-	
			Capt C F WILLIAMS MC (Posthumous) (D Coy) Sgt J. K. WESTON DCM MM (C Coy) Cpl H H ASHBY DCM (D Coy) Sgt C R JACKA MM (HQ Coy) Sgt W E PRYOR DCM (B Coy)	

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Sgts JH Roberson & W.G. Bayor DCM were sent to OCTU during the month. The Bn is glad to have opportunity of sending suitable NCO to officers' trg schools to take their place as offrs in the unit.

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EGYPT	31		Bde advises that relief of 2/43 Bn is postponed until position in south is clarified.	
EGYPT			Personnel evacuated to hospital (sick) during the month totalled 84, and personnel returned to unit a total of 110.	
			<p>The month has been one of hard work in the continuation of defensive preparations and applying the lessons learnt in battle at TELH EL EISA to strg. The need for a battle drill fixed in the mind of every individual (the part he plays in the battle) has been emphasised & practised over & over again. The unit is fit & well, ready for battle once again. Specialist strg is proceeding well but because of lack of reinforcements, the Bn Fd strength today is 34 off 6680R's representing a shortage of 150 men approx. has made it difficult to train sufficient men for all Specialist Pls as well as maintain reasonable strengths of Rifle Coys.</p> <p>1622/PMEA/1-500,000-9/41.</p> <p>H.H. Hammer Lt Col</p>	

EIGHTH ARMY NEWS

No. 66

MONDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1942

THE BATTLE BEGINS

The anticipated enemy attack began, as expected, in the Southern sector last night just before midnight, when enemy columns, including tanks, began moving East.

At the moment of going to Press the enemy is being engaged by our forces both on land and in the air.

Previous to the enemy advance, a series of raids along the entire front was carried out by our patrols. Both German and Italian prisoners were taken in all three sectors, thus providing us with a useful cross-section of the front.

As the enemy attack began, the Army Commander sent a historic message to the Officers and Men of Eighth Army. The text of the message is printed overleaf.

R.A.F. Take Offensive

This morning Bostons and Baltimores are attacking the enemy concentrations in the South. Waves of our bombers are blasting hostile columns as they advance to attack. During the night, Wellingtons and Albatrosses found large concentrations in this area and bombed them successfully. Then the Albatrosses returned to their aerodrome, bombed up, and returned to continue the attack. Meanwhile, Bostons and Hurricanes strafed the coastal sector, causing appreciable damage. Early this morning enemy fighters made demonstration sweeps behind our lines, coming in from the North and then passing down over the Southern sector, apparently with the idea of giving an impression of imposing numbers to our ground forces.

On the night 29/30 August, Wellingtons and Albatrosses continued their sustained attack on enemy ground forces in the Central sector. They located a substantial column moving South-East, which they attacked successfully, many bombs falling near motor-transport and three fires being started. One tank was probably destroyed by a direct hit.

Meanwhile, Bostons and Hurricanes attacked camps and motor-transport in the coastal sector.

Yesterday one Me 109 was destroyed and one damaged by our fighters. Later Hurricanes, making a tactical recce, were attacked by six Me 109's. Escorting Spitfires swooped down, destroyed two enemy machines and damaged another. Three Hurricanes are missing, but the pilot of one is safe.

Stalingrad Still Holds

In Russia the great battle for Stalingrad is still raging, and the Germans are reported to be bringing up more tank reinforcements. A late despatch from Moscow states that for the moment all the German attacks are being held. North-West of the city the Red Army has captured several important hills.

In the West Caucasus, South of Krasnodar, where the Germans are trying to reach Novorossisk, the enemy has attempted to land troops but Russian artillery sank a number of transports and not one man succeeded in landing. In the middle of the Caucasus, near the Grozny oilfields, the German thrusts have been held at Prokhladnaya.

In the Moscow sector heavy fighting is in progress in three areas. The Germans yesterday admitted strong Russian infantry and tank attacks around Kaluga. The Russians claim to be gaining ground in the Bryansk area, but at Rjev there has been no change in the situation.

According to the latest "Pravda" despatch, the fighting in this sector is going on as severely as ever. There is also a report of a big tank battle West of Zubtsov, 10 miles East of Rjev.

Moscow radio has just announced that Soviet 'planes have bombed Berlin, Königsberg, and Danzig.

Far East

The Chinese forces are now pursuing the Japanese from Lishui, which is only 60 miles from the Chekiang coast line.

To Officers and Men of Eighth Army

SPECIAL MESSAGE

1. The enemy is now attempting to break through our positions in order to reach CAIRO, SUEZ, and ALEXANDRIA, and to drive us from EGYPT.

2. The Eighth Army bars the way. It carries a great responsibility, and the whole future of the war will depend on how we carry out our task.

3. We will fight the enemy where we now stand; there will be NO WITHDRAWAL and NO SURRENDER.

Every officer and man must continue to do his duty as long as he has breath in his body.

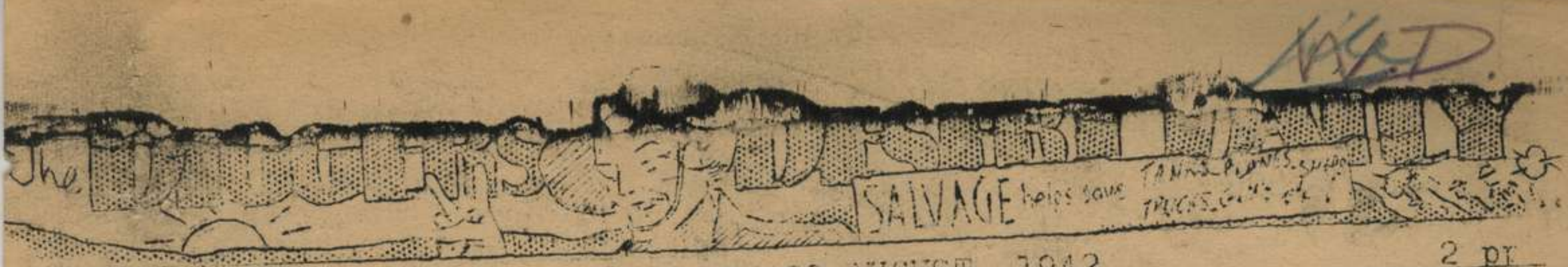
If each one of us does his duty, we cannot fail; the opportunity will then occur to take the offensive ourselves and to destroy once and for all the enemy forces now in EGYPT.

4. Into battle then, with stout hearts and with the determination to do our duty.

And may God give us the victory.

B. L. Montgomery,

Lieutenant-General.



Heavy fighting is now going on in New Guinea on the northern shores of Milne Bay, scene of the latest Japanese landing. Allied troops were now in close contact with the enemy, this morning's communique from Gen MacArthur's HQ announced. In support of our ground forces Allied medium bombers heavily attacked the Japanese from a low level. All bombs fell in one target area, and many fires were started. An Australian military spokesman said that some United States service troops were now fighting with the Australian forces in the area. The Japanese landed from a convoy of three ships of medium size, with a naval escort which included a cruiser and a destroyer. The Commander-in-Chief Allied Land Forces, Gen Sir Thomas Blamey, told correspondents yesterday in Melbourne that fighting in the swampy, sodden jungles was hard, but he believed the Allied troops would keep the Japs from joining up with the other enemy force at Kokoda.

HARD FIGHTING IN NEW GUINEA: PLANES GIVE SUPPORT TO AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

The landing at Milne Bay was part of the enemy's plan to push his bases southward, Gen Blamey said, but the Solomon Islands battle was not an isolated attack but part of the Allied offensive to completely drive back the Japanese. "It must be fought out until one side or the other is defeated", he added. The offensive had been successful so far, but it would absorb tremendous reserves on both sides. The Japanese attempt to recapture the SE Solomon Islands is still hanging fire, following the repulse of the attempt three days ago to drive the Marines off Guadalcanar Is. A check-up of enemy classes in Washington shows the following: 2 Japanese transports and a gunboat sunk, 1 Jap cruiser probably sunk. One battleship, 1 cruiser, 2 aircraft carriers, 2 destroyers, 3 transports, and four small ships damaged, and 56 Japanese planes destroyed, 1 probably, and 1 damaged.

The Allied air offensive on Europe has been kept up. Yesterday afternoon United States Flying Fortresses, with a strong escort of Spitfires, attacked an aircraft factory at Albert in Northern France, while other Spitfires carried out extensive sweeps during the day. One of the few German planes which tried to interfere was shot down, and we lost one Spitfire. On Thursday night the RAF made a concentrated attack in force on Cassel, 80 miles East of the Ruhr, and the home of the great Henschel locomotive works and aircraft factories. Our planes flew through brilliant moonlight to make a concentrated attack. Cassel plays a big part in keeping the German railways running. The Henschel locomotive and rolling stock works are the largest in the world. The Henschel aircraft and engine works, and the Fiesler aircraft factory, turning out Messerschmitts, were also attacked. It was the ninth visit of the RAF to Cassel. Other bombers flew more than 700 miles to northern Poland to base the port of Gdynia, which has been turned into a naval base by the Nazis. During the 1,700 mile journey many enemy fighters were encountered, one being destroyed and others damaged. During the night hurricanes and other fighters attacked Occupied France, shooting up airfields, factories, camps and locomotives. One enemy plane was shot down. Out in the Channel hurricane bombers went looking for enemy shipping, and found an enemy convoy South of Guernsey. They left two ships burning and one sinking. From the night's operations, 30 bombers and 2 fighters are missing.

ALLIED AIR OFFENSIVE DIRECTED ON CASSEL

Artillery exchanges were the dominant note along the local front yesterday and last night. Yesterday morning our medium guns, which have been making their presence felt, dropped 150 shells onto one enemy position in half an hour. Earlier this week our guns on the central sector landed 540 shells on one area in a time space of from 1 to 2 minutes! Yesterday evening the guns along the northern sector began counter-battery shellings. The enemy tossed a few back, and our batteries gave him a few more. The enemy gunners strengthened their fire, so our guns let them have "the works", obtaining good results. Our patrols continued their observation of enemy positions last night, one of them exchanging fire with an enemy party. Enemy aircraft were on recess over our area yesterday, while our own fighters and fighter-bombers swept on enemy air behind his lines, shooting up an office truck. Medium and heavy bombers of the Allied air forces continued their damaging attacks last night on Axis supplies behind the battlefront and further afield.

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... are standing firm in the face of one of the mightiest armoured onslaughts in history. The tremendous German drive is being continued at full pressure, but the Russian units are counter-attacking strongly, and the enemy does not appear to have advanced. At one point a panzer group penetrated into the Soviet positions, but the thrust was checked. Spearhead of the group consisted of about 100 tanks, strongly supported by motorised infantry. They were already in sight of "an important military objective", but before they could develop this advantage the Russians moved up tanks and artillery, and a counter-attack was launched with amazing speed. A frontal assault held the enemy up, and Soviet troops then attacked from the North and South in a pincers move which cut off the advancing tanks. These were systematically blasted, while the infantry were surrounded and almost completely wiped out. The Germans are now fighting defensively to extricate themselves, and are using big transport planes to bring up supplies and reinforcements, but a large number of these have been destroyed in the past two days. To the SW of Stalingrad it is also a war of thrust and counter-thrust with the Russian resistance steadily stiffening. Stalingrad itself has been "blitzed" by the Luftwaffe on what Moscow calls a "Batterdam scale" (whole districts of the Dutch city were laid waste by the Germans in 1940, after resistance had virtually ended). Hundreds of tons of bombs have been dropped on Stalingrad and the Luftwaffe divided it into sections, each of which has been systematically blasted district by district. Aroused to fury by the barbarous attack, thousands of men are now leaving the factories and marching through the burning streets to take their places in the 15-mile wide fortifications which enclose the city. Only the old men, the women and the children remain to deal with the fires and carry on the rescue work. To the South in the Caucasus fighting seems to have died down somewhat, and the position is unchanged. At Rizev Soviet heavy-guns are infiltrating towards the centre of the 12th Century town from the northern suburbs, while Soviet long range guns on hills commanding the town pound the last German positions. Russian troops are concentrating for the final assault.

RUSSIANS STAND FIRM BEFORE STALINGRAD AS NAZIS BLITZ THE "STEEL CITY"

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Chinese troops yesterday morning entered Chushien, and other Chinese troops are fighting inside Lichow, the aerodrome of which has already been captured. Thus our allies have regained two of the main airfields on the seaboard - the "bomb Tokyo" airfields. Three columns of Chinese shock troops with American air support are driving the Japanese northward again, while other Chinese forces pushing westward now control 210 miles of the important Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, most of which was in Japanese hands 6 weeks ago. They are only 50 miles from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi province. At long last the tide seems to be turning in China. For 5 years the Chinese have been fighting a defensive war against invaders with a powerful air force, and a never brave no army can fight successfully against an enemy with bombs and fighters. But today a new power is fighting Japan with her own weapons in China, the American Air Force. And as the Chinese slowly regain the airfields near the eastern coast, Japan becomes increasingly uneasy for her own cities. American bombers raided Tokyo and other cities once; now American flyers are helping the Chinese in Chekiang, and from the two big air bases at Chushien and Lichow the Flying Fortresses and Liberators can raid in force the heart of Japan.

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Mr Curtin has co-opted Sir Earle Page into the War Advisory Council and the War Cabinet. Opposition leader Padden declined previously to chair any of his representatives on the War Advisory Council to make way for Sir Earle. The Prime Minister said yesterday that the special knowledge gained by Sir Earle Page in London and New York would be invaluable to the Government.

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40 TRUCK LOADS OF SALVAGE
SENT BACK THIS MONTH... Keep it up!

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Today opens the tenth week of Hitler's massive summer offensive against the Russians, and finds our allies still battling hard to stem the German drives towards Stalingrad and into the Caucasus. Focal point in the fighting directed against Stalingrad is still near the town of Kletskaya, NW of the city. Last night's Moscow communique spoke for the first time of fighting SE of the town, but it is not clear what progress the Germans have made in this area. A supplement reports that in a series of fierce attacks the Russians hurled the Germans back with heavy loss. Kletskaya has been the scene of particularly bitter fighting throughout the past week. Paul Winterton, in a special cable from Moscow last night, says that it need not be assumed that the Germans have made any great progress towards Stal-

GERMANS STILL HELD BACK FROM STALINGRAD AS HITLER'S OFFENSIVE ENTERS TENTH WEEK

ingrad. Having lost tens of thousands of men, & hundreds of tanks, in the operations over the steppes in the wide Don bend, and the low hills across the river, the Germans are now facing the, to them, appalling prospect of once more trying to establish bridgeheads on the left bank. The second of the twin battles for Stalingrad is being fought NE of Kotelnikovo, about 100 miles SW of the steel city. The Germans here, after regrouping their badly mauled forces, have resumed their attacks. Earlier the Soviet had reported that their counter-attacks had thrown the Germans out of strong positions. While the Russians and Germans are locked in battle here, there are signs of a new threat to the Caucasus or the Volga from a point South of Kotelnikovo. The Russians admit a withdrawal in the face of superior enemy forces in this area, while four days ago the Germans claimed to have reached Elista, a point 90 miles SE of Kotelnikovo and 180 miles from the Volga at Astrakhan. Objective of the latest thrust is not yet clear. The Germans may be trying to attack Stalingrad by outflanking the Kotelnikovo defences, or they may be trying to reach the Volga, or even to break through to Astrakhan. On the Caucasian front heavy fighting continues along the Kuban River line at Krasnodad, in the hills of Maikop oilfield, and Mineralniya Vodi, from whence they are trying to break through to the oil at Grozny.

There has been considerable air activity over the North African front, but little to report from the land operations. Our patrols were out along the front again last night, but in the Northern sector no actual contact was made with the enemy. There has been some harassing fire by our artillery on the Central Sector. Yesterday morning Australian and South African Kitti-bombers and other light bombers attacked enemy barges and motor lighters off Siidi Barrani. The Australian Sqn scored 5 hits on one barge, and two on another, while the South Africans scored hits on 3 others. It was the South Africans' first experience of these operations against the enemy supply lighters, in which the Australians have become adept. They have reached double figures in lighters destroyed or seriously damaged this month. American fighter pilots, who have been in action over the Desert since Wednesday morn-

AUSTRALIAN FLYERS TEACH SOUTH AFRICANS HOW TO HIT ENEMY SUPPLY BARGES

ing, co-operated with our light bombers yesterday in a series of attacks on enemy camps, gun positions, landing grounds and troops in the Daba-Fuka area. One German fighter was shot down, but all British and American planes returned. On Friday our long range beaufighters encountered two JU52 troop transports off the coast. First fell to a Sjt Pilot from Essex. "We were looking out for lighters", he said afterwards, "when we spotted the Junkers coming along. From the time we sighted to the time the enemy went into the sea was 6 minutes. First hit blew the nose off, then the starboard engine caught fire. Flames travelled quickly along the fuselage, then one wing fell off. I saw no one bail out, and no survivors." The other big plane soon followed into the sea.

A British naval squadron under comd Rear Admiral Vian bombarded the Italian E-boat base of Rhodes in the Eastern Mediterranean on Thursday morning. The Italians were taken completely by surprise, and the attack, which lasted 12 minutes, had almost ended before the shore batteries opened fire. Our planes co-operating with the warships dropped flares, and then spotted for the naval gunners. Other aircraft bombed an aerodrome. During the passage of the convoy to Malta this week, our fighters from Malta shot down at least 10 enemy planes, and probably more, for the loss of four of our own.

Allied troops in Timor are maintaining an organised resistance against the Japanese. This was officially stated from Gen MacArthur's HQ in Australia this morning. In both the Dutch and Portuguese portions of Timor Allied troops, including Australians, were landed last December, in view of the Japanese threat. The Japanese invaded Timor in February, and succeeded in establishing bases, but the Allied forces remaining have been keeping up their resistance. Allied bombers from Australia attacked Japanese troops

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and installations on the SE coast of Timor yesterday, fires being started. The Japanese are keeping up their pressure against our forward outposts at Kokoda, in Papua, today's communique reports. There is no further news of the escorted Japanese convoy reportedly attacked off New Britain this week, and it is presumed that it has been dispersed. Latest news of the Solomon Islands battle is a Washington statement that it is "pretty good". Naval authorities there regard the situation as most optimistic. When Sir Earle Page arrived in Sydney yesterday from Britain, he referred to the battle of the Solomons, and said that an effective blow struck at the Japanese this year may prove three times as valuable as a similar offensive next year. Sir Earle, who has been representing Australia in the British War Cabinet, said that when Australia's position was desperate a few months ago Britain was prepared to tear guns out of their emplacements and send them to Australia! Sir Earle spoke of the tremendous increase in British shipbuilding, and said that vessels were being launched after 30 days, while new keels were being laid down for others soon after. The three points contributing to victory, he thought, were the production of the United Nations, the extraordinary way in which the manpower and womanpower of Britain had been mobilised, and the tremendous increase in United States war production.

From Washington last night came more details of last Saturday's bombardment of Kiska harbour in the Aleutians, by an American task force. A Japanese destroyer was hit and set on fire. Two enemy cargo ships were seriously damaged, and a third sunk. The Navy Dept states that 10 enemy cargo ships, 4 submarines and a destroyer were observed in Kiska harbour. More than 3,000 shells were fired by the U.S. warships into Japanese installations, starting large fires, in the main enemy camp. They also bombarded secondary Japanese camps, AA emplacements, and other targets. All shore batteries were silenced. There was no damage to American ships, and only one plane was lost.

ALEUTIAN BOMBARDMENT

Another contingent of the AIF, who have returned from the Middle East after 2½ years abroad, were given a great welcome when they arrived in Sydney on Thursday. Most of the men served in Libya, Greece, Crete, and Syria. Many were in England before being sent to the Middle East. An A/Tk Regt from New South Wales was at Homs when the Syrian armistice was announced. They were with the "phantom" cavalry force which was sent behind the

MORE AIF MEN
WELCOMED HOME
TO AUSTRALIA

French lines to protect the oil pipe line running through the desert to Tripoli. Chaplain Max Radford has returned to Adelaide with an AGH after two years service abroad. He described a vicious attack by a German pilot during a burial service at Tobruk last year. "I was reading the service when the German swooped down suddenly from the clouds", the padre said. "A blind man could have seen it was a cemetery, but the German flattened out and machine-gunned us. Our only haven was a number of empty graves. We jumped into these, when the enemy turned round and gave it to us again." Chaplain Radford added, "It may help those who lost sons and husbands in Tobruk to know that every man who died in Tobruk was buried reverently, and individually."

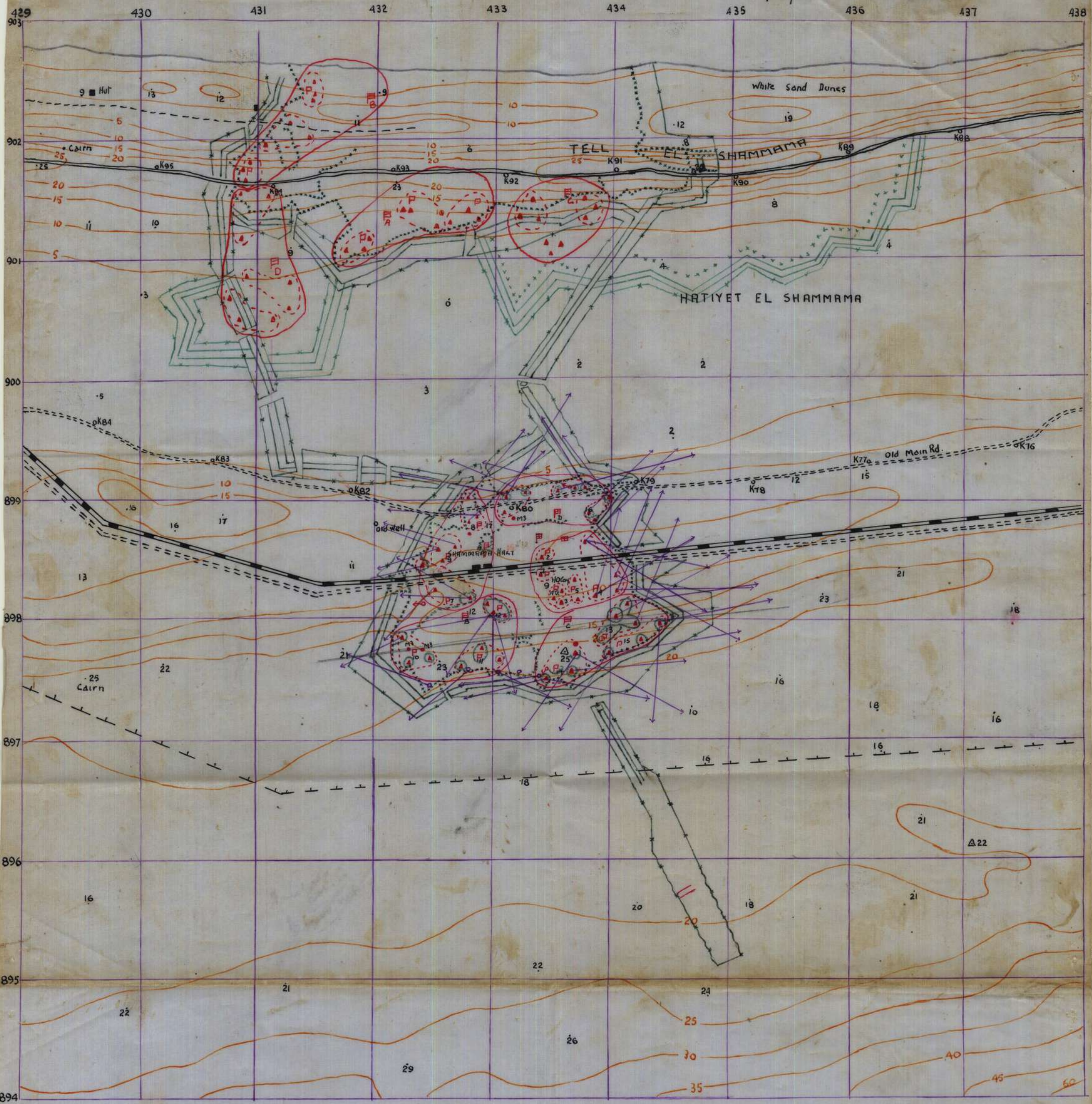
Vanguard of the largest overland cattle drive in the history of Australia has arrived in Perth from the outback. Some 2,200 head have reached the West Australian capital, Commerce Minister Scully announces, and a further 4,000 are still on the way. The Federal Government decided to move about 10,000 head from the Territory, a large section going to Queensland.....

Sydney Legacy Club inaugurated Friday an appeal for £50,000 to help children of men killed in this war. Donations already total £13,500..... In the Victorian Supreme Court Friday a verdict for £1,350 was given against Constable G. Cracknell, of the Victorian Police Force. Mrs Ann Wilson, 42, widow of an officer of the R.A.E., received £900 and each of her three children £150. Her husband was fatally injured in a collision in June, due, she alleged to the negligence of the constable.

DEF. LOCALITY "A"

R.F. 1:25000.

Enlarged from EL QASABA 1:50,000.



Int Sec
248 Br
23 Aug 42.

2/48 AUST INF BN
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 32
Based on infm received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 1 Aug 42

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

SECTION "A" OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS:- Observation was limited owing to dust storms and for any further infm see Section "C"

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:-

(a) MT - 1750 hrs - 6 vehs stationary at 87053013.
1855 " - little MT movement in sq 871300.

(b) Arty - normal last light shelling on fwd coys.
2005 hrs - right fwd coy 8 shells 155 mm
2005 " centre " " 20 " 75mm
2015 " left " " 3 " 75mm

Damage - nil

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY:- Nil

SECTION "B" GENERAL INT

4. ENEMY POLICY AND METHODS:- On night 15/16 Jul 15 tp carrying vehs and two a tk guns approached centre fwd coy area. From close observation of derelicts now on that area it is now found that the leading veh was a VALSKWAGON. It is now thought that the attack was launched by the THUGS or German raiding parties.

5. The following list is of recovered and captured eqpt salvaged during the past seven days:

British

6 Vickers Machine guns	2 Boxes spare parts Vickers MG
4 Barrels (spare) Vickers	4 Feed blocks (spare) Vickers
3 Locks (spare) Vickers	13 tins spare parts Vickers MG
1 Rangefinder	20 rifles .303
16 Slings rifles	12 Bren Barrels (spare)
2 Mountings Mor 3"	1 Barrel Mor 3"
3 Base Plates Mor 3"	58 Bayonets
78 Scabbards (bayonets)	1 Browning MMG
1 BSA MMG (AFV)	2 Lewis Twin MGs
2 Browning M Guns	1 Firing mech 6 pdr A Tk
7 Brens IMG	5 TSMGs
117 .303 rifles	4 Rifles A Tk Boys
5 Pistols (all types)	3 Signal Pistols
12 Mags Boys A Tk	69 Mags Bren
10 " TSMG	5 2" Mortars
3 2" Mortar sights	1 Binoculars
1 Carrier	1 Van 15 cwt
1 Wireless set	2 Compasses, liquid
30 Picks	53 shovels.
5 Brens IMG	6 TSMGs

German

1 Rangefinder	54 Rifles
4 Tommy guns	1 Machine rifle
6 Spandau Machine guns	2 Sig Pistols
8 Boxes Spandau amm (5000 rds per box)	

Italian

1 Rangefinder	158 Rifles
2 Mountings Fiat	4 Fiat MMGs
1 Fiat AA Mounting	3 Fiat Spare Barrels
6 Breda IMGs	2 20mm A Tk Bredas
2 20mm AA Bredas	2 8mm Bredas
2 Tommy Guns	3 Mortars 81 mm (complete)

2 Mortars 81mm Sights	1 Mortar 81mm mounting
1 Bag spare parts (Mortar 81mm)	3 Sights 75 mm Fd Piece
1 Breach block and pts 105mm Fd piece	1 Arty Plotter
1 Slide rule.	3 Boxes 20mm A Tk amm
24 Boxes 20mm AA amm	5 " Lt Breda amm
5 " Median Breda amm	16 " 81mm Mor Amm

SECTION "C" OWN OPS

6. Salvage Party collected 16 tons of a tk, lt and by Breda amm from dump reported by patrol night 29/30 Jul. Exact quantity not known to date but dump has now been cleared except for one truck load.

Our Patrols report as follows:-

C Coy Report:- Just prior to taking up posn noise of compressor could be heard at 87203005. On arrival at 87253005 compressor ceased. After 10 mins had elapsed an isolated pick could be heard striking on rock and this also ceased on approach of our vehs. Enemy was aware of our vehs being in neighbourhood but no patrols were sent to investigate. During whole period of salvaging five bursts of Spandau were directed towards our vehs. No flares were sent up. Found one of our dead vicinity Western Pt 24 but no identification could be found.

B Coy Report:- At approx 0015 the patrol crossed the telegraph line and after reaching 87422975 moved off on a bearing of 250 deg. Movement of our vehs in Pt 24 West area was quite distinct throughout. At 0130 hrs Patrol had reached 87322972 where it remained for 45 mins listening to enemy movement. Voices were heard but could not be distinguished but appeared to come from approx 300 yds to the NW. Sound of iron pickets being driven in were quite plain. One Spandau was heard to open up occasionally and appeared to come from West of West 24. (A trip wire was encountered approx 87502983). At approx 0245 hrs the patrol commenced to move when a 81mm Mortar opened up. No flashes were seen but it sounded to be firing from the direction of Pt 23 West - well back. The Patrol was showered with stones etc from the bursting bombs which landed near. Approx 4 bombs were fired and the patrol withdrew 150 yds when a second group of four landed in the same area. General impression was that our veh movement had caused the enemy to be very alert and that he had picked up the patrol in the strong moonlight.

Distribution - List "A".

B. R. King
Lieut
IO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(B R KING)

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Copy No. 10
1 Aug 42

2/48 AUST INF BN WARNING ORDER

Ref Map:- EL QASABA 1/50,000

1. GENERAL:-

(a) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn night 2/3 Aug 42.

(b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will move to area SHAMIANA HALT (432898) on completion of relief.

2. FIRE PLANS:- Comds to finalise complete fire plans, co-ordinated with coys on their flanks.

3. RANGE CARDS:- Range cards to be prepared for all See Posts.

4. SIG DIAGRAM:- Sig diagram to be drawn up showing complete comm layout.

5. PL LOCALITIES AND COY LAYOUT:- Sketches of Pl localities, and coy layout to be drawn and handed over to the relieving comds.

6. B Coy:- Bn 'B' Ech moves to new area day 2 Aug 42.

7. STORES:-

(a) Thin out stores night 1/2 Aug 42.

(b) Post stores arrangements (weapons, amm, tools, water accommodation) will be advised later.

8. AMM:- Subject to alteration G1098 Scale only will be taken.

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Time of signature. 1345 hrs

Method of issue - Sigs.

WR Reid. Lieut
Adjnt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(W R REID)

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2/48 AUST INF BN OO NO 42

Ref Maps: EL ALAMEIN and EL QASABA 1:50,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy: Contained in sitreps and daily Int Summaries
2. Own Tps: (a) 9 Aust Div is taking over responsibility for the NORTHERN portion of the EL ALAMEIN defences which in general terms lie between the coast and the telegraph lines 2000 yds South of the ry line.
 (b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn relieves 2/24 Aust Inf Bn and one Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn in present locations night 1/2 Aug.
 (c) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn moves back to Northern position at TELL EL SHAMMAMA. The Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn on relief will move to an area in the sand dunes in the present locality.
 (d) Proportion 2/17 Aust Inf Bn relieves remainder of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn night 2/3 Aug 42.
 (e) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn moves into reserve area TELL EL SHAMMAMA East of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn prepared posns and astride the main rd.
 (f) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn moves into reserve this area night 2/3 Aug 42.
3. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn comes under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde wef completion of relief.

ATTENTION

4. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will hand over their present disposns to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn on night 2/3 Aug 42 and will occupy in a defensive role the prepared posns of SHAMMAMA HALT area 433898.

METHOD

5. Relief: (a) Outgoing 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. Incoming 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy

(b) Bn HQ, HQ Coy and D Coy 2/48 Bn will be relieved by Coys 2/13 Bn.
 (c) Embussing and Debussing: areas to be decided mutually between Coys.
6. Change over to be completed by 0300 hrs at which time 2/48 Bn will be clear of fwd areas.
7. Adv Parties: Coy adv parties consisting of one offr per coy (1 Aug - recce offr) plus one OR per pl will report to QM at B Ech 0930 hrs 2 Aug 42. All personal gear to be taken. This party will move with B Ech to new area. Party to incl all COMS.
8. Patrols: (a) Coys will be responsible for patrolling up to and incl the night of their relief, personnel of incoming unit accompanying patrols.
 (b) LPs must be maintained during the relief to ensure the security of the locality.
 (c) Movement of patrols to new area will be advised by sig.

9. Routes: (a) A B and C Coys move via main rd North of their present posns to rd and track junc 43109016 where guide will direct them to Bn area.
(b) Bn HQ HQ Coy and D Coy move from present posns via track 879298 to main rd, thence to rd and track junc 43109016 where guide will direct them to Bn area.
10. Rd Control:
(a) Traffic control posts will be est at rd and track junc 87932984.
(b) Coy Comds will report to traffic control posts en route. CC post will personally check out every veh constituting Bn gp and report by DR on completion to Rear HQ.
(c) On completion of relief Coys will signal codeword to Bn HQ. Coy convoys will NOT be moved on to main rd until ordered by this HQ.
(d) Guides: (Incoming personnel) - to be arranged mutually between coys.
(e) Guides: - SHAMAMA HALT area. Pro Sgt to arrange route and minefield picquets from rd and track junc at 43109016. To 43358990 (entrance to new Bn area, through D Coy area). Coys to arrange guides from 43358990 to coy areas.
11. Mines: New area is completely surrounded with minefields marked with two strand cattle fence, and mine triangle signs.
- ADM
12. Tpt: (a) Tp carrying vehs of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will backload 2/48 Aust Inf Bn personnel, for tpt to new area.
(b) A Ech vehs will move with coys.
13. POL: (a) Tanks filled.
(b) Normal cased res to be retained on all vehs.
14. Rations: (a) One day res ration on the man.
(b) Rations for 2 Aug 42 will be delivered to Coys night 1/2 Aug 42.
(c) All additional res rations will be taken.
(d) Hot breakfast to be supplied in new area morning 3 Aug 42.
15. Water: (a) Water bottles filled.
(b) WE containers to be carried; where practicable take spare containers.
16. Weapons and Amm: (a) Own: E2 Scale to be taken.
(b) Foreign: Coys may if desired hand over any foreign weapons and amm by mutual arrangement.
17. Tools: All tools to be taken.
18. Medical: RAP closes present location when Coys clear of traffic control post. Move on order from this HQ.
Location new area 43368988.

INTERCOMM

19. Bn HQ closes present location on completion relief and opens new area 4334 8987 one hr later.
20. Report centres will operate throughout relief at present Bn HQ and new area 43348977.

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Bn HQ

21. Sig Comms to be maintained throughout the relief.
22. Codewords: (a) "VISITORS" - relieving sub-unit arrived, relief commenced.
(b) "BATH EMPTY" - relief completed.
(c) "BATH FULL" - in posn new area.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Time of signature *1130* hrs

Method of despatch - sigs.

WR Reid Lieut
Adjut 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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6 Aug 42

2/43 AUST INF BN

STANDING ORDERS

RD Sentries

Ref Map: CASARA 1/50,000

1. LOCATION OF POSTS:-

- A Coy - 43288989
- B Coy - 43248983
- C Coy - 43438985
- D Coy - 43388991

2. TOUR OF DUTY: 0600 hrs - 2000 hrs.

3. RD Sentries WILL:

- (a) NOT quit their post unless given permission by a superior officer or relieved by an NCO on the completion of their tour of duty.
- (b) Mount correctly dressed, and conduct themselves in a soldierly manner at all times.
- (c) Challenge all personnel proceeding towards their area of responsibility.
- (d) Obtain identification of all unrecognised personnel moving to and from the Bn area (NB - Paybook, AB64, ME Identity Card).
- (e) Detain all personnel unable to produce satisfactory identification and arrange for them to be escorted to this HQ for interrogation.
- (f) Make themselves familiar with the Bn layout and act in the capacity of a guide.
- (g) Ensure that all vehs keep to main tracks, and notify all drs of the presence of minefields.

4. General - Coy duty officers will visit rd sentries at least twice during the day to ensure that they are alert and acquainted with their tasks.

5. Coys will draw up a duty roster, and this must be strictly adhered to.

Reid Capt
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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| | 9 | File |

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Copy No7.....

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aug 42

1. The att is a copy of 9 Aust Div GS
instn No 52.

2. Particular attention is directed to the
engagement by fire of low flying aircraft.
In addition, the practice of needlessly wasting
valuable amm by the firing of AA weapons in the
complete absence of BA will cease immediately.

3. Where applicable coys will comply with
para 2 of this att instn.

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"	7&8	WAR Diary

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9 Aust Div GS Insta No 52

1. AA Fire at Low Flying Aircraft

A considerable amount of the fire directed at the low flying enemy planes on the morning of 5 Aug fell in the lines of the 2/13 Aust Pz Coy and adjacent units.

AA SA fire will not be employed unless the target is within 2000 ft.

AA fire at low flying aircraft will not be opened when there is any danger of the rds falling amongst our own units.

2. Use of Unit Serial Numbers and Guiding Lights

- (a) In many cases additional serial numbers, and lights at night are necessary to enable unit and formation HQ to/located /be quickly.
- (b) Some unit lights on the main rd are so bright that a low flying aircraft would have little difficulty in locating the rd at night.

Formations and units will examine these lights and ensure that they are sufficiently shaded to prevent them assisting night flying aircraft.

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EXERCISE
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Copy No. 24
8 Aug 42

2/48 AUST INF BN OO No 43

Ref Map:- EL QASABA 1/50,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy:- (a) The enemy have pushed fwd in the central sector, and have driven a wedge into our present posns between the 280 and 287 Northing Grids as far EAST as the 430 Easting GRID.
 (b) They are now holding the ridge running EAST to WEST from 424897 to 430897 in strength, and known to have considerable numbers of Fd and A Tk guns in this area.
 (c) The main enemy armoured forces are NOT thought to be in this area at the moment, though a number of tks have been seen vicinity 424893.
2. Own Tps:- (a) The ALAMEIN "BOX" is still intact, and the posns EAST and WEST of it NORTH of the 287 Grid are still held by us.
 (b) Our FDLs EAST of the "box" are established facing SOUTH along the ridge running from EAST to WEST from 890289 to 430289.
 (c) The following tps come under comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn for this op:-
 15 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
 A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 One tp 12 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt.

INTENTION

3. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will adv to forming up/ and capture enemy posns on ridge from 42408974 to 42708974. area

METHOD

.. Phase 1. Adv to debussing area 42609003

4. Order of March:- Coys and supptg arms will move to debussing area 42609003 in gps as follows:
 Two secs No 4 Pl
 B Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (with under comd one sec Carriers and one det Mortars)
 D Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (with under comd one sec Carriers and one det Mortars)
 Bn HQ.
 No. 3 Pl less two dets
 Bn A Tk Pl
 One tp 12 Bty 3 A Tk Regt
 A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 A Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 C Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 15 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
5. Start Point:- Ry Sta 43298985
6. Start Time:- 2030 hrs - gps will pass start pt at 5 min intervals
 (0730 hrs by day)
7. Route:- Ry rd direct to debussing area
8. Guides:- (a) To debussing pt by RPs
 (b) Debussing pt to form up place by I Sec
9. AA Protection:- Two dets will move with Bn HQ and two dets remain with 'B' Ech present location.

Phase 2. Capture of enemy posns on ridge from 42408974 to 42708974.

10. METHOD OF ATTACK:-- 50 R Tanks will attack in three waves:
(a) First wave will move at 3 mph to objective and will dominate objective until arrival of inf.
(b) Second wave will move with inf and put them on objective.
(c) Third wave will be in res and move by bounds with and in rear of res inf.

11. FWD COYS:--

(a) B Coy right

Objective -- From 424 Grid left to axis of adv incl.

Route -- Move from debussing area 42609003 on a bearing of 195 deg to forming up area thence direct to objective.

(b) D Coy Left

Objective -- From axis of adv excl left to 427 Grid.

Route -- As for B Coy.

12. FORMING UP AREA:-- Second wave of tks and fwd inf coys will form up 50 yds (100 yds by day) in rear of first wave of tks.

13. TIME TO BE IN POSN:-- Z -- 60 mins

14. AXIS OF ADV:-- Cairn at 42568991 to the objective on bearing of 195 deg.

15. RATE OF ADV:-- 100 yds in 2 mins.

16. START LINE:-- Forming up line of first wave of tks.

17. START TIME:-- 2330 hrs (by day 1000 hrs).

18. RES COYS:--

(a) A Coy -- Right

(b) C Coy -- Left

Tasks:-- Held in res during attack, and be prepared to: Counter attack on first light. Exploit beyond objective as ordered.

Route:-- As for fwd coys.

Interval:-- 50 yds (by day 300 yds) rear fwd coys.

19. TIME TO BE IN POSN:-- (Res Coys) Z -- 20 mins

20. CARRIERS:--

- (a) Two secs to move with first wave of tks for close support and be in posn forming up area z - 110 mins
(b) One sec Carriers under comd B Coy.
(c) One sec Carriers under comd D Coy

21. MORTARS:--

- (a) One det under comd B Coy
(b) One det under comd D Coy
(c) Four dets to move with supptg arms at head of res coys -- Task for close support, and immediate defence against counter attack.

22. MMGs:--

- (a) Move with supptg arms gp at head of res coys.
(b) Tasks: for consolidation and exploitation.

23. A TK:- Bn A Tk Pl and One tp 12 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt will move with supptg arms gp and take up posns immediately on consolidation for A Tk defence.

24. ARTY:-

- (a) FOO will move with Bn HQ
- (b) OPOs will move rear res coys and select suitable OPs at first light.
- (c) Tasks: Cover consolidation and exploitation as required. DF task against counter-attack. At first light on D2 be prepared to fire by observation as directed by FOOs.

25. RE TASKS:-

- (a) Three gaps each 25 yds wide will be cleared in enemy minefields and clearly marked with tape and lights as ordered by 50 R Tanks.

ADM

26. DRESS:- Battle order.

27. WEAPONS:- All WE weapons carried.

28. AMM:- 10 rds per man wrapped in handkerchief in pocket - to be used for AA protection only when ordered.

29. TOOLS:- 2 picks and 2 shovels per sec to be carried on the man.

30. BLANKETS:- One blanket per man to be carried in A ech vehs.

31. MESSING:- All meals present location as arranged by QM.

32. R A P:- Remains present location.

33. WWCP:- Debussing area 42609003.

34. TRANSPORT:- (a) 6 x 3 ton tp carrying vehs will report to each rifle coy by 0700 hrs.
(b) One A ech veh will move with each rifle coy.

35. TRAFFIC CONTROL POSTS:-

- (a) SHAMMAMA HALT Ry sta.
- (b) Debussing area

INTERCOMM:

36. Bn HQ - head of A Coy.

37. R/T to B and D Coys.

38. L/T - all coys on attainment of objectives.

39. Recognition - All sqn comds tks will have BLUE rear lights. Tp comds tks RED lights.

40. Liaison - Coy and Pl comds to liaise with tk comds.

41. Password - "TOPPER"

42. Synchronisation of watches - 1900 hrs (0630 hrs by day)

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Time of signaturehrs
Method of issue - sigs.

W.R. Reid Capt
Adjnt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

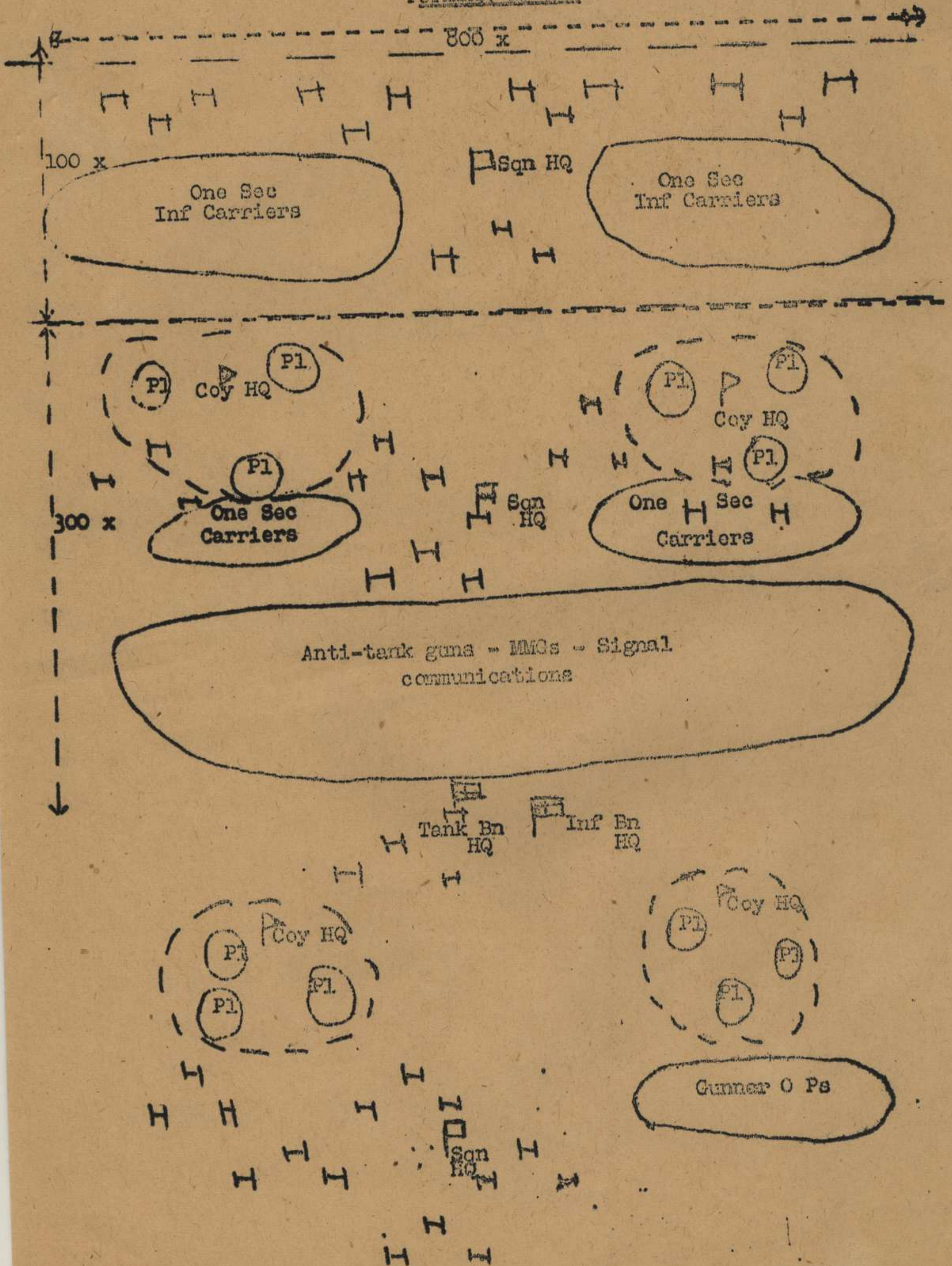
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23 ARMD BDE GP EXERCISE

Dispositions of tanks and infantry in
Forming up area



(Copy)

Ref A 1/216

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aug 42

26 Aust Inf Bde

MG SUPPORT - A COY 2/2 AUST MG BN

1. It is desired to record the close co-operation and support by the above MG Coy, 2/2 Aust MG Bn to this Bn during the capture and occupation of the TELL EL EISA area.
2. Many of the actions against the enemy necessitated the MMGs being well fwd on forward gun roles and at all times, no matter what the situation, close and effective support was given.
3. Special mention is made of the following officers and NCO:-

Maj	M I WHEATLEY (Missing)
Capt	F R K STANILAND
Lieut	HERBERTSON
Sgt	COCKRAN H J C (3 Pl A Coy, who took comd after Lieut W A COCHRANE died of wounds on 11 Jul 42)

(Sgd) H H HAMMER Lt-Col
CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aug 42

TOPICAL

Our thanks to Capt VANDERKELLIN for supplying us with the following apt comment on Lord HAW HAW'S latest (reported) statement to the effects that ALI BABA MORSHEAD & HIS 20,000 thieves have despoiled SYRIA and have now moved on the desecration of EGYPT.

"Old Jerry had us on the run;
The news was far from hot.
He had his feet in EGYPT
And the SPHINX was "on the spot".
The GOC., despondent, sent signals
out in sheaves,
Calling ALI BABA MORSHEAD & HIS
20,000 THIEVES.

So LESLIE called his G staff
And whispered in their ears.
His message went to AUCHY -
"Have a pot and drown your fears".
We'll make that bludger ROMMEL
Think he's copped the Gyppo Heaves
WILL ALI BABA MORSHEAD & HIS 20,000
THIEVES.

So we travelled down to EGYPT
From those pleasant lands afar.
We knew the need was urgent
Cause we came by motor car.
We didn't stop in CAIRO
But ALEXANDRIA grieves
OVER ALI BABA MORSHEAD & HIS 20,000
THIEVES.

So we came back to desert
Well known from days of yore.
We met the FRITZ at ALAMEIN
Close by the MEDDY shore.
The ITIES were pathetic -
The HUNS fell back like leaves
FROM ALI BABA MORSHEAD & HIS 20,000
THIEVES.

Now ROMMEL'S got a headache
His tks cant take a trick.
His dropshorts are'nt so wonderful
And his LUFTWAFFE makes you sick.
His glorious dreams of yesteryear
Are smashed - And IS HE PREEVED?
WHILE ALI BABA'S GLOATING O'ER
WHAT HIS 20,000 THIEVED

Will History repeat itself
Now we're once more in the game ?
Will the form displayed in '41
This year be just the same ?
If so ? Then ROMMEL's stonkered
Whate'er the plans he weaves
AGAINST ALI BABA MORSHEAD & HIS
20,000 THIEVES.

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WD.
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
12 Aug 42.

NOTES ON COMDS' CONFERENCE 12 AUG 42

1. WORKS.

- (a) Kerosene tins to be used when available pending issue of sandbags.
- (b) When siting posns make most possible use of contour of ground - comparison "TOBRUCH" pattern.
- (c) Beware of posns sited on fwd face of high ground - often better on low ground fwd of rise (longer beaten zones; high ground being used for OPs)
- (d) Consideration to be given to siting of alternate posts further fwd, covering minefields and wire.

2. TRAINING

Policy:- Fitness, to instil into all ranks a spirit of aggression and further trg in patrols.

- (a) Day Trg - Continuation of swimming parades. A syllabus to be drawn up of exercises to be carried out by Pls proceeding to the beach and copy to be submitted to Bn HQ NOT later than 1200 hrs 13 Aug 42.

A definite route to and from the beach is to be laid down by comds, who will visit pls periodically and check on exercises. Exercises will be carried out en route and whilst at the beach, the following suggestions being made:-

To Beach - "Pl in Attack" - Battle Procedure, fire and movement, crawling to fire posns, selection of fire posns.

At Beach - "Fire Direction", "Fire Control", "Weapon Trg" (NB care and cleaning). Organised sports - this to incorporate vigorous bayonet trg.

Return - "Sec Formations", "Sec Control"

- (b) Night Trg - (to be commenced night 12/13 Aug 42). Syllabus to be submitted as for daylight trg. Night trg will be devoted to patrolling as follows:-

Recce - Patrols to go out long distances and to become accustomed to direction finding, compass, stars etc.

Fighting - These to be two sided exercises. Arrange enemy working party; in posn late afternoon - tasks for patrol "shooting up" or to "get prisoners".

The practice of 'briefing' patrols is the best means of obtaining infm required - "definite questions; definite answers".

Pacing of distances is the only accurate method of determining whether objective is reached. This necessitates careful map calculations by the comd and will be practiced in all patrol work.

All ranks must realise the importance of becoming accustomed to night ops. A "night sense" is one of the greatest assets in war

Night trg (contd)

Many valuable lessons will be learnt and new ideas for patrolling are to be passed to this HQ so that all coys can be notified of them and in this way the unit as a whole will benefit from these exercises.

Coys desiring to use flares will notify Bn HQ and will await approval.

3. ADM

- (a) Offr evacuations to be notified to this HQ immediately they occur.
- (b) AWL - details of personnel AWL will be passed to the RSM without delay.
- (c) Returns - When Returns are called for it can be assumed that "NIL" Returns are required. O/R Cpls to keep log and it is their duty to remind comds when returns are due.

4. DISCIPLINE.

- (a) Shaving - All personnel are to shave daily. Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders.
- (b) Boots - More attention must be given to cleaning of boots. Lack of polish is no excuse.
- (c) Res Rations. - Men are to be warned of the seriousness of consuming res rations. Severe disciplinary action will be taken with future offenders.

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13 Aug 42.

LACK OF HYGIENE.

The following figures give some indication of the extreme importance of the maintenance of satisfactory sanitation methods in the Desert, and the ever present danger of excessive wastage of personnel through sickness by the neglect of elementary principles of hygiene and sanitation.

While there are other factors operating besides poor sanitation, these figures give a relative indication of the efficiency of the sanitation methods in each coy and the numbers of sick evacuated to hospital - with diarrhoea and dysentery over the period 26 Jun 42 - 12 Aug 42 are compared with the numbers of battle casualties evacuated to hospital over a similar period

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Diarrhoea & Dysentery cases evac to hospital</u>	<u>Battle Casualties evac to hospital</u>
A	14	12
B	4	23
C	3	14
D	10	33
HQ	<u>12</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>43</u>	<u>112</u>

To prevent this excessive wastage of personnel from preventable diseases coys are reminded of the following instns once again.

- (1) Refuse - ALL refuse is to be immediately burnt and buried. 9 Aust Div HQ have sanctioned the use of petrol for burning. This method of disposal is extremely important at cookhouses.
- (2) Food - All food is to be kept covered - at all times. Coys are making very little effort at present to see that bread and vegetables, open tins of jam, milk and other food are kept away from flies between meal times. It should not be necessary to remind ofrs, NCOs and men of this elementary rule. There are plenty of amm cases lying about which can be used for this purpose, at cookhouses and sec posts. When possible cookhouses are to be made flyproof by using dugouts and fly netting-improvise and don't wait until it is done for you.
- (3) Latrines - When flyproof latrine superstructures are not provided because of the tactical situation coys will use NARROW trench latrines, and all men must cover their excreta with sand and oil - when available oil will be provided for this purpose. When superstructures are provided, coys must see that they are kept flyproof and as soon as any breakage occurs have it mended immediately without waiting until some member of the hygiene sec discovers it. Lids are to be kept in place. Bottles of Cresol must be provided at each latrine for users to rinse their hands afterwards. When Latrine sites are moved the original site must be marked by a sign marked "FOUL GROUND - OLD LATRINE".
- (4) Fly Traps - These have been provided for each cookhouse. Further supplies will be available soon and coys are to regard them as their own property and responsibility and carry them on coy tpt at any move. Flytraps cannot be made in a day.
- (5) Waste Water Sumps - will be used in all areas.

- (6) Flies - Fly swats and Flysol are available, but Flysol is of little use unless the flies are killed by swatting while they lie helpless in their stunned condition.

KILL THAT FLY AND STOP AVOIDABLE SICKNESS.

- (7) Mess Tins - These are to be sterilized with BOILING water prior to men drawing their food at meal time. The same water can be used for cleaning the mess tins after the meal.

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OFFER POSTINGS

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2 i/c Maj T H SCOTT
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IO Lieut B R KING

HQ Coy

OC Maj F A G TUCKER
1 Pl Lieut V N NELSON
2 Pl Lieut S S CAPLE
3 Pl Lieut H F TRELOAR
4 Pl Capt O H ISAKSSON
Lieut G E JOHNSON
5 Pl Lieut S A B MAZZUCHELLI
6 Pl Capt J D POTTER
Lieut D N WALLIS (TO (L) Lieut G J BUTLER)
A Tk Capt D MAXWELL-WRIGHT
Lieut M WRIGHT
Lieut R W LEWIN

A Coy

OC Capt R S SHILLAKER
2 i/c Lieut N McLELLAN
7 Pl Lieut C E TAGGART
8 Pl Lieut M K McKINNON
9 Pl Lieut B Y HAMILTON

B Coy

OC Maj G S EDMUNDS
2 i/c Capt A E BROCKSOPP
10 Pl Lieut K F ALLEN
11 Pl Lieut J E LUCY
12 Pl Lieut B SHEPARD

C Coy

OC Capt D BRYANT
2 i/c Capt R B DOLIMAN
13 Pl Lieut D C HILL
14 Pl Lieut R E KENNEALLY
15 Pl Lieut J T GREGORY

D Coy

OC Capt P CROMPTON
2 i/c Capt P ROBBINS
16 Pl Lieut W LAIRD
17 Pl Lieut E A MURPHY
18 Pl Lieut T H BOWMAN

OFFERS NOT WITH UNIT

Maj R L BATTEN (Seconded 9 Aust Trg Bn)
Capt D P HILL (" 26 Recruit Trg Coy)
Capt R W LEMESSURIER (X LIST)
Capt D G KIMBER (X LIST)
Lieut I G PAECH (Seconded 26 Aust Inf Bde)
Lieut W A BYRNE (Seconded 4 Aust Con Depot)
Lieut J W SMITH (X LIST)
Lieut P W NICHOLAS (Detached 26 Aust Inf Bde)
Lieut O D GOODEN (X LIST)
Lieut D C C WILLIAMS (X LIST)
Lieut L UNDERDOWN (X LIST)

TRAINING.

1. The following "Lessons" have been extracted from Reports on recent exercises, and are fwded for infm:

- (a) SEC STALKS - 14 Sep 42:- These were carried out commencing at between 600/800 yds from observing party.

Points noted

- (i) Difficulty in spotting secs who moved one individual at a time as against the whole sec making a bound at once.
- (ii) Where open ground visible to the observer had to be crossed it was best to rush the whole sec across together, widely dispersed, then continue to work to one or other of the flanks according to the ground.
- (iii) Full use of background for concealment.

- (b) COY IN ATTACK - 15 Sep 42:- The objects of the exercise were to practice Battle Drill and use of supptg arms.

Points noted

- (i) The employment of the 2" Mortars was specially effective. On one occasion, a pl made use of a Carrier to transport its Mortar to a posn some 200 yds away, when the fwd secs of the pl were held up. Every opportunity was taken to assist pls fwd by using 2" Mortar smoke.
- (ii) Effective contact was maintained with Carriers by making one report back to Coy HQ frequently. It is suggested that messages could be passed to the flank on which the Carriers are operating and a man detailed to contact the Carriers by employing a pre-arranged signal.

- (c) PL IN ATTACK - 9 Sep 42:- The main lessons still to be emphasised are:-

- (i) Pl Comds keeping their HQ back during the initial engagement and until their fwd secs are unable to support one another fwd; also to enable them to manoeuvre their res.
- (ii) Consideration must be given to the dividing of Pl HQ into two groups, making them less likely to be picked out as a HQ. Mortar gp with Pl Sgt; Pl Comd with runners (about 30 yds apart)
- (iii) On capture of objective and during reorganisation period res sec (probably one who has been giving covering fire up to assault stage) should make it a drill to move up to a posn about 100 yds centrally in rear of fwd secs and be prepared to watch flanks and rear.

- (d) TWO COY EXERCISE - 8 Sep 42:-

Points noted

- (i) Reorganization - Pls quickly settled in and were co-ordinated by OC and digging commenced with tools carried during the attack (one shovel and one pick for secs of fwd pls and two shovels and picks per sec of res pl). Full use of enemy diggings was made where suitable and by the time enemy C/A came all LMG personnel and 50% of each sec had a pit which was sufficient for their bodies to be below ground level.

(ii) Supptg Arms -

3" Mortars:- "In endeavouring to rush their weapons fwd by bounds got their vehs bogged and arrived too late to be of use against the enemy C/A which came within fifteen minutes of our taking objective. It is pointed out that little reliance can be put in vehs getting this essential support fwd and the moment there is any hitch they must manhandle fwd and contact the OC Coy as quickly as possible. Fifteen minutes to get up was far too slow."

Carriers:- "NCO in charge apparently set out without being clear of his task. His Carriers were required to move up with amm and tools immediately he saw us take the objective whereas he waited for a success signal and only just got the essential stores fwd in time to be of use."

(iii) Counter Attack - This came very quickly but the coy had reorganised and were ready but without support of 3" Mortars. However it is felt that the Coy LMGs and 2" Mortar would have done a great deal to break up the C/A.

L/T was laid from assembly area as the coy moved fwd in the attack and sigs were able to keep up quite well. This is needed to order fwd coy stores veh, OC's veh, A Tk guns, and other A Ech vehs.

(iv) Necessity of supptg arms getting fwd very quickly after inf get on to objective; (One 3" Mortar in action and leap-frog the other fwd.)

(v) Pls sited and digging to be commenced in first five mins - not too much time spent on selecting best fire posns. Pl Comd has not time to make detailed recce and must decide quickly.

(vi) Quick replenishment of amm expended in attack.

(vii) Runners must report back after delivery of messages.

(viii) One man per sec posted as sentry whilst remainder employed on tasks.

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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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16 Aug 42

TRAINING

Syllabus of extra trg for NCOs to be carried out in addition to normal Coy trg

GENERAL

1. The recent fighting in which the unit has been engaged has brought to light lessons which during the present quiet period must be learned by everyone, so that full advantage can be gained from them.
2. Many soldiers have been promoted to NCO rank and some junior NCOs have been promoted to higher rank and it is essential that they receive as much instrn as possible while the opportunity is here. Coys will therefore arrange to conduct NCO classes commencing on Monday 17 Aug.
3. It is suggested that most of the subjects listed be taught during the later part of the day, say between 1800 and 2000 hrs.
4. The following subjects will be included in the syllabus, plus any additional ones which Coy Comds may wish their own NCOs to be instructed in.

SYLLABUS

(i) Duties and responsibilities of NCOs:-

- (a) During trg periods, posting and relieving of sentries.
- (b) In the field on active operations.
- (c) When on leave and in back areas.

Instructor - RSM - who will take each coy's NCOs in turn, i.e.

A Coy	1800 hrs	17 Aug 42
B Coy	1800 "	18 Aug 42
C Coy	1800 "	19 Aug 42
D Coy	1800 "	20 Aug 42
HQ Coy & Bn HQ	1800 hrs	21 Aug 42.

(ii) Use of Compass and Map Reading

Instructor Sgt F H LEGG (assisted by 'I' Sec personnel) who will liaise with coy comds regarding periods on same basis as RSM.

(iii) Security - responsibility of NCOs in regard to (Sgt LEGG)

(iv) Fire Control

- (a) Lecture on Fire Control
 - (b) Practical demo of control of fire of a section
- Instructors - coys to arrange.

(v) Section Leading

- (a) Talk on Man Management, Leadership. What the Sec Comd must know etc.
- (b) Fieldcraft - Signals, formations
Cover
Observation
Movement by day and night.
- (c) Scouts and Patrols

- (d) Attack - (i) Types of attack
(ii) Battle procedure
(iii) Pl Comds orders, sequence of, importance of being clear on what is required.
(iv) Sec Comds orders, sequence of, importance of ensuring that all sec personnel clearly understand what they must do.

- (e) Consolidation -
(i) Importance of quick consolidation
(ii) Fire posns
(iii) Arcs of fire
(iv) Arrange amm supply
(v) Alternative fire posns
(vi) Quick digging in for immediate protection.

- (f) Defence - what the Sec Comd must know on occupying a sec post.
(i) Enemy, where and when is attack expected
(ii) Own tps, where other tps in the locality are; are there any in front.
(iii) What support there is from other arms and neighbouring secs and pls.
(iv) Task of the Pl
(v) Task of the Sec
(vi) When fire is to be opened
(vii) Air defence policy
(viii) Priority of works
(ix) What patrols are going out; where from, when and where they are coming in.
(xi) What tools are available; when and where they can be drawn from.
(xii) Where Pl and Coy HQ is and routes to them.

- (vi) Camouflage and concealment of posns, individuals and vehs. The urgent need for speed in this cannot be stressed too much. Lecturettes and demonstrations to be given.


Maj
2 i/c 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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2/2 Aust MG Bn
18 Aug 42

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MG SUPPORT "A" COY 2/2 AUST MG BN

1. Might the CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn be advised please of the appreciation of 2/2 Aust MG Bn for his remarks regarding "A" Coy's co-operation and support in the TELL EL EISA area. Also for his remarks regarding the Officers and NCOs specially mentioned.
2. The appreciation expressed by the CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn has been promulgated to all ranks of "A" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

(Sgd) E. Macarthur Onslow Lt-Col.
CO 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
18 Aug 42

All Offrs.

DISCIPLINE

MEASURES TO ENSURE A CONTINUED HIGH STANDARD

1. The necessity for dispersion in fwd areas has a great effect on control and discipline, especially by officers. NCOs in comd of sections are frequently left to their own devices for long periods in the day. This lack of supervision by officers may cause a lessening in the standard of discipline in the unit.

2. The high standard of discipline and trg always maintained by this unit has stood it in good stead in the last few weeks while in action.

3. To counteract the effect of dispersion on discipline the following routine will be adopted, strictly adhered to and only varied by permission from Bn HQ.

(a) Sections will parade in the section area daily at 0830 hrs for inspection by OC Pl. The following points will be given special attention:-

- (i) Dress, Boots, Shave.
- (ii) Weapon cleanliness - weapons except rifles should be stripped for inspection.
- (iii) Section stores and personal kit layout.
- (iv) Sanitation and Hygiene.
- (v) General bearing and smartness of men.

(b) Coy Comds will inspect the whole Coy including Coy HQs at least twice weekly on the lines mentioned above.

(c) CO and Bn 2 i/c will make frequent inspections of coys at times to be notified.

(d) Vehicle, Carrier, Gun and weapon cleanliness and maintenance must become a ritual by the personnel responsible and inspected daily by those in comd.

(e) All sub-units and attached personnel will comply with the above instructions.

4. Every officer and NCO must set the example to the men in their general bearing, smartness and speech. Smart saluting is very necessary and is to be insisted on and expected as a courtesy from all ranks. The use of the word "Sir" is an essential part of military discipline and should always be expected from the lower rank.

5. This unit has always ranked high in its discipline and smartness and I feel sure that every officer, NCO and man will do his utmost to maintain these qualities which are the backbone of a good unit.

H. H. Hammer
Lt-col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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SECRET

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2/48 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN No 7

1. GENERAL

- (a) During the present period of static ops every opportunity is to be taken to practice all offrs in the use of R/T.
- (b) In future, comds to whom a R/T set is allocated, will personally pass messages, and rely on the operator for the technical adjustment of the set ONLY.
- (c) It is imperative that security instns be studied by offrs before practices are carried out, and that strictest security be observed at all times when using R/T.
- (d) Sig Offr to arrange for the trg of Bn HQ and Coy offrs in R/T, and to report on progress made after the duration of one week commencing 24 Aug 42.

W.R. Reid Capt
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

The following is a copy of METP No 15 Instn No 6:-

Battle Infm - Use of R/T and W/T

1. One of the principal difficulties facing Comds and Staffs in the fast moving ops, characteristic of the ME, is to keep in sufficiently close touch with the situation on the battle-front. Whereas periodical situation reports transmitted by W/T in cipher are adequate for summing up the situation at intervals, they do not meet the immediate needs of the conduct of ops.
2. The use of R/T for the purpose has very definite advantages. These are:-
 - (a) It provides direct comn between offr and offr.
 - (b) It gives a means for wide dissemination of infm, regarding the situation on the battle-front as a whole.
 - (c) It affords facilities for direct interception by a qualified offr of infm regarding the operational situation on portions of the front other than his own.
 - (d) It is quick.
3. Wireless Telegraphy is very slow in comparison and periodical reports passed by this means involve an intermediary, i.e. a trained Morse operator; it requires the use of cipher and cannot give the same comprehensive and continuous picture provided by uninterrupted interception and transmission by R/T.
4. It is imperative that formations and units make full use of R/T to overcome the difficulty referred to in para 1. To do this demands:-
 - (a) The continuous presence of an offr on the wireless sets working on fwd control gps during active periods.

- (b) The full use of interception of infm passing on such gps including the interception at the HQ of higher formations of the fwd control gps of lower formations and units.
- (c) The closest co-operation between staffs and sigs.
- (d) The provision, where possible, of Liaison offrers at HQ of adjacent formations equipped with wireless sets netted to the fwd control of their own formation.

5. The above points are not yet fully appreciated by all comds and staffs, and action will be taken forthwith to give effect to them. It is realised that signal resources are not yet in all cases sufficient to meet all requirements, but much can be done on the above lines with what exists.

6. Extended use of R/T must not be allowed to prejudice security. By weighing the conflicting demands of speed and security, and by making full use of the codes provided, security can be preserved. Recent direct evidence has shown that the bulk of the infm of value to him has not been obtained by the enemy breaking codes, but by the interception of indiscreet plain language.

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20 Aug 42

A TK PRACTICE SHOOT 18 AUG 42

On 18 Aug 42 the En A TK Pl conducted its first A TK practice shoot. The Pl were using 37 mm A TK guns for the first time, and it is considered that the shooting was generally good.

Each man fired 8 rds as follows:-

- 2 rds at stationery target
- 2 rds at jumping target
- 4 rds at moving target

In the majority of cases the main faults were the correction in range, and lead by No 1 on the gun.

RESULTS

No 1 Comd Gun	No 2 Layer	Stationery Target	Jumping Target	Moving Target	Total Hits
Sgt Snowden	Pte Dalton	2 low	2 hits	3 hits	5
Pte Donaldson	Pte Lewis	2 low	1 high 1 hit	2 hits	5
Pte Treagus	Pte Jameson	2 low	2 low	Washout	-
Pte Cottell	Pte O'NEILL	2 hits	1 high 1 low	4 hits	6
Pte Dalton	Pte Brown	1 hit 1 low	2 hits	Washout	3
Pte Lewis	Pte Donaldson	2 hits	1 hit 1 low	3 hits	6
Pte Jameson	Sgt Snowden	1 high 1 hit	2 hits	Washout	3
Pte O'Neill	Pte Cottell	2 hits	2 hits	1 hit	5
Pte Brown	Pte Treagus	2 high	2 hits	Washout	2
Pte Donaldson	Pte King	1 low 1 hit	1 low 1 hit	Washout	2
Pte Turnbull	Pte Skinner	1 high 1 hit	2 hits	1 hit	4
Pte Smith	Pte Gardner	1 high 1 hit	2 low	3 hits	4
Pte Renshaw	Pte Gale	2 hits	2 hits	4 hits	8
Pte Fletcher	Pte Hosler	2 hits	2 hits	4 hits	8
Pte Skinner	Pte Dow	1 high 1 hit	2 hits	Washout	3
Pte Gardner	Pte Munro	2 hits	1 low 1 high	2 hits	5
Pte Gale	Pte Renshaw	1 high 1 hit	2 high	Washout	1
Pte Hosler	Pte Fletcher	2 hits	1 low 1 high	3 hits	6
Pte Dow	Pte Turnbull	2 hits	2 hits	3 hits	7
Pte Munro	Pte Smith	1 high 1 hit	2 hits	2 hits	5
Sgt Kemp	Pte Jeffreys	1 low 1 hit	1 low 1 hit	3 hits	5
Pte Church	Pte Clift	1 low 1 hit	1 low 1 hit	2 hits	4
Pte Jeffreys	Pte Duncan	2 hits	1 low 1 hit	3 hits	6
Pte Clift	Sgt Kemp	1 low 1 hit	2 hits	3 hits	6
<u>Total hits</u>					<u>107</u>

56% hits

*Total amm
expenditure 192 rds*

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Ref Map EL QASABA 1:50,000

At approx 2000 hrs 2 planes flew over this area and dropped pamphlets a copy of which is att. Owing to the darkness it was not possible to determine the quantities dropped or the exact area which was covered but the majority falling in the area was in square 439898 and 435898.

HH
Hammer

Basil Robert Lewis Lt Col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(H H HAMMER)



میرے پیارے فوجی بیٹرو۔ میں تمہاری مائیں
 دکھی ہوں۔ فرنگی غلامی کی زنجیروں میں
 جکڑی ہوئی ہوں۔ مجھے اس معیت سے آزاد
 کرنا کرنا سکھانام ہو۔

بھئی

ہندی فوجی بھائیو!

اپنے ملک کی آزادی اور اٹلی بڑائی کے لئے جان دینا ہمارا مذہبی اور اخلاقی فرض ہے
 لیکن اپنے ملک اور قومی دشمن کے بچاؤ کے لئے لڑنا ہمارا صرف پاپ سے نہیں بلکہ نرک میں
 جانے۔ اگر ہمارا دشمن کامیاب ہو جائے تو ہماری غلامی کی مدت اور کئی سو سال بڑھ جائے گی
 بھائیو! تم اٹلی کے خلاف کھینچو لڑو ہو وہ تو ہماری آزادی جانتا ہے ہمارا حقیقی
 دوست ہے۔ اپنے دوست اور ضرر خواہ کے خلاف لڑنا مذہب کے خلاف ہے۔ اخلاق کے خلاف ہے
 جاپان اور جرمنی بھی ہمارے دوست اور ضرر خواہ اٹلی کے دوست اور اتحادی ہیں وہ کبھی ہماری
 آزادی چاہتے ہیں۔ ان کے خلاف گولی چلانا ہمارا پاپ ہے۔

جاپانی فوجوں نے ہلاک اور سنگاپور کو فرنگیوں کی غلامی سے آزاد کر دیا ہے۔ ہر جگہ ہمارے
 بھئی قریباً قریباً آزاد ہو گئے ہیں۔

ہمارے ہندی فوجی بھائیو جو ہلاک اور سنگاپور اور برہما میں مجبور کر کے جنگ کے لئے بھیج گئے تھے
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 لئے لڑ رہے ہیں۔ بھائیو تم میری فرض ہے کہ ایشیائی اور جرمن فوجوں کے ساتھ مل جاؤ
 اور اپنے دشمن سے بدلہ لیکر اپنے ملک کو آزاد کرو۔ ایشیائی اور جرمن فوجیں تم سے
 بھائیوں اور دوستوں کی طرح سلوک کر رہی ہیں۔

زندہ باد آزاد ہندوستان

2/48 AUST INF TRG INSTRUCTION No 8

1. GENERAL:- During the period 17-22 Aug 42 training in mob ops was continued, taking the form of a coy with supptg arms employed as a mobile force. A mobile force is as the name implies, a force which can be moved rapidly from one place to another, and one which is capable of fighting at all times; it is self contained, and must be prepared to move away from its base for varying periods of time, and yet be capable of maintaining itself as a fighting body in spite of its lack of comms.

A mobile force may have varying tasks set for it. It may be called upon to perform a harassing task against a retreating enemy; as a powerful patrol with the object of either striking at the enemy or to make a recce in strength. Because a force is powerful it does NOT necessarily mean that it is solely a fighting force. Under some circumstances a force may have to be powerful to fight for information. This was brought out by the Germans during the CAPUZZO-SOLLUM ops when strong tank columns advanced into EGYPT, their object no doubt being a recce in force.

Once again the old slogan of "Fire dominates the battlefield" is brought to the notice of all comds. One is inclined to forget this when thinking in terms of mobility. Mobility in itself is practically useless without fire power and it must be remembered that it is the making of the weapons mobile which is of paramount importance, NOT the moving of large bodies of personnel from place to place.

2. CONDUCT OF THE MOBILE FORCE:- The conduct of a mob force operation, will naturally vary according to the task set for it, but there are many golden rules which must be observed:-
- (a) Control:- This requires a carefully prepared plan prior to the operation, and ALL ranks must clearly understand the orders issued. Once on the move the comd will have to rely on the standard flag sigs and R/T comms and these present many difficulties.
 - (b) Fire:- Troop carrying vehs, and dismounted tps are "thin skinned". They are vulnerable targets and the weapons of inf must be used against such, NOT to engage supporting tanks. It must be also remembered in trg that the force is liable to be engaged by arty from 12,000 yds to zero; by Mortars and MGs from 4,000 yds to zero; and small-arms from 1,000 yds to zero, and these factors must be considered, otherwise a false impression is gained. The general principles of fire in attack or defence apply according to the role of the mob force. Comds must NOT forget their supptg arms - fire power to neutralize the enemy to enable advance - use of sighting mortars and giving them a definite task to assist advancing inf.
 - (c) Formation:- Formation is closely allied to control, and it is important that all comds and drs clearly understand their orders in this respect.
 - (d) Signals:- The standard signals must be adhered to. The introduction of new signals is a dangerous practice - "a simple system is usually a successful system". All ranks must know the signals thoroughly, and learn to act

on them instinctively. Prompt action is necessary when the flags are withdrawn to enable co-ordination in the change of formation etc. All vehs must display the signals to ensure rapid transmission throughout the force.

- (c) Deployment:- A definite drill must be laid down for this phase of the op. "Speed" is essential, and this can be achieved by all comds of vehs being fully acquainted with the drill. The use of ground cover must NOT be forgotten and leaders should always be looking for this before and while deploying either for attack or defence. Should the force become involved arrangements must be made for the vehs to retire rapidly to a rear leaguer.
3. This instruction covers only a few of the points to be considered when carrying out the role of a mob force.

The att notes ~~ending~~ contains many valuable points and should be read in conjunction with this instn.

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NOTES ON TRG - MOBILE FORCE

The following points were observed during the recent coy exercises:-

1. Training generally was divided into four phases:-
 - (a) Individual and Pl instn, mounting, dismounting, signalling etc
 - (b) Collective trg on the vehs, formations, turns etc.
 - (c) Collective trg, deploying and going into action.
 - (d) Tactical exercises.
2. The general standard attained in the first three phases, was good although more practice is needed for continued improvement
3. The following points were noted during phases (a), (b) and (c).
 - (a) Mounting and dismounting:- Carried out well and as the tps realised and became interested in the more advanced trg, was almost invariably carried out smartly at the double. Competition between pls speeded it up.
 - (b) Starting up and switching off:- Standard fair, drs in many cases are prone to leave the watching for signals to others.
 - (c) Signals:- The simple set of signals worked well. Every individual should know them, and in most coys did. Where flags are NOT available hand signals should be insisted upon. Unless the signal goes up on every veh, the navigator does NOT know if it has been seen. Prompt action when the flags are withdrawn is essential, some coys in the early stages, found difficulty in getting every veh to move at once, this was later overcome but needs constant supervision by oftrs and NCOs.
 - (d) Formations:- These formations were adopted by coys when in mob force formation.
 - (i) Three colns.
 - (ii) Five colns with mortars and A Tk guns evenly distributed on either flank.
 - (iii) Five colns with mortars on one side and A Tk guns on the other.The majority favoured (ii). They are all good and allow good control by the cmd. Three colns may allow wider dispersion over a front without sacrificing much control, but increases the length of the coln considerably.
 - (e) Deployment
 - (i) A standard drill of two sub-units fwd and one in res was tried, and found to be very effective from the point of view/and dispersion. The /of speed use of ground and cover, must not be forgotten, and leaders should always be looking for this before and while deploying, either for attack or defence.
 - (ii) Vehs - after debussing the inf vehs in all cases retired very quickly and were well dispersed, sometimes under cover, at others in the open. When cover from view is not available, it is necessary for the vehs to be well back. This makes comm with them harder. Some coys used flags, others hand signals, and others DR. The most speedy and effective proved to be flags with a link flagman between the coy and vehs. The rapid deployment and dispersal of mortars and A Tk guns needs further practice.

When the Coy Comd had time to do a recce and issue orders before the force debussed, there were no difficulties, but when the coy was in close contact or in view preventing the Coy Comd from making his recce and issuing orders, it was found that while the inf could debus and conceal themselves quickly, working on signals, the supptg weapons always had to wait for orders to come down through their det comds before they were able to get into posn. Much more practice is needed to speed this up, and the pls concerned must employ some simple signals of their own to disperse the mortars and A Tk guns to the general areas in which they are to work, as soon as the det comd receives them.

4. TACTICAL EXERCISES:- There were three types of exercises carried out:-

- (a) Attack
- (b) Defence
- (c) Competitive attack

(a) Attack - while the drill and deploying of the force under their comd was generally good, comds in most cases did not use much imagination regarding the use of supptg arms such as arty and MMGs. The closest to which a mob force can get before launching the attack will always depend on:

- (i) Covered approaches and/or
- (ii) The fire which can be brought on to the enemy, and
- (iii) In conjunction with (ii) - Speed.

Some coys were inclined to rely entirely on speed, and while it is realised that Dash is essential, the ideal is to get the maximum punch into the final assault.

(b) Defence - Posns were occupied quickly, and disposns were generally sound, either three-sided "Box" or all round perimeter type were used in all cases. Vehs were withdrawn under cover quickly. In some cases movement was observed for much longer than necessary and comds must insist that tps keep off skylines and conceal themselves and their weapons quickly. Comds must also do this themselves.

(c) Competitive attack:- Only one exercise of this nature was carried out. 'A' and 'D' Coys were separated about five miles, each given a direction in which to travel and a starting time. The objects of the exercise were:-

- Quick decisions by Coy Comd.
- Rapid deployment.
- Use of supptg weapons.

The coys got to within approx one mile of each other before the carrier screens were able to discover the opposing forces. They were on opposite sides of a small sandy ridge. One coy adopted a defensive posn, the other decided to attack; at this stage approx 800 yds separated them but both were still out of view of each other.

The debussing, deployment and dispersion of personnel was carried out rapidly and well and full use was made of the supptg weapons (in this case Mortars, MMG and A Tk guns). The time from first contact by the scouts to the completion of the exercise was approx 45 minutes

5. GENERAL:

Veh maintenance must be considered in exercises of this nature. The vehs we use are part of our WE and unnecessary running and strain should be avoided when possible. Intelligent anticipation by supptg weapon comds is useful. If you can give support but have not received orders for it "ask and ye shall receive", or if the situation is critical use your initiative. Carriers generally were fairly well handled, but sec comds require more trg in the use of ground for observation, cover from view and dismounted fire posns for the Brens.

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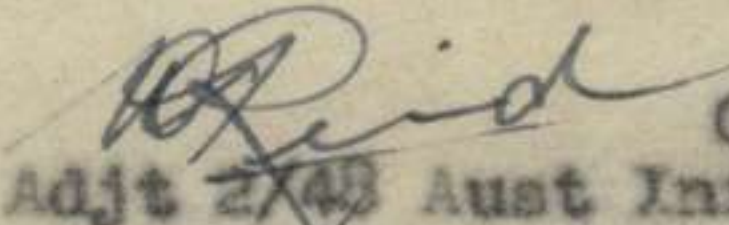
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3. The NCO will ask permission to carry on before men continue with their duties.
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2/48 AUST INF BN OO No 43

Ref Map:- EL HAMMAM 1/100,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - as per 'I' Summaries.
2. Own Tps - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with:-
 - (a) Under comd - 3 Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
 - (b) In support - 115 Bty 32 RA as available.

INTENTION

3. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will defend area as per trace att against attack by air borne tps.

METHOD

4. Air Combat Force:-

Comd - OC Rifle Coy
Tps - One rifle coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
Two dets No 3 Pl
Two dets No 4 Pl
One Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
115 Bty 32 RA (as available) - remains present location.

5. Task:- To deal with any attack in the Bn area or, on receipt of orders from this HQ, to act against enemy forces elsewhere in the Bde area.
6. The force will be carried in unit MT. TO to arrange with OC Force.
7. Ops:- (a) OPs will be est as follows:-

Pt 17	-	43308988	'A'	Coy
Pt 23	-	43268977	'B'	Coy
Pt 25	-	43378978	'C'	Coy
Pt 16	-	43398989	'D'	Coy

(b) Mobile FOO as detailed by OC 115 Bty 32 RA will be att to Air Combat Force.
8. Action on receipt of warning:- On receipt of warning of imminent enemy action indicating possibility of air borne attack, the following action will be taken:-
 - (a) Duty offr will immediately inform personnel as follows:-

OC Air Combat Force
OC No 3 Pl
OC No 4 Pl
OC No 3 Pl 'A' Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
OC 115 Bty 32 RA
TO; Adj; CO; IO; Coys; QM.
 - (b) OPs to be manned.
 - (c) Air Combat Force will stand to prepared to move on immediate notice.
 - (d) All tps in 2/48 Aust Inf Bn defended locality will stand to.

9. Action in event of attack:-

(a) As speed is the essential factor in the event of air borne attack, the Force Comd will:-

/Order

/will:-

Order out air combat force,
CO will then take any further action as may be
considered necessary.

(b) In the absence of specific orders from the En Comd
or his representative, the Force Comd will act on
his own initiative.

10. Recce and Liaison:-

- (a) Comds to recce area of responsibility as per trace
att and to arrange with supptg arms comds their role
in the event of such an attack.
- (b) Recces to be completed by 1800 hrs 26 Aug 42.
- (c) Comds of tps taking part will report daily at
1800 hrs to OC Air Combat Force.

ADM

11. Weapons:- WE scale.

12. Amm - First line scale.

13. Tpt - TO to liaise with OC Force.

14. POL - (a) Tanks filled.

(b) Res - sufficient for 100 miles to be carried on wheels.

15. Sups - Water-bottles filled.

One day res ration carried on the man.

16. Dress - Battle order.

17. Medical - (a) RAP present location.

(b) Coy stretcher-bearers to accompany force.

INTERCOMM.

18. Bn HQ remains present location.

19. Sig Offr to arrange:-

- (a) DR (Bantam) to move with force.
- (b) Force HQ to Bn HQ - DR; R/T.
- (c) OPs to Bn HQ - L/T plus alternative means.

20. Reports

- (a) This HQ to be informed of the progress and results of
all action against air borne tps.
- (b) Duty Offr will advise 26 Aust Inf Bde of such reports.

15. Code Word - "PARA"

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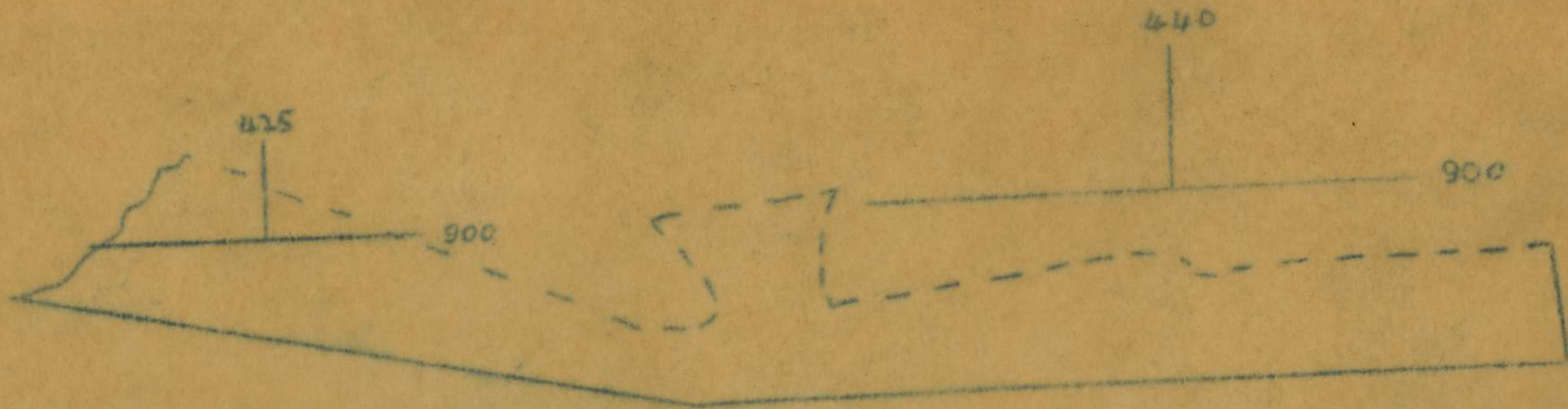
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ARTY FIRE PLAN

DEFENDED LOCALITY "A" - SHARQIYA AREA

Ref Map EL QASABA. 1:50,000

DF TASKS

Plan A	1 Tp	43138992 - 43148993
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Plan C	1 Bty	43388967 - 43418967
Plan D	1 Bty	43858988 - 43858992

SOS TASKS

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Plan C	1 Tp	43468978 - 43478981	- SW corner wire (C Coy area)
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9 Aust Div GS Instn No 65

1. The att instn is fwded for infm and action. In the recent operations documents were handed back quickly by Coys and much valuable infm was obtained. This instn however is a guide to the type of document required urgently.
2. In the case of captured documents it is sometimes more important to know the date, time, place and from whom they were taken than the infm they contain. While this is not always practicable steps should be taken to do this whenever possible.
3. The definition of "destroyed" and "damaged" will be adopted forthwith.

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9 AUST DIV GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 65

CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT

PRIORITIES

1. The following is a list of eqpt in order of priority about which infm is urgently required at present:-

- (a) CW eqpt, especially samples of gas.
- (b) Smoke producing eqpt and smoke amm if not known to be standard.
- (c) AFVs with extra armour or guns if not standard.
- (d) SP guns.
- (e) Parachutists eqpt.
- (f) Hollow charge amm.
- (g) Optical eqpt.
- (h) Samples of food.

2. Enemy codes, ciphers, Operation Orders, and marked maps will always be sent back by the quickest available means. "Secret" enemy documents are marked "GEHEIM" or "G.KDOS" if German and "SEGRETO" if Italian.

AFVs

3. To ensure accuracy and uniformity in reporting enemy tk casualties the following usages will be adopted:-

(a) Destroyed meaning

- (i) Burnt out
- (ii) Blown up by demolition charges or
- (iii) Captured
i.e. irrecoverable.

(b) Damaged meaning

- (i) On fire or
- (ii) Stopped or
- (iii) Hit
i.e. recoverable

4. The type and nationality of the casualty should also be given where possible together with all available detail. Later infm may show that a tk originally reported "damaged" is in fact "destroyed" - this will always be reported.

5. RAE will remove manufacturers' numberplates from enemy AFVs which have been destroyed and fwd them with a statement of the location of the veh and date of examination and destruction. As far as possible this procedure will be carried out by all units.

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26 Aust Inf Bde

INF BN AIF (ME) - PROPOSED ORGZN

1. The proposed organisation as outlined is considered to be sound and suitable for present conditions in the ME with the following exceptions:-

- (a) Carrier Pl Motor Cycle Section
- (b) Three Rifle Coys

2. M/c SECTION:- It is considered from the experience of the Bn both in trg and battle in the desert and in other countries such as SYRIA that the "JEEP" car should be substituted for the M/c.

The performance of the "JEEP" under all conditions (mud has not been experienced) has been outstanding and as a fast recce veh with a crew of two, capable of feeling fwd on similar roles to the M/c or used as a intercomm veh, would be extremely hard to beat.

3. RIFLE COYS:-

(a) In discussion with all the senior Officers of the Bn all are of the opinion that the four rifle Coys should be retained.

(b) It is realised that with the eight MMGs there would be an increase in firepower but that need has been felt for some time to cope with modern warfare conditions and should be in addition to the four rifle Coys.

(c) The Bn Comd would then have a reserve of fire power under his own control to thicken up the defensive fire and for long range tasks to break up enemy "thin skins" before the attack develops.

(d) In attack the MMGs as additional fire power can support the attack from the flanks, box in the flanks to prevent enemy counter attack, assist in the reorganisation period after success - close support being given by LMGs on carriers.

(e) It is unlikely that a Bn would be expected to hold less ground with three rifle Coys and our experience has been that we are almost always asked to hold far more ground than the resources of a Bn can maintain for any length of time. Manpower is very necessary to maintain an active patolling policy, as a reserve for local counter attacks, to give depth to a defensive area and in attack to take successive objectives or employment of the reserves to achieve the intention.

(f) The decrease of rifle Pls because of the increase of specialist Pls would cover few of the tasks set out in (e) above.

(g) In the capture of TELL EL EISA on 10 Jul 42 this Bn had a force similar to the proposed organisation i.e. MMGs, A TK guns, four rifle Coys etc. It is felt that the attack may not have been so successful with only three rifle Coys and the Bn would certainly have had considerable difficulty in holding the ground gained without the extra Coy particularly after casualties. In fact for several days the Bn had organised and in position SIX Coys (using all its resources) to hold the ground allotted.

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Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(H H HAMMER)

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30 Aug 42CENSORSHIP AND SECURITY

1. The following instns, issued for the guidance of franking offrs, are to be read subject to the "Regulations for the Contents of Correspondence" set out in FSPB Pam 3 Sec 19. Furthermore, every letter is to be considered on its own merits, as to whether it contains infm likely to prove of value to the enemy.
2. A soldier may mention the fact of his presence in EGYPT, and also his presence and observations in a theatre of operations, provided that he in no way discloses any of the following:-
- (a) The actual location of the fighting or other action (e.g. "Near the coast"). He can probably describe the ground only in such a way as to describe desert country generally.
 - (b) Identity or numbers of our tps involved.
 - (c) Such very recent fighting or action as might indicate to the enemy the location of the writer.
 - (d) Any exact reference to the date of the action, or such detail as would be of assistance to the enemy.
 - (e) Our methods, habits, eqpt, tactics, distinguishing signs; nor our future plans whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
 - (f) Own casualties. (See para 4 below).
 - (g) The presence of leading personalities before official publication.
3. Infm may be given about the enemy, his tps, his eqpt, dress, habits, methods, etc, incl incidents of personal contacts with the enemy; but not so as to indicate our appreciation of the location, identity and strengths of the enemy, nor of his future intentions, nor of the effect of any action by the enemy.
4. Own Casualties
- Attention is drawn to AIF Routine Orders Nos 235 of 7 Mar 42 and 625 of 20 Sep 41. One effect of these orders is to forbid the publication of any particular casualty until one month after the casualty occurred. This order, which is to prevent unnecessary concern or sorrow to relatives, etc, from well intentioned but incorrect infm, is now in process of being altered to allow the mention in correspondence of casualties one week after occurrence.
5. Every letter must be franked in the light of prevailing circumstances. Correspondence is also subject to franking at Base and in AUSTRALIA and there can be no certainty that any letter, although generally complying with censorship rules, will not be subject to further censorship after leaving the unit.
6. Generally the regulations governing censorship must be applied with vision and humanity, consistent with the security of our forces as a whole. In cases of doubt the letter might be referred to the unit security offr or to higher formation for a ruling.

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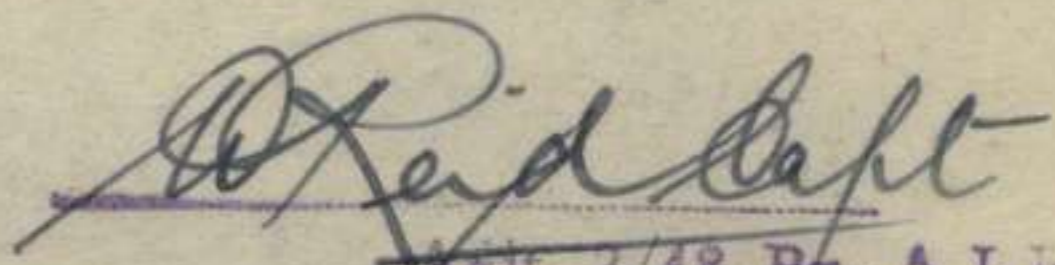
7. The enemy is known to have in the fwd area a unit (15 P Coy LEHR REGIMENT BRANDENBURG) whose special function is sabotage and espionage. There have been two cases recently (see below) behind our lines. All ranks will be warned to report the presence of suspicious strangers to an offr, FSB personnel or to Provost, regardless of the apparent rank or business of the stranger.. The harbouring of strangers and the giving of any info to them is particularly forbidden. The particular German unit above referred to contains a large number of former residents of PALESTINE.

8. Valuable info has been obtained from captured enemy diaries even more so than from captured photographs. Guidance as to disposal of diaries is set out in FSPB Pam 3 Sec 26.

9. The GOC has received a personal letter from Comd 30 Corps congratulating units of 9 Aust Div on the capturing and fwding back of documents, amm and eqpt. The letter continues as follows:-

"I wish it to be made known that the material sent back has been of great value. Sometimes the importance of a document is obvious and the info extracted from it can be passed fwd from this HQ at once, but sometimes units send back material which they never hear of again. This material is not just thrown away. Often it fits into the enemy picture as a whole and becomes part of a comprehensive report; often it helps people further back connected with secret sources.

I can imagine in many cases people would have liked to keep enemy documents or eqpt as souvenirs. By sending these things back they are doing real service. The efforts so far are first rate; may they continue."


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

referred to above

reported which suggest that this unit may in fact be operating

*Copies 1-5 all boys.
6-7 War Diary.
8 File.*

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
30 Aug 42

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1500 hrs

17/11/42

1. The following table shows representations of personnel from various States with the Unit as at 26 Aug 42:-

	<u>SX</u>	<u>WX</u>	<u>QX</u>	<u>VX</u>	<u>NX</u>
BnHQ	53	5	-	1	1
HQ Coy	262	20	1	20	1
A Coy	73	16	-	1	-
B Coy	78	6	-	-	-
C Coy	86	18	1	-	1
D Coy	72	17	-	-	-
	<u>624</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>3</u>
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2. No of personnel over 35 yrs of age:-

BnHQ	12
HQ Coy	33
A Coy	14
B Coy	5
C Coy	12
D Coy	<u>12</u>
	<u>88</u>
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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn
30 Aug 42

VEHICLE MARKINGS

CO's Car and Jeep
2 I/c's Car
Int Veh
Office Van
RAP
Offrs Mess

01
02
03
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RAP
MESS

A COY:

OC

Coy Stores
7 Pl
8 Pl
9 Pl
Coy Kitchen

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HQ COY:

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C COY:

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Coy Stores
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Coy Kitchen

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NOTE:

When TCs are used they will be marked by Coys in a similar manner. to that previously used

Distribn: All Coys
File

W. D. Reid Capt
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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THE KHAMSEEN KRONICLE

No 1

16 Aug 42

This is the first issue of this News Sheet giving you the day to day "goings on" of the Bn. We would welcome contributions from you in the shape of local coy happenings, poems, etc. Fwd to the Int Sec and see it in print.

THE FRONT:- One of our patrols moved out on foot South of and along the ry for 6000 yds fwd of the cutting without finding any enemy. The patrol then proceeded SW for 1400 yds and then turned for home. On return patrol contacted rear of enemy strong point with a pill-box and connecting trenches - possibly a coy area. As patrol investigated this posn approx 50 enemy approached from South and West and were engaged by our patrol with grenades, 5 TSMGs and rifles at range of 20 yds. Enemy casualties could not be estimated. Enemy did not return our fire.

All patrol reports agree that the enemy is working at high pressure, digging and wiring along his FDLs.

Enemy Arty fire has, after a period of absolute quiet, returned to normal fire on 33 Ridge.

LOCAL

THE GERMAN 'plane which was transported through our area yesterday was an ME109 which crash-landed two days ago in the vicinity of EL ALAMEIN Station. Jerry tried unsuccessfully to destroy this undamaged specimen of his latest type of fighter by bombing the area one hour after it had landed. The nearest bomb fell 200 yds from the 'plane.

At 1315 hrs 15 Aug 8 bombs were dropped on the 2/23 Bn area which succeeded in killing a wog's donkey. No other damage was done.

REJOINED UNIT - returned from hospital.

Pte	GRIST	R A			
"	HARRISON	H			
"	KERRY	J T			
"	McLAREN	R			
"	SHARP	W	(Wounded 22 Jul)		
"	IRWIN	H B	(" ")		
"	FLETCHER	W P	(" 10 ")		

CONGRATULATIONS to Sgt R U JONES, one of our old originals, whose wife has just presented him with a bonny bouncing baby boy. Yet another victory to our Postal Service

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THE KHAMSEEM KRONICLE

No 2

17 AUG 42

TIMOR:- The BBC today reports that fighting is continuing on this Island and that the troops engaging the enemy are AUSTRALIAN.

THE FRONT:- One of our fighting patrols last night made contact with the enemy approx 6000 yds South-West of the CUTTING. Two mine-fields and a number of booby-traps were encountered forward of the enemy who were occupying a strong position. Our patrol opened fire and succeeded in killing 10 to 12 of the enemy and taking 3 Italian prisoners. Our casualties were one offr and 4 ORs missing. A later report from the front stated that one of the missing men had been found wounded and brought back to our lines.

Sitrep 1500 hrs 17 Aug reports very little enemy movement giving impression that the enemy has thinned out on the coast while still holding vital ground in the area of the ry line and the main road.

LOCAL:- The 'plane which crashed North-East of our lines on the 16 Aug was a KITTYHAWK. The pilot succeeded in baling out and, though slightly wounded in the ankle, parachuted to safety. He found himself twenty feet from the water's edge completely enveloped in his parachute. Observing 20 to 30 soldiers rushing towards him his first thoughts were that he was in enemy hands and about to become a prisoner and promptly commenced destroying documents and letters and finally, flinging his wallet, good akkers an' all, well out to sea, resigned himself to his fate. His wallet could not be recovered ----- then. The soldiers were Aussies.

"B" and "C" Coys commenced training today in mobile column, forming up and movement with the use of signals. The exercises were successfully carried out.

REJOINED UNIT:-

Pte M N RILEY returned from hospital
" E E DYMOND " " "

EVACUATED:-

Pte J P KEEGAN to Hospital
" A J MATTHEWS " "
" R SPECK " "
" R D OSBORNE " "
" E W VIVIAN " "
" W K MACKAY " "

MARCHED OUT:-

L/Cpl G H GERBER to Cipher Sec HQ 9 Aust Div

FOUND:-

One fountain pen vicinity En HQ. Owner may have same on application to 'I' Office.

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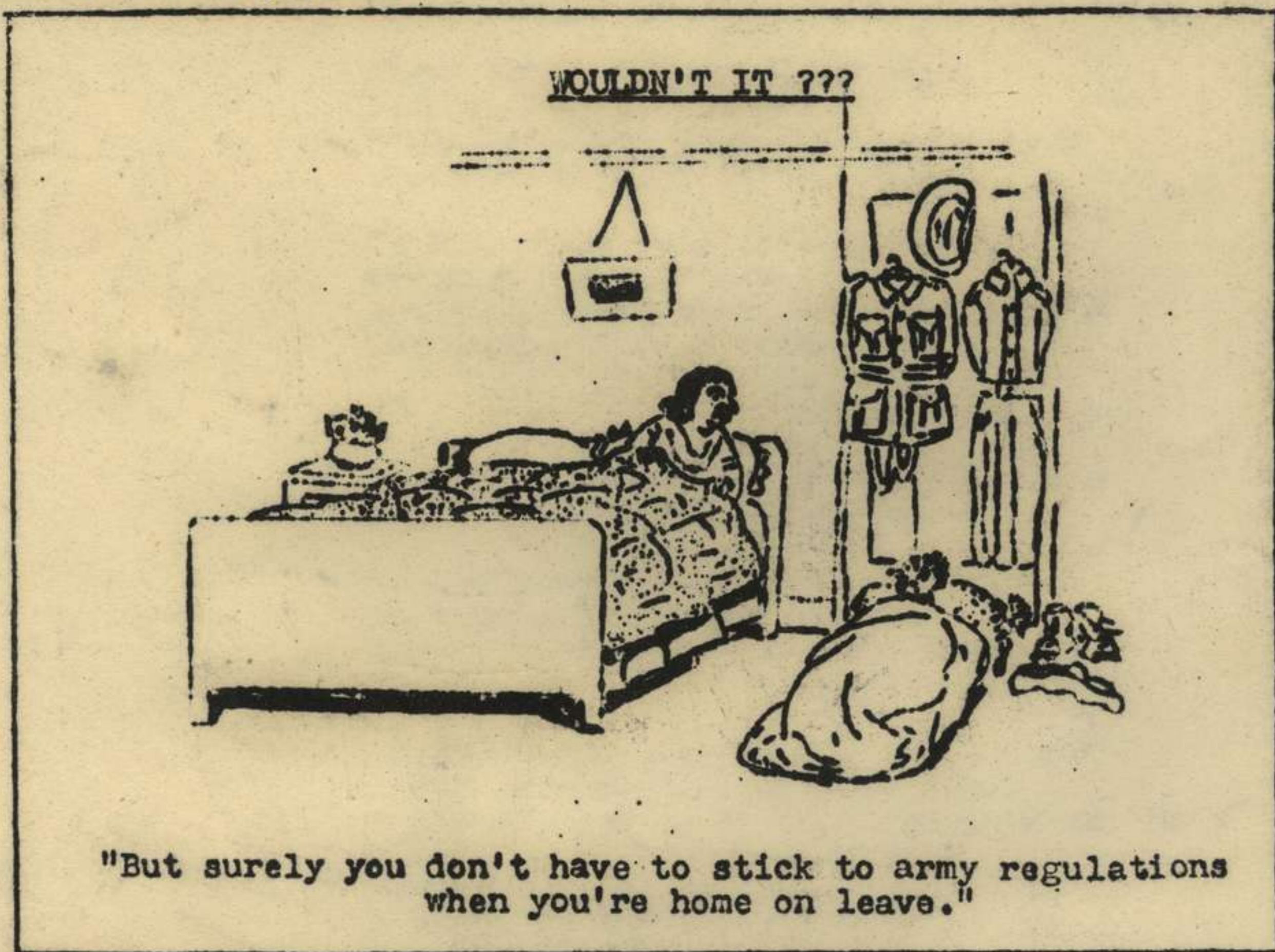
No 3 KHAMSEEN XRONICLE 19 AUG 42

RUSSIA:- Mr CHURCHILL and General WAVELL have just completed talks in MOSCOW

Reports have just come to hand that the Germans have succeeded in forcing a spearhead into the fwd defences of STALINGRAD.

It is believed that the German loss of men and material in the Siege of SEVASTOPOL has profoundly disturbed army circles and has even shocked some of the hard-bitten offrs of the Higher Command.

FRANCE:- A raid by British troops on the French coast at DIEPPE was announced by the BBC at 0900 hrs this morning. The raid is continuing. The French people were advised by wireless of our action, the point being stressed that this was a raid only and NOT an invasion. The people of France should do nothing which would give the GERMAN an excuse for reprisal.



THE FRONT:- The following infm was gained from an Italian PW taken on the night 16/17 Aug. Prisoner was one of a group of four men holding a section of a strong point when surprised by a patrol. Three were sleeping at the time of capture and one was on guard.

Prisoners were of a poor peasant type and did not know a great deal about their own troops and their movements.

Prisoner also stated that the morale of his Bn was very low and everyone was tired of fighting. The appearance and the attitude of all prisoners was eloquent confirmation of this.

Shelling on 33 Ridge and cutting area has shown a marked increase.

Our Patrols report enemy very alert. Extensive work is in progress on Western 23.

CAIRO:- General ALEXANDER has relieved General AUCHINLECK as C-in-C MEF. General ALEXANDER was among the last of the British troops to leave DUNKIRK and also fought in BURMA.
General MONTGOMERY has relieved General RITCHIE as Commander EIGHTH ARMY.

LOCAL:- A HURRICANE made a forced landing North of our position this morning after destroying one ME109 and badly damaging another. The pilot of the HURRICANE was unharmed.

EVACUATED:-

Capt	P CROMPTON	to Hospital
Sgt	R F HAYWARD	" "
Pte	E R AUSTIN	" "
"	E A W MORLEY	" "
"	A A WALKER	" "

POINT OF VIEW:- "Business is looking up" said the artist as he painted a pair of stockings on the snappy young blonde's legs. The only way to fight a woman is with your hat - grab it and run.

THE THIRST THAT GREW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FRANCE:- The Raid at DIEPPE reported in yesterday's edition took place on a front of 15 miles. Heavy losses are reported on both sides. Probably the greatest air battle of this war took place over DIEPPE during operations. The losses in planes have been great on both sides. Our fighters accounted for 93 enemy planes in the air while 100 were destroyed on the ground. Our losses were 93 planes but 30 pilots are reported to be safe. The raid was successful.

THE FRONT:- The Italian PW (BOLOGNA DIV) stated that all the ORs in his Bn would be pleased to surrender to British tps if some means could be devised to ensure that they would not be shot when doing so. Patrols report the use by the enemy of a ground flare apparantly fitted with a reflector, When the flare is first ignited the reflector can be seen in the glow, but when burning fully appears as a steady beam of light. The beam was observed to traverse from left to right.

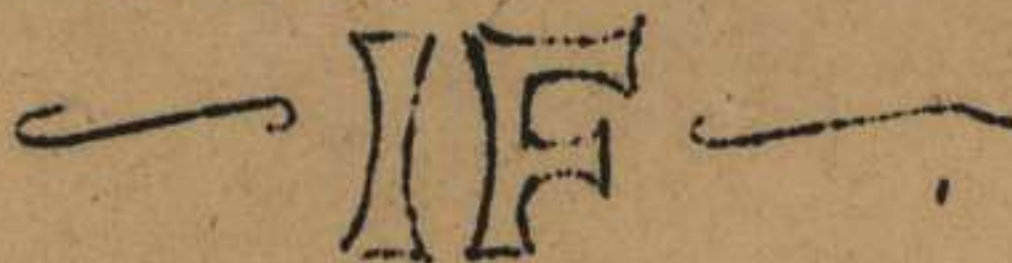
LOCAL:- On 19 Aug a German 28/20 A Tk gun was fired by our own A Tk personnel. This gun has a choke barrel and developes a muzzle velocity of something over 4000 ft per second. The first gun of this type captured in the ME was taken by D Coy of this unit in TOBRUCH during April '41 and flown direct to England. The tk used for this test was knocked out by a 2 pr in C Coy area on night 14/15 Jul 42.

GOC AIF (ME) Lt-general Sir Leslie J MORSEHEAD yesterday presented the following decorations to members of this unit:-

Capt D BRYANT MC
Cpl J HINSON DCM
Pte R RAMSDALE MM

Congratulations, these were well earned.

WO I ALEXANDER and Sgt FARRELL, now known as Cadet ALEXANDER and Cadet FARRELL, send best wishes to all.



If you can keep yourself from going crackers
At all the things that you're advised to do,
When Hitler sends his horrid air attackers
With shrieking bombs to try and frighten you;
If you can hear the three "G" warning
Without that sinking feeling in your chest;
If you can sit in dug-outs till the morning
And never feel you ought to have more rest;
If you can laugh at every time you stumble
Nor murmur when you cannot find a pub;
If you can eat your stew and never grumble
About the bloody snags you have for grub;
If you can keep depression down to zero,
And view it all as just a bit of fun -
Then, Sir, you'll be a bloody hero
And, what is more, you'll be the only one.

"Mudguard Ripling"

TRANSFERRED to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

A/Cpl CLARK	A C	A/Cpl McARDELL	P H O	L/Cpl ARNOTT	G
Pte BRAND	J	Pte BAILIE	J	Pte HORNE	L F
" PATTON	A J	" CALDOW	J	" BURRIDGE	F
" SIEVER	S H	" COOPER	F L	" RAMSDEN	A
" HOPKINS	H	" BLACK	W D	" STAFFE	D
" DYMOND	E E	" REYNOLDS	W L	" RUSSELL	C H
" STRATTON	A G	" WAY	R G	" HANKIVELL	R S



PACIFIC:- Mr CURTIN announced yesterday that of a complement of 816 aboard the CANBERRA, ten had died of wounds, 74 were missing and 109 had been wounded. The Commander, Capt GETTING, was mortally wounded and went down with his ship.

LOCAL:- At approx 2000 hrs 21 Aug two planes flew over our area and dropped a number of pamphlets reminding us of a similar incident which occurred when the Bn was in TOBRUCH. The pamphlets were for the benefit of the Indian tps and up to the present no translation of their contents is available. The drawings at the head of the pamphlet indicate that the Hun is making use of the present political situation in INDIA. The large number dropped indicates that Jerry has made a miscalculation. In any case the paper used is nice and soft. Reports have come to hand of pamphlets being dropped for the Aussies' and Kiwis' benefit.

Patrol exercises were carried out by 'B' and 'C' Coys last night.

THE FRONT:- Enemy shelling NORTH of Main Rd, in Cutting area, and Trig 33 continues to be heavy.

The following verse has been inspired by the deadly fly who plays havoc with the enemy as well as with us. A few precautions taken early will keep them down. It is the duty of every soldier to keep himself fit. Don't be evacuated - we don't want your beer-issue - much.

FLIES

Where do flies go in the winter time
Asked a song-writer some time ago.
But do you think it was done, in a spirit of fun
Or didn't the man really know.

The blighters they live in my dugout
Or paddle about in my stew;
If he'd been to a feast in the mystical East
'Twould be not to say they were few.

We'll just call him an ass and forget him,
Which cannot be done about flies
That buzz round your nose and add to your woes
Do ditto to ears and to eyes.

Each man has two arms and two hands
And finds them pitifully few,
When resolutely he tries midst the swarming flies
Some small piece of yacks to do.

So now each man works single handed,
The other is needed to wave
The pests from his head or else slap them dead,
Aren't they fun when you're trying to shave?

You've all heard about Bruce and the spider
And what can be done when one tries,
But for trying and trying and who says they're not trying
I'll take my hat off to the flies.

(---- them!)



BRAZIL:- Has declared war on Germany and the Brazilian fleet has put to sea, Brazil has a population of 43,000,000 people with 1,200,000 German speaking residents. Brazil has the strongest army in South America, has a navy which contains two battle-ships besides a number of smaller vessels of war and three air regiments. Brazil is just 1,300 miles from DAKAR.

RUSSIA:- The Germans are being held on the whole front.

PACIFIC:- More islands have been invaded by the Americans. Reports have come to hand of the Chinese successes in CHINA where the Chinese are more than holding their own.

THE FRONT:- The heavy bombing heard during the hours of darkness last night was our bombs on enemy posns. No enemy bombing on our tps was reported. Information from a PW indicates respect for our arty fire and a general order is issued to avoid all movement by day. German tps occupy their FDLs by day and night. They try to sleep during the day and at night they are all awake, busy working and protecting the Italians. PW also stated that the ration lorry came up at varying times. Food was good with much tinned meat and sausages ex TOBRUCH. Two waterbottles full of rather salty coffee were allowed per day but no washing water was supplied; PW had not washed for six weeks - an undeniable fact.

LOCAL:- Pamphlets dropped over this area recently are believed to be of ITALIAN origin. SX 7263 Pte FOSTER of 'B' Coy who was wounded in the head on 22 Jul has been removed from the seriously ill list. News has been received from Capt LEMESSURIER who was wounded on 22 Jul, stating that he has lost a portion of the third and little finger only and that the wound is healing rapidly.

And now for a little bit of criticism - the editor is still looking for the author !

ODE TO THE "KHAMSEEN KRONIKLE"

Midst diarrhoea and dust,
Thank you we must
For your excellent paper "Khamseen";
How thoughtful that paper
To issue a wiper
To help keep our tucker-box clean.

With edges cut square
There's no ugly tear,
Its much smoother than "Pix" or "Mail";
And so its to you
The credit is due
For saving the AIF's tail.

So keep sending "Khamseen"
For the sake of hygiene,
Its a lurk that other units could follow;
Just think of the flies
That get choked by the lies
That you expect us poor b-----s to follow.

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MARCHED IN:-

COLL GOSLING	CW	Cpl	BRYANT	R	Cpl	MATHEWS	C TO
Cpl JOLLY	E W	Pte	DOHNT	R	Pte	BERG	E C A
Pte MASTERS	W T	"	MURCH	H W	"	FOWLER	G S R
" WALL	H B	"	RALLA	J	"	MILDWATERS	J A
" McLAUGHLIN	A	"	HAY	W H	"	RIX	A
" TAYLOR	L	"	CRACKNELL	R H	"	BIELE	A L
" BURGE	H C	"	TRESIDDER	J A	"	HARRADINE	A H
" WYLIE	A W	"	MUNDAY	G S	"	RYLIE	F Y
" DAVES	C L	"	PATON	W L E	Cpl	PATON	



PACIFIC The Chinese continue to advance and have succeed in recapturing two large towns. US Forces are now strengthening their positions in the islands they have already captured and are inflicting heavy casualties on the Japs.

THE FRONT:- At 0900 hrs today one twin-engined bomber escorted by 16 fighters flew over the FDLs - possibly photographing. The main tendency of enemy dumping and supply activity since the beginning of Aug is a marked increase in the use of the railway. A force of 60 WELLINGTON bombers, bombed and strafed enemy areas fwd of our front on night 22/23 Aug.

LOCAL: We have just had word that Capt KIMBER, Lieuts WILLIAMS and SMITH are progressing favourably. Cpl MANUEL is also making a quick recovery. The interpretation of the pamphlet dropped over this area recently is not yet available, but when it comes to hand it will be published in this paper.

Evacuated: Sgt DITTY L A
Pte DWYER H T
Pte FREEMAN K A
Pte DeCAUX A S

Marched in: Pte MATTHEWS A J
Pte MORLEY E A W
Pte WALKER A A

Yet another note on flies - the Public Enemy No 1 of this area. According to a German PW medical orderly, about 25% of his coy suffers, at any one time from dysentery, which is caused principally by flies. In the last war approximately 14000 British soldiers were put out of action in the course of one year by fly-borne diseases. If by energetic anti-fly action we reduce our casualties from fly-borne diseases by one half it will be equivalent to reinforcing our own side by that amount.

→ THE FLY ←

I've seen 'em by the hundreds back in Aussie,
In thousands under Musso's Libyan sky,
But there's millions round us in our present possie.
Yes - the dirty, filthy, lousy little fly.

The dysentery has taken toll of many,
And wog sores cause a lot to almost die,
The reasons, like a double-headed penny,
Is the dirty, filthy, lousy little fly.

They say the Wog is good at reproduction,
Their dirty habits hit you in the eye.
But at both, their master needs no introduction,
He's the dirty, filthy, lousy little fly.

In this the MO wants a lot of backing,
So make the next few words your battle cry -
"Attack, attack, attack, and keep attacking,
And kill that dirty, filthy, lousy little fly."

Don't let your conscience prick you,
Don't give him any rest,
Go kill that fly - the blighter,
The b ----y awful pest.

The Swat.



LONDON:- Mr CHURCHILL has arrived back in ENGLAND.

AUSTRALIA:- DARWIN was again visited by the Japs when 27 bombers and 20 fighters flew over the town and harbor. Little damage was caused ----- to us. The Japs lost 9 fighters and 4 bombers. Our losses in planes were nil.

RUSSIA:- The Germans have forced a bridgehead over the DON 50 miles from STALINGRAD. Tks and tps have crossed and the posn is serious. The Russians are inflicting heavy casualties.

THE FRONT:- The main concentrations of the enemy's MP remains unchanged.

LOCAL:- Pte HAZELL A who was wounded on 22 Jul in the head, right arm and right hand has replied to the CO's letter which he received in hospital; writing with his left hand (and a good effort too) he wishes all members of the Bn the best of luck.

TAKE IT

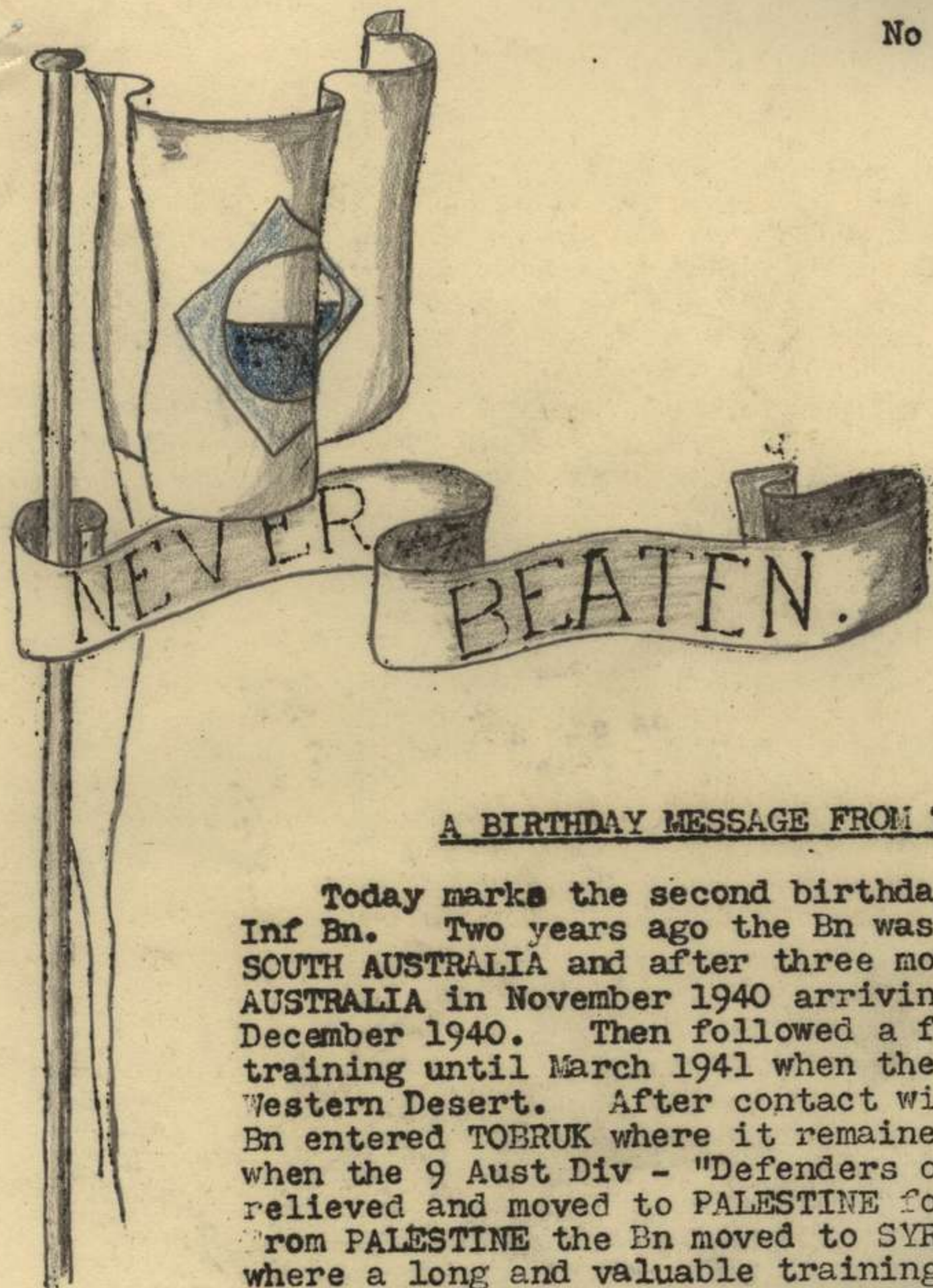
The ether waves are crowded
With their lies about their gains;
The night air throbs and thickens
With the sobbing of their planes;
The streets are filled with rubble
When the solemn morning breaks:
Please tell them how we take it,
For we have just what it takes.

Their nutted, bolted Panzers
May be toughest things on earth
But steely, shiny Panzers
Have no soul to give them worth.
These machines can do their damndest
Ere the wave of onslaught breaks;
Please tell them we can take it,
For we have just what it takes.

They may feed their men on falsehoods,
They may tell their millions lies;
They may boast to all their peoples
That their empire grows in size.
They may vaunt about their Fatherland -
But when the Morning breaks
We will storm that land and take it,
For we have just what it takes.

LOST:- Watch and metal band. Maker - Jeeves & Co, Old Bond Street, LONDON. Watch No (inside back) 241135. Finder please return to 'I'Sec or Sig RAMSDALE MM 'A' Coy.

The "KHAMSEEN KRONICLE" is censor-free and can be posted Home



A BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE C.O.

Today marks the second birthday of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. Two years ago the Bn was formed at WAYVILLE SOUTH AUSTRALIA and after three months training left AUSTRALIA in November 1940 arriving in the ME in December 1940. Then followed a further period of training until March 1941 when the Bn moved to the Western Desert. After contact with the enemy the Bn entered TOBRUK where it remained until October 1941 when the 9 Aust Div - "Defenders of TOBRUK" - were relieved and moved to PALESTINE for a well earned rest. From PALESTINE the Bn moved to SYRIA in January 1942 where a long and valuable training period followed until the Bn's eventful move in June 1942 to EGYPT to take part in the present campaign.

Throughout the above period the Bn has taken part in two major campaigns - TOBRUK and the present one. In both, the Bn has shown itself highly capable; carrying on the fighting traditions set by the first 48 Bn and the AIF as a whole in the "GREAT WAR".

In this war, in the Middle East, the battle honors of the Bn are full of glory - honors earned by hard fighting by determined and well trained men who have fought for freedom for their Empire and the safety of their own fair country AUSTRALIA.

I know that all of us are prepared to do it again and again to ensure that we retain that freedom for those at home, our fellow countrymen and ourselves. Many fine men have died on the battlefield for the cause which we know is right and it is our duty to continue to fight so that their sacrifice will not be in vain.

I am intensely proud of the whole unit, a pride engendered by the high qualities of devotion to duty, fighting fitness and good fellowship that exists in every member of the unit.

Let us hope that the NEW YEAR in the Bn's history will bring forth victory, hard earned though it may be, and peace.

A. H. Hammer Lt Col.

E C H O E S

Two years today the Bn was formed with men taken from the ITD and the RRD. Our home while here was a pavillion and our bed the hard hard floor. I wonder how many remember the bell and the noise when the lights went out - yes and how easy it was to get into Town every night - and we moaned because we had to catch a tram. How we laughed when some ignorant guy yelled "You'll be sorry!"

Remember the time too when we marched to the wharf staggering under all our gear. We even moaned on the boat. We landed and they loaded us into cattle trucks with square wheels and when we arrived at our first foreign camp we growled at the sand, the weather and the beds. They even forced us into tents and we couldn't get our beer before six and that meant missing the pictures. Yes, things were lousy then. The Bn was glad to leave this "hell hole" and moved on to TOBRUK where we had our first action and were convinced that the ignorant guy who said "You'll be sorry" wasn't so far wrong after all. Then we came out and how long was it before we started to moan again? We didn't like the wog beer, the yacka or the oranges. Then we moved to SYRIA and lived like kings - cafes, washing girls, fruit, peanuts, real beds and EL MINA and were we happy? There are even some who growl here !!

The following Honors and Awards have been won by the Bn since its inception:-

Brig W J V WINDEYER DSO MID ED

Maj R L BATTEN	MID (x)	Maj G J BULL	MID (x)
Maj T H SCOTT	MID	Maj F A G TUCKER	MID
Maj G S EDMUNDS	MID (x)	Capt W FORBES	DSO
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Sgt R P MCGHEE	MM	Sgt L R GOODE	MM
Sgt L K TONKIN	MID (Posthumous)		
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Sgt R F G RANFORD	MID	Cpl J HINSON	DCM
Pte P M ANDERSON	MM	Pte R G DANIELS	MM
Pte J L SPAVIN	MM	Pte R RAMSDALE	MM

(x) Announced today.

DID YOU KNOW ?

That the scientists of C Coy state that of all the experiments that have been made they find that PT is the best method to use in shattering the MIGHTY ATOM.

That A Coy found a skull in the RUIN Area today.

That there are approx 423 originals still with us.

That we have been in action 252 days, i.e. a little over one-third of our time since we were formed.

That we have captured 2,395 prisoners.

That the editor of this paper wants YOUR contribution for this YOUR Kronicle.

That the unit has gained 26 awards since its birth.

TWO YEARS AGO TODAY

Two years today
Since the 48 was born
No trumpets blew, no speeches made
And no one knew it was the dawn
Of honors won that will not fade
Two years today.

Two years today
And young men in their prime
Banded together and they knew not what
Lay ahead; if victory sublime
Or chaos and defeat would be their lot,
Two years today.

Two years today
Each gave precious years of life
Of comfort, love, and hapiness away.
And some who perished in the strife
Leave only memories of that day
Two years today

Two years today
Is far behind us now
And when the Hun's last ditch be stormed
No man will be forgot I vow
Who once lived with this unit formed
Two years today

W.L.

oooOOOooo

REFLECTIONS

Let our thoughts go back to the Unit's birth,
Of the time that has passed since then;
Of the heroic deeds that have proved our worth,
And shown us as fighting men.

Let us dwell for a time on the present day,
With its trials and hardships so real;
Of the various setbacks that come our way,
Which we tackle with courage and zeal.

Let us look to the future with confident mein,
To the battles that yet must be fought.
With courage and team-work the world has not seen,
We'll prove we weren't formed for nought.

GHB

W.D.

KHAMSEEN KRONICLE

No 12

28 Aug 42

PACIFIC:- Although the actual losses in the Battle of the SOLOMONS are not yet known it is believed that the Japs suffered so heavily in the air and on the sea that they were forced to throw in the towel in this theatre and have left it to us. The Japs are being attacked on land, on sea and in the air in NEW GUINEA area and are being given no respite.

RUSSIA:- The Russians are driving the GERMANS back in the Central Sector, and have succeeded in driving him 37 miles on a front of 75 miles. The Russian reserves in this Sector have not yet been called upon. The Russians have not yielded an inch for the last 48 hrs on the STALINGRAD front.

LOCAL:- BELIEVE IT OR NOT - Ripley
Max THOMAS and Bob MCGHEE who were sent to AUSTRALIA for training purposes have asked to be recalled to the Bn. Wouldn't it? Maybe I'm bats, but they seemed alright the night before they left when we had a few together.
I've got the cable on the table in front of me.
Yes I know, I said the same thing myself.
Pte J CARTER who received a wound in the chest in the recent action has been removed from all lists.

And this actually happened -

In the heat of battle the 'phone rang in the OP and the CO took the call.

CO - "Hello! HELLO! Who's speaking?"

Voice - "TED DAVIS here"

CO - "Oh. Dick Hammer here. How are you, Ted?"

Voice - Dead Silence

Photographs of Ted DAVIS may be had on application.

D Coy Sports were held on Sunday last. Competition was keen and 16 Pl finished first with 23 pts, 18 Pl second with 20 pts and 17 Pl third with 13 pts. The Coy 75 yds Championship was won by Pte CROTTY of 16 Pl much to the displeasure of the bookmakers. Ron IDE put forward a leg to comfortably win the Obstacle Race and Terry CORNELIUS gained the honors in the Shot Putt. The Tug of War was won by 18 Pl after a stirring struggle. In the JD contest Coy HQ entered a grand team - the Coy Comd, the "I" bloke and the CSM, but could only gain a doubtful third. You know what "I" blokes are like, and would naturally expect them to win but there were others in the team and so ----

It was found necessary to provide the CO with afternoon tea after several efforts at throwing the hammer. This was delicately served by an ex member of Jimmy Sharman's Troupe - that well known identity of the 48 Bn "FLASH GORDON".

The Padre has returned from ALEX with his tune-box laden with new records.

The latest rumor that we are returning to AUSTRALIA on Sunday is not quite accurate. Don't buy that pet - it will be taken from you on the gangplank.

W D

No 13 KHAMSEEN KRONICLE 29 Aug 42

CHINA: The news from this theatre of the war continues to be good and the CHINESE have succeeded in capturing several main towns, one of which the JAPS took four months to capture. An airfield was also captured, which will now give the CHINESE a 'drome from which it will be possible to bomb TOKYO.

RUSSIA: The RUSSIANS continue to advance in the central and northern sectors and have not given any ground in the southern sector.

LOCAL: Special Note: There will be an issue of beer, a chocolate and cigarettes tonight. I wonder if any have given a thought to the payment thereof. The issue tonight will cost approx £100 and is being turned on to celebrate the unit's birthday. This will be the fourth issue of beer and make a cost of approx £340 to date. We owe our thanks to the Regimental which have been bolstered up by the profits from our own unit canteen in. The return of all omities to the CQM will help a lot and it's worth the extra bother.

Capt. ROBINS has just received a letter from Capt KIMBER and immediately passed the information on for the benefit of others. Capt KIMBER, Capt LEMESSURE and Lieut SMITH are all doing well but are still in hospital.

'B' Coy sports held during the week resulted in a good win by 11 pl with 12pl second and 10pl a very close third. Pte GREENING of coy H.Q. showed his ability as coy runner by winning the 100 yds flat race. Cpl KING and pte CUTTING won the 2" mortar event for 11pl. In the first seven events the score was very even with 12pl just a shade in the front, but in the last four events, the sand bag filling, obstacle race, wire crushing and 100 yds full equipment race were all won by 11pl which placed them well ahead.

OUT AMONG THE PEOPLE : Seen in ALEX on Monday last. One snappy young blonde making her way to the fancy dress ball in a grass skirt followed by Joe and Lofty of 'D' Coy going as lawnmowers.

Attending School

L/Cpl ABBOTT. J.

Evacuated

Sgt PEARSON F.B.
Pte CRAWFORD G.

B E D

When you've marched from morn till evening
'Neath a blistering, burning sun;
When your pack upon your shoulders
Seems to weigh about a ton;
When half the road is down your throat,
Your feet like lumps of lead,
You get a kind of liking for
A place called Bed.

When they drag you from your blankets
When you're getting "well away",
And they march you up a thousand hills
From dusk till break of day;
When a sandstorm does your dinner in
And you're feeling nearly dead,
You get a kind of longing for
A place called Bed.

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No 14 KHAMSE ENKRONICLE 30 Aug 42

THE FRONT: A deserter from an Italian Div was found to be of SLAV origin and deserted with the intention of fighting against his former masters. He states that he discussed his intention to desert quite openly, and 10 other men of SLAV origin and some others would have come too but for fear of what might happen to their families at home.

The prisoner packed his kit, said good-bye to the sentry and asked him not to shoot "because he was only deserting". The sentry wished him luck and regretted he could not accompany him. The prisoner said that the officers had put the fear of GOD into the men by telling them that Australian and New Zealand tps killed all PsW.

SPORTS: Result of C Coy's Sports held during the week.

No	Event	1st	2nd	3rd	CHQ	Pls		
						13	14	15
1	100 yds sprint	Cpl HINSON	Pte WARNER) Pte MAHOMED)	Dead Heat	2½	2½	-	5
2	Shot Putt	Pte MAHOMED	" RICHARDS	Pte WARNER	5	5	-	-
3	Hop, Step, Jump	Cpl HINSON	" MAHOMED	" WARNER	3	2	-	5
4	Broad Jump (Standing)	Pte MAHOMED	Cpl HINSON	" HUKTABLE	5	-	-	5
5	Stripping & Assembling LMG	Pte SHARP	L/Cpl HAYNES	Cpl POPE	-	3	2	5
6	Pl Relay Race	13 Pl	15 Pl	14 Pl	-	5	2	3
7	Pl Mortar Team	14 Pl	13 Pl	15 Pl	-	3	5	2
8	Pl Tug o War	14 Pl	CHQ	-	3	-	5	-
9	Debussing & Embussing with Pl Attack	Three pts each pl			-	3	3	3
Total					18½	23½	17	28

The concert held on Friday was a great show and all who could attend were given something well worth while. The Editor of this Kronicle however, would like to impress upon its readers that there is only ONE official reporter's pass. The fact that there were 27 official reporters and 3 official photographers made it very hard for our man to get all he wanted. They were lovely I know but that just makes it all the more imperative that our man should get through. This entertainment to tps in the line is a new idea and one that can be recommended. The show was given by "Between Ourselves Company", of the NAAFI. And that chaps is NOT the full address.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

1. As soon as bombs commence dropping, rush like hell - it doesn't matter where, so long as you run.
2. Whena bomb falls near you, scream blue murder. It won't make it worse for you and it does add to the noise and confusion and will scare the very devil out of the kids.
3. If you find an UXB rap it smartly on the nose with a hammer - the firing pin may be stuck.
4. Ofcourse the action you take depends on where you are, but if you should be in a bakery - grab a pie, in a pub - grab a beer, in a theatre - grab a blonde.
5. If an air raid warden tries to tell you what to do, wrap a bag of sand around his neck - these wardens have the best seat anyway.
6. If you should be the victim of a direct hit don't go to pieces.
7. After reaching the shelter, rush back into the street and take a good look at the planes - they all do this.
8. Eat garlic, onions and hamburger before entering a crowded shelter - this won't make you popular but you'll get a hell of a lot more room.
9. To test for gas, remove your mask and take several deep breaths. If the next thing you hear is the "All Clear" signal, it wasn't gas - if you hear harp music - it was.

Although reports have been received by various members of the Bn stating that Lieut SMITH is progressing satisfactorily he is still on the Seriously Ill List. Lieut Gooden was removed from the Seriously Ill List on 28 Aug 42.

THE FRONT A British OR reached our lines during the night 29/30 Aug after having escaped from TOBRUK and spending the intervening time in the desert. He states that most of the MT used by the enemy appears to be BRITISH. He existed on what food and water he could find, principally cheese, or what food was provided by the Arabs, who were friendly and helpful.

At 0715 hrs this morning a ME 109 crashed into the enemy lines. The pilot baled out. No reference will be made in this Kronicle of the action on our front during the night as this infm has already been passed to you periodically throughout the day.

LOCAL Infm has just been received that Capt Lean^e, formerly OC of D Coy, has received his majority and is now serving in New GUINEA.

We have received word that Capt CROMPTON is progressing satisfactorily

SPORTS: Results of HQ Coy sports held recently-

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
75 yd sprint	Pte Matthews E	Pte Reid C.E.	Pte Johns T.H.
Hop, Step, Jump	" Reid C.E.	" Johns T.H.	" Spriggs R.
High Jump	" Darley R.C.	" Spriggs R.	
Shot Putt	" Hood J.C.	L/Cpl Robinson	Pte Reid C.E.
Obstacle Race	L/Sgt Gapper G.	Pte Sara A.R.	" McFarlane M.
Tug O'War	Pte Reid C.E.		
	" Johns T.H.		
	Cpl Pratt H.H.		
	Pte Hordacre A.R.		
	" Dodd J.C.		
	" Mangnoson K.		

PI EVENTS

Encoding, passing and decoding message.	No 1 Pl	Pte Smith and Pte Starling & L/Cpl Kemp and Pte Loxton
Mounting for AA	No 2 Pl	No 2 Det 45 secs No 3 Det 60 " No 1 Det 60 " No 4 Det 64 "
3" Mor lating & firing.	No 3 Pl	Det commanded by L/Sgt Bonshor A R. 1st Cpl Thompson D.W. 2nd
Driving skill	No 6 Pl	Pte Hoare J N. 1st Sgt Hunt B H. 2nd

STAND TO

1. I could hear the others talking,
So I raised my tired head
When I heard a Cpl growling,
"Come on, up and out of bed
STAND TO.
2. So I grabbed me up my rifle
And wrenched the bolt about,
And poked my head above the hole
To hear the Sergeant shout -
STAND TO.
3. The night was bloody dark
And Blue began to sing,
But I was wild and couldn't find
A single bloody thing
STAND TO.
4. And then came my haversack
With bully beef and all;
Oh! if those guys knew how I hated
To hear that rotten call
STAND TO.
5. And then I found my 'quipment
All tangled up a treat,
And looked around for ol' tin hat
And found it under feet
STAND TO.
6. At last I'm all aready
And fit the fight the Hun,
I found that I'd forgotten
My little Tommy gun.
STAND TO.

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7. I can hear the Sergeant calling
 He's a guy I'd like to throttle
 So off I go - when strewth ! I cannot find
 My empty water bottle.
 STAND TO.

8. I've lost two hours of lovely sleep
 And Lofty's damn well rearing
 He cannot find his boots, because
 Its his that I am wearing
 STAND TO.

9. At last I'm standing at my post
 All prepared to do or die
 When I hear the dear ol' Sergeant
 Give a gladsome cry
 STAND DOWN.

The Padre wishes to make it publicly known that he is in no way connected with the Piccolo Pete of D Coy. He regrets the unprofessional conduct of his co-player and states that his (the Pardes) ITALIAN music was purchased not "borrowed".

We would like to point out to Tubby Kennedy that plum jam NEVER has been any good for CRABS.

1st
2nd

1st
2nd

One of these guys know how I
 To hear that rotten old
 STAND TO.

4. And then came my haverack
 With bully beef and all;
 One of those guys know how I
 To hear that rotten old
 STAND TO.

5. At last I'm all ready
 And it's the fight the hum,
 I found that I'd forgotten
 My little Tommy gun.
 STAND TO.

I could hear
 So I raised my
 When I heard a Col
 "Come on, up and out of bed"
 STAND TO.

The night was bloody dark
 And Blue began to sing
 But I was wild and couldn't find
 A single bloody thing
 STAND TO.

And then I found my 'equipment'
 All tangled up a treat,
 And looked around for ol' tin hat
 And found it under foot
 STAND TO.

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The Week

"We are going to scourge the third Reich from end to end... We are bombing Germany heavily. We are not doing so out of revenge though we don't forget Warsaw, Belgrade, Rotterdam, London, Coventry. We are bombing Germany city by city ever more terribly in order to make it impossible for you to go on with the war. We shall pursue that object remorselessly city by city and the list will grow longer and longer."

SIR ARTHUR HARRIS, Chief of Bomber Command, in a broadcast to Germany

Stalin Issues Grim Order-of-the-Day: Rundstedt Reviews Invasion Repellers in Paris R.A.F. Drops Most Concentrated Load of War: Unified Command in Aleutians

"Every soldier and officer must stand and fight to the death, Victory or death." In an order-of-the-day to his armies, Stalin underlined the gravity of the position of the Soviet troops in Russia. The order also marked a turning point in the Russian strategy of this year's campaign. Up to last week, Timoshenko had played will o' the wisp to von Bock's furious charges. There was no doubt that the Germans had been surprised by the Russian general's sudden withdrawal of his main force from the area contained by the bend of the Don. "Timoshenko's order to retreat," wrote the military correspondent of the German news agency D.N.E. "came as a surprise and the German plans seemed to have gone wrong." He hastened to add that the surprise only lasted 24 hours in which time von Bock had decided to sweep south across the Don rather than move east directly against Stalingrad. By Sunday the Soviets were admitting that fighting was taking place at Kuschchevskaya and Salsk, towns lying south and south-east of Rostov and well south of the Don. But elsewhere the Russian soldiers had ceased to fall back and were standing up to the enemy exchanging punch for punch. At Tsimlyanskaya on the Don, and Kletskaya, 125 miles upstream, the Germans appeared to be held, while at Voronezh, a pivot point whose retention by the Russians may prove the key of Soviet defence, the Red army still had the initiative.

arguments concerning whether or not a second front should be opened," wrote the *New York Times*, stressing that no one denied that a second front was desirable. "The real question is whether the attempt to establish such a second front at this time could hope to meet with a reasonable chance of success... This is a question that only the military authorities are in a position to answer..."

The R.A.F. set up another record when they dropped 700 tons of bombs on Hamburg in the first of two heavy raids on the port. In the space of 35 minutes 175,000 incendiaries had fallen on the town to be followed by tons of high explosive. The night before Hamburg was visited, Duisburg experienced a very heavy raid in which two-ton "block" bombs were dropped. These bombs are so called because of their power to flatten whole areas at a time. One night later in what is described as "probably the most concentrated attack the bomber command has ever carried out," Düsseldorf came in for its share of heavy raiding. Two nights later a heavy force of bombers attacked Saarbrücken. At the same time as the R.A.F. was attacking Hamburg, the Red Air Force raided Königsberg. In a belligerent broadcast to the German people, a quotation from which appears at the top of this page, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, British bomber command chief, said that the week's operations were only a taste of what was to come. If the German people did not like the taste, said Sir Arthur, they knew what to do to stop any repetition. "It is up to you to end the war and the bombing. You can overthrow the Nazis and make peace."

of rumours and reports which speak of it. We cannot afford to forget this..."



MIHAILOVITCH

General Mihailovitch and his troops continued to give the occupying force of Italians a bad time. The latest despatch from the general's headquarters claimed that he had captured the town of Doberlin in Bosnia, killing over 3,000 Axis officers and men. The despatch added that fierce fighting continued in Slovenia.

In the Western desert, communiqués spoke only of patrol activity and artillery fire from both sides while the R.A.F. kept up their attacks against the Axis communications. (Desert story and pictures pages 5-7).

Reports from Chungking alleged that Japan had 22 divisions and 1,000 aircraft in Manchuria and two Japanese divisions of the Korean army massed at Hunchun on the Korea-U.S.S.R. border. According to the same source, a continuous stream of Japanese troops had been making its way to Manchuria since last May. (Story on the Siberian front, page 4).

One Third of Jap Warships Sunk

U.S. operations in the Aleutian islands were placed under the direct command of a naval officer. While the army commands operations in the Panama Canal zone and Australia, the navy will have supreme command in the Hawaiian area, the Eastern Caribbean and the Aleutians. Comment by the *New York Times* was: "No commander or service finds it pleasant to surrender authority and unified command always requires such a surrender. Some one must say the quick and decisive word and if it is the right word the general public won't care what uniform he wears."

Writing on the sea war in the Pacific, the *Chicago Daily News* said: "The modern destroyer added to our submarine bag yesterday brings Japan's total losses in this class to 33 out of a possible 125 at the war's start and the aggregate of all fighting ships known sunk to 90 out of a possible 260."

Three Dominican fathers arriving in Havana from Spain were arrested after a quantity of Axis literature was found in their baggage. A United Press report said that during the voyage the three priests sported shirts bearing the Falange emblem. When other passengers protested the captain said that the ship was in Spanish territory. Among the seized documents was a pamphlet which said that if Germany won the war, Spain would regain various American nations, including Cuba.

"PARADE" COVER

Lieut-General Sir Leslie J. Morshead, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D., is commanding the Australian troops holding the northern desert front. General Morshead was knighted for his historic defence of Tobruk. He won the D.S.O. in the last war, when he joined the A.I.F. as a private and finished as colonel commanding a battalion. Born at Mount Pleasant, Ballarat, in 1889 he was for many years a schoolmaster. On the outbreak of war he was Commonwealth manager of the Orient Line. Picture was taken in the desert last week by Bela Zola. No liker of publicity, General Morshead was unwilling to say for publication any more than: "My men are in great fettle and the best form." Article and more Aussie pictures in pp. 5, 6, 67.

Germans Get Ready For Invasion



RUNDSTEDT

Clattering down the Champs Elysées came a crack S.S. motorized division. At the saluting base General Rundstedt saw them pass in review order. They were on their way to take up positions on the French coastline. The review coincided with demonstrations of force throughout the occupied zones including manoeuvres behind the new Todt line built along the French coast. In the Lowlands, General Christiansen, commanding the occupation forces in Holland, inspected the German forces in the newly installed Dutch coastal defences. The troops went through anti-parachutist manoeuvres. According to official German despatches the parachutists were "thoroughly repelled."

"German parades are a common sight in Paris," wrote the *New York Times*. "The German High Command cannot imagine that these parades will affect the Anglo-American decision regarding the second front. It stands to reason that allied strategists with their excellent sources of information in the occupied countries are fully informed as to the size and disposition of enemy forces and have taken these facts into account in making their plans. Probably the real object of the military demonstrations in France and also in the Lowlands is to undermine the second front that exists in Europe. The unarmed enemy within that already diverts a considerable and increasing German army from operating elsewhere..."

Despite demonstrations in Trafalgar-square demanding a second front and the high-pitched leaders of some of the popular press, the general tone of the British and American papers on the second front question was one of sober caution with warnings against amateur armchair strategists. "An atmosphere of unreality surrounds lay

Goebbels Gets Ready For Lies



HARRIS

territories to rise in revolt. The world will be filled with the clash of arms and lies..."

The wrecking of a German troop train in Normandy led to the shooting of 20 hostages taken from towns in the Department. On Tuesday the hostages were informed that they would be shot on the following Thursday. Two hours before the execution they were bundled into lorries containing their coffins on which they sat throughout the journey. The news reached General de Gaulle's headquarters via friends of four of the men who escaped from Chartres.

Escaping from France to England, M. André Philip, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Lyons, brought to the United Nations both encouragement and a warning, encouragement that the French people would rise to help any invading army, warning that the nerves of the French people were wearing thin over repeated rumours and promises of a second front which did not materialize. "Only those who have lived in Europe under the Nazi shadow can know what the hope of a second front so easily discussed in our free lands means to the subjected people... Their energies and spirits rise and fall like a barometer to the pressure

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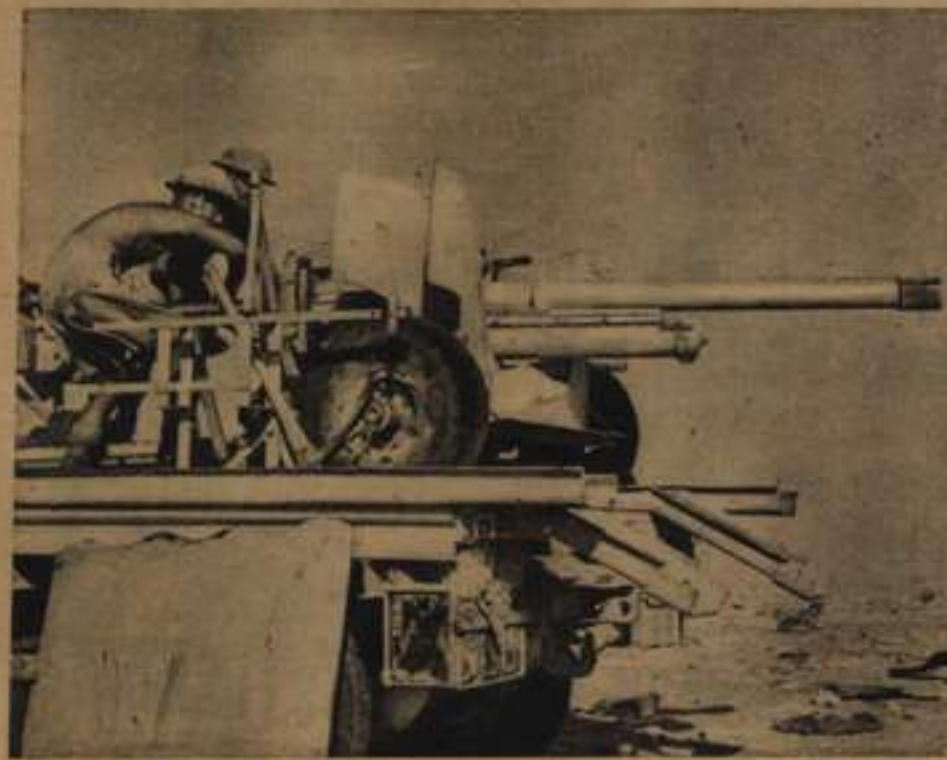
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Jap Admiral at Lourenço Marques

Pretoria, July 24

If the Japanese come no nearer to Union frontiers than Lourenço Marques we shall still have had a sample sufficiency of their company. A full 1,500 of the suave small men have, this week, been swarming in the Portuguese port buying up wines and cigarettes and, in some cases, curios that came originally from their own shoddy factory. This "invasion" began as soon as the Swedish-American liner, *Gripsholm* had berthed, to be followed two days later by the ships bringing Allied nationals from the Far East for exchange. At one leading hotel no fewer than 14 different nationalities sat down to dinner, the notorious Admiral Nomura and "Touch-down" Kurusu being guests of honour at an Italo-German table. "What sort of 'honour' this was, had best be left to Zeesen to explain. Suffice it to say that at the same hotel were men who had witnessed the bayoneting of prisoners and other atrocities sub-human in their ferocity. But one day the Japanese smirk will be wiped clean away. Symbolic of this was the tremendous welcome given by an American ship in Lourenço Marques port as the *Asama Maru* drew near. The V signals, blasted from her siren, must have brought good cheer to the hearts of Americans aboard the Japanese liner. From the deck of the *Asama Maru* a newspaper correspondent, Miss Gwen Dew, waved three pieces of material—red, white and blue. At long last friendly territory had been reached.

Meanwhile, British air-liners are crossing Africa with the last batches of Japanese civilians from the Middle East and Levant. When they're safely aboard, the last of the Japanese will have departed from the Allied portion of the Western Hemisphere.

Where Sheba Got her Trinkets?

Another part of Portuguese East Africa has been in the news these past few days. At Beira, the Portuguese Minister for the Colonies, Dr. Vieira Machado, was present at the reincorporation of the territories of Manica and Sofala in the colony. For the last fifty years they have been under the administration of a chartered company, with whose demise vanishes yet another of those great companies who have held territorial sway. The name "Sofala" is linked with the dim past of Africa's history while in Manica, the best part of four centuries ago, the first European saw gold mines being worked. Here, indeed, may have been the mythical land of Ophir where Sheba obtained her trinkets the better to enrapture the susceptible Solomon. Much more recently one of the most intrepid Voortrekkers, Louis Trichardt, is reported to have visited Manicaland in 1839 and to have watched natives recovering gold from the sands of the rivers. At one time and another, oil concessions have been granted in this territory, but with little attendant success. More important to the modern world is the well-equipped port of Beira, main entrance to the Rhodesian hinterland and the possibilities of agricultural development in what has long been recognised as a fertile area. Dr. Machado, who visited the Union last year, has recently been in Angola. From Luanda he went on to Leopoldville as the guest of the Belgian administration and thence to Beira by plane. There is a possibility that he will pass through Pretoria on his return journey.

"Avenge Tobruk" Recruits in Training

The first recruits to volunteer in answer to General Smuts' "Avenge Tobruk" appeal are now in training at Sonderwater. Instructing them will be 33 junior officers who have seen active service both in Abyssinia and Libya. Amongst these recruits is a grim Canadian who arrived in the Union only last month, having escaped from Singapore ten days after the Japanese occupation. His mother and two sisters were killed in air raids and he saw his young brother shot down during street fighting. "I have joined up," says this Canadian, "not only to help avenge Tobruk, but also to settle my own personal account."

From Port Elizabeth comes a railways' recruit (one of many hundreds) who weighs 258 lbs and stands 6ft 2ins in his socks. He is determined to get into the Tank Corps, which may well provide the Director-General of War Supplies with a problem in accommodation.

Port Elizabeth is to follow Durban at the beginning of August into a permanent black-out. At Cape Town no decision has yet been made, for it is argued by some that whatever steps may be taken, the peculiar configuration of Table Mountain would be in any event sufficient ground to attacking planes. Sea Point rate-payers have a suggestion of their own. It is to bore a tunnel through Signal Hill which would not only provide a short cut home in the evening but would also provide air-raid shelter for 40,000 people. Estimated cost amounts to £300,000 and it must be doubted whether materials or men are available for any such scheme. More practical is the work of the C.P.S. in making two films to teach school-children what to do in the event of a raid. Within the next few months some 80,000 schoolchildren in the Peninsula will see the films, participating pictorially at least, in the experience of a dive-bombing attack.

South Africa is contributing to the pooling of food parcels for war prisoners and the first contribution from the Union is now on its way to Geneva where the distribution takes place. Although Italy is apparently adhering to the International Convention regulating the amount of food to be given to prisoners, it's hardly to be expected that a Springbok will take kindly to a diet of macaroni so that an additional 10 lb. weekly parcel of food will be more than welcome. A story is told of how one South African prisoner tricked an Italian censor and got his request through. The prisoner's sister in Johannesburg received a letter which included these words: "I met Joe Green and Nickati Vreet". It was some time before she realised that the second acquaintance was none other than: "Niks te vreet."

JAN MARRAS

Hotel Keepers Make Huge Profits as Graziers Sell Out Short

Melbourne, June 1.

Victoria hotelkeepers are making 150 per cent profit on sales of glasses of beer these days, and 30 per cent on bottled beer. The Local Option Alliance quoted figures recently indicating Australia's beer-drinking capacity, and said it was no wonder the Government found that too much drink was interfering with the war effort, and it approved the reductions in production. Last year 90,850,971 gallons were consumed. This year, in January and February, the two biggest beer-drinking months, we managed to get through 9,225,273 and 8,201,215 gallons respectively. Australia's increased population makes a heavy drain on supplies, and at the present time numbers of leading hotels have already sold their quota for May, and others are rationing sales over the day so that they will be able to keep faith with their "regulars" and have some beer left for them by the end of the month. The Americans don't like our beer very much and say it's too heavy, whereas Australians who have been in America say theirs is too light, so it's just a matter of what one is used to. The "Yanks" stick to their whisky and soda, or whisky and water, with the glass packed with lots of ice.

Ewes Two Bob Each

You can become a grazier in north-west Queensland for almost nothing these days, if you don't mind accepting the worry caused by drought and various difficulties associated with the war. One grazier is offering 12,000 sheep to anybody who will take them from him. Another one has already completed a sale of 10,000 ewes for 2/- each. Still another sold his ewes at 3d a head and considered himself lucky at that. Pity we have not enough room in our back yard to take in a few to have ready to kill off when meat is scarce or is too expensive, or even to hold a barbecue would be fun these cold evenings. Maybe we would persuade the Americans to like our lamb if they got it piping hot right off the spit.

On the other hand, there is a source of wealth to be had from the common water-rat which brings up to £7 for a dozen skins. Prohibition against the importation of furs will probably make prices higher. Women who want fur coats these days will have to substitute water-rat for the more luxurious skins, but a leading furrier says they can be made up to look like mink—it's a way these furriers have with them. But no doubt Madam will be happy to look luxurious, even if the luxuriousness is artificial.

EDNA HARWOOD

There are two things worrying the Americans who are in Australia. One is the fact that we have no real doughnuts, and the second is the lack of juke boxes in cafes and places of entertainment.

"Why," wailed one young corporal. "In the States we have half a dozen juke boxes in every cafe in every town, with records right off the wax."

As for food, they like to be able to ask for, and get coffee and doughnuts at any place, but they can't. The problem will be solved to some extent when the All-American canteens are open at every U.S. army camp in Australia. They will be American staffed and it is believed there will be no women in attendance. Our visitors like fanciful mixed meats, beginning with polony and hamburgers and scaling up to such triumphs in culinary art as dogburgers and wimpburgers. They prefer our beef to our lamb, which they cannot acquire a taste for, and drink little tea unless it is iced as a hot weather drink.

They have to buy Australian food and cigarettes and they miss their American delicacies, but American women in Australia got together and opened up an American Hospitality Bureau in each State, and almost from nowhere came American fashion refrigerators, coffee urns, hotplates, and other gadgets that bring forth the delicacies for which their palates crave.

Frog's Legs and Rijstafel

The new Australian Comforts Fund Services' club, officially named the Dug Out, is serving national dishes to all the Allied forces, and so far the following foods have been arranged for:

Americans — Hamburgers, hot dogs, doughnuts, iced water and coffee in true American style.

Australians — Pies and pasties. (Doesn't that sound dull in comparison?)

Dutch — Rijstafel (a dish including rice and meat).

Free French — Frogs' legs.

That's only the beginning, and there is no joke about the frogs' legs.

The club is staffed voluntarily, on a roster system, by employees of one of the leading emporiums. It accommodates 1,000 men and is open all day and night, for seven days a week. There are entertainments by well-known artists.



N.Z. anti-tank gunner reads home news in slit trench in desert lull. Picture by Zola.

Home G'ds Sweat

Salisbury, July 18.

Civilian sweat poured from prominent brows during the Rhodes and Founders' period when the part-timers went on manoeuvres and did their stuff in different parts of the country. They became soldiers on the Friday evening and were in the veld until the following Wednesday carrying out a pretty hefty programme of exercises. According to the umpires, they did their work well, were as keen as mustard and put so much energy into it that at times they could scarcely move for exhaustion. That was the only real fault the umpires could find, that the men tired quickly, but that is not to be wondered at since most of them polish office stools all week and can't be expected to be fit. But so far as actual training went the part-timers showed that they are efficient and can be relied on in an emergency.

There is evidence that every day and in every way more and more of us are becoming war-conscious. The papers have recently been full of letters calling for greater austerity in our daily lives, greater sacrifice in things we have regarded as indispensable in order to conserve stocks and save shipping. That is a healthy sign; it means that as things get grimmer the public will face up to them.

People who spent the Rhodes and Founders' period in idle pleasure have been getting a flea in their ear, and once again the demand has arisen: "Why all these holidays?" It is suggested that all holidays with the exception of Christmas, New Year and Good Friday, should be scrapped. People who normally have to work on public holidays heartily agree, especially the troops, since Defence Headquarters does not recognise public holidays and the training goes on just the same.

ALI BABA'S DIGGERS

They call desert sores 'Rommel rash'. And they call an army rumour a furphy. From the Northern Front in the Western Desert "Parade" cameraman and reporter bring pictures and story of the happy, but hard-fighting Australian Imperial Force.

With the Australians, August 1
WHEN the Germans learned to their cost and surprise, that Australians had been thrown into the Battle of Egypt, the *Deutschlandsender* snarled to the world: "Ali Baba Morshead and his twenty thousand thieves have arrived in the land of the Pharaohs." From one of Ali Baba's men this provoked a long screed beginning:

Old Jerry had us on the run; the news was far from hot. He had his foot in Egypt and the Sphinx was on the spot. The C-in-C., grim back to wall, sent signals out in shaves. To Ali Baba Morshead and his 20,000 thieves. So Leslie called his G staff and whispered in their ears. His message went to Auk: "Have a pot and drown your fears. We'll make that bastard Rommel think he's got the desert heaves. Will Ali Baba Morshead and his 20,000 thieves."

Ali Baba is the Australians' taciturn G.O.C., Lieut.-General Sir Leslie Morshead, knighted for his defence of Tobruk. A one-time schoolmaster who in 1939 was Commonwealth manager for the Orient Line, General Morshead went to World War 1 as a private in the A.I.F. He finished with a distinguished military record and as colonel commanding a battalion. Today from his troops he commands the same personal following as do the New Zealanders' General Freyberg and the South Africans' General Pienaar.

Open Air, Friendly Race

In the present desert campaign, the Australians have been in what is probably the hardest fighting encountered by the A.I.F. in this war. The war maps show what they have done.

Of all the British troops in the Western Desert, the Aussies are the most tribally distinctive. It is not only the digger hat, because toward the front that disappears. It is language, outlook, physique and skin pigmentation. Sun, wind and seawater have made the Aussies the brownest of all the British races. Sunglare has left crows' feet round their eyes. Open air life in a spacious, friendly land has made them good-natured, sincere and kindly. Too honest to be conventionally pleasant to anybody he does not like, the Australian often is regarded by the outsider as over-blunt. It was an English reporter, J.L. Hodson, who wrote of the A.I.F.: "If there were more Australians in this world, there would be less humbug in it." With an Australian, you do know where you stand.

Desert camaraderie brings out in

most men the simple virtues of tolerance, amiability and kindness. But you feel the Aussies were much the same before they came to war.

Drive in next to an Australian truck in the desert just before sunset. Ten to one, a digger will slouch across and ask if you'd care for some tea (he never says *chai*). Go underground into a colonel's dugout. Tell him you'd like to see his forward troops. If he thinks your truck too conspicuous he lends you his own jeep, a driver and an i.o.

After a few days with the Aussies, the visitor finds himself using the oddest expressions — words like *furphy*, *bludge*, *bonzer*, *dinkum*, *on the snozzle* and *she's a pea*. A *furphy* is an A.I.F. rumour straight from the horse's mouth, or from the brigadier's batman. On their dash to Egypt for this campaign the Aussie infantry believed a *furphy* that

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In top picture, young Australian company commander in front line dugout discusses night patrol with even younger soldier. Lower picture shows officer emerging from well-concealed entrance pit of the dugout.



New Zealander takes cover off sticky bomb revealing sticky substance which gives it its name. Sticky bombs have knocked out many tanks in desert. — Picture by N.Z.P.R.



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Tel el Eisa Front. Next to a German grave the Australians have dug a section post. Unless Germans see retreating fast they always erect neat crosses with soldier's name, rank and regiment, as well as dates of birth and death. The "Ities," on the other hand, rarely make any attempt to bury their dead. Tel el Eisa is dotted with graves of Australians, Germans and Italians, fighting there being fierce.



"Arch" the padre plays his gramophone at an r.a.p. He takes it all along front line, giving troops their choice of classics, hot rhythm or hymns. During action, he tends wounded. He is trying to persuade A.I.F. to let him drive an ambulance when fighting is heavy.



In the Western Desert, Aussies get prompt delivery of mail, however far forward they may be. Unfortunately, since Pacific War mails have arrived most irregularly from Australia and New Zealand. From the desert, troops can send cables and can register letters.

Lt Col HH HAMMER



Like all Australian officers, this colonel impresses by his youth. Colonel commands infantry battalion which has fought hard.

other side. Twenty yards from battered Tel el Eisa Station is a German grave. Into the sand an Australian has stuck a packing-case cross. In ink pencil he has written: Gerhard Engelberg (Iron Cross), German Afrika Corpse. He done his all, dying for his country. The corpse probably is a spelling error. The Australian does not joke about the enemy dead.

Down in the dusty gloom of their dugouts, the Aussies, after the fashion of their race, make themselves comfortable. Bits of smashed enemy tanks and lorries make an earth hole into a home. Empty steel ammo boxes make cupboards. Railway sleepers across the roof, with a deep covering of rock and sand, make a splinter-proof lid. The Aussies have many songs about their dugouts. One goes:

*There's a place in my heart which no Jerry can own,
It's my own little dugout, my own home sweet home,
Sure I love the dear rafters that fall on my head,
And the fleas that infest my dirty old bed.
My dear little dugout, so close to the sea,
God bless you and cleanse you and keep you for me.*

Even when he's had no warning you are coming, the company commander, a quiet young Adelaidean, insists on turning on dugout lunch. Down in that front-line hole the Aussies serve sausages, green vegetables and fried potatoes, followed by pears and canned cream and tea, and an invitation to return at sunset for gin and lime. They do themselves well.

ALI BABA'S DIGGERS

by PADRE ARCH BOLD (Continued)

they were on their way to board Australia-bound troopships. Had they gone home, it would have been bonzer, or excellent. But the *furphy* was not dinkum, or genuine. In the desert, bludging, or loafing, is on the snozzle, or beyond the limit. *She's sweet or she's a pea* mean all is well. Eavesdrop on a battalion h.q. 'phone behind Tel el Eisa. A young company commander is calling the colonel (this is an actual case): "Evening, Sir. They're here. They're sitting all round us. But she's sweet." That means enemy tanks are encircling a forward infantry position. The company commander is not worried. What are sticky bombs made for?

Sandy Home Sweet Home

Out there on the edge of the Tel el Eisa no man's land you see the toughest and perhaps hardest-working of the Aussies, the infantrymen and machine-gunners. Although only a few miles from their friends, they live in a lonely world of flies, mosquitoes, heat, mirages, sandbags and distant dust clouds which sometimes proclaim the existence of the enemy, sometimes not. They play "V" for victory on their Bren-guns and they call desert sores "Rommel rash."

Between their sand-bagged trenches and dugouts on this ground the Australians have captured is strewn the litter of battle. Italian water-bottles. A burned-out volkswagen. Dust-smudged snapshots of bambinos. Swags of *via aera* and *mit luftpost* envelopes. Letters in English, German and Italian feminine handwriting, the ink blurred by night dew.

And among the section posts are sand mounds surmounted by tin hats or mess tins, or both—the graves of Australians, Germans and Italians. The sight of Australian graves makes the Australians hate the Germans. But they are ready to respect in death a good soldier from the



Also typical of youthful Australian officers is this lieutenant aboard a Bren carrier. He is in A.I.F.'s dashing divisional cavalry.

In the late afternoon, an hour before the Jerry gunners start their customary "evening hate," a sun-scorched Aussie ambles to a forward section post from a truck parked 100 yards away. He wears the insignia of a padre. In each hand he carries a leather box. Down the jam-tin air-vent of a dugout he calls: "What'll it be this afternoon, boys?" Through the sandbag curtain that serves as a door, two sandy faces peer. "Ah, it's good old Arch. Swing it, padre, swing it."

Swing in No Man's Land

Arch the padre (in peacetime the Rev. Berkeley Archbold, on a New South Wales rural circuit) opens his portable gramophone, cranks it, and plucks the Boswell sisters from the record case. Across no man's land squeaks hot rhythm, made in the U.S.A. The men love it. "That little box of yours, Arch, puts me right back on the dance floor at Romano's in Sydney. If I were there now with my sheila." (In the Australian vernacular *sheila* is a woman.)

In his record box, Arch carries classics, hot stuff and hymns. The troops get whatever they ask for. On Sundays the padre carts his two boxes round the desert, holding short services in sand dunes, in wadis, or anywhere he finds diggers.

The padre's activities are doubled in battle. In the stickiest spots he is helping the wounded and comforting the dying. One night, when nobody else knew the way, he piloted an o.p. through a minefield. He is fanatically anti-publicity and will be



Australian Bren carrier wangles brief halt at Mediterranean beach while men shed sweaty, sandy clothing and swim.

mad when he sees this in print. He is a dinkum Aussie.

Aussie troops in the desert are annoyed by the phoney build-up the rabble press has given them, not only in England, but in America and the Dominions. Too often has the Aussie been portrayed as a happy-go-lucky superman who stands on the skyline waving his arms at the enemy and shouting: "Shoot me if you can." That is entirely fake. It annoys the Australian.

Although the Aussie's boisterous good spirits do not leave him when he goes to the desert, he becomes much more serious. Inclined to be loquacious in a bar on leave, and sometimes the problem child of the red-cap, at the front he is quiet and purposeful and has little to say of his exploits. He gets no beer—a sore point with the A.I.F. at the moment. Rather than being an arm-waver on skylines, the Australian soldier prides himself on camouflage and concealment. The deep German and Italian slit trenches in the desert look lazy-man shows alongside those of the Australians. So effective are Australian dugouts and slit trenches that when 340 shells fell in one day in an Australian company area on Tel el Eisa, there was not one casualty.

Were the Aussie asked to define his war aims, he probably would reply in terms of Zeiss field-glasses and Leica cameras, with a Luger thrown in. But after watching the digger, so essentially decent, leading into his lines surly little runts from Germany and Italy you feel the Australians do stand for something worth while.

Picking up a book ("Australian Journey," by Paul McGuire) from one of the A.I.F.'s admirable mobile libraries you read:

One thinks... of the wide land, of the great sun and the iron hills and the illimitable plains, of the bluegums by the creeks and the little townships and the long dusty roads; and one thinks of the lean, brown men and the strong women who belong to that country and no other...

Yes, to that country and no other.

R.J.G.

(Pictures by Bela Zola)



Before much-battered Tel el Eisa railway station stands charred wreck of a "volkswagen," much-publicised German "people's car." Although performance figures are not available, volkswagen appears shoddy alongside jeep, designed for U.S. Army, and now in use in desert.



Australian Army Canteen Service is so admirable that even forward troops find they need cash. Here, Aussie pay sergeant (in beret) has arrived in jeep and is paying out to trooper and corporal from divisional cavalry. In A.I.F., officers and men both use paybooks.



On the edge of what is at the moment the Tel el Eisa no man's land is this grave of an Australian soldier killed in action. On the butt of his smashed rifle is his tin hat. On the sand are his sand-filled haversack, his enamel mug and his last tin of bully beef.

SIBERIA'S PHONY PEACE

from an article by ERNEST O. HAUSER in the "Saturday Evening Post"



Pilots of China's growing air force receiving last-minute instructions before a take-off.



Chinese machine-gun crew cover infantry against Japanese low-level air attacks.



Chinese anti-aircraft crew swing giant plane detector towards enemy horizon.



In World War II, only one major front has yet to blaze into action: the Siberian one. No one familiar with the counterfeit character of Soviet-Japanese relations doubts that declared war will come. It is inevitable. Nobody knows exactly when formal military operations will begin. But most military experts agree on how: with a Japanese attack in the Pearl Harbour manner.

Last summer, when German panzer divisions first rolled into European Russia, the Far Eastern time bomb was generally expected to go off. The fact that as this article goes to press the relations between the two countries are still "normal," with Russia maintaining an embassy in Tokyo and Japan maintaining an embassy in Moscow, will go down in history as a magnificent victory of Russian diplomacy. More than that, in the spring of 1942 Russian freighters were still carrying American war materials to Russian ports in the Far East, right under the nose of Japanese patrols. That is a major miracle of our time.

Russo-Japanese relations are frozen. Both parties stand by the letter of the non-aggression pact concluded between Foreign Minister Matsuoka and Stalin last spring in an atmosphere of smiles and champagne and repeated assertions that both partners were "Asiaties." But underneath that surface of "Asiatic" neutrality two facts are clear: Japan wants to fight; Russia doesn't.

During travels in Japan in recent years I made it a point to discuss the Russian problem with everybody I talked to. I found both a deep conviction of the inevitability of the conflict and real fear of Russia. There was always a tendency to make light of Anglo-American hitting power in the Pacific, but all Japanese admitted that they were afraid, terribly afraid, of Soviet strength. British and American forts were comfortably distant, but the Russian fortress of Vladivostok loomed 725 miles from all the great and crowded industrial and communications centres of Japan. Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe, Nagoya and Shimonoseki could be transformed into blazing torches by bombers that had to fly less than two hours to reach their targets. Japanese cities, clustering around military objectives, burn easily. The Japanese were afraid.

Up in Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands, just across the street from Vladivostok, I found housewives crowding three deep around the special war counter of the Marui Department Store in the city of Sapporo.

They were buying black-out equipment and gas masks, in case the Russians came over. The war in China was treated as a sideshow in the local press. Their army's victories there failed to cheer those frightened Japanese burghers and farmers.

There is good reason to believe that Hitler expected the Japanese to attack Russia in the east when he invaded her from the west, in spite of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact. There were many in the inner circle of the Japanese army, which today runs the Empire of the Rising Sun, who counselled against an advance to the south as long as the Russian bear was romping in Japan's back yard. It was only after making reasonably certain the bear would stay put for a while that the leaders in Tokyo decided on southward expansion. Ignoring both Russia and Hitler, Japan gobbled up Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Java.

THE BEAR IN THE BACK YARD

It was done in three months—all of it borrowed time. Japan's spectacular success in driving the white man from his Asiatic ramparts intensified the Russian problem. With the elimination of United Nations' forces from the southern and southwestern horizon, and with Britain and the United States rallying for a new stand as far away as India and Australia, the Soviet threat seemed closer and more real than ever. It was now evident that United Nations' hopes for a comeback would sooner or later focus on the Soviet Far East—700 miles from the heart of "Greater East Asia"—that Allied grand strategy eventually would manoeuvre Russia into action.

Thus, a Japanese attack upon Russia, heretofore a temptation, now became a strategic necessity. If Japan wanted to hold what she had conquered in three months of reckless blitzkrieg, she had to push the bear out of her back yard.

The fact that Japan's armies are now scattered over a considerable part of the globe, that her lines of communication are extended, is not likely to deter her. Thanks to ten years of preparation, she can wage war in the Indian Ocean and in Manchukuo at the same time. Her Manchukuoan forces—which derive the name "Kwantung Army" from the southern tip of the Liaotung Peninsula, a Japanese possession since 1905—form a self-sufficient group primed for independent action. They have their own air force of more than 1,500 planes, their own aircraft factories, steel mills, coal mines, ammunition and ordnance plants. The whole state of Manchukuo has been transformed into a vast arsenal.

WHEN WILL JAPAN STRIKE?

The Kwantung Army was recruited and trained for war with Russia—in it are the hardy boys from the northern parts of Japan. It is significant that even when the going in China was difficult these crack units were not thrown into the fight. For a decade now they have been waiting to come to grips with the bear, and recent reports indicate that Kwantung Army officers view the victories of other units in the south with a professional jealousy which Tokyo has found difficult to restrain. At present this army numbers thirty-two to thirty-four divisions of 15,000 to 20,000 men each. From what we know about the distribution of Japanese forces, it is safe to assume that it could be augmented, by reinforcements from Japan proper, to 1,500,000 men.

When will Japan strike? Hitler recently opened a new diplomatic campaign designed to plunge Japan into war with Russia, coincident with his own offensive in the west. But Japan's grand strategy is not based on altruism. She will not fight to help Hitler, but to help herself. Military observers believe that she will not attack unless and until she feels sure of a two-to-one, or even three-to-one, superiority in striking power.

The Soviet Far East is an area whose very existence has been a military secret for years. We know less about it than we know about Tibet. Shreds of information, checked against whatever flimsy statistical data are available, net the following picture.

The huge portion of the U.S.S.R. between Lake Baikal and the Bering Sea is a massive, rugged, inhospitable chunk of land, approximately as large as Canada, frozen solid for six or seven months every year, and inhabited by fewer than 3,000,000 people. Everything in it is on a gigantic scale—forests, swamps, steppes and the towering peaks of its mountains. Human settlements, nesting precariously in this unfriendly moonscape, are few and far between. Neglected by the Czars, the moonscape has received the careful, ever-growing attention of the Soviet regime, which has attempted to transform it, over a period of thirteen years, into the world's biggest fortress.

The cornerstone of that fortress was laid by one of the mystery men of the Orient, Marshal Blücher—the same who, under the name of Galen, helped Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek conquer China for the revolution. In 1929, after Chiang had expelled him from China, the Kremlin commanded him to organize its Far Eastern Army. Blücher, a brilliant planner, rejected the idea of a Far Eastern Maginot Line. He conceived, instead, an area of total defense, covering all the Far Eastern territory and independent of supplies from the west. Soviet armies stationed along that immense frontier were to live off the land, were to grow their own wheat, forge their own weapons, mine their own coal, refine their own oil. He mapped and began to carry out plans for military, agricultural and industrial self-sufficiency.

A Russian diplomat, my fellow traveller on the sleeper of a train in Korea, spent an hour and a half giving me the Russian version of Japan's plan for attack.

"They will try to disrupt our communications by cutting the Siberian Railway. Probably somewhere west of Blagoveshchensk. Probably at several points at the same time. They will try to cut off our Maritime appendix, try to knock out Vladivostok before our bombers can get their engines warmed up." Sitting up in his pyjamas, this bearded representative of the Kremlin got out a map and drew a worried index finger across the curving line that was the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

RUSSIA'S WEAK LINK

The trouble with Russia's Far Eastern fortress is that it lies on the wrong end of this tenuous railroad, which, for 1,000 miles at least, is only fifty miles from the border. It is the Soviet Far East's

highly vulnerable link with the productive portion of Russia. The Russians have worked feverishly during recent years to make it safer by double-tracking it and by building a complete second set of tunnels and bridges. They have, in addition, undertaken the construction of a second railroad, sprouting off the Trans-Siberian at Taishet, well west of Lake Baikal, and heading for the Pacific Coast through sheltered inland regions. The rugged mountains up there, however, make construction problems as tough as it would be to lay tracks along the Burma Road.

But what of the economic self-sufficiency of the Soviet Far East, envisaged by Marshal Blücher? That is still largely in the blueprint stage. True, if you consider the fact that until a few years ago the very essentials of life had to be imported from Western Russia, the progress made is impressive. In the deserted moonscape of the Soviet Far East, new industrial centres, complete with blast furnaces, steel mills, oil refineries, cement plants, munition factories, shipyards and aircraft-assembly plants, have sprung up. There is plenty of coal and iron ore to feed the factories of Komsomolsk, the pioneer city built by Young Communists on the lower Amur at a safe distance from the border. There are the oil fields of Sakhalin, the refineries of Khabarovsk. There is cereal, cattle, enough lumber, enough fish, and leather for the boots of the Far Eastern Army. The development has been spectacular; in many ways comparable to the development of the American West.

RUSSIA'S FAR EASTERN FRONT

Blücher's original Special Red Banner Far Eastern Army is now organized in two separate commands, one in the extreme Far East, the other east of Lake Baikal. Their combined strength is approximately 600,000 men, well supplied with tanks, planes and artillery. Soviet defenses are organized in a broad belt spiked with underground hangars, storage caches and 4,000 forts. To what extent they have been depleted of matériel to bolster Russia's defenses in the west, no one outside Russia really knows. It is less important than the fact that Russia, with 7,000,000 troops fighting Hitler in the west, and with her factories busy supplying them, would find it difficult to send reinforcements and matériel to the Far East.

Border incidents in recent years tell a story that explains why 72,000,000 Japanese have the jitters whenever they think of the Russian bear. Among the 2,000-odd encounters, three stand out in dramatic enormity. They were tests of strength, and the Japanese, doing well at first, fared badly in the end.

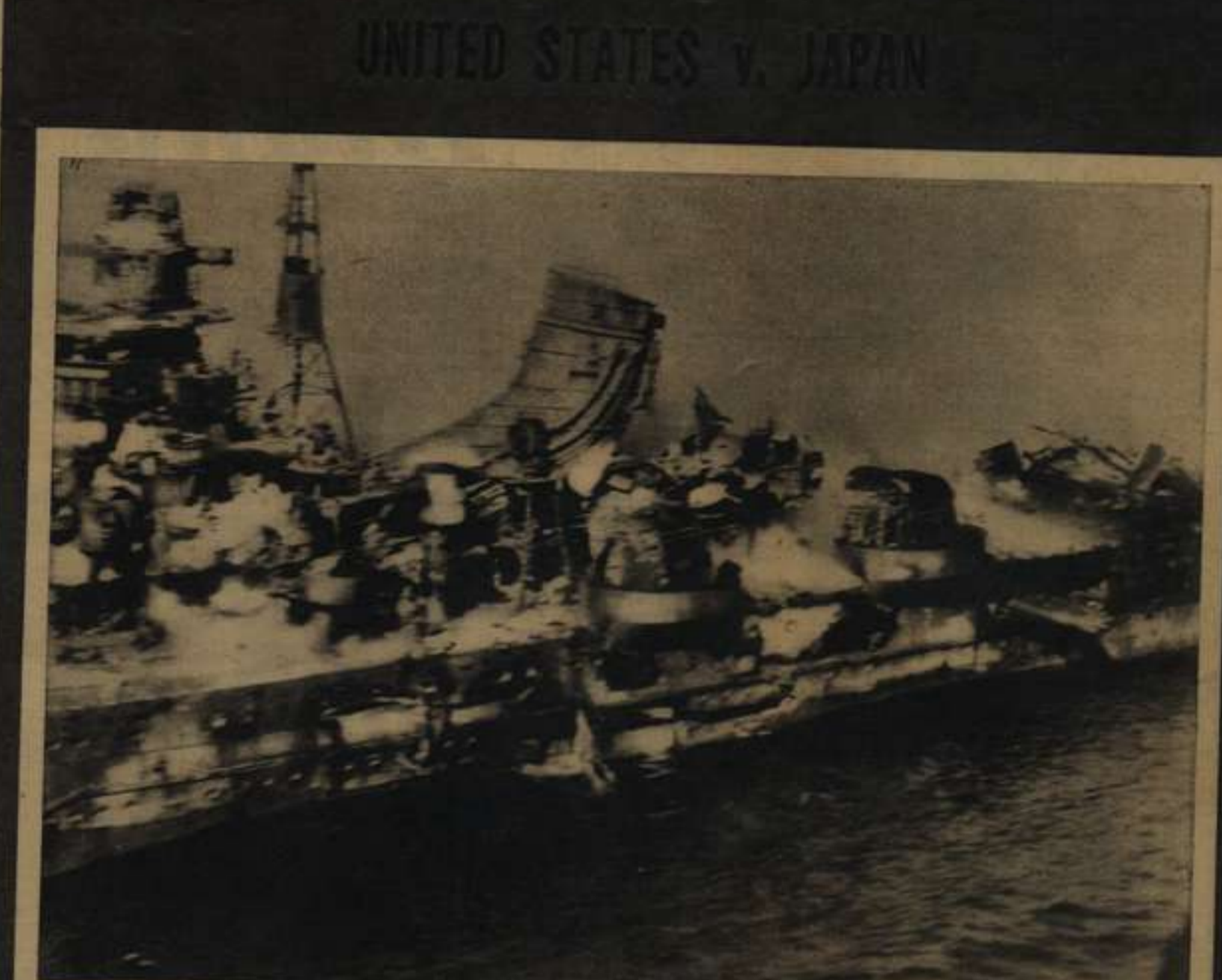
In June 1937, Japanese troops sank two Russian gunboats and occupied two islands in the Amur River without a Russian comeback. Russia's indifference was interpreted as weakness and, a week later, Japan attacked China at the Marco Polo Bridge near Peking, thus precipitating a war which is now in its fifth year. In July 1938, sharp fighting developed around a hill at Changkufeng, near the Korean border. The battle lasted for weeks and ended with an agreement costing the Japanese considerable face and the hill of Changkufeng. More than 20,000 men and large numbers of tanks, guns and airplanes participated on each side.

PLANS OF BATTLE

In the summer of 1939 a bigger and better battle took place near Nomonchan, where the People's Republic of Outer Mongolia borders on Japan's Manchukuo. Fighting lasted all summer, with large formations of Russian tanks rolling across the sunbaked steppes onto the Japanese positions, and with ever-growing numbers of troops thrown in on both sides. This battle, which ended with a clear Russian victory, chalked up the staggering score of 18,000 Japanese wounded and dead.

"No, we refuse to be fooled," my Japanese friends told me after Russia's first reverses in her war with Finland in 1939-40. "The Russians are good fighters. They cannot lose."

They told me that if the Siberian battles should ever merge into an all-out war, Russian strategy called for a flanking move into Manchukuo over those sunbaked steppes, amply supported by tanks and the fierce Mongolian cavalry of 80,000 men—to be synchronized with bombing attacks on Japanese cities as well as attacks on Japanese shipping by the ninety submarines shipped in parts across Siberia and based at Vladivostok. The chances? I remembered the words of the Russian diplomat: "Much depends on who will make the first move."



Jap cruiser into Jap junk: This battered hulk was a heavy cruiser of the Mogami class, pride of Nipponese Navy—before Midway, when two Japanese fleets were smashed by U.S. planes



Brigadier-General James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, who led the flight of U.S. bombers over Tokyo; right, In an Australian port three-in. A.A. gun is lowered over side of U.S. transport.



Establishing a base on a South Pacific isle somewhere in the South Pacific, United States officer and his advisers find it necessary to wade into water to do the necessary surveying.



Diana chases U-boats

Equal in importance even to the battle of Russia, is the battle for the supremacy of the seas. Allied sinkings have lately been heavy as the Axis makes an all-out effort to force a decision quickly. But as the U-boat menace grows so do counter-measures in destruction. These pictures show the part played by the women of Britain to keep the sea-lanes open to the Allies.



Diana Grey, W.R.N.S., dons her navy blue uniform. Before she takes it off the chances are she will have played a part in the destruction of another U-boat.



In the operations room where she works, signals dealing with naval messages are filed and kept ready for reference. All over the walls are charts which cover the entrances to every port. Diana's job makes her directly responsible for checking and plotting shipping movements. Work is often very exciting as well as being vitally important. Job of decoders and meteorologists is important.



On parade. Diana and some 23,000 of her colleagues live on shore in "ships." They belong to shore complement. Naval terminology is applied to everything.



Diana enters closely guarded building where she works as plotter. Others are busy as teleprinter-operators, signallers, meteorologists and on clerical work.



Diana stands before table covered with large numbered map. Each section represents part of a vast ocean. She plots course of warships through headphones. Moves model of British destroyer that has just gone into action. Destroyer's job is to seek out the enemy and destroy him.



When messenger arrives with urgent signal for Chief of Staff—Enemy sub surfaced near British merchantman astern of convoy. Nazis regard lone vessel as easy prey but the men and women of the Royal Navy are ever on the watch to snare and destroy Nazi marauders.



Somewhere out at sea there is a terrific explosion. Depth charge explodes over U-boat. The destroyer has once again done its job. All that will remain of the raider is floating debris, a patch of oil on the waves. All Nazis will know is another U-boat fails to return. Trained crews are valuable, cannot be mass-produced like U-boats. Navy will continue to hunt and exterminate Nazi pests. In end Navy will win.



Diana gets signal that destroyer is escorting merchantman to rejoin convoy. She plots distance that the ships have covered while the attack was in progress. Soon they will be safe in port, their precious cargoes intact. Small wonder, quietly triumphant expression discernible in Diana's intent young face. Another convoy reaches port without loss. Another U-boat has been sunk. Diana has played her important part.



In the evening Diana relaxes with friend in grounds of hotel which Navy has taken over for H.M.S. Eaglet—her "ship." There is ample room for all kinds of healthy activities.

London, July 30.

The German offensive in Russia has now achieved very considerable success. After the breakthrough on the Volchansk-Kupyansk sector, von Bock turned the direction of his thrust south-eastwards and now his troops have reached the great eastward bend of the Don, have taken Rostov and have crossed the Don in the south in great force.

We should, as I have suggested before, be on our guard against reports that would turn the powerful offensive into a nightmare. For instance, it was being reported on Tuesday that on the Caucasian front the Germans have thrown in 20 tank divisions "of a nominal strength of 10,000 tanks." That statement is meaningless since everyone knows that the panzer divisions have had their tank strength diminished rather than increased. Indeed, according to the most recent reports, the present tank strength of a panzer division is about 200. This would make the "nominal strength" of 20 divisions about 4,000 tanks. By no reasonable calculation can I make the strength more than double that figure and the probability is that it is nearer the figure of 4,000—if, that is to say, the force was 20 tank divisions. The pertinent fact is that today we must scrutinise every report with greater attention and care than ever. The German campaign is absolutely critical for us and the Germans are leaving no stone unturned to secure a decisive success. They exaggerate all their achievements to represent their impressive force at many times its real strength and minimise every allied achievement and attempt to make victory certain by the tremendous success of propaganda.

Hitler Goes All Out

Hitler is attempting to put the Russian armies out of the fight once and for all and the means he has chosen are:

- (1) The severing of all communications with the allies.
- (2) The isolation of the southern from the central and northern group of armies, and
- (3) The cutting off of oil supplies from all but the Caucasian army.

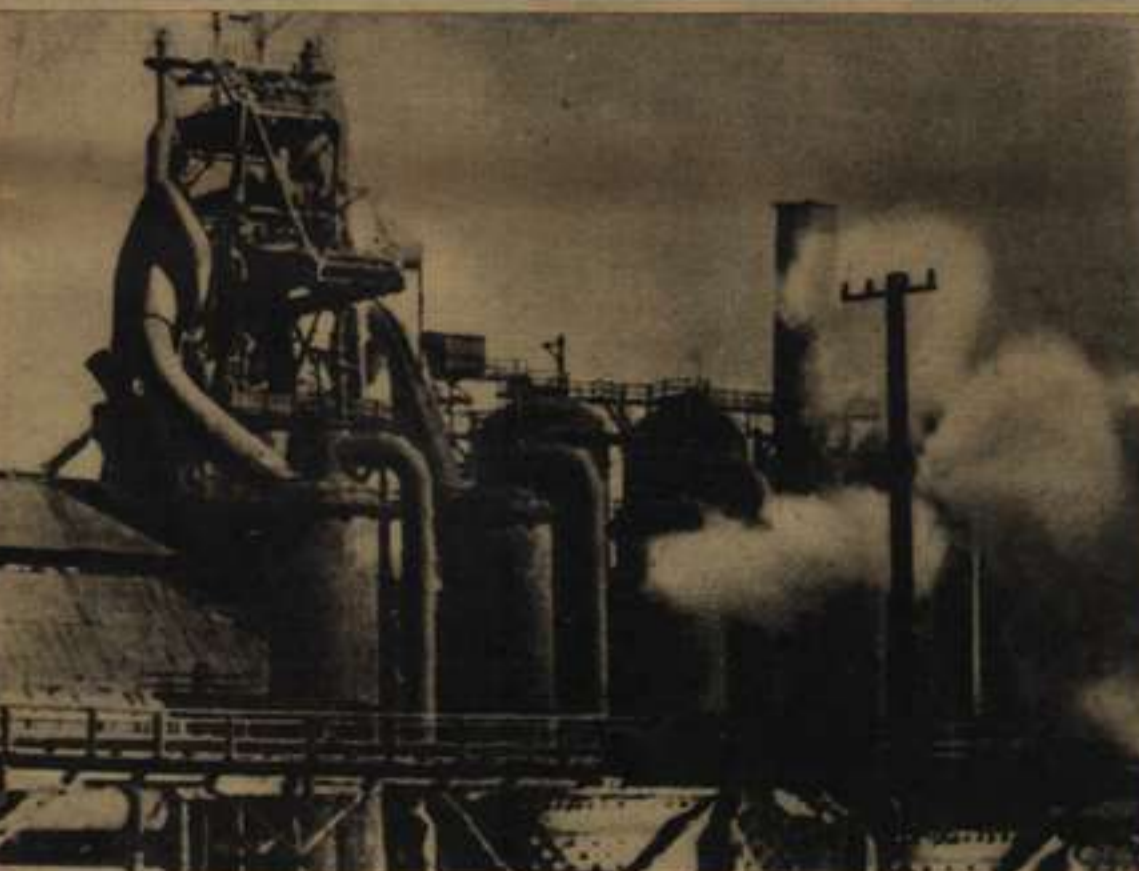
Grafted upon this general plan is the ever-present design to cut off Russian units and groups of units, destroy communications between the constituent armies of the southern group and so weaken and at length rupture the organisation of the whole southern army.

As we have seen, the exterior communications have been harried in the Atlantic in the west, in the Aleutians in the east, and in the Arctic in the north, and are now being violently attacked in the south. Here, at one and the same time, Hitler is attempting to cut off Russia from the allies and from the base of her main oil supplies. The bulk of Russian oil lies beyond the Caucasus, but it can only be made available by means of the railways, pipelines and tankers across the Caspian. The main pipeline has already been cut at Rostov and the Germans are advancing against the rather roundabout railway route, by the Baku line, to Tikhoretsk (on the Novorossisk-Stalingrad line) and thence to Stalingrad and Astrakhan on the Volga route. But the advance southward from Tsimlyanskaya and perhaps to an almost equal extent from Rostov is approaching this railway which connects the Black Sea port of Novorossisk with Stalingrad. It is impossible to say how near the Germans are to the line, but it lies less than 20 miles from the Don at its nearest and it has been stated that the line is already under fire. This is the last railway route for the

Critical Battle in Russia



The Kura river winding through the Caucasus mountains well south of where fighting is now taking place, but giving idea of hilly country.



A blast furnace at Magnitorsk. Soviet industrial strong point in the Urals on which Russians now rely so much for their munitions.

trans-Caucasian oil. The Astrakhan-Volga route is being threatened by the German advance in the eastern extremity of the Don bend, from which point Stalingrad, on the Volga, lies less than 50 miles distant. There is still the trans-Caspian route to Chapayev and the pipeline up to the Magnetorsk industrial area. But it is clear that if Russian supplies were to be restricted to this route, the stream of oil would dwindle considerably. The Caucasian corn country is also threatened. Minerals, particularly manganese, are also the prize of whoever holds the Caucasus. Finally, it cannot be doubted that the advance southwards from Rostov threatens the last naval bases of the Black Sea fleet.

Let it be noted that if we assume all this damage is done, the Russian army would not necessarily be put out of action, but it might be rendered incapable of conducting a counter-offensive. As the Germans, quite rightly, fear an offensive in the west, they wish at the very least to make it impossible for Russia to interfere at that moment. They are trying, in fact, to prevent a full-scale war on two fronts developing. Up to the present, only their successes have been registered, and for the simple reason that they have been pressing their initiative to the utmost. But it is assumed that the Russians have very strong reserves and that the very poverty of the Russian communications prevents them being rapidly concentrated at the threatened point. Hence, for strategical reasons, as well as because he could not easily do otherwise, Timoshenko has been allowing the enemy to come to him. Von Bock has extended his communications to an enormous extent during the month that his offensive has been developing. The concentration upon which he depends for his success has inevitably been considerably weakened and only his very highly developed mobility enables him to assure some protection to his far-flung columns. But it cannot be ignored that Timoshenko has not yet—or has only just—begun to fling in his reserves, and it is admitted he has extricated his Ukraine armies without appreciable loss.

Timoshenko Conceals His Hand

In fine, von Bock has disclosed the strength of his hand but Timoshenko has concealed his, and only now is the challenge being met. For four days, as I write, the Germans who have been fighting all out south of Tsimlyanskaya have been held. They have been driven back by heavy counter-attacks, recovered and advanced again, and then been held. To the south of Rostov the position is less clear, but it is certain that the advance is not finding its progress unchallenged. In the region of the bend of the Don before Stalingrad a check in the German advance is obvious. There are, indeed, suggestions of a counter-offensive and there is no reason to suppose that Timoshenko has not the resources to deliver one. The Russians have been striking at Briansk, Orel and Voronezh. It is at the last mentioned that their successes have been greatest, and the German position most sensitive. This attack will probably be developed and may well influence the advance to the Volga. But it seems to me that the best chances of a counter-offensive lie somewhere in the long extended communications south-eastwards. There, the Germans have not yet had time to organise their defences. It is, in fact, clear so far that the Germans have created a very grave problem for the Russians, who only now are beginning to suggest the lines of their reply.

"STRATEGICUS"



Youngest of London's contingent of the Land Army is Peggy Rose, aged seventeen. Comes from Isleworth.



One girl feeds the straw into the "sewing machine," while another ties thatch into bundles.



Home troops get a change from incessant training and give a hand with the harvest.

ALL HANDS TO THE HARVEST

THE Women's Land Army is their official title. Since war began more than 25,000 of them have been trained and placed in regular employment on the farms.

The old farmers are forgetting the contempt they used to have for women workers. They're only too glad now to have help in the dairy or with the poultry or on the tractor. And they admit the girls work well.

The other day a girl of nineteen who had been studying for a degree at Oxford gave up her studies and reported for work on a farm. She could drive her own car, so she soon learned to drive a tractor. Before long, single-handed, she ploughed 22 acres of the roughest land in one day. She works every day, weekends included, and gets 1s. 3d. an hour.

Temporary male help is also given to the farmers for urgent work. As these pictures show the Army does a bit of "sticking" and even fighter pilots give a hand when they're not busy in the air.



Hands in thigh pockets in true professional style, the girls watch a farming demonstration: right—fighter pilots also give a hand in the all-out farming effort.



Birmingham

Mrs. Mary Howe, who came from South Shields to make munitions in a Midland factory, is a girl with ideas. When she could have had a holiday, she not only continued to work in the factory but took her husband along with her. He was on leave from the army for seven precious days. But instead of asking the foreman for time off, Mrs. Howe asked him to "take on" her soldier husband. He did valuable labouring jobs in the factory while she turned out essential small parts on her machine from eight in the morning until six at night. "He liked it," she said. "At this moment he is out in the Middle East. That is what helps me to stick to my job. I know he is pleased with the work I am doing." When Mrs. Howe came to the Midlands, her two children, a boy of three and a girl aged eight, went to live with their grandmother in South Shields.

Some people leave attaché cases in trains and gloves on buses; others, it is suggested, would leave their heads if they were loose. But not many people "mislay" a pillon passenger. A motor-cyclist who set out from Birmingham for Worcester, some 25 miles away, with a pillon passenger, was horror-stricken to discover while passing through Powick — four miles from Worcester —

that his passenger was missing. He went straight to the police and reported his loss. Inquiries revealed that his passenger was in hospital, having fallen from the machine at Sellyoak, in the Birmingham area.

Women guards will be seen shortly on certain passenger trains between Leicester and Birmingham and Leicester and Nuneaton. Five are being trained by the L.M.S. and two Nuneaton women have just "passed out" after three weeks' training. They are Mrs. Edna Rowston, of Avenue Road, wife of a signalman, and Mrs. Hilda Hollison, of Whitehouse Crescent, whose husband is serving in the army.

Four Polish officers who are taking an engineering course at a large Birmingham firm have related how they escaped from German prisoner-of-war camps by crossing various frontiers and making journeys from country to country before eventually arriving in England. Three of them escaped southwards, by way of the Balkans and Italy, while the other travelled north, passing through Lithuania and Scandinavia. All four were in France, training or fighting, at the time of the German invasion, and finally managed to escape to different ports. They were amazed at the high morale of the British when they arrived in England, and are more convinced than ever of ultimate victory. Their engineering course will last for about five months, during

which time they will study the equipment of mechanised vehicles, and when the time comes they will form part of the force that will sweep across the continent to free the oppressed countries.

Sir Mohammed Azizul Haque, High Commissioner for India, has been in Birmingham. He gave an assurance that whatever India may be saying on political platforms, the people of India are working whole-heartedly for the war effort, both in the factories and in training for the army. "Whatever may be India's political requirements," said Sir Mohammed "her political leaders appreciate the necessity for waging war against the aggressors." He pointed out that people in Britain who only read political news from India could have no idea of the extent of the country's contribution to the cause of the allied nations. Previously, the Indian army had been recruited only from certain areas, but now the recruiting ground embraced the whole of India and an average of 50,000 men were joining up each month. "It was significant," he said, "that at the time of the breakdown of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission, the monthly total of recruits rose to 100,000. In one village, which until this war had never supplied a soldier, no fewer than 105 men out of an adult male population of 250 enlisted. Of the 50,000 articles of equipment necessary for total war, India was now capable of supplying 40,000. No fewer than 48,000 technicians had been trained for war work at 300 centres during last year alone."

The Hartlepoons

Who says swing musicians lack daring? Here is one of your home town lads to refute the suggestion. He is William Gregory, of Westbourne Road, West Hartlepool. Just before the war he was a plasterer's labourer and a dance band drummer. To-day he is an R.A.F. pilot officer with two distinctions. Last October, as F/Sgt. Gregory, he won the D.F.M. Now commissioned, he has won the D.F.C. Gregory was in the battle of France, near Dunkirk. His father declares that his bullet-dented cigarette case saved his son's life on that occasion.

Leonard Howard Seaman, of Bailey Street, West Hartlepool, is home after a voyage to Russia. He was in the famous convoy battle of last May. He said: "One vessel, with the exception of the captain, was entirely manned by Russian women. Their ship was hit by a bomb, but they continued to man the guns and fight the flames with astonishing energy. They got their ship through with the aid of a British naval unit."

Sergeant John Metheringham (Durham Light Infantry) whose home is at Jesmond Gardens, West Hartlepool, received the D.C.M. from the King at the recent investiture at Buckingham Palace. He is home from Iceland, but his award was for bravery in France in the early days of the war.

Ipswich

Ipswich is a gala town this summer. Mindful of the Government's appeal for stay-at-home holidays, the council's estates committee — usually reckoned to be the most conservative of all — have come out with some ideas which other councils in different parts of the country have eagerly cribbed. The most original of them was the plan of the deputy mayor (Mr. E.L. Hunt) for running hot water in the parks throughout the summer, so that picnic parties can make their own tea on the spot. There is also a programme of sports, dancing, music, fetes, swimming galas and other outdoor competitions. The committee even toyed with the idea of importing tons of sand from Felixstowe for the children. The scheme was dropped because the medical officer felt that the sand might carry disease.

A heroine of Ipswich just now is 25-year-old Mrs. Beatrice Lipson, of Riverside Road, who was congratulated by the coroner upon her plucky attempt to save a nine-year-old boy from drowning in the river Gipping. Time and again Mrs. Lipson, an ex-

LONDON LETTER

London, July 28.

Whichever way you turn, America's might comes into the London limelight this week. One fine morning, Londoners were surprised to see a bomber with unfamiliar markings flying high over the capital. It bore a white star in a blue circle and was one of the American bombers attached to the United States Army, the forerunner of a great fleet which is to bomb Germany.

Some of the men of the United States Navy are enjoying their first leave for a year after doing duty with the Home Fleet under Admiral Sir John Tovey. Their Commander, Admiral R.C. Griffin, introduced his boys in typical language: "Most of them are here for the first time in their lives. Fine kids, they are. We get along fine with our British pals." Many of them looked for the originals of the familiar postcard views of London. They wanted to see the pigeons in Trafalgar Square, and Big Ben and Buckingham Palace were No. 1 sights on their visiting list.

Many of you remember that colourful figure, Quentin Reynolds, ace American reporter, when he was in Egypt. Well, he is back in town now from one of his hops. At an "Aid-to-Russia" lunch in London, Quentin Reynolds delivered the following weighty words: "If it had not been for the Japs, we Americans would not be in the war now. We are not very proud of ourselves; our high ideals did not draw us in."

By one of those coincidences of war, His Majesty the King was able to meet a notable gathering of scout representatives from the Allied nations when he visited the Boy Scouts' Association at its headquarters near the palace. It was the first state visit of a reigning monarch to the headquarters, and the King went up on to the roof of the building where Lord Somers presented representatives of the Boy Scouts movement of nine allied countries.

Her Majesty the Queen, too, gets about London, taking an interest in wartime developments. Last week she visited Poplar, Bethnal Green and Islington to see at first-hand something of the work of the London Citizens Advice Bureau. In its 165 branches, spread all over London, the bureau has dealt with nearly a million problems brought about by bombing, evacuation, lost coupons and the like. By these tours the Queen's sincerity impresses everyone, and down in Poplar small corps of trained social workers, as well as voluntary helpers, felt afterwards that the work of the bureau was very much worth while.

One thing the war has done on the home front has been to raise the standard of our public speakers. The Prime Minister set the pace with his choice of those apt phrases that remain in the memory — "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." But he has a rival in Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, whose last speech has set us all thinking because he has crystallised our thoughts with this picture of the world at war.

"The whole world is awake. Everywhere, people are on the march, without distinction of race, colour or creed. We are working together for victory, and beyond. For we have not been fighting all these years merely to return to a world of fear, hunger and frustrated hopes — there is no necessity to build for themselves a better life."

And, like so many speakers of to-day, he falls back on the poets to sum up. He quoted from Rupert Brooke (the soldiers' poet, if ever there was one):

"For England is one land I know
Where men with splendid hearts may go."

Canon Dick Sheppard, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, was one of the most popular men in England at the time of his death. His "Life and Letters," just published by Mr. R. Ellis Roberts, reveals the man in

HOME TOWN NEWS AND VIEWS

Manchester

A ten-weeks drive to save the sum of £2,000,000 for tanks has begun. Manchester has saved £90,000,000 for war weapons since the war began.

Two Manchester lads have received the M.M. — Sgt. A.T. Haggerty and Sgt. A. Grancy.

Eric Chitty, holder of the British individual title, won the 100 guinea trophy at Bellevue speedway with a maximum score of 17 points.

Water polo at Victoria baths. Hyde Seals beat Oldham Police by three goals to one.

Manchester Cycling League v. Manchester Corporation Transport Athletic Club at Fallowfield: V. L. Spencer (M.A.C.) took the 440 yards cycle race in 32 seconds. In the five mile race, C. Cartwright (Clarion Club) finished in 12 minutes 37 seconds.

Jackie Paterson, British and Empire flyweight champion, will meet Phil Milligan at Bellevue in August.

A Manchester man was sent to work down a pit. From the pithead to his seam he had a seven-mile walk, and another seven miles back. When asked how he liked the job, he said: "Well, it's real war work anyway. Hitler hasn't got a dog's chance. We're pinching all his blinking coal."

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all his grandeur, and in the domestic sorrow which overtook the closing months of his life. No two opinions agree on the propriety of these revelations by the biographer, for they were not generally known to the world at large or to the thousands of soldiers, down-and-outers and the masses who regularly attended St. Martin's. But it was clear, says Mr. Roberts, "his wife's desertion had shaken Dick's whole outlook on life and religion. He had spent his life in proclaiming the unconquerable power of love. Yet, he had failed. He had been beaten by the failure of love. His whole philosophy was spat upon, his confident words were flung back at him, empty, meaningless."

On the day before his death, Dick was called up by his wife who asked if she could come back to him. "It must wait till Monday," he decided. Before Monday came, he was dead. This part of Mr. Roberts' insight into the character of the man is revealing and we get a true objective view of those dramatic 12 years at St. Martin's when Dick Sheppard's name became known the whole world over.

Epsom cricket ground was the scene of the first real representative athletic meeting we have had since the war began. It was held under the auspices of the A.A.A. and some fast times were recorded on the grass track. The Army, who were winners of the triangular tournament, scored 82 points, the Royal Navy and Civil Defence, 80 and the Royal Air Force, 54. Chief interest centred in the mile, which was won by Sydney Wooderson in the good time of 4 mins. 16.4 secs. Had he not had to take the lead before the last lap, he would have done better, but as it was, Alfrod, the Empire champion, pressed him to the finishing post and was a gallant loser by only five yards, Alan Pennington was beaten in a splendid quarter mile by the Canadian, J.W. Loaring, in 49 secs. Loaring also won the 440 hurdles and it will be recalled he ran second in the same event in the last Olympic Games held in Berlin. The racing was good in all events, which says much for the organising ability of Mr. Jack Cump, and Merchant Navy charities will benefit to the extent of over £400.

As he could not get special leave for his fight at the opening of the Queensberry Club in Soho last week, Jackie Paterson, British flyweight champion, decided to take his week's holiday. Travelling 400 miles from Glasgow, where he works in the shipyards, the Scot won his fight in five minutes, knocking-out the Canadian, Eddie Petrin, in the second round.

Idolised by Eton boys whom he had coached for the past seven years, Andy Ducat collapsed while batting in a Home Guard match at Lords and died before he reached hospital. He was 56 and one of a select band of professionals who had played for England at cricket and football. Born at Brixton, Ducat joined Surrey in 1906 and played for his county until 1931. During that period he knocked up 52 centuries, his highest score being 306. He was a stylish batsman and a fine field. At soccer he was capped six times and after a spell with Southend he went to Arsenal. From there he joined Aston Villa, whom he captained when they won the F.A. Cup in 1920. A fine right-half who seldom played a bad game, Ducat finished his football career as manager of Fulham. He was a grand sportsman and did much to raise the standard of professionalism.

Len Hutton has left the Army P.T. staff following the injury to his arm and has joined the R.E. as a civilian inspector of works and buildings. He was formerly in the building trade.

Bill Bowes, who was taken prisoner in the Western Desert, is now officially reported to be in German hands.

Orpington raised a strong side on Saturday but just failed to beat London Counties, who scored 215 for 6 in reply to the "village" team's total of 213. A.B. Sellars, the Yorkshire skipper, got 55 for the losers and had the distinction of bowling Leslie Compton when his score stood at 99. Joe Hulme knocked up 45.

Further afield, Maurice Nichols got 7 for 64 for Southern Command against R.A.S.C. while Maurice Leyland scored 61 for Northern Command at Trent Bridge.

Wrexham

One of the proudest men in North Wales is Mr. Hewitt, of Station Road, Buckley. Mr. Hewitt was honoured by being presented to the King and Queen when Their Majesties visited an aircraft factory during their tour of North Wales. In a short speech Mr. Hewitt gave the Queen an assurance that all at the factory were with them to the end, until final victory had been won. Since then, he has received a letter from the Queen, which Mr. Hewitt will treasure. It is already showing signs of wear, owing to so much handling by Mr. Hewitt's many friends. Their Majesties had a great reception wherever they went, particularly at one of the large "iron" works they visited.

Members of the Forces have the support of Councillor J.C. Wincup, the youngest member of Abergele urban council, for increased pay. Councillor Wincup, who is himself in the Services, was appointed vice-chairman of the council. While on leave he attended a meeting and marked the occasion by moving a resolution urging the Government to increase the rate of pay to members of the Forces.

Northern Ireland

Most people have had their brief holiday and are now determined to go all out during the next 12 months. One large employer of labour, in reply to my question why had he closed down his works for a week, said that this would be all to the benefit of the war effort. He had his machinery completely overhauled during the week's holiday.

The main event of the week has been the civil libel action in which the Lord Mayor, the deputy Lord

Mayor and eight members of the corporation sued the "Northern Whig" of Belfast for £5,000 damages for alleged libel in a leading article criticising the majority of the corporation in connection with their voting on the report by the "big six." The court was packed when Mr. Justice Brown gave his verdict for the plaintiffs, awarding them £50 each. The case lasted for 21 days and the costs will run into several thousands of pounds.

The present city commission sitting is likely to last a record time. No less than 450 jurors were summoned to deal with over 50 cases. At the same time it must not be thought that Belfast is a city of crime. Out of 390 specially reported cases, the police have made no less than 314 amenable to justice. This is a record percentage of about 90 per cent in the detection of crime and is claimed to be the best in the United Kingdom.

The Ministry of Food thinks that Ulster housewives could make even better cooks and the first of a series of demonstration shops to show how the best use can be made of the restricted supplies of wartime foods has been opened.

The Sunday cinema controversy is bound to flare up again in Belfast in the near future. Some of the censors have been examining the plan to install 16 portable cinemas.

The Toc H club in Belfast is rapidly progressing and it has been found necessary to provide extra beds owing to the demand for sleeping accommodation. Their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn were recent visitors.

Belfast citizens will be mighty glad to learn that the number of flag days is to be kept down. No more than 22 are to be allowed in any one year.

It has now been definitely decided that there will be no general election in Northern Ireland during the war. The necessary bill to prolong the life of the present House of Commons will be introduced early in autumn.

Plymouth

Music-lovers have enjoyed the weekly programme given by the band of the Royal Marines (Plymouth division) during the past few weeks. Alfresco dancing on the Hoe and promenade concerts have also proved popular attractions for service personnel and civilians alike. At a recent dance, few people recognised a V.C. hero. He was Commander Miers who, when in command of the submarine *Torbay* spent nearly a day in an enemy harbour with his gallant crew, damaging several enemy supply vessels.

Plymouth Co-operative Society got "very highly recommended" in the bread-baking competition at Bristol organised by the co-operative societies of the south west of England.

Some of the younger members of the Plymouth city police force who are now eligible for military service have volunteered for the army and have been accepted for training with the Commandos. One of them has already gained the British Empire Medal for his work during the blitz on the city last year.

"Oyez! The glove is up! The fair has begun! No man shall be arrested until the glove is taken down."

This ancient proclamation was read by the town crier when Honiton fair was opened with the customary ceremony. He bore the ceremonial glove on a garlanded staff through the streets, surrounded by a happy throng of children who stopped outside the Angel hotel to catch pennies thrown from windows.

Thanks to the generosity of the National Art Collections Fund, the Drake Cup, traditionally held to have been presented by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Francis Drake on his return from one of his sea exploits, has taken its place among Plymouth's art treasures. The fund purchased the cup in London for 2,000 guineas and it was handed to the deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman W.J. Modley,

by the chairman of the Fund, Sir Robert Witt.

When the Duke of Kent visited Plymouth recently he opened a new club for service officers and presented awards to lifeboatmen. On the Hoe His Royal Highness saw a fire-guard competition and chatted with two grandmothers who were engaged with stirrup pumps in one of the teams. While in Cornwall a day or two earlier, the Duke dined overalls and went down a tin mine.

Tyneside

Tyneside shipyard workers, determined that Britain shall beat Hitler's U-boat menace, have entered into an agreement whereby they will work an average of 60 hours each week. In every shipyard since the Nazis increased their sinkings of allied shipping, workers are asking that every opportunity should be given them to work to their full capacity. Consultations with the medical authorities have been taking place to find the endurance limit which can reasonably be worked by the men. Some doctors have already expressed the opinion that shipyard workers are now working to the limit of their endurance, but trade union leaders state that they have hundreds of men who declare that they can work 12 hours daily if need be. Inquiries at five north-east shipyards brought forth the answer that the men were playing a magnificent part in the effort to win the battle of the seas. At each

of these shipyards there were ships on the stocks now four months ahead of schedule, and at the present rate of progress there is every indication that they will be completed and placed in service six months earlier than was anticipated.

One thousand girls working in a north-east munitions factory have become Britain's first "flying squad" munition workers. The girls are answering the call from the Ministry of Labour to man a factory in the Midlands, where there are special priority jobs to be done. When Ministry of Labour officials visited their factory they made their appeal and within a minute a large number of girls were signing up to be "factory girl commands" — ready to go anywhere, do anything.

York

York has now plunged into its month of holidays-at-home. Crowds are attending the band performances by the West Yorkshire Regiment and the K.O.Y.L.I. in the museum gardens. There are open-air variety performances in Rowntree park and children's sports and a hundred and one other attraction have been arranged to cover the period of school holidays. Donkey rides, a miniature railway and other children's delights are attracting the kiddies to Rowntree park, which has become a sort of headquarters for the month.

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Lord Mayor presents fragments of tenor bell of famous Bow Bells to London division. Bells smashed in blitz. Two form division sign.



Any old rags. Sailors contributing to Britain's salvage campaign, dump waste in bins on dockside. Cardboard boxes and rubber all help.



Smiling Princess Alexandra selling flags in London for British sailors. Princess pins flag on soldier's tunic. Tommy drops one for the Navy.

his orchestra from Blackpool. In the parks there are brass bands — in fact at any time during the afternoon and evening for five weeks, until the last week in August, there are to be entertainments of some kind.

Portsmouth

Seamen from every port in the world know the famous Pompey chimed of the bells in the 238 ft. high clock tower. The tower has lately been encased in scaffolding while experts have been examining the foundations of the structure to learn if it was seriously damaged in the great blitz of a year ago when the Guildhall was gutted by fire. The official report gives the good news that the tower is safe and can be repaired and that the famous bells are also undamaged.

Many valuable family treasures are being given up in the drive for metal salvage. Among the latest gifts is one from Miss Gregory, granddaughter of Admiral Sir Robert Stopford, a former C-in-C. of Portsmouth. This includes medals of George III's reign and foundation medals of famous societies of a century ago.

When told by an army schoolmaster to "mind his vowels," a young recruit answered: "There is no need. My father liquidates all my I.O.U.'s."

Portsmouth and her namesake in the United States exchanged greetings on Independence Day, July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Whitlock have seven of their eight sons in the Forces, the eighth is still at school. The seventh, Douglas, has just joined the Royal Navy. The other brothers are in the Royal Artillery and the Hampshire Regiment.

Portsmouth Royal Navy and Royal Marine athletes journeyed to Reading for the Southern Counties meeting and brought back a silver cup for the best all-round performance. Lieut. F.W. Loring and P/O J.S. Reynolds did well in the Services team.

Two ex-Portsmouth schoolboys came into the news last week. W/O David Bishop, R.A.F., has won the George Medal in Malta, and Pte. Ronald Wood Courtney, son of the world-famous runner, Joe Courtney, winner of the world's two mile championship in America in 1892, has been awarded the Royal Humane Society medal for rescuing a comrade who was being washed downstream in a Scottish river.

The chief superintendent of the Naafi's naval canteen service, popular Alexander John Thomson, has celebrated his 60th birthday. All the navy knows "Alex." He has had 40 years' canteen experience. He served his apprenticeship at Lipton's after turning his back on an engineering career at a Thames-side works. Of Scottish parents, "Alex." claims to be a Cockney, for he was born at Bromley-by-Bow and educated at the People's Palace Technical College in Mile End Road. Since the outbreak of war his staff has grown from 800 to over 3,000. With all his knocking about the world in the navy, he finds time to take an active interest in church work and is a sidesman at St. Andrew's church, Leytonstone — when he is home!

Entertainment for everybody has been provided in full measure. As much of it as possible has been provided in the open air, but fortunately the entertainments committee have had the foresight to arrange most of the really big attractions under cover. In Greenhead Park there are all sorts of amusements and entertainments — tennis, bowls, marionette shows, punch and Judy shows, donkey rides, horse and pony jumping contests, concert parties, reviews, brass bands, orchestras, dance bands for open-air dancing, and dog shows.

An athletic meeting and numerous cricket matches are also taking place elsewhere, and in the town hall there are to be performances of the concert version of "Merrie England," and orchestral concerts by Jan Hurst and

Coventry

Coventry workers' stay-at-home holiday scheme is being well observed. Special return tickets at 7s. 6d. each are issued to those whose home towns are some distance away.

The Red Cross flag day brought in £1,411.

The Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Mervyn Haigh, has been appointed to the bishopric of Winchester.

Councillor Alec Turner, who has seen 20 years' service on the city council, has been selected to become the next deputy mayor.

The annual report of the public libraries shows that when the Gulsun library was destroyed by enemy action, 150,000 books were lost, together with treasured manuscripts and the Mander collection.

Warwickshire farmers have been called upon to plough an additional 25,000 acres of grassland to increase cultivation of potatoes and sugar beet.

Coventry district defeated London Counties by three runs on the first innings of a two-day cricket match, a feature of which was a fine innings of 107 by Leslie Ames for the winners.

Newdigate Colliery for the second successive year won the Welfare Shield in the annual Warwickshire Ambulance League competition. They gained 223 points against 191 by Coventry Colliery, who were the runners-up.

Coventry City's resumption of League football is arousing great interest and it is satisfying to learn that 20 former players will be available, including 14 members of the first team, all of whom are engaged upon important war work in the neighbourhood.

Aston Villa and Derby County are also resuming in the Midland section, which, it is expected, will show a big improvement upon the previous wartime football. Coventry City's opening match is with Walsall at Highfield Road on August 29.

Scotland

A Services international team beat Hibernians by 3-2 in a game as interesting as any cup final. The Glasgow central war fund and the R.A.F. and army funds will receive £500 each. Rangers sports on August 1 as usual will be a big event in the athletic season.

Mr. Hugh Crawford's picture, depicting the effects of an air raid over Clydebank, is a big attraction at the Royal Academy in London. Mr. Crawford is deputy principal of the Glasgow school of art. He regards the Clydebank picture as his major achievement. It will be acquired for Clydeside.

Britain's oldest destroyer, H.M.S. Skate, was built by Messrs. John Brown & Co. at Clydebank in 1917. She was torpedoed twice in the last war but was repaired in time to bring some U-boats into Harwich in 1918. Her 25th birthday was spent at sea. H.M.S. Skate has done thousands of miles on convoy work during the last 12 months.

A firm in Kestish Town, London, has made bagpipes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalions, Scots Guards, for the past 25 years. The War Office has ordered 200 sets



Young markswomen of Downs House School, Newbury, shooting on the range. Girl with telescope instructs youthful Amazon competitors.

from the firm, who state that bagpipes are of international composition. The reeds come from Spain, the drones and chanters from Africa, while the bags are made from Highland sheepskin. The pipes seem to be an appropriate instrument for the "Internationale."

Scotland has more food than it can eat. The supply of new potatoes exceeds the demand, while vegetables, tomatoes and other eatables are abundant. Bread and meat are also in good supply. There is no shortage of any commodity.

Scotland's campaign for old age pensioners has been partly successful. The average income, including supplementary allowances, is to be increased from 19s. 6d. to 22s. The Scots are still pressing for 25s. and are hopeful of victory. It was Robert Burns who started the welfare campaign for the aged.

Almost 28,000 houses have been completed in Scotland since the war started. Plans are being made to build 40,000 to 50,000 a year when Hitler and Mussolini are in the bag. Most of the houses damaged by air raids have been repaired. Plastic materials will be used to supplement brick, stone and cement.

Sir William Lang, chairman of a Johnstone firm of machine tool manufacturers, has left £62,000, mostly in stocks. His mother founded the business and trained her four sons to make it a success. The first workroom was an empty shop. Sir William also helped to make Messrs. G. & J. Weir, of Cathcart, famous.

All Scotland is mourning the passing of Brendan Finucane. His six months' association with No. 602 fighter squadron made him the favourite of Clydeside. Finucane was as popular with the ground staff as with the pilots. His last letter to Sir Patrick Dollan asked for comforts for the men.

A Falkirk man has been fined £3 for jumping on a bus in front of a queue. The sheriff said that all travellers must queue when necessary. He also declared that if anyone leaves the queue, no matter for what purpose, he must join it again at the end.

Beith (Ayrshire) claims to have the best "invasion" organisation in the north. Everybody in the village, both young and old, has volunteered for civil defence. They have mobilised their own picks and shovels and are ready for any emergency. Heaven help the Jerry who gets lost in the main street of Beith.

An orang-outang, born in Edinburgh zoo on July 12, was to have been called "Orange Lily." It was the first bred in captivity in Britain but did not like our climate and died within seven days. Its parents, Mickie and Minnie, came from Sumatra.

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I opened the door and there was Miss Trinell in front of the blackboard kissing a soldier. Our arithmetic lessons will never be the same after this.



Claudette Colbert, who has played Cleopatra in her time, puts on a gingham gown and a straw hat with ribbons to be a school-marm in "Remember The Day," her new picture for 20th Century Fox. The film has a last war background and settings and costumes are in what Hollywood calls its "Middle Gruesome" period. Miss Colbert wears some alarming 1914 outfits, including a tent-like bathing suit. When dry it was hardly becoming. When wet it was also uncomfortable. Cracked

Claudette: "I feel like a dish-rag someone forgot to wring out." Thirty-five Hollywood children were hired to form Claudette's class in the picture. After they had finished their scenes, a real teacher took over in the classroom to give them actual lessons. "Teacher's young man," naturally a soldier, is John Payne, graduate from Alice Faye-Betty Grable musicals who here gets his first dramatically meaty part. Claudette herself picked him out for it.



This is our Miss Trinell. All the boys like her because she is so pretty. There never was such a nice teacher as Miss Trinell. She even smiles when she gives you "impots."



On Graduation Day, Miss Trinell, in her best dress, looks so pretty, you'd think she'd graduated herself. I think Mr looks pretty good too in her new daisy-straw.



Miss Trinell is a good sport and likes to come to watch our ball games. There's that soldier chap again. He's put on a fancy cap, but we're not very impressed.



Ma says Miss Trinell's swimming costume is much too daring for a schoolmistress, but it looks ok to us. Especially the bow. There's that man again but we try not to notice him

HOME TOWN NEWS AND VIEWS CONTINUED

As a result of the number of bathing fatalities and the many caustic comments by the coroner, steps have been taken to make the Ouse safe for bathers. Two spots in the river have been roped off for bathers — Lee-man Road and Fulford Fields. Patrols who have volunteered to take spells of duty will make sure that the unwary are not drowned when they get out of their depth.

The new Archbishop of York, Dr. Garbett, in spite of his 67 years, has adopted the excellent idea of going on a tramp amongst the people of North and East Riding who come under his spiritual care, so that he may know them better. At the moment of writing, "the hiking archbishop," as the newspapers call him, is tramping across the moors of Whithy. By the time he has preached at Hinderwell, he will have covered more than 20 miles in two days and will have met hundreds of the sturdy folk of this lovely corner of England. His next walk will be in the Hornsea district, and later the inhabitants of the dales around Helmsley will have an opportunity of seeing him.

Huddersfield

The West Riding of Yorkshire is enjoying to the full its holidays-at-home programme. Huddersfield was the pioneer in this movement last summer and its programme this summer, which is now in progress, is bigger and brighter than ever. Compared with a net loss last summer of about £750, Huddersfield corporation, which is sponsoring the entire pro-



"Oud Bob" Daly, 62, joins the Navy, draws Petty Officer's rig on board depot ship. Behind, T. Harding, 18, volunteers for special service.



WHO IS SHE? Last week's star was Mary Beth Hughes.

EVERYMAN'S CROSSWORD - 45

This week a prize of P.T. 50 will be given for the first correct solution opened. Competitors should send in their solutions marked "Everyman's Crossword 45" in the top left-hand corner of the envelope to reach "Parade" not later than Monday, August 24, when all solutions will be opened. All solutions to be addressed Editor, "Parade," G.H.Q. M.E.F.



- ACROSS**
- It's rude to pester to leave
 - The hinge lent to illuminate
 - Outer structure
 - Propeller
 - The far end of a seat
 - Habit of the now-born
 - He wrote Faust
 - This mark is of Europe
 - Liquid
 - Directs one to the other side

- A mixture of singular and plural existence
- Shape of a small moat
- Epithet for the owl's activities
- One of a pair
- Of mixed taste
- DOWN
- The onus of proof is on his opponent
- Anger
- Pure
- The object in snaiming
- The thirteenth letter for this sand
- Embitter
- Tender
- Lip from Crete
- Colloquially a dab
- Say yes at the rising influence
- Makes a good hater
- Spar this for the bird
- Coat tail

EVERYMAN'S - 42
The winner of the prize in Everyman's - 42 is L/Cpl. N.B. Lett.



Question Time

1-THE HUNTERS
Two hunters, wishing to determine the weight of a fox they had caught balanced a plank on a fence, and then balanced each other on the plank. They then exchanged places, but this time the lighter man held the fox in his lap. They found that the plank balanced again. If the hunters weighed 150 pounds and 180 pounds respectively, what was the weight of the fox?

2-TRANS-LATION
Please translate this sum back in to its original figures. To do so you must discover the key word - it has a political sound and its letters were numbered off 1 to 0 - used to effect the sum's disguise here. There are two ways of doing it.

Solutions to Last Week's "Question Time"

1-MATCH PUZZLE

2-THE THREE SPRINGS

3-CARD PUZZLE

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London

OVER THE 13, 16, 19, 25, 31 AND 49 M. WAVE BANDS. TIMES GIVEN. EGYPTIAN SUMMER TIME.

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

7.30 a.m. - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Musical Interlude; 9.15 - American Commentary; 9.30 - Brains Trust. Guests: Professor Savory and Lady Astor; 9.0 - Bridge of Melody.

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - Weekly Programme Summary; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.25 - London Calling; 10.30 - Service from St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, Aberdeen.

11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 p.m. - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Musical Interlude.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - Brains Trust. Guests: Professor Savory and Lady Astor; 2.45 - Music; 3.0 - Service from St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, Aberdeen; 3.30 - London Palladium Orchestra, conducted by Debra Somers.

4.0 - News; 4.15 - Palestine Half-hour, Victor Silvester's Orchestra and Olive Groves, soprano; 4.45 Command Performance, Variety for U.S. Forces overseas; 5.15 - Monarchs of Mirth. Records; 5.30 - Topical Feature, Marching On; 6.12 - Programme Summary; 6.15 - Close Down; 6.30 - London Women's String Orchestra.

7.0 - News; 7.15 - Listening Post; 7.20 - News from Home; 7.30 - Programme and Messages for British Forces in Malta; 8.10 - Forces Favourites played by the B.B.C. Variety Orchestra; 8.30 - Service from St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, Aberdeen.

9.0 - News; 9.15 - Talk by J.B. Priestley; 9.30 - Foden's Motor Works Band; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.30 - Weekly Programme Summary; 10.45 - Homage to Johann Strauss (Part 2) - B.B.C. Theatre Chorus and Orchestra; 11.15 - Topical Feature - Marching on.

11.45 - News; 1.0 - Close Down.

MONDAY AUGUST 10

7.30 - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Religious Service; 8.10 - Pacific Postbag; 8.20 - Voice of the Enemy; 8.30 - Boomerang Club. Billy Mayerl and the Grosvenor House Orchestra, Tommy Trinder (comedian); 9.0 - Topical Talk.

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - Calling New Zealand; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.25 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 10.30 - Front Line Family; 10.45 - Military Band; 10.55 - Faith at Work. Talk.

11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Musical Interlude.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - The Debate Continues; 2.30 - Radio Theatre, Nova Pilbeam and Malcolm Keen in scenes from Toller's "Pastor Hall"; 3.0 - Merchant Navy Quartet; 3.30 - Grillier String Quartet.

Organ; 11.15 - Joyce Newton, contralto and the Strings of the London Studio Players. 11.45 - News; 12.0 - Close down.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

7.30 - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Religious Service; 8.10 - On the Land; 8.15 - Freedom Forum; 8.45 - B.B.C. Scottish Singers; 9.0 - Ansacs calling home.

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - Dance Music; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.25 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 10.30 - Front Line Family; 10.45 - Calling Australia; 10.55 - Interlude.

11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Review of the War.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - Magazine Programmes, Voices; 2.45 - Talk. Anniversaries of the Month; 3.0 - Tommy Handley's Half-hour; 3.30 - Musicians in Uniform. Gordon Richer, baritone, Fighting French Army; 3.45 - Here in Britain.

4.0 - News and News Commentary; 4.15 - Forces Favourites Records; 4.30 - Vera Lynn, accompanied by Fred Hartley; 4.45 - Variety, Hi-Gang; 5.25 - Musical Interlude; 5.30 - Front Line Family; 5.45 - B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra; 6.12 - Programme Summary; 6.15 - Close Down; 6.30 - Gerardo and Orchestra.

7.0 - News; 7.15 - Listening Post; 7.20 - War Commentary; 7.30 - Forces Favourites Records; 7.45 - Programme for South African and Rhodesian Forces; 8.30 - Ensa Overseas Half-Hour.

9.0 - News; 9.15 - News Commentary; 9.20 - Harry Fryer and His Orchestra; 9.45 - Front Line Family; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.30 - Programme Summary; 10.40 - Religious Service; 10.45 - Europe in Chains - Swindle

RADIO

FOR WEEK AUGUST 9 - AUGUST 15

in Holland; 11.0 - Jack Payne and His Orchestra; 11.30 - Forces Favourites Records. 11.45 - News; 12.0 - Close Down.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

7.30 - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Religious Service; 8.10 - Listener's Log; 8.20 - Voice of Labour; 8.30 Current Events; 8.45 - Albert Sandler Trio; 9.0 - Calling the Islands.

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - London parents send Messages to evacuees in Australia; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.25 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 10.30 - Front Line Family; 10.45 - For Gallantry. William Beeson, George Medal.

11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Musical Interlude.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - Topic of the Week; 2.30 - David McCallum, violin; 2.45 - Talk. Women Generally Speaking; 3.0 - Homage to Johann Strauss (Part 2) - B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra and Chorus; 3.30 - Voice of the Enemy; 3.40 - Theatre Organ.

4.0 - News and News Commentary; 4.15 - Forces Favourites Records; 4.30 - Variety, Jolly Holiday; 5.10 - American Dance Music. Records; 5.30 - Front Line Family; 5.45 - David McCallum, violin; 6.0 - News from Home by Howard Marshall; 6.12 - Programme Summary; 6.15 - Close Down; 6.30 - B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.

7.0 - News; 7.15 - Listening Post; 7.20 - War Commentary; 7.30 - They Also Sing. Records; 7.45 - London parents send Messages to evacuees in South Africa; 8.0 -

Tommy Handley's Half-hour; 8.30 - Promenade Concert. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra and Astra Desmond, contralto; 8.45 - Meet John Londoner.

9.0 - News; 9.15 - War Commentary; 9.20 - Voice of the Enemy; 9.30 - Listener's Choice; 9.45 - Front Line Family; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.30 - Programme Summary; 10.40 - Religious Service; 10.45 - Fred Hartley and His Music; 11.15 - Radio Theatre. Nova Pilbeam and Malcolm Keen in scenes from Toller's "Pastor Hall".

11.45 - News; 12.0 - Close Down.

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

7.30 - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Religious Service; 8.10 - Women and War; 8.15 - Music feature. The Temple, London; 8.30 - Europe in Chains - Swindle in Holland; 8.45 - Radio Theatre. Nova Pilbeam and Malcolm Keen in scenes from "Pastor Hall".

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - On my selection. Australians choose records; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.25 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 10.45 - Calling Australia and New Zealand.

11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Review of the War.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - An open letter to a Nazi; 2.30 - Attack. An offensive programme; 3.0 - Arcadian Players; 3.15 - News from Home by Sidney Hornblow; 3.20 - Gerardo and Orchestra.

4.0 - News and News Commentary; 4.15 - Forces Favourites. Records; 4.30 - Calling British Forces in India, with Peggy Cochran and Her Colleagues; 5.0 - Bob Hope programme recorded from America; 5.25 - Musical Interlude; 5.30 - Front Line Family; 5.45 - Popular Records; 6.12 - Programme Summary; 6.15 - Close Down; 6.30 - Music of Johann Strauss. B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.

7.0 - News; 7.15 - Listening Post; 7.20 - War Commentary; 7.30 - Orchestral Records; 7.45 - Calling Africa; 7.55 - Musical Interludes; 8.0 - Promenade Concert. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 8.45 - Musical Interlude.

9.0 - News; 9.15 - News Commentary; 9.20 - Inside Nazi Europe. 9.30 - B.B.C. Scottish Singers; 9.45 - Front Line Family; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.30 - Programme Summary; 10.40 - Religious Service; 10.45 - My Working Day - a Dutch radio announcer; 11.0 - Cartoon film music. Records; 11.15 - Manchester Regiment Band.

11.45 - News; 12.0 - Close Down.

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

7.30 - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Religious Service; 8.10 - Civil Defence Talk; 8.15 - Pacific Postbag; 8.25 - Snapshots; 8.30 - Tommy Handley's Half-hour; 9.0 - Talk by J.B. Priestley.

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - Calling New Zealand; 10.0 -

Radio News Reel; 10.25 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 10.30 - Front Line Family; 10.45 - Matters of Moment; 10.55 - Interlude. 11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Musical Interlude.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - My Debt to India. Talk by E.M. Forster; 2.30 - Talk. War of Three Oceans; 2.45 - I'd Like to Explain. Discussion on Agriculture; 3.0 - Variety; 3.15 - B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.

4.0 - News and News Commentary; 4.15 - Forces Favourites Records; 4.30 - Tommy Handley's Half-hour; 5.0 - Jack Payne and His Orchestra; 5.30 - Front Line Family; 5.45 - World Affairs. Wickham Steed; 6.0 - Kay Cavendish at the Piano; 6.12 - Programme Summary; 6.15 - Close Down; 6.30 - London Studio Players.

7.0 - News; 7.15 - Listening Post; 7.20 - War Commentary; 7.30 - Elizabeth French, musical comedy star; 7.45 - For Gallantry. William Beeson, George Medal; 8.0 - Anzac Hour for Middle East Forces.

8.0 - News; 9.15 - News Commentary; 9.20 - Calling South Africa; 9.30 - Vera Lynn accompanied by Fred Hartley; 9.45 - Front Line Family; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.30 - Programme Summary; 10.40 - Religious Service; 10.45 - B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra; 11.15 - Freedom Forum; 11.30 - London Letter by Macdonald Hastings.

11.45 - News; 12.0 - Close Down.

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

7.30 - News; 7.45 - Close Down; 8.0 - Programme Summary; 8.5 - Religious Service; 8.10 - Spotlight on Westminster; 8.15 - Malcolm McEachern, bass; 8.30 - World Affairs. Wickham Steed; 8.15 - Topical feature - Marching On.

9.15 - News; 9.30 - Listening Post; 9.35 - War Commentary; 9.45 - Fairey Aviation Works Band; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.25 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 10.30 - Here in Britain; 10.45 - Calling Australia.

11.0 - Headline News and Views; 11.15 - Close Down; 1.45 - Programme Summary; 1.50 - Review of the War.

2.0 - News; 2.15 - News Commentary; 2.30 - Great conductors - Sir Adrian Boult. Records; 3.0 - Ensa Overseas Half-hour; 3.30 -

Edmundo Ros and His Rumba Rhythm.

4.0 - News and News Commentary; 4.15 - Listening Post; 4.20 - Tomorrow's Programmes; 4.25 - Wartime Sport. Talk by Barrington Dalby; 4.30 - Workers Playtime. Radio Stars Entertain; 5.0 - Melville Christie's Dance Orchestra; 5.30 - Talk by J. B. Priestley; 5.45 - Joseph Lewis and His Orchestra; 6.12 - Programme Summary; 6.15 - Close Down; 6.30 - Gerardo and His Orchestra.

7.0 - News; 7.15 - Listening Post; 7.20 - Musical Interlude; 7.30 - Feature - Visit to Teecrochy, Wales; 7.45 - Correspondence Night; 8.0 - Promenade Concert. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra and Dennis Noble, baritone; 8.30 - For British Forces in Aden.

9.0 - News; 9.15 - World Affairs. Wickham Steed; 9.30 - Saturday Bandstand with Binnie Hole, Henry Wendon and the B.B.C. Revue Chorus and Orchestra; 10.0 - Radio News Reel; 10.30 - Programme Summary; 10.40 -

Religious Service; 10.45 - Calling West Africa; 11.0 - Fairey Aviation Works Band; 11.15 - Freedom Forum; 11.30 - Theatre Organ. 11.45 - News; 12.0 - Close Down.

Cairo

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué; Records; 6.15 - Close Down.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué, Gerardo and his accordion band; 7.0 - N.A.A.F.I. Radio Theatre; 7.15 - German lesson; Benny Carter and his Orchestra; 8.45 - Close down.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué; Louis Levy and his Gaumont British Symphony Orchestra; "Naval Occasions"; 6.45 - Close down.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué; Charlie Kunz in piano medleys; "South Africans Present"; An E.N.S.A. production; 6.45 - Close down.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué; "What's On" - Barbara Gilmar (soprano); "New Zealand calls the Boys Overseas", presented by Noel Palmer; Popular Singers; Dick Powell and Greta Keller, and Brian Lawrence and his Lansdowne Orchestra; 6.45 - Close down.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué; Records; "Break for Music" with Tommy Brandon, Inga Anderson, and Carroll Gibbons, with Anne Lenner; An E.N.S.A. production; 10th Arabic lesson; Records; 6.45 - Close down.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
5.50 p.m. - Day's Communiqué; "Rhythm Club"; Music the troops like. Andrews Sisters, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, George Formby and his ukulele, Judy Garland, Flanagan and Allan, and Sidney Burchall; 6.45 - Close down.

Jerusalem

REGULAR DAILY FEATURES
12.0-12.30 p.m. - Polish Programme of News and Entertainment; 1.40-1.45 - News in French; 1.55 - English Programme, Music; 2.50-3.05 - News in English; 3.50-4.05 - English Programme for the Forces; 9.30-10.0 - English Programme, Music, Drama or Talk; 11.0-11.15 - Second News in English.

SPECIAL FEATURES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
12.0-1.0 p.m. - Australia Calling; 4.0-4.30 - Troops Special; 4.30-7.0 - Troops Starlight Special.

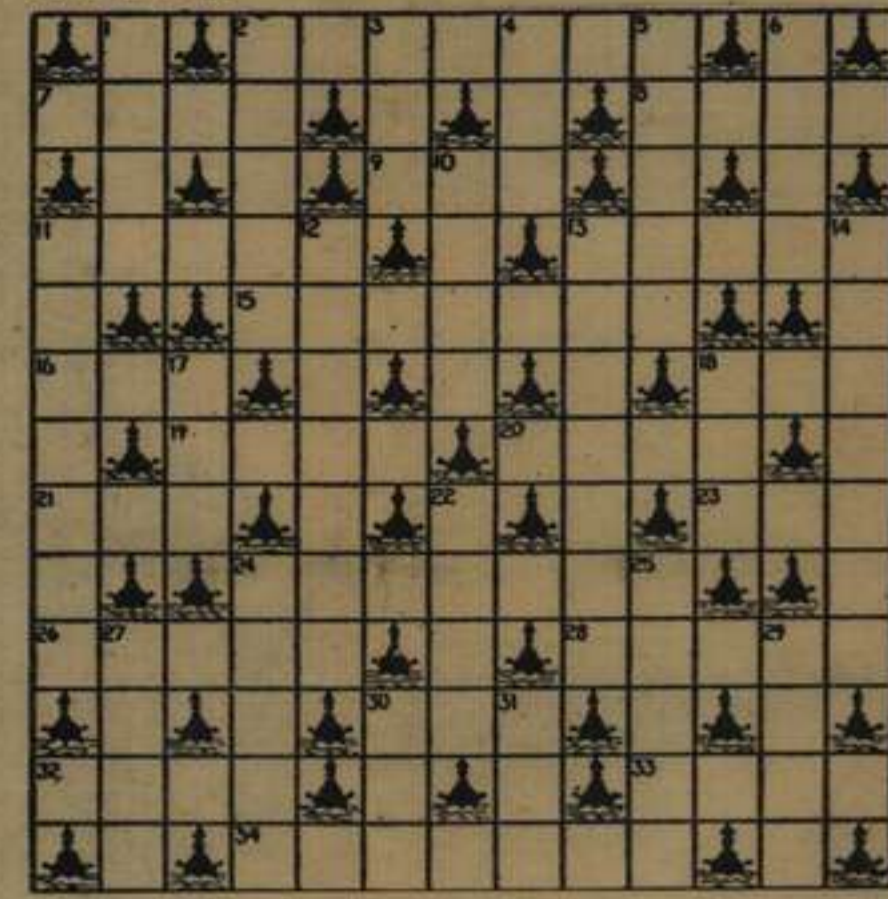
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
9.0-9.45 p.m. - Concert by the P.S.B. Orchestra.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
9.15-9.45 p.m. - Calling all Troops

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
9.0-9.45 p.m. - Symphony Concert.

"PARADE" CROSSWORD - 104

This week a prize of P.T. 50 will be given for the first correct solution opened. Competitors should send in their solution, marked "Crossword Solution-104" in the top left-hand corner of the envelope, to reach "Parade" not later than Monday, August 24, when all the solutions will be opened. All solutions to be addressed: Editor, "Parade" G.H.Q. M.E.F.



- ACROSS**
- The sight of it might give the Captain the cold shivers
 - A shortage of it might lead to bitter complaints
 - Oddly enough it's not a single soldier
 - You'd better not call him a rat, though he might be one
 - What would he like to do to Adolf's neck
 - When it goes off there's something going on
 - Wine for the navy?
 - A sailor on the way back
 - Warlike description of Bertha with "23"
 - A man with a garden seat?
 - Right on the spot
 - You'll see him in a posh uniform
 - See 18 Across
 - It goes up 'n' smokes in France
 - One of those expensive girls?
 - Search it if you need a means of defence
 - Part of an army escort
 - Not the right girl for a marksman
 - Won't help us to win the war if it's red
 - They may be a nuisance, but, oh, so sweet!
 - DOWN
 - Not what you'd expect when the air force comes back with a letter!
 - Something to keep a prisoner in
 - The more you do so, the more fed up you get
 - The end of an eventful year
 - Hitler's has been proved again and again—
 - and we can prove he is this, too!
 - Lofty pals
 - "A.R.P. wish" (snag).
 - Why put him in command when he's so common?
 - Football magazine?
 - One of those hard lines?
 - Quite a number in one small tent
 - Began without an article
 - Only those in the know can understand it
 - A pilot who is the last part might do so
 - They have a lot of ups and downs in life
 - A word to describe the battle of the river Plate
 - Something to do for the best
 - It may be may!
 - Of little value in the soup

CROSSWORD No. 101

The winner of the prize in Crossword - 101 is Private K.V. Spring.

Across - 1. Pact; 6. Thug; 9. Hurricane; 10. Swing; 11. Tans; 12. Alien; 17. Defeat; 18. Trophy; 19. Disarm; 21. German; 24. Seal; 27. Axis; 29. Slip; 30. Parachute; 31. Poem; 32. Yard. Down - 1. Pass; 2. Chic; 3. Tug; 4. Armlet; 5. Accent; 6. T.N.T.; 7. Head; 8. Gasp; 13. Lewis; 14. Medal; 15. Lorry; 16. C-beat; 20. Maniac; 21. Geisha; 22. Camp; 23. Pipe; 25. Flea; 26. Spud; 28. Sam; 29. Sty.

3 P-B3 P-K3
4 B-B4 KT-Q3
5 P-K3 KT-B3
6 QKT-Q2 B-Q3
7 B-KT3 BxKT
8 KT-K5 KT-Q2
9 PxB KTtP
10 B-Q3 KKTtP
11 BxKT KtB
12 BxPch KxB
13 Q-R5ch K-KT1
14 QxKT P-B3 (a)
15 Q-R5 Q-KT3 (b)
16 0-0-0 P-K4
17 P-KKT4 P-Q5
18 P-QB4 B-Q2
19 P-KT5 PxKTP
20 QxP RxBP (c)
21 PxP R-K1
22 QxP QR-K7
23 Q-KT3 R-KT1
24 KR-K1

Chess Corner - 22

Problem: White plays and mates in two: - SR1kt. 2KT1Pkt1. 5qP1. 2RKT1k2. 3B4. 3P4. 3Q4. 2KB4. (White 11, Black 5 pieces).
First correct solution opened on August 19 wins P.T. 25.
A Queen's Pawn Game
1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 KT-KB3 P-QB4

The strategy: (a) White's play has been directed towards the occupation or control of K5; Black has frustrated him. (b) To provoke the advance of QKTP and QBP and so obtain a passed pawn. To prevent this White castles Q-side to his own disadvantage. (c) Black sacrifices KP in order to develop his QR with the gain of a move.

PARADE 'PIN-UP'



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THE KING'S MESSAGE TO THE EIGHTH ARMY

I pray that God may bless the Desert Army in the important battle which has now begun, from which great results may flow to the cause of the United Nations in every part of the world. I have the utmost confidence in the troops from all parts of my Empire and in their Commanders.

All my thoughts are with you.

GEORGE R.I.

War Diary

2/48 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by
Lt Col H E HAMMER COMD

In the Field

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WARO 1587

Monday
3 Aug 42

473. DISPERSION:-- Dispersion of vehs and personnel is to be strictly observed in this area. Minimum distance between vehs 200 yds.
474. TRACK DISCIPLINE:--
- (a) Comds to define routes to and from coy areas, from existing main tracks.
 - (b) Signs to be erected for guidance of drs who must be instructed in the coy policy for track discipline.
 - (c) Unit RPs have erected "89" and "finger" signs on main thoroughfare through Bn area.
 - (d) Traffic control posts have been established and vehs proceeding to this HQ will be dispersed under instrns from duty RP at control post.
 - (e) Visitors will walk from dispersal area to this HQ.
475. STORAGE & HOPT:-- All stores will be dumped in trenches. Personal eqps to be kept below ground level, and localities to be kept free from litter. Disciplinary action to be taken against personnel **disobeying** these instructions. **CONCEALMENT** is an all important factor.
476. SANITATION:--
- (a) Latrine boxes are to be erected as soon as available. In the meantime there must be strict supervision of sanitary arrangements.
 - (b) Refuse pits to be dug, and arrangements made for perishable refuse to be burned.
 - (c) At present there are few flies in the area. The continuance of this pleasant state will entirely depend on a high standard of hygiene.
477. MEDICAL:--
- (a) When in the line personnel reporting to the BAP for treatment, other than wounded personnel will be accompanied by a note from their Pl Comd.
 - (b) Whilst in this area the following times will be observed for sick parades:-

0900 hrs	HQ Coy
0915 "	D Coy
0930 "	C Coy
0940 "	A Coy
0950 "	B Coy
 - (c) Personnel attending sick parades will be shown on "sick reports" In the absence of the correct forms the names will be shown on an Army Message Form.
478. SECURITY:-- All passes of unknown visitors must be checked prior to interviews or discussions.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY
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In The Field

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FORM 1573

Friday
7 Aug 42

479. AREA ROUTINE:-

Reveille	0600 hrs	
F & RT	0615 - 0645 hrs	(Sec or Pl control)
Breakfast	0730 hrs	
Midday Meal	1230 hrs	
Evening "	1700 hrs	

480. DISCIPLINE:- Courtesy to superior Officers must not slacken even though the unit is in the fwd area. Superior Officers will be saluted at all times. On the approach of a superior Officer the subordinate comd will immediately come fwd to meet him. These instns will be passed on to all ranks and strictly observed.

481. BLANKETS:- Blankets will NOT be aired during the hrs of daylight.

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2/43 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

ROUTINE

ORDER

by

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In the field
Saturday
8 Aug 42

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482. AFVs - SAFEGUARDING OF: Any individual discovering an abandoned AFV will close it up and report the WD No of the van, map reference, and date found to the Unit concerned, or RACC, by the quickest possible means.
483. COURT OF ENQUIRY: A C of I consisting of the undermentioned officers:-
President - Capt D MAXWELL-WRIGHT
Member - Lieut B SHEPARD
will assemble at such place as the President may appoint, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the circumstances of an accident on 31 Jul 42 as a result of which WX 9834 Pte BURKE T M was killed.
Court to be completed by 10 Aug 42.


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ROUTINE

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ORDERS

In the Field

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Wednesday
12 Aug 42

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484. RD SENTRIES:- The tour of duty for RD SENTRIES will be 24 hrs. Standing Orders to be amended accordingly.
485. SECURITY:- By day: One sentry per Pl and Coy HQ area.
By night: Two prowling picquets per Pl area. one prowling picquet per Coy HQ.
ALL SENTRIES AND PICQUETS WILL BE CORRECTLY POSTED AND RELIEVED BY A RESPONSIBLE NCO, WHO WILL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR DUTIES.
486. CANTEEN:- Owing to the difficulty in estimating unit requirements of Canteen goods, the following procedure will be adopted in future. Coys will compile list showing their requirements and these lists are to be handed through the COMS to the QM on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly, commencing Friday 14 Aug 42.
Under the system at present in operation, this unit has two days weekly on which to draw canteen goods, and unless Coys adhere to this procedure, issues will not be made.
From time to time vehs when in Alexandria will purchase from the AACS Bulk Store; Coys will be notified on these occasions so that they may submit their requirements.
A list of items obtainable from the Canteen will be fwded to Coys forthwith.
487. JERRICANS:-
- (a) Water will NOT be carried in Jerricans.
 - (b) Jerricans may be used to carry petrol but the number carried by veh will NOT exceed the following:

LORRIES	-	3 Jerricans
LT VEHS AND CARS	-	2 Jerricans.
 - (c) The number of Jerricans in Eighth Army does not allow authority to be given for Jerricans to be held in excess of the scale in (b) above. Units will so distribute Jerricans that this scale is not exceeded. Any surplus will be reported to ADOS.
 - (d) MP posts are being instructed to stop a proportion of vehs and report any cases of failure to comply with this order.

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In the field
Friday
14 Aug 42

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488. RUBBER SHORTAGE:- Economy and salvage of rubber is of vital importance. All ranks must be instructed to conserve rubber in every possible way, and to pick up and pass to unit salvage offrs any rubber seen lying about, when driving or walking. Replacement of tyres and tubes will not be made by Ordnance unless the old articles are handed in at the same time.
489. PROTECTIVE FENCES AROUND MINEFIELDS:- Instances have occurred of units removing and converting to other uses parts of protective fences around A Tk minefields, chiefly long pickets. This practice will cease forthwith.
490. EMERGENCY RATIONS:- The emergency ration must be in possession of the individual at all times, and must be actually carried on the man whenever there is any possibility of his being cut off from his normal source of food. Frequent inspections will be made to ensure that the ration is held intact. Disciplinary action will be taken where necessary to ensure that it is not lost through carelessness or consumed without authority of an offr.

H. H. Hauser Adjt
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

RC Mass 0800 hrs 16 Aug 42. Location 100 yds WEST of RAP.

Communion 0900 hrs 16 Aug 42. Area railway cutting.

CANTEEN PROFIT DISTRIBUTION:- Canteen profits amounting to £A7,679 14 8 have been distributed for the month of April 1942.

Total amount distributed to 30 Apr 42 is £A231,414-7-11.

EFM CABLES FROM ME - SURPLUS FEES:- Due to the interruption in the cable service to Australia a number of EFM Cables lodged for Christmas delivery were despatched by Air Mail.

An amount of £A354 13 3 representing transmission fees not expended has now been distributed to units in the same manner as Canteen Profits.

LOST:-

32 Fd Regt RA report the loss of the following Paybooks:-

107594 Gnr WORLEY E W
1469680 " MOORE A

Finder please return the above paybooks to this HQ.

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ROUTINE

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Lt Col H H HAMMER COMD

In the Field

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AMR & O 1587

Monday
17 Aug 42

491. KITS OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED BEYOND MDS:-

- (a) All ranks are to be warned that if they find themselves without kit in any non-Australian medical installation in which they are certain of remaining for not less than seven days, they should write to AIF Kit Store, Rue EL ABADI; ALEXANDRIA and request that kit be forwarded.
- (b) All ranks will also be warned that if their kits have not reached them before they arrive at Aust Staging Camp, SIDI BISHR, for return to unit, they should arrange to have enquiries made at AIF Kit Store, ALEXANDRIA.

492. MEDICAL:- Personnel who think they need circumcision will NOT report sick until the unit leaves the Western Desert.

493. COMFORTS:- Since being in EGYPT the following Comforts Fund issues have been received from AUSTRALIA:-

Stockings	259 prs
Face Washers	260
Pullovers	29
Scarves	30
Mittens	96 prs
Balaklavas	14
Handkerchiefs	270
Soap	37 cakes
Soap Shaving	40
Laces	40 prs

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ROUTINE

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In the Field
Thursday
20 Aug 42

494. EVACUATION - REQUISITION OF STORES:- Unauthorised personnel will NOT fwd instruments or stores to LADs or Rec Secs and will NOT requisition on Ord. Fd Park for spare parts.

495. DISCIPLINE:- The undermentioned sentences by Courts Martial are published for infm:-

- (i) A private soldier convicted of making away with public property, to wit rations, entrusted to his care for military purposes: (AA Sec 24(1)), and improperly handling rations, public property, to a civilian with instructions that they be sold on his (the accused's) behalf: (AA Sec 40), was sentenced to be fined the sum of £15.
- (ii) A Private soldier, convicted of making away with by selling one pair of trousers, part of his clothing: (AA Sec 24(1)), was sentenced to be fined the sum of £15.
- (iii) A private soldier, convicted of two charges of AWL: (AA Sec 15 (1)), and one charge of escaping: (AA Sec 22), was sentenced to undergo detention for one year.
- (iv) An Acting Corporal, convicted of stealing one drum of petrol, public property: (AA Sec 18 (4)), was sentenced to undergo detention for one year.
- (v) A private soldier, convicted of improperly offering for sale to a civilian one drum of petrol, public property: (AA Sec 40), was sentenced to undergo detention for nine months.
- (vi) Two private soldiers, convicted of attempting to dispose of six batteries, six motor car springs, and two motor cycle tyres, public property: (AA Sec 40), were each sentenced to undergo detention for eighteen months.
- (vii) A Lance Corporal convicted of stealing one pair of binoculars: (AA Sec 41), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labor for nine months.

496. DESERTION:- Instructions have been received that personnel who absent themselves without leave from units WEST of AMIRIYA will normally be charged with desertion. Such personnel will be dealt with by COURT MARTIAL.

This order is to be promulgated to all ranks.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

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Sunday
23 Aug 42

497. INTER-COY TRANSFERS:-
- Will only be effected by mutual arrangement between comds of the coys concerned and the approval of Bn HQ.
 - Some coys still have personnel on their strength who were posted there subsequent to the recent actions as a tentative measure to equalize the strength of coys. Such personnel may transfer back to their original coys if they so desire.
 - Comds will make enquiries of such personnel and effect transfers in accordance with para (a) above.
 - Transfers to be completed by 1800 hrs 24 Aug 42.
498. CAMOUFLAGE NETS:- RAA 9 Aust Div endeavor to deceive the enemy by leaving camouflage nets covering temporarily vacated gun pits. Nets covering empty gun pits are NOT salvage and will not be removed therefrom in any circumstances, without prior reference to HQ RAA 9 Aust Div.
499. PRIVATE TELEGRAMS WITHIN ME - RESTRICTIONS:- As private telegrams from persons within ME to Service Personnel using MEF addresses would have to have a town or country address in addition to the designation of unit to ensure delivery, and as this would prejudice security, the despatch of such telegrams is forbidden.
500. ANIMALS - PROHIBITATION OF ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA:- Attempts have been made by tps to smuggle dogs and other pets into AUSTRALIA which at present is free from rabies but once introduced it would be impossible to eradicate.
- Personnel will not take pets with them when returning to AUSTRALIA, nor will they attempt to smuggle them into AUSTRALIA. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
501. AIRCRAFT - DAMAGE TO WHEN CRASHED, AND THEFT OF INSTRUMENTS ETC:-
- Numerous cases of unauthorised interference with crashed British aircraft, and of the removal of instruments and equipment still occur. This has a most serious effect on the repair of damaged aircraft.
 - All comds will give this matter their personal attention and it will be brought to the notice of ALL ranks forthwith. Any RAF instruments, weapons or equipment which may now be in the possession of units etc., will be returned immediately through salvage channels.
 - Guards will be mounted immediately ~~after~~ crashed British aircraft by the nearest unit until authority of this HQ or of RAF is given to dismount them. In all cases the report required under para (b) of ARO 313 of 42 will be rendered. This para is repeated below in substance.
"A.R.O. 313 of 42
(b) Report to Main HQ 9 Aust Div by signal.
 - Aircraft number and letters, if any.
 - Type of aircraft.
 - Location.
 - Extent of damage, whether landed with wheels down or up.
 - Any information regarding crew.
 - Whether enemy disposition makes salvage :-
 - Possible without escort
 - Possible with escort
 - Impossible "

- (d) Charges laid for infringement of this order will NOT be disposed of by Commanding Offrs under their Summary powers. A Summary of evidence will be taken and will be referred to this HQ for decision in regard to trial by Court Martial.
- (e) In cases where there is a possibility of aircraft falling into enemy hands the following action will be taken:-
- (i) Movable equipment such as instruments, guns, bomb-sights and wireless should be removed and returned to any RAF store or salvage unit.
 - (ii) If transport renders this impossible such equipment is to be destroyed.
 - (iii) In normal circumstances it is not considered necessary to destroy the aircraft as a whole, but when the aircraft is apparently undamaged it should be rendered unfit for flying by the removal or destruction of essential parts such as magnetos, ailerons and elevators.

502. VEH TRACK DISCIPLINE:-- Vehs must keep to tracks laid down within the Defended Locality and not cut across country

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ROUTINEORDERS

by

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Tuesday
25 Aug 42

503. DEF LOCALITY ROUTINE:-- To counteract the effect of dispersion on discipline the following routine will be adopted, strictly adhered to and only varied by permission from Bn HQ.

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| (a) Reveille | 0600 hrs |
| (b) Physical Trg | 0615-0645 hrs
(sub-unit control) |
| (c) Breakfast | 0730 hrs |
| (d) Parade | 0830 hrs |
| (e) Midday meal | 1230 hrs |
| (f) Evening meal | 1700 hrs |

Sub-units will parade in their respective areas daily, at 0830 hrs for inspection by their OC. The following points will be given special attention:-

- (a) Punctuality of Parade.
- (b) Dress, Boots, Shave.
- (c) Weapon cleanliness - weapons except rifles should be stripped for inspection.
- (d) Stores and personal kit layout.
- (e) Sanitation and hygiene.
- (f) General bearing and smartness of men.

504. HYGIENE AND SANITATION:-- The following instns on Hygiene and Sanitation are again repeated:-

- (a) Refuse - ALL refuse is to be immediately burnt and buried. 9 Aust Div HQ have sanctioned the use of petrol for burning. This method of disposal is extremely important at cookhouses.
- (b) Food:-- All food is to be kept covered - at all times. Coys are making very little effort at present to see that bread and vegetables, open tins of jam, milk and other food are kept away from flies, between meal times. It should not be necessary to remind offrs, NCOs and men of this elementary rule. There are plenty of amm cases lying about which can be used for this purpose, at cook houses and sec posts. When possible cook houses are to be made fly proof by using dugouts and fly-netting - improvise, don't wait until it is done for you.
- (c) Latrines:-- When fly proof latrine superstructures are not provided because of the tactical situation coys will use NARROW trench latrines, and all men must cover their excreta with sand and oil - when available oil will be provided for this purpose. When super structures are provided coys must see that they are kept flyproof and as soon as any breakage occurs have it mended immediately, without waiting until some member of the hygiene sec discovers it. Lids are to be kept in place. Bottles of Cresol must be provided at each latrine for users to rinse their hands afterwards. When latrine sites are moved the original site must be marked by a sign marked "FOUL GROUND - OLD LATRINE".
- (d) Fly-traps:-- These have been provided for each cook-house. Further supplies will be available soon, and coys are to regard them as their own property and responsibility and carry them on coy tpt at any move. Fly traps cannot be made in a day.
- (e) Waste-water sumps will be used in all areas.

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(f) Flies - Fly swats and flysol are available, but flysol is of little use unless the flies are killed by swatting while they lie helpless in their stunned condition.

KILL THAT FLY AND STOP AVOIDABLE SICKNESS

(g) Mess tins - These are to be sterilised with BOILING water prior to men drawing their food at meal time. The same water can be used for cleaning the mess tins after the meal.

It is the duty of all comds to continually impress on their men the importance of observance of the rules of hygiene and sanitation. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

505. COURT OF INQUIRY:- A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs:-

- President - Maj T H SCOTT
- Member - Lieut S S CAPLE

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances surrounding the loss of 2 bottles Pickles, 2 tins Salmon, 4 tins Preserved Fruits from the Bn res ration dump on 22 Aug 42. Attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

W Reid Capt
Adjnt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

by
Lt Col H H HAMMER COMD

In the Field

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Wednesday
26 Aug 42

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506. STORES EQPT:- All stores eqpt and personal gear is to be kept below ground level. Particular attention is to be given to kitchens and kitchen stores, eqpt etc. This order has been promulgated on many occasions, and Comds will take immediate steps to comply with it.
507. BLANKETS:- Blankets will NOT be aired during the hrs of daylight.
508. BDE CHRISTMAS CARDS:- It is thought that personnel may have photographs, taken in recent actions which might form the basis of a suitable Bde Christmas Card. Individuals possessing suitable photographs are invited to submit them. The right of the individual to his own print is guaranteed. Suitable sketches, provided they are topical and not censorable are also invited.
Material to be fwded to this HQ.

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ROUTINEORDERS

by

LT COL H H HAMMER, COMDFor Official Use Only
AMR&O 1587In the Field
30 Aug 42

509. PAYBOOKS. There have been many cases of personnel losing paybooks recently. In many instances the loss has been due to the fact that pockets cannot be buttoned if containing a paybook encased in a cover WF 5C.
In future personnel will fold their paybooks in half and carry same in the top left hand breast pocket.
510. FD CENSORSHIP - CASUALTIES: This order is intended to avoid unnecessary suffering that may be caused to relatives through wrong info sent with the best intentions by individuals.
The practice of individual personnel notifying or referring to casualties in private correspondence is NOT permitted.
511. DISCIPLINE: The undermentioned sentences by courts-martial are published for info:-
- Two private soldiers, each convicted of making away with, by selling, his rifle, AA 24 (1), and making away with, by selling, his amm, AA 24 (1), were sentenced to undergo detention for twenty one months and eighteen months respectively.
 - A private soldier, convicted of losing by neglect his rifle, AA 24 (2) was sentenced to undergo detention for six months and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £9.9.9.
 - A private soldier convicted of AWL, AA 15 (1), for 28 days; fraudently misapplying £P28, public property, AA 18 (4), and losing by neglect his paybook AA 24 (2), was sentenced to be imprisoned without hard labour for six months and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £P28.
 - A private soldier, convicted of stealing £P10 the property of a person subject to military law, AA 18 (4), was sentenced to undergo detention for nine months.
 - A private soldier, convicted of being improperly in possession of two blankets, public property, AA 40, was sentenced to undergo detention for nine months.
 - Two private soldiers, convicted of being improperly concerned in the sale of four blankets, public property, to a civilian, AA40, were each sentenced to undergo detention for nine months.
512. CANTEENS PROFIT DISTRIBUTION: Canteen profits amounting to £A7763.7.1 have been distribd for the month of May 42. Total amount distribd to 31 May 42 is £A239532/8/3.
513. PHOSPHORUS BURNS: Phosphorus burns may result from the handling of 76 AW grenades. The immediate treatment is the exclusion of air by immersing in water, or if this is not possible, by covering with a cloth well soaked in water, which must be kept in place till medical attention is available.
Greasy or oily preparations must not be used on these burns.
514. PAYBOOKS: Paybooks will not be collected from individuals under any circumstances, except to obtain a continuation paybook, when the receipt supplied will be carried on the man at all times. The practice of collecting paybooks from tps desiring pay will be discontinued forthwith.
515. STRANGERS: All ranks are reminded of the necessity for checking the identity of strangers moving about their areas or asking directions, especially at night. Each area should be carefully watched for "strays" and too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity for a constant and careful check.

516. ECONOMY OF FORMS: A considerable saving in message forms can be made by the use of scrap paper, cut to size, in place of C2128 for office and spare copies of messages.

517. OPENING OF KITBAGS: Each man's winter kit (uniform, underclothing, socks, muffler, balaclava, and pullover) is to be separately parcelled and brought here before cold weather commences. Inquiries received indicate that this intention was not made clear when informing personnel of the opening of kits lodged at Kit Store.

W. Reid, Capt
Adj. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

LOST: Marked map EL ALAMEIN Sheet 1:50,000, mounted in a strong wooden frame approx 2'6" x 2', fell from an office truck in convoy approx 44259032 between 1300 hrs and 1400 hrs 26 Aug 42.

The loss is serious and until it is found and returned to Main HQ 9 Aust Div, security may be imperilled.
If found, return to Bn HQ for fwding to Main HQ 9 Aust Div.

LOST: Haversack containing Messing and Toilet articles in area West of Main HQ 9 Aust Div. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

CHURCH PARADES

C of E Communion Service will be conducted by Padre Porter, 2/23 Bn in ry cutting at 1000 hrs Sunday 30 Aug 42.
RC Mass will be celebrated by Padre Honner at 1100 hrs Sunday 30 Aug 42 vicinity Bn RAP.

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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.)
<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPERNUMARY LIST - REGTL.</u>					
The following officers have been absent from the Unit for more than 30 days and it is recommended that they be placed on the Regimental Supernumary List:-					
Lieut	KIMBER D G	2/48 Bn	wounded in action	22 Jul	Reported on Casualty
Lieut	SMITH J W	do	do	22 Jul	Return 52/42 of 29 Jul 42
Lieut	GOODEN O D	do	do	22 Jul	do
Capt	LEMESSURIER R W	do	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	WILLIAMS D C C	do	do	6 Jul	do 49/42 of 16 Jul 42
<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS</u>					
Capt	DRYANT D	do	Awarded MC	20 Aug	9 Aust Div Special Order No 1 of 20 Aug 42
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>					
Lieut	SMITH AND B	do	Marched out	18 Aug	Attending 9 Aust Div MG Sch
Lieut	ALLEN K F	do	do	20 Aug	Attending ME Sch of Sigs No 37 Course from 23 Aug to 17 Oct 42.
Capt	BROCKSOPP A E	do	Marched out	27 Aug	Attending ME Trg Centre, Weapon Trg Sch, 4th Course 31 Aug - 19 Sep 42

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H. R. ...
(Signature of Commander)

Lt. Col.

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

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

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attached to this return.....

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.)
OFFICERS.							
	Capt	CEASED TO BE ATTACHED DAWKINS D C	AAMC	Ceased to be att	26 Aug		
	Capt	<u>ATTACHED FOR DUTY</u> YEATMAN J C	AAMC	Marched in	26 Aug	From 2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
OTHER RANKS							
SX 8094	Cpl	<u>BURIAL</u> PROMNITZ W H	AAMC	Buried	23 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 87502998	
OTHER RANKS.							
SX13011	Pte	<u>ATTACHED FOR DUTY</u> KRAUSE H E	AAMC	Attached	27 Aug	Authority ADMS 9 Aust Div Ref M42/21/24, 27 Aug 42	
SX13011	Pte	<u>PROMOTION</u> KRAUSE H E	AAMC	Promoted to A/Cpl	27 Aug	as above	
SX 9202	Pte	CEASED TO BE ATTACHED MUNCHENBERG A H	AAMC	Ceased to be att	26 Aug		
SX 1645	Pte	DONALDSON R A	AAOC	do			
SX 1645	Pte	<u>ATTACHED FOR DUTY</u> DONALDSON R A	AAOC	Attached	21 Jul	From 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop	
QX 340	Pte	WATMORE L A	AAMC	do	26 Aug	From 2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
SX 9805	Pte	CARLYON C I	AAOC	do		From 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop	

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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 (Signature and appointment of Officer.)
 Lt. Col.
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APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS						
SX 6832	Pte	FENNELL V J	2/48 Bn	Appointed L/Cpl	20 Aug	
SX 6892	"	FREEMAN K A	do	Appointed L/Cpl	20 Aug	
SX 7212	"	WOODALL T L	do	Appointed L/Cpl	20 Aug	
SX 7150	L/Cpl	GARDNER G	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	19 Aug	vice WX 9853 A/Cpl CLARK A C transferred
SX 7147	Pte	GASS H W	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	4 Aug	vice SX 7933 Cpl STEWEN W H X List
SCHOOLS AND COURSES						
VX 37707	Pte	CLAPTON L A	do	Attended A Tk Course from	17 Aug to 22 Aug 42	
KX 43172	"	YOUNG V L	do	do	do	
SX 12353	A/Cpl	RICHARDSON D O	do	Marched out	18 Aug	Attending 9 Aust Div MG School
SX 13239	Pte	WHITFIELD W	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 6865	"	McLAREN R T	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 11862	"	COLL P	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 7667	"	DABINETT L A	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 7242	"	PREIFFER P A	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 7669	"	MILLER W	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 8057	"	RUMBELOW G M	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 8059	"	McSHANE B C	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 4129	"	CLARKE A J	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 13279	"	BUSHELL J F	do	do	18 Aug	do

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STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
The following personnel were taken on strength from AIF(ME) Staging Camp on 19 Aug 42						
SX 13134	Pte	DOHNT R	SX 7411	Pte HAY W H J	WX 12016	Pte TRESIDDER J A
SX 9341	"	BERG E C A	SX 8411	" RIX A	SX 7296	Cpl BRYANT R
WX 9905	"	MASTERS W T	SX 8358	Cpl JOLLY E W	SX 11802	Pte HARRADINE A H
SX 1218	"	MURCH H W	WX 10359	Pte TAYLOR L	SX 10514	" WYLIE A W
SX 8385	"	FOWLER G S R	SX 7328	Cpl PATON H	SX 7064	WOII GOSLING C W
SX 13029	"	WALL H B	SX 10561	Pte CRACKNELL R H	SX 6672	Pte MUNDAY G F
SX 13012	"	RALLA J	SX 9555	Cpl MATHEWS C T	WX 9924	" RYALL F H
SX 10247	"	MILDWATERS J A	SX 7715	Pte BIELE A L	SX 9765	" DAWES C L
SX 2	"	McLAUGHLIN A	SX 6887	" BURGE H C	VX 53126	" PATON W E
REVERSIONS						
WX 9100	A/Cpl	HALIFAX L G	2/48 Bn	Reverted to Pte	19 Aug	On return of SX 7296 Cpl R BRYANT from X List
SX 7150	A/Cpl	GARDNER G	do	Reverted to L/Cpl	19 Aug	On return of SX 7328 Cpl PATON H from X List
SX 7147	A/Cpl	GASS H W	do	Reverted to Pte	4 Aug	On return of SX 6947 Cpl CLEGG from X List
INJURY						
WX 15461	Pte	MacLEAN D	do	Accidentally injured 17 Jul Septic abrasion of L Shin - moderately severe - Not likely to interfere with future efficiency as a soldier. A C of I will not be held		

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<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 9585	Pte	LEIGHTON K W H	2/48 Bn	Marched out	25 Aug	Attending 9 Aust Div School Rangefakers Course.
SX 2139	Pte	FRANCH H	do	Results "Good" at Sigs	9 Aug	9 Aust Div Bn Sig School
SX 9184	Pte	GOLDSMITH R S	do	do do		
SX 7163	Pte	GOLLING R R	do	Results "Excellent"	do	
SX 7652	Pte	BRADWOOD L W	do	do	do	
SX 9080	Pte	O'NEILL J	do	Attended a Tk Course	from 22 Aug to 27 Aug 42	
VX 38082	Pte	JEFFREYS T H R	do	do		
SX 6863	Pte	MCLANES R I	do	Rejoined unit	26 Aug	From 9 Aust Div MG School
SX 9323	L/Cpl	ABBOTT J	do	Marched out	29 Aug	Attending 1st Intelligence Trg Centre No 4 HQs Int Duties Course 31 Aug - 19 Sep
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>						
VX 9821	Pte	CONNELLY F K	do	Evacuated	19 Aug	To 2/11 Aust Pd Amb - X List
VX 10430	L/Cpl	TONDUP J	do	do	19 "	do
SX 14266	Pte	WILLS T	do	do	19 "	do
SX 7876	Pte	SHEVENS F	do	do	18 "	do
SX 6993	Cpl	FOXWELL D J	do	do	20 "	do
SX 13692	Pte	CLIFT R L	do	do	20 "	do
VX 9871	Pte	SWINGER A T	do	do	20 "	do
SX 7239	L/Cpl	FRANCH F	do	do	21 "	do

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<u>CHARGE FOR LOSS OF DENTURE</u>						
SX 6362	Pte	RICHTER H J	2/48 Bn	Lost - 1 BU Denture Entered in Paybook No 133142 Lost by negligence.		To be charged against soldier. Line No 63 amount £1/10/-. CO 2/48 Bn concurs.
<u>PUNISHMENTS</u>						
SX 12970	Pte	BOYD W	do	Offence: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.	22 Aug 42.	AA 40.
				Award: Fined £3. by CO 2/48 Bn	27 Aug 42.	
SX 10527	Pte	HOBBS H B	do	Offence: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.	24 Aug 42	AA 40.
				Award: 7 days CB by CO 2/48 Bn	27 Aug 42.	
<u>TRADE GRADINGS</u>						
SX 7482	Pte	SILCOCK E E	do	Graded A/Gp III Dr Mech	26 Aug	Vice SX 7073 Pte WILLIAMS X O X List
SX 6876	Pte	ROY H A J	do	Graded Gp III Dr Mech	26 Aug	
<u>REVERSION</u>						
SX 7866	L/Cpl	BLOTTITCH R A W	do	Reverted to Pte	26 Aug	at own request.
<u>PUNISHMENT</u>						
SX 7866	Pte	BLOTTITCH R A W	do	Delete all reference on Casualty Return	56/42	

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<u>APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK</u>						
SX 10570	A/Cpl	ASHBY B H	2/48 Bn	Rank of Cpl Confirmed	26 Aug	
SX 6829	L/Cpl	BILLING C R P	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	26 Aug	Vice SX 9807 L/Cpl
SX 10394	L/Cpl	ADCOCK G E	do	do	26 Aug	Vice SX 7497 A/Cpl Mc ANDRILL P H O - Transfd.
SX 10399	L/Cpl	BRUSH A H	do	do	26 Aug	Vice SX 7916 Cpl CHINMAN R - X List
SX 7508	L/Cpl	STEWART C V	do	do	26 Aug	Vice SX 7873 Cpl LANE W J L - X List
SX 11227	L/Cpl	FITCHER J	do	do	26 Aug	Vice SX 11161 WILLING A T D Promoted to A/Sgt
<u>TRADE GRADINGS</u>						
SX 8215	Pte	KELLY A	do	Appointed A/Gp II Carpenter	26 Aug	Vice SX 7666 Pte CHUCK B J - X List
SX 8492	Pte	PITT L G	do	Graded Gp II Mech MT	26 Aug	Vice SX 8119 Pte TODD F M
SX 8034	Pte	SCOTT R D	do	do	1 Apr	Vice SX 7281 Pte BIRD G R
SX 7891	Pte	SMALL R A	do	do	26 Aug	A Tr Pl
SX 8063	Pte	HODD J C	do	do	26 Aug	do
SX 7271	Pte	WHITFORD R F	do	Graded Gp III Dr Mech	26 Aug	do

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<u>APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK</u>						
WX 10347	L/Cpl	THELAN T M	2/48 Bn	Promoted to L/Cpl	11 AU	Vice SX 7512 L/Sgt CROSS A R - X List
SX 11028	L/Cpl	VINTER R H	do	do	14 AUG	Vice SX 9034 Cpl TINTON A R - X List
SX 7940	Cpl	HASKARD P B	do	Appointed L/Sgt	26 AUG	
WX 10419	Pte	BRUNAUT G A	do	Appointed L/Cpl	26 AUG	
SX 8077	Cpl	BONSHOR A R	do	Appointed L/Sgt	26 AUG	
SX 12017	Cpl	GAPPER G L	do	Appointed L/Sgt	26 AUG	
SX 7363	L/Cpl	MILLER R C	do	Rank of Cpl confirmed	26 AUG	
SX 7997	L/Sgt	JENKINSON H A	do	Rank of Sgt confirmed	26 AUG	
SX 935	A/Sgt	LEWIS W F	do	Rank of Sgt confirmed	26 AUG	
VX 38956	L/Sgt	FIPP P C	do	Promoted to Sgt	26 AUG	A Tr Pl
VX 29053	L/Sgt	SHOBDEN E A	do	do	26 AUG	do
VX 23269	Pte	DONALDSON G A	do	Promoted to L/Cpl	26 AUG	do
VX 43524	Pte	MURO L A	do	do	26 AUG	do
VX 37707	Pte	CLAYTON L A	do	do	26 AUG	do
SX 7691	Pte	TURBULL K	do	do	26 AUG	do
VX 43712	Pte	YOUNG V L	do	do	26 AUG	do
SX 7044	Pte	RATHMAN E C	do	Appointed L/Cpl	26 AUG	

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					Date	
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 7873	Pte	STARR C C	2/48 Bn	Marched out	18 Aug	Attending 9 Aust Div
SX 11161	A/Sgt	WILLING A T D	do	do	18 "	MG School
VX 33650	Pte	ROBERTS R F	do	do	17 "	Attending 8 Tk Course
SX 9555	Pte	LEGGOTT R H C H	do	do	25 "	Attending 9 Aust Div Bangalore Course.
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>						
SX 7652	Pte	BRAIDWOOD L W	do	Marched in	18 Aug	From 9 Aust Div Sig School
SX 7163	Pte	COLLINS R R	do	do	18 "	do
SX 2139	Pte	PEARCE R	do	do	18 "	do
SX 9534	Pte	GOLDENHORN R S	do	do	18 "	do
<u>BURIAL</u>						
SX 7877	Pte	McINNES B H	do	Buried	25 Jul	Ref Map SL ALAMAIN 1:50000 87542991
<u>TRANSFERS</u>						
SX 10726	Pte	WILLIAMS M H	do	Marched out	26 Aug	To 15 Coy A.I.F.
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
SX 1737	Pte	DAY H F	do	Marched in	21 Aug	From 9 Aust Div Pro Coy per 26 Aust Inf Bde.
SX 4416	"	BERNARD F	do	do	21 Aug	From 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

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<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
SX 9752	Pte	HAYWOOD L H	2/48 Bn	Marched in	26 AUG	From AIF (MG) Staging Camp
SX 3230	Pte	ADAMS L F	do	do	26 "	do
SX 8623	Pte	MILLER J	do	do	26 "	do
SX 7742	L/Sgt	BARNES R A	do	do	26 "	do
SX 8230	Pte	PARSONS C R	do	do	26 "	do
SX 10172	Pte	PINNINGTON L	do	do	26 "	do
SX 14872	Pte	DARVENT J S	do	do	26 "	do
SX 11273	Pte	O'LEARY T P	do	do	26 "	do
SX 7607	Pte	FRATT R C	do	do	26 "	do
SX 7427	Pte	GALLAGHER C L	do	do	26 "	do
<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS</u>						
SX 7429	Cpl	HINSON J	do	Awarded DCM	20 AUG	Ref 9 Aust Div Special Order
SX 7244	Pte	RAMSDALE R	do	Awarded MM	20 "	No 1 of 20 Aug 42
<u>DETACHED FOR DUTY</u>						
SX 11754	Pte	MILSON H F	do	detached	18 Aug	For special duties at 9 Aust
SX 9394	Pte	LANBERT L C	do	do	18 "	Div MG School
SX 8497	Pte	LAVRIE C H	do	do	20 "	For Special Duties - Batman
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
SX 66995	Pte	BRADMAN G V	do	Marched in	27 "	From 2/1 Aust A Pd Workshop

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CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).	
					Date	
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>						
SX 8846	Pte	BROWN P H	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	21 Aug	To 2/11 Aust Md Amb - X List
SX 2110	Pte	FRANCIS H H	do	do	24 Jul	Hospital not known
SX 7456	Sgt	DITTY L A	do	do	23 Aug	To 2/11 Aust Md Amb - X List
SX 7416	Pte	SWIN H T	do	do	24 Aug	do
SX 6982	Pte	FRIDMAN K A	do	do	24 Aug	do
SX 7467	Pte	DECAUX A S	do	do	24 Aug	do
SX 7839	L/Cpl	HARRIS D H	do	do	25 Aug	do
VX 53126	Pte	PATON W B	do	do	25 Aug	do
SX 13126	Pte	FISKEN A C	do	do	25 Aug	do
SX 6937	Pte	JACKS A R	do	do	26 Aug	do
SX 7900	Pte	KEEHAN L E	do	do	26 Aug	do
SX 5533	Pte	LAMONT H M	do	do	27 Aug	do
SX 13141	Pte	MATTHEWS E A	do	do	27 Aug	do
SX 8386	Pte	GALE L R	do	do	27 Aug	do
SX 12801	Pte	BRADFORD G C	do	do	27 Aug	do
SX 7053	Pte	PHILLIPS E D	do	do	28 Aug	do
VX 38082	Pte	JEFFREYS T H R	do	do	28 Aug	do
SX 2012	Pte	CONKRAV S C	do	do	28 Aug	do
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
VX 38650	Pte	TUCKETT R F	do	Result 82%, Fairly Good, at A Tk Course.		

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(Signature of Commander)

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

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
					Date	
STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
SX 7923	Sgt	HAYWARD R F	2/48 Bn	Marched in	25 Aug	From X List
SX 13084	Pte	WALKER A A	do	do	22 Aug	do
VX 10462	Pte	MORLEY E A W	do	do	23 Aug	do
SX 8204	Pte	VIVIAN E W	do	do	25 Aug	do
SX 12880	Pte	MATTHEWS A J	do	do	22 Aug	do
SX 14117	Pte	BAKER E F	do	do	19 Aug	do
SX 1167	Sgt	LINKE V J	do	do	25 Aug	do
VX 31481	Pte	MEYER S M	do	do	12 Aug	do
SX 4536	Pte	HILLER W A	do	do	19 Aug	do
SX 7903	Pte	CHINOVETH S L	do	do	19 Aug	do
TRANSFER						
SX 13011	Pte	KRAUSE H E	do	Transferred	27 Aug	To AAMC, Authority ADMS 9 Aust Div M42/21/24
PUNISHMENT						
SX 7866	L/Cpl	BLOFFWITCH R A W	do	Offence: AWL from 2200 hrs 4 Jul to 0900 hrs 5 Jul 42. Award: Reprimanded by CO 2/48 Bn 29 Aug 42. Automatic forfeiture 1 day's pay.		

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

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN. Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnners ...																				
Masons..																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ...																				
(other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
Mortars																			3	
Carrier Bns																			20	
Pioneers																			7	
General duty personnel.																			117	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																			151	

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Signature of Commander.

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Aug 42

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		HAMMER H H	CD	YES		
2		Maj		SCOTT T H	2 I/C	"		
3				TUCKER P A G	Coy Comd	"		Hq Coy
4				EDWARDS G S	do	"		B Coy
5		Capt		SMITH A	do	"		A Coy
6				STANT D	do	"		C Coy
7				MAXWELL-WRIGHT D	OC P1	"		A Tr P1
8				DOLLMAN R B	Coy 2 I/c	"		C Coy
9				REID W R	Adj	"		
10				ROBBINS F	Coy 2 I/c	"		B Coy
11				BRUCE A B	do	"		B Coy
12		Lieut	T/Capt	BUTTER J D	Pl	"		
13		Lieut		ISAACSON O H	P1 Comd	"		4 P1
14				KING H R	10	"		
15				JOHNSON G H	P1 21/e	"		4 P1
16				WRIGHT G H	P1 Comd	"		A Tr P1
17				MULLAN H	Coy 2 I/c	"		A Coy
18				NICHOLAS P W	do	NO		Detached
19				WALLIS D N	10	YES		
20				TRIMMER R F	P1 Comd	"		3 P1
21				MORPHY E A	do	"		17 P1
22				MATTINGWELL S A B	do	"		5 P1
23				LEVIN R H	do	"		A Tr P1
24				TAGGART C E	do	"		7 P1
25				WELSON V N	do	"		1 P1
26				HILL D C	do	"		13 P1
27				ALLEN E F	do	NO		School
28				LUCY J E	do	YES		11 P1
29				BUTLER G J	do	"		12 P1
30				SHEPARD B	do	NO		School
31				CHRISTY J T	do	YES		15 P1
32				HAMILTON B Y	do	"		9 P1
33				KERRALLY R E	do	"		14 P1
34				LATED W L	do	"		16 P1
				BOWMAN T H	do	"		18 P1
				McKINNON H R	do	"		8 P1
				CRANE S S	do	"		2 P1

(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 A	Ch Dept	13 Oct 40	padre
Capt		BANKING B C	2000	26 Aug 40	do

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

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
22 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	R.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Englers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Driver-Mechanics ..																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers&HarnessMakers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors ...																				
Wheelers ...																				
Carrier Drivers																			12	
Porters																			4	
General duty personnel..																			133	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																			149	

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Signature of Commander.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 29 Aug 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains	8		3
	Lieutenants	25	4	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	37	4	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.
Capt	YATEMAN J	AAMC	26 Aug	Attached - MO

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	BROCKSOPP A E	2/48 Bn	27 Aug	School
Capt	DAWKINS D C	AAMC	26 Aug	Ceased to be attached

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
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(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.

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(Unit.)

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CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
SX 10840	Pte	<u>PUNISHMENTS</u> SKINNER H E J	2/48 Bn	AWL from 2200 hrs 25 Jun 42 until apprehended by CMP at KANTARA on 7 Jul 42 - AA 15 (1). Award - Fined £5/-/- by CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. Automatic forfeiture 12 days pay.	15 Aug 42	
SX 7866	"	BLOFFWITCH R A W	do	AWL from 2200 hrs on 4 Jul to 0900 hrs 5 Jul 42. AA15(1). Award - Fined £2/-/- by CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. on 15 Aug 42 Automatic forfeiture of one day's pay.		
SX 7691	"	TURNBULL K	do	Failing to appear at place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2). Award - Fined £5/-/- by CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on 15 Aug 42		26 Jun 42
SX 14264	"	CATES H M	do	AWL from 2200 hrs 4 Jul 42 to 0900 hrs 5 Jul 42 - AA15(1) Award - Fined £2/-/- by CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on 15 Aug 42 Automatic forfeiture of one day's pay.		

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R. D. Ball
(Signature of Commander.) Col.
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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

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Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
SX 7835	Pte	<u>PROMOTION</u> DUFFIELD C W	2/48 Bn	Promoted A/Cpl	27 Aug	Vice SX 8068 L/Sjt B H FOTHERINGHAM - X List
SX 9323	Pte	<u>APPOINTMENT</u> ABBOTT J	do	Appointed L/Cpl	16 Aug	
SX 12867	"	<u>TRADE GROUPING</u> EDWARDS R	do	Graded Trade Gp II	16 Aug	Intelligence duties - vice transfer SX 11103 L/Cpl GERBER G H to Cipher Sec 9 Aust Div
SX 11754	L/Cpl	<u>REVERSION</u> PIETSCH H F	do	Reverted to Pte	16 Aug	At own request.
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
The following personnel were taken on strength from AIF(ME) Staging Camp on 15 Aug 42						
WX 10133	Pte	KERRY J T				
VX 53648	"	HARRISON H				
SX 11302	"	SHARP W				
SX 6865	"	McLAREN R T				
SX 12363	"	IRWIN H B				
SX 13592	"	FLETCHER W P				

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

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Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date.	
SX 7005	Pte	INJURY KEELEY J E	2/48 Bn	Accidentally injured	30 Jul 40	- Torn knee cartilage Moderate severity. Unlikely to interfere with his future efficiency as a soldier. A C of I will not be held.
SCHOOLS AND COURSES						
VX 38650	Pte	TUCKETT R F	2/48 Bn	Attended 6 pr A Tk course	from 10 Aug to 17 Aug 42	
VX 38572	"	FLETCHER R F	do		do	
SX 8386	"	GALE L R	do		do	
VX 40750	"	LEWIS J E	do		do	
SX 2116	"	HOSLER J	do		do	
PUNISHMENTS						
SX 8144	Pte	AFLIN C D	do	AWL from 2100 hrs 5 Aug to 1200 hrs 6 Aug 42. AA 15 (1)		Award - Fined £3/-/- by CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - 16 Aug 42. Automatic forfeiture of one day's pay.
SX 7744	"	GILBERT L F J	do	AWL from 2100 hrs 5 Aug to 1200 hrs 6 Aug 42. AA 15 (1)		Award - Fined £3/-/- by CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. on 16 Aug 42 Automatic forfeiture of one day's pay

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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.	
WX 10297	Pte	^{BURIED} LIEBELT C L	2/48 Bn	Buried	24 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000 87382999
SX 8670	A/Cpl	GLENNON W J	do	do	24 Jul	do
WX 10416	A/Cpl	SCOTT H L	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 7200	Pte	JURY G J	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 6297	"	RIDLEY D S	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 7166	"	DAVIS A R	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 7343	"	MILLER J E	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 8315	"	SUMMAN R O	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 7156	"	WEAR W R	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 7399	A/Cpl	LOVELOCK R B	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 8290	Pte	SIMS C A R	do	do	24 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000 87432997
SX 8230	"	CLEMENS R A F	do	do	24 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000 87382999
WX 9830	"	PARRY B D	do	do	24 Jul	do
SX 5304	"	COLEMAN B V	do	do	24 Jul	do

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Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
The following personnel were transferred to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on 19 Aug 42						
WX 9853	A/Cpl	CLARK A C		WX 9807	A/Cpl	HEARDELL P H O
WX 9837	L/Cpl	ARNOTT G R		WX 13472	Pte	BRAND J H
WX 12029	Pte	WATWOOD L		WX 10675	"	BAILIE J B
WX 2078	"	HORNE L F		WX 10357	"	PATTON A J
WX 9836	"	COATES W R S		WX 10327	"	BURGESS A C
WX 9852	"	CALDOW J		WX 9848	"	BURRIDGE F J X
WX 9870	"	SIEVER S H		WX 12932	"	COOPER F L
WX 9904	"	RAMSDEN A		WX 9885	"	MOPKINS H R
WX 10562	"	BLACK W D		WX 10824	"	STAFFE D
WX 9877	"	DYMOND B B		WX 6534	"	REYNOLDS W L
WX 10285	"	RUSSELL C H		WX 10293	"	STRATTON A G
WX 10335	"	WAY R G		WX 10500	"	NANKEVELL R S

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					Date.	
BURIALS						
WX 10144	Pte	LANG A B	2/48 Bn	Buried	25 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1/50000 87452993
SX 13560	"	HILL H J	do	do	25 Jul	do
WX 9487	"	FLEETON R F	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 13018	"	HANLEY C J	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 7801	L/Cpl	SMITH E S	do	do	25 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1/50000 87382999
SX 8259	Pte	BARR L	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 8636	"	YOUNG V L J	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 7354	"	JONES H C P	do	do	25 Jul	do
TRANSFERS						
SX 11103	L/Cpl	GERBER G H	do	Marched out	17 Aug	Told to Cipher Sec HQ 9 Aust Div

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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SX 13580	Pte	GRIST R A	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	11 Aug	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
SX 8113	"	RILEY M N	do	do	11 Aug	do
WX 9877	"	DYMOND E E	do	do	11 Aug	do
SX 6984	A/Cpl	TRISH T V	do	do	8 Aug	do
SX 11068	Pte	HARMER E T K	do	do	14 Aug	do
WX 12029	"	HAYWARD L	do	do	15 Aug	do
WX 10240	"	LUCAS H G	do	do	15 Aug	do
SX 12880	"	MATTHEWS A G	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 12924	"	SPECK R	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 8268	A/Sgt	MACKAY W K	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 7560	Pte	OSBORNE R D	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 8204	"	VIVIAN E W	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 7755	"	KEEGAN J P	do	do	17 Aug	do
QX 22452	"	AUSTIN E R	do	do	18 Aug	do
WX 10462	"	MORLEY E A V	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 13084	"	WALKER A A	do	do	18 Aug	do
SX 7923	Sgt	HAYWARD R F	do	do	18 Aug	do
WOUNDED IN ACTION						
SX 9765	Pte	DAWES C L	do	Wounded	10 Jul	Hospital unknown - X List

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REVERSIONS.						
SX 6984	A/Cpl	TRISH T V	2/48 Bn	Reverted to Pte	8 Aug	On transfer to X List
SX 8268	A/Sgt	MACKAY W K	do	Reverted to Cpl	16 Aug	On transfer to X List
STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
SX 7835	Pte	DUFFIELD C W	do	Marched in	12 Aug	From X List
WX 10241	L/Cpl	LEARY R	do	do	12 Aug	do
SX 12975	Pte	KERBER A C	do	do	13 Aug	do
SX 12741	"	HOBY J	do	do	13 Aug	do
SX 13580	"	CRIST R A	do	do	15 Aug	do
SX 8113	"	RILEY M N	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 58877	"	RAYMOND R E	do	do	16 Aug	do
SX 7723	"	AHERN L J	do	do	19 Aug	From 2/23 Aust Inf Bn } X do
PROMOTION						
SX 11161	A/Cpl	WILLING A T D	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	19 Aug 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.)
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS					
Capt	CROMPTON P	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	18 Aug	2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
STRENGTH TAKEN ON					
Lieut	TAGGART C H	do	Marched in	13 Aug	From X List
Lieut	CAPLE S S	do	do	13 Aug	do
Lieut	TRELOAR H F	do	do	14 Aug	From AIF(WE) Staging Camp
BURIALS					
Lieut	THREDGOLD F B	do	Buried	24 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50000 87382999
Lieut	HEFFRON L H	do	do	24 Jul	do

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 15 Aug 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	3		
	Captains	3		2
	Lieutenants	25	4	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	38	4	2

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

The following officers joined the unit on 14 Aug 42 from LOB Cause.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Maj	SCOTT	TH		A B
Capt	SHILLAKER	R S		R W
Capt	BRYANT	D		B Y
Capt	CRUMPTON	F		
T/Capt	ISAACSON	O H	2/43 Bn	11 Aug From ITH
Lieut	TAGGART	C B	do	13 Aug From X List
Lieut	CAPLE	S S	do	13 Aug From X List
Lieut	THELDAR	H B	do	14 Aug From X List

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	TAGGART	C B	2/43 Bn	8 Aug Sick - X List
Lieut	CAPLE	S S	do	9 Aug Sick - X List

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1				HAMMER H H	CO	YES		
2		Lt-Col		SCOTT T H	2 1/8	YES		
3				TUCKER P A G	Coy Comd	YES		No Coy
4				EDWARDS G S	do	YES		B Coy
5		Capt		SHILLAGER R S	do	YES		A Coy
6				BRYANT D	do	YES		C Coy
7				MAXWELL-WRIGHT D	OC PI	YES		A B Coy
8				DOLMAN R B	2 1/8	YES		C Coy
9				REID W R	Adj't	YES		
10				CROFTON P	Coy Comd	YES		D Coy
11				ROBINSON F	Coy 212	YES		D Coy
12		Lieut	R/Capt	BROCKMONT A E	do	YES		B Coy
13		Lieut		POPPER J D	PI	YES		
14				ISAACSON C H	PI Comd	YES		4 PI
15				KING A B R	do	YES		
16				JOHNSON G W	PI 2 1/8	YES		4 PI
17				WRIGHT H H	PI Comd	YES		4 PI
18				MCELHANEY H H	Coy 2 1/8	YES		4 Coy
19				NICHOLAS P W	do	NO		Det
20				WALLIS D H	TO	YES		
21				TRELOAR H Y	PI Comd	YES		3 PI
22				DUNN E A	do	YES		2 PI
23				MASCHONELLI S A B	do	YES		5 PI
24				LEWIN R W	do	YES		4 PI
25				TAGGART C E	do	YES		7 PI
26				NELSON V W	do	YES		1 PI
27				HILL D C	do	YES		13 PI
28				ALLEN E F	do	YES		14 PI
29				LUCY J E	do	YES		11 PI
30				BUTLER G J	do	YES	(S)	6 PI
31				SHEPARD B	do	YES		12 PI
32				GREGORY J T	do	YES		13 PI
33				HAMILTON B Y	do	YES		13 PI
34				KENNELLY R E	do	YES		14 PI
				LARD W L	do	YES		16 PI
				BOWMAN T H	do	YES		18 PI
				HOKINSON K K	do	YES		8 PI
				CAPEL S S	do	YES		2 PI

(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	13 Oct 40	Padre
Capt		DANKINS D C	LASC	26 Aug 40	MO

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	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-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
' (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ..																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ..																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				4
Tailors. .																				
Wheelers ...																				
Mortars																				3
Carrier Bns																				20
Pioneers																				7
General duty personnel .																				117
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				

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STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
SK 7824	Pte	BRAYD	2/48 Bn	Marched in	11 AUG	From AIF(ME) Staging Camp
SK 7206	"	SMITH	do	do	11 AUG	do
SK 10522	"	NICHOLSON	do	do	11 AUG	do
AS X 6812	"	LEVERINGTON	do	do	11 AUG	do
WK 16462	"	MORLEY	do	do	11 AUG	do
SK 6639	"	SPROK	do	do	11 AUG	do
WK 10347	L/Cpl	PHILLAN	do	do	11 AUG	do
SK 7677	Cpl	STERZL	do	do	11 AUG	do
SK 7876	Pte	STEVENS	do	do	11 AUG	do
YK 43172	"	YOING	do	do	11 AUG	do
SK 8204	"	VIVIAN	do	do	7 AUG	From X List
SK 6789	"	UNDERWOOD	do	do	7 AUG	do
SK 13279	"	BUSHMILL	do	do	4 AUG	do
SK 12984	"	FAIRLIE	do	do	4 AUG	do
SK 7292	"	MORAHAN	do	do	11 AUG	do
SK 7851	"	WILLIAMS	do	do	11 AUG	do
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SK 12734	"	Reynolds	do	Discharged (LOB)	10 JUL	to X List
SK 9129	"	CURTIS	do	do	13 JUL	do
SK 12984	"	FAIRLIE	do	do	9 JUL	do
SK 8239	"	PARSONS	do	do	15 JUL	do

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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS							
50683	Pte	NEES R R	2/48 Bn	Evacuated (LOB)	15	Jul	To X list
7111	"	MCMAHON L E	do	do	21	Jul	do
8105	W/11	DICKSON H W	do	Evacuated	7	AUG	2/11 Aust Inf Bn Amb - X list
13016	Pte	HOWARDS V J	do	do	7	AUG	do
7292	"	MCMAHON A J	do	do	7	AUG	do
31481	"	MEYER S H	do	do	7	AUG	do
7851	"	WILLIAMS K A	do	do	7	AUG	do
13125	"	BOITROFF H H	do	do	8	AUG	do
10241	1/Cpl	LEARY R	do	do	8	AUG	do
10172	Pte	RICHINGTON L A J	do	do	8	AUG	do
4536	"	MILLER V A	do	do	9	AUG	do
1167	Sjt	LINKS V J	do	do	9	AUG	do
14117	Pte	BAKER E F	do	do	9	AUG	do
12975	"	KERRER A C	do	do	9	AUG	do
12741	"	HOEY J	do	do	9	AUG	do
6115	"	SMITH W T J	do	do	10	AUG	do
13070	"	SWEETMAN G R	do	do	10	AUG	do

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					Date.		
SX 7832	Pte	LAJURY M C	2/48 Bn	Accidentally injured 23 Jun AI SW head L pen. Unlikely to interfere with his future efficiency as a soldier. A Court of Inquiry will not be held.			
SX 7375	Sgt	PLUMMER C E	do	Accidentally injured 6 Jul Abrasion of a leg. Small, became septic. Cellulitis and inguinal adenitis followed. No interference with Military efficiency will result. A Court of Inquiry will not be held.			
BERNIGHT TABLE BN							
WX 10426	Pte	GRATWICK P E	do	Marched in	11 Aug	From AIF(US) Staging Camp	
SX 7900	"	FRESHAN L E	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 7547	"	BARICK W P	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 8471	"	BORMAN P E	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 11784	"	CLEARY J J	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 6907	"	WILLIS P J	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 3370	"	MARTIN T J	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 6931	"	AESCHE O J	do	do	11 Aug	do	
WX 10041	"	NOVE R J	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 6883	Sgt	STODENFIELD A B	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 8147	Col	DANKS H P	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 8466	L/Cpl	HAYES R N	do	do	11 Aug	do	
SX 3676	Pte	ANDERSON M	do	do	11 Aug	do	

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					Date.	
<u>NEXT OF KIN - change of</u>						
SX 8148	Pte	BACKLER W W	2/48 Bn	Next of kin - Mother (Father deceased) Ellen Moonlight BACKLER ROBE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		
<u>SCHOOLS & COURSES</u>						
SX 7997	A/Sgt	JENKINSON H R	2/48 Bn	Classified "Sgt Cook" at MB School of Cookery - Cooks' Course No 24 from 11 May to 6 Jun 42.		
SX 7336	Sgt	PRYOR W E	do	Attending MB OCTU - 6th Intake from 14 Aug 42 Marched out 11 Aug 42.		
SX 7047	Sgt	BURTONSON H	do	Attending MB OCTU - 6th Intake from 14 Aug 42 Marched out 11 Aug 42.		
SX 7885	Sgt	DODD A C	do	Marched out 9 Jul 42 - Attending MB OCTU		
SX 7700	L/Sgt	HALE F W	do	Marched out 26 Jul. Attending PERT School SARAFIELD		
VX 29863	L/Sgt	SHOEDEN E A	do	Attended 6 pr A H Course from 6 - 10 Aug 42		
VX 23269	Pte	DONALDSON G A	do	do		
SX 13138	"	DALTON L H	do	do		
VX 40524	"	HUNRO A	do	do		

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PROMOTIONS							
7056	L/Sgt	PEARSON F B	2/48 Bn	Promoted to A/sgt	11 Aug	In lieu of SX 7338 Sgt PRYOR WE	ME OCTU
8344	Cpl	IDE R M	do	Promoted to A/sgt	11 Aug	In lieu of SX 7047 Sgt ROBINSON	M. - ME OCTU
11161	L/Cpl	WILLING A T D	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	11 Aug	In lieu of SX 7967 Cpl	MONTGOMERIE A C - X List
TRADE GROUPING							
9832	L/Cpl	TEMPLETON R J	do	Graded Group 111 Clerk	5 Jul		

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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	TAGGART C E	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	8 Aug	2/11 Aust FG Amb - X List
Lieut	CAPLE S B	do	do	9 Aug	do
	<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>				
Capt	DOLLMAN R B	do	Marched in	7 Aug	From X List
Lieut	ISAKSSON C H	do	do	11 Aug	From AIF(NE) Staging Camp
	<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>				
Lieut	HAMILTON B Y	do	Classified "Average"	9 Aug	Div PT School Course No 2
Lieut	GILL G T	do	from 19 May to 2 Jun 42.	do	

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<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>					
Capt	MAXWELL WRIGHT D	2/48 Bn	attended 6 pr A Tk course from 31 Jul to 5 Aug 42		
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSION</u>					
Lieut	UNDERDOWN L	2/48 Bn	evacuated	6 Aug	To 2/11 Aust Fl Amb - X List
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>					
Lieut	LAMB W L	2/48 Bn	Marched in	5 Aug	From Reinforcements
Lieut	GREGORY J T	do	do	5 AUG	do
<u>BURIALS</u>					
Lieut	GILL G T	2/48 Bn	Buried 24 Jul	24 Jul	Buried EL ALAMEIN box Cemetery Map Ref EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 88602946

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					Date.	
SX 13495	Pte	<u>BURIALS</u> HERRITT R H	2/48 Bn	Buried	16 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50,000 87632993
QX 22538	Pte	NOHANAN R F	do	do	23 Jul	do 87562994
SX 11350	Pte	TREAGUS E E	do	do	23 Jul	do 87562994
WX 9834	Pte	BURKE T	do	do	31 Jul	EL ALAMEIN BOX CEMETERY Ref Map 1:50,000 88602946
SX 12765	Pte	CORFIELD C A	do	do	26 Jul	Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50,000 87452995
SX 8881	Pte	SUTHERLAND J McA	do	do	26 Jul	do 87372993
SX 7254	Pte	ELLIOTT R T	do	do	26 Jul	do 87372993
SX 8236	Pte	HAWES G J	do	do	26 Jul	do 87372993
SX 8087	Cpl	FLITCHER F W	do	do	23 Jul	EL ALAMEIN BOX CEMETERY Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50,000 88602946
SX 13621	Pte	KILSBY E N	do	do	23 Jul	do 88602946
SX 7844	Pte	MACDONALD D W	do	do	17 Jul	do 88602946
SX 8454	Cpl	HARDING A A A	do	do	22 Jul	do 88602946

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					Date.	
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SX 8499	Pte	LEWIS W T	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	31 Jul	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X list
SX 13639	"	BADMAN A I	do	do	31 Jul	do
SX 13639						
WX 10503	"	PAYNE M P	do	do	2 Aug	do
SX 13743	"	MARTIN W P	do	do	3 Aug	do
SX 6865	"	McLAREN R T	do	do	3 Aug	do
SX 6893	"	CUTCHIE L	do	do	3 Aug	do
VX 53648	"	HARRISON H	do	do	3 Aug	do
SX 7742	L/Sgt	BARRIE R A	do	do	3 Aug	do
SX 7890	Pte	TRENGOVE H J	do	do	4 Aug	do
SX 3230	"	ADAMS L F	do	do	4 Aug	do
WX 12016	"	TREBIDDER J A	do	do	4 Aug	do
SX 10514	"	WYLIE A W	do	do	13 Jul	do
SX 7559	"	FUSS M C	do	do	5 Aug	do
SX 13087	"	PLOENGES H	do	do	5 Aug	do
SX 7835	"	DUFFIELD G W	do	do	5 Aug	do
SX 7903	"	CHENOWETH S L	do	do	6 Aug	do
SX 7411	"	HAY W H J	do	do	6 Aug	do
SX 9371	"	BERG E C A	do	do	6 Aug	do

SX 6840	Pte	DIXON J P R	do	Injured - ? SIW Evacuated to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List	31 Jul	A C of I will be held.
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					Date.	
SX 13350	Pte	<u>INJURY</u> STCLAIR D C	2/48 Bn	Injured - ? SIW	18 Jul	A C of I will be held.
WX 9834	Pte	<u>ACCIDENTALLY KILLED</u> BURKE T	2/48 Bn	Accidentally killed	31 Jul	A C of I will be held.
SX 13126	"	<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u> FISKEN A C	2/48 Bn	Marched in	28 Jul	From X List
SX 8241	"	REED J	do	do	4 Aug	do
SX 7644	"	HARTMAN E C	do	do	3 Aug	do
SX 13743	"	MARTIN W P	do	do	3 Aug	do
The following personnel were taken on strength from AIF (ME) Staging Camp on 4 Aug 42						
SX 9334	Pte	SARA A R		WX 13472 Pte	BRAND J E	
SX 11068	"	HARGER E T K		SX 8459	" BUCKLEY J J	
SX 7291	"	GROKE A T		SX 11862	" COLL P	
WX 10004	"	ARUNDALE N A		SX 8752	" CLARK C	
SX 9488	"	MONTGOMERIE E L		SX 11146	" CARTER M T	
SX 13729	"	CROTTY R S		SX 13279	" BUSHELL J F	
SX 13607	"	HEYWOOD E J W		SX 10553	" DEVLIN V	
WX 10267	"	NICHOLLS E J				
SX 7692	"	COTTELL J G W	2/48 Bn	Marched in	6 Aug	From HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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					Date.	
STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
SX 6947	Cpl	CLEGG V M	2/48 Bn	Marched in	4 Aug	From AIF (ME) Staging Camp
SX 9601	Pte	SCHOTTE L G	do	do	4 Aug	do
SX 11145	"	STARKEY E V	do	do	4 Aug	do
WX 12009	"	FRASER I McR	do	do	4 Aug	do
APPOINTMENT						
SX 7093	Cpl	BADMAN N L	do	Appointed L/Sjt	7 Aug	
REVERSION						
SX 8017	A/Sgt	MANUEL C G	do	Reverted to Cpl	22 Jul	On transfer to X List
SCHOOLS AND COURSES						
SX 7652	Pte	BRAIDWOOD L W	do	Marched out	3 Aug	Attending 9 Aust Div
SX 7163	"	COLLINS R R	do	do	3 Aug	Sig School
SX 2139	"	PEARCE H	do	do	3 Aug	do
WX 9814	"	GOLDSPINK R S	do	do	3 Aug	do
VX 38956	L/Sjt	KEMP F C	do	Attended 6 pr A Tk Course from 31 Jul to 5 Aug 42		
SX 7691	Pte	TURNBULL K	do		do	
SX 8852	"	SMITH J W	do		do	
NEXT OF KIN - change of address						
WX 10394	Pte	ADCOCK G E	do	Next of kin, wife-A C D 99594 ADCOCK D E, No 3 WAAF Trg Depot W AUST		

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.					REMARKS						
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	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-Sergeants.	Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
» (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers									4											
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
Mortars									3											
Carrier Dns									20											
Pioneers									7											
General duty personnel.									120											
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)									154										154	

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		HUMBER R H	CO	YES		
2		Maj		SCOTT T H	2 I/C	NO		LOB
3				TUCKER F A G	Coy Comd	YES		HQ Coy
4				EDMONDS G S	do	"		B Coy
5		Capt		SHILLAKER R S	do	NO		LOB
6				BRYANT D	do	NO		LOB
7				MAXWELL-WRIGHT D	OC P1	YES		A Tr P1
8				DOLLMAN R B	2 I/C	"		C Coy
9				REID W R	Adjt	"		
10		Lieut	T/Capt	CROMPTON P	Coy Comd	NO		LOB
11		Lieut		POTTER J D	do	YES		
12				ROBBINS J P	Coy 2 I/C	"		D Coy
13				BROCKSOPP A E	do	NO		LOB
14				KING B R	IO	YES		
15				JOHNSON G E	P1 Comd	"		4 P1
16				WRIGHT M	do	"		A Tr P1
17				McLELLAN N	Coy 2 I/C	"		A Coy
18				WALLIS D N	IO	"		
19				NICHOLAS P W	Coy 2 I/C	NO		Det
20				MURPHY E A	P1 Comd	YES		17 P1
21				MAZZUCHELLI S A B	do	"		5 P1
22				LEWIN R W	do	NO		LOB
23				TAGGART C E	do	YES		7 P1
24				NELSON V H	do	"		1 P1
25				HAMILTON R E	do	YES		14 P1
26				KENNEALLY R E	do	"		18 P1
27				BOWMAN T H	do	"		4 P1
28				BUTLER G J	do	"		12 P1
29				SHEPARD B	do	"		15 P1
30				GREGORY J T	do	"		8 P1
31				McKINNON N K	do	"		16 P1
32				CAPLE S S	do	"		13 P1
33				HILL D C	do	"		10 P1
34				ALLEN K P	do	"		11 P1
				LUCY J E	do	"		17 P1
				LAIRD W L	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 A A	Ch Dept	13 Oct 40	Padre
Capt		DAWKINS D C	AANC	26 Aug 40	NO

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Capt	MURIALS WILLIAMS C F	2/48 BN	Buried	24 Jul	TELL EL EISA, Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 (87452993)
Lieut	WILSON J J	do	do	15 Jul	EL ALAMEIN BOX CEMETERY Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 (88602946)
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>					
Lieut	BUTLER C C	do	Marched in	26 Jul	From Aust Inf Tug Bn
Lieut	SHEPARD B	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	McKINNON N K	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	CAPLE S S	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	HILL D C	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	LUCY J E	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	ALLEN K F	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	UNDERDOWN L	do	do	26 Jul	do
Lieut	NELSON V N	do	do	26 Jul	do

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<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u>						
SX 7092	L/Cpl	KENNEDY R F	2/48 Bn	Promoted to Cpl	19 Jul	Vice SX 8183 L/Sgt WILLMOTT I Killed in Action
WX 10432	L/Cpl	HAMILTON J T	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	19 Jul	Vice SX 8670 A/Cpl GLENNON W Killed in Action
SX 7590	Pte	SCHULZ C H	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7653 Cpl BERT S W B Transferred to X List
SX 6837	^{PTE} L/Cpl	ADAMS D H	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7784 Cpl KENNEDY H E Promoted to A/Sgt
SX 7784	Cpl	KENNEDY H E	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	28 Jul	Vice SX 7375 Sgt PLUMMER C I Transferred to X List
SX 7134	Pte	MURPHY B F	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7445 S/Sgt WICKERMAN Transferred to X List
WX 10241	Pte	LEARY R	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	
SX 11257	Pte	INGRAM R H	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	
WX 10430	Pte	TONDUP J	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	
SX 10570	Pte	ASHBY H H	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7977 L/Sgt EVANS L F Killed in Action
WX 9807	L/Cpl	MCARDOLL P H O	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7535 Cpl O'LOUGHLIN Killed in Action
WX 9100	Pte	HALIFAX L G	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7270 Cpl BRYAN T R Transferred to X List

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EX 8877	Pte	KONSHOR A R	2/48 In	Promoted to Cpl	23 Jul	Vice SX 10104 Cpl GARDNER promoted to Sgt
EX 12517	Pte	HAPPER G L	do	do	23 Jul	do
EX 4092	Pte	BRIDSON D V	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	23 Jul	Vice SX 7543 Cpl HEND R J L promoted to Sgt
EX 6964	Pte	FITZGERALD B J	do	do	23 Jul	Vice SX 7543 Cpl HEND R J L promoted to Sgt
EX 12353	Pte	RICHARDSON D O	do	do	23 Jul	Vice SX 6866 A/Sgt LOVDAY R transferred to X List
EX 6848	Cpl	MEYER A F B	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	23 Jul	Vice SX 6873 Cpl JENNINGS B I killed in Action
EX 6662	Pte	CLAVES P J	do	Appointed L/Cpl	23 Jul	Vice SX 7410 Cpl RAYFORD B I promoted to A/Sgt
EX 9394	L/Cpl	LINDSAY B W A	do	Promoted to Cpl	23 Jul	Vice SX 6843 Cpl MEYER A F promoted to A/Sgt
EX 9353	Pte	CLAVES A C	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	23 Jul	Vice SX 7985 Sgt BUCKLEY J transferred to X List
EX 6846	L/Cpl	LOCK H L	do	do	23 Jul	Vice SX 7323 Cpl HENN H transferred to X List
EX 7964	Cpl	DERRICK T C	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	23 Jul	
EX 7350	L/Cpl	GARDNER G	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	23 Jul	

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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>PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS</u>						
SX 6394	Pte	TRISH T V	2/48 Bn	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 7964 Cpl DERRICK T C
SX 8268	Cpl	MACKAY W K	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	28 Jul	Promoted to A/Sgt Vice SX 7332 Sgt GOLDING J F
SX 7239	Pte	FRANCE P	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	Killed in Action
SX 7147	Pte	GASS H W	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	Vice SX 6947 Cpl CLEGG W H
SX 7108	Pte	BALDWIN C W	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	28 Jul	transferred to X List Vice SX 8268 Cpl MACKAY W K
SX 7130	Pte	SCOTT B A	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	Promoted to Sgt(Acting)
SX 11724	Pte	LEITCH H	do	Appointed L/Cpl	25 Jul	
SX 3446	Pte	MATHIAS R R	do	Appointed L/Cpl	25 Jul	
SX 7420	Cpl	RANDALL R P O	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	25 Jul	Vice SX 5027 Sgt AYLES J F
SX 8328	Pte	DAVIS H	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	25 Jul	transferred to X List Vice SX 10146 A/Cpl SCOTT H
SX 7242	Pte	FRIZZELL P A	do	Appointed L/Cpl	25 Jul	Killed in Action
SX 9832	Pte	FRIZZELL R J	do	Appointed L/Cpl	25 Jul	
SX 7567	Cpl	LAMBERT C H	do	Appointed L/Sgt	25 Jul	
SX 7257	Pte	SMITH S J B	do	Promoted to Cpl	25 Jul	Vice SX 7399 A/Cpl LOVELOCK

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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	
APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS						
WX10394	Pte	ADCOCK G B	2/48 Bn	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	
SX 7866	Pte	BLOPITCH R A W	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	
SX 11225	Pte	PITCHER J	do	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Jul	
TRADE GROUPINGS						
WX10432	L/Cpl	HAMILTON J T	do	Relinquished	18 Jul	Group III Clerk, Paybook No
BURIALS						
SX 9301	Pte	TAIT A W	do	Buried	10 Jul	TELL EL BISA. Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1:50000 (87913001)
SX 13682	Pte	DACEY L M	do	do	11 Jul	ELIMAYID. Ref Map EL HANBAR 1:100000 (43729023)
WX 10146	Pte	RANDALL A G	do	do	11 Jul	TELL EL BISA. Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1:50000 (87702984)
SX 7331	Sgt	GOLDING J F	do	do	11 Jul	TELL EL BISA Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1:50000 (87913001)
SX 9529	L/Cpl	LEAR A F	do	do	11 Jul	TELL EL BISA Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1:50000 (87913001)
SX 7272	Pte	SPAVIN J L	do	do	11 Jul	TELL EL BISA Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1:50000 (87913001)

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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	
REGIMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS						
11133	Pte	ROBIN G J	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	28 Jul	To 2/11 Aust. Inf. Bn. - X List
10467	Pte	CARROLLS F A	do	do	28 Jul	do
7173	Pte	SOMMERSONS D	do	do	29 Jul	do
7777	Pte	MARTENS H T	do	do	30 Jul	do
10366	Pte	BOLTON H A P	do	do	30 Jul	do
9851	Pte	JAMES L	do	do	30 Jul	do
BATTLE CASUALTIES - killed in Action						
7354	Pte	JONES H C P	do	Killed in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy positions at EL ALAMEIN
BATTLE CASUALTIES - missing believed in						
8396	Sgt	TAYLOR A V	do	Missing	22 Jul	do
7626	Pte	JONES R G	do	do	22 Jul	do
8381	Pte	DORMAN P J	do	do	22 Jul	do
REGIMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS						
13141	Pte	WATSON H A	do	Marched in	30 Jul	From AIF (M) staying camp
13575	Pte	BARRIN S J	do	do	30 Jul	do
7834	Pte	DENNIS G A	do	do	30 Jul	do
38650	Pte	TUCKERT R P	do	do	30 Jul	do
6307	Pte	WHITE A H	do	do	30 Jul	do
7403	Pte	HUNT O H	do	do	30 Jul	do

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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	
WX 12029	Pte	RAYMOND	2/48 Bn	Marched in	30 Jul	From AIF (inc) Staging Camp
SX 9486	Pte	AGAR	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 632	L/Cpl	BILLING	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 8618	Pte	SANDS	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 7220	Pte	JAMISON	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 13516	Pte	DAVIS	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 4129	Pte	CLARKE	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 7669	Pte	MILLER	do	do	30 Jul	do
WX 13475	Pte	BUCKLAND	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 13532	Pte	THORNTON	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 7808	L/Cpl	STEWART	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 6940	Pte	DIXON	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 7873	Pte	SEAR	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 13423	Pte	GREENE	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 8252	Pte	COOPER	do	do	30 Jul	do
SX 4238	Pte	BROWN	do	do	30 Jul	do
		NEXT OF KIN - Change of Address				
SX 11161	L/Cpl	WILLIAMS	do	Next of kin, wife, Temp address: C/o A.T. Butterfield, Blackwood, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
SX 2237	Pte	BARTSCH H L	2/48 Bn	Marched in	21 Jul	From AIF (MS) Staging Camp
BATTLE CASUALTIES - Killed in Action						
SX 8881	Pte	SUTHERLAND J Mc A	2/48 Bn	Killed in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy positions at EL ALAMEIN.
SX 7254	Pte	ELLIOTT R T	do	do	22 Jul	do
SX 7377	L/Cpl	McINNES B H	do	do	22 Jul	do
WX 10425	Pte	SHAW R H	do	do	22 Jul	do
WX 9858	Pte	GURNEY A S	do	do	22 Jul	do
SX 7166	Pte	DAVIS A R	do	do	22 Jul	do
BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action						
VX 53126	Pte	FATON W	do	Wounded in action	10 Jul	do
SX 8843	Pte	BECKEN H G	do	do	10 Jul	do
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SX 6685	Pte	MORAN D G	do	Evacuated	25 Jul	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
SX 13126	Pte	FISKEN A C	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 8241	Pte	REED J	do	do	25 Jul	do
WX 10133	Pte	KERRY J T	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 9752	Pte	HAYWOOD L H	do	do	25 Jul	do
SX 8248	Pte	SEEBY T	do	do	26 Jul	do
VK 43172	Pte	YOUNG V L	do	do	26 Jul	do
SX 13134	Pte	DOHNT R	do	do	27 Jul	do
SX 7644	Pte	HARTMAN B C	do	do	28 Jul	do

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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.)
SX 5269	Sgt. BURIALS ROCHE M R	2/48 Bn.	Buried	12 Jul	ELIMAYID, Ref Map EL HANNAM 1:100000 (43729023)
BX 7740	Pte STONE J K	do	do	13 Jul	EL ALAMEIN BOX CEMETERY Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 (88602946)
SX 8213	Sgt. JOHNSTON L H	do	do	18 Jul	ditto
VX38506	Pte THOMPSON W G	do	do	13 Jul	ELIMAYID Ref Map EL HANNAM 1:100000 (43729023)
SX 6873	Cpl. JENKINS B L	do	do	14 Jul	EL ALAMEIN BOX CEMETERY Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 (88602946)
SX11304	Pte WATTS A G	do	do	15 Jul	ELIMAYID Ref Map EL HANNAM 1:100000 (43729023)
SX 8183	L/Sgt WILLMOTT P V	do	do	15 Jul	EL ALAMEIN BOX CEMETERY Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 (88602946)
SX 9316	Pte PHILLIPS A L	do	do	24 Jul	THEL EL BISA, Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50000 (87452993)
WX 10425	Pte SHAW R H	do	do	24 Jul	ditto

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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>BURIALS</u>					
SX 7948	L/Sgt TRENORDEN K L	2/48 Bn	Buried	24 Jul	TELL EL EISA, Ref Map EL ALAMRIN 1:50000 (87452993)
SX 7979	L/Sgt EVANS L R	do	do	24 "	do
SX 11052	Pte SHANE F M	do	do	24 "	do
WX 9817	Pte LEE G V B	do	do	24 "	do
SX 12849	Pte STOCKER H R	do	do	24 "	do
SX 7232	Cpl O'LOUGHLIN P F	do	do	24 "	do
WX 9858	Pte GURNEY A S	do	do	24 "	do
SX 13121	Pte BROWN R W C	do	do	24 "	do
SX 7483	Pte HANEL I C	do	do	24 "	do
WX 9869	Pte BIRCHLEY W T	do	do	24 "	do
<u>PROMOTION</u>					
SX 3917	Sgt ZIESING F G	do	Promoted to A/WO II	3 Jun	Authority 26 Aust Inf Bde letter of 31 Jul 42

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
SX 8094	Cpl	<u>BATTLE CASUALTY</u> PROMNITZ W H	<u>Killed in Action</u> AANC	Killed in action	22 Jul	YES	During attack on enemy posns at EL A LAMEIN.
SX 1018	Sgt	<u>MARCHED OUT</u> PIPER F H	AAPC	Marched out	29 Jul		To 9 Aust Fd Cash Office
NX 11885	Sgt	<u>MARCHED IN</u> LESLIE D W	AAPC	Marched in	29 Jul		From 9 Aust Fd Cash Office

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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(Signature and appointment of Officer) Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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(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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	2	1	
W.Os Class II.	6		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	4		1
Sergeants.	32	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	57		12
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	572		129
TOTALS.	672	* 2	. 142

* 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	AANC	Fitters MV:	
Medical Orderlies:		2 Gp I & 1 A/Sgt	AACC
2 Ptes	AANC	Postal Cpl	AA Postal C
Armourer Cpl	AACC	Pay Sgt	AAPC
Shoemaker	AACC	YMCA Cpl	7 AGH

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 6931	Pte	AESCHER O J	2/48 Bn	Not known

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-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	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-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
" (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters...																				
Machine Cunnners																				
Masons ..																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...									4											
Storemen technical																				
Tailors. .																				
Wheelers																				
Mortars									3											
Carrier Dra									29											
Pioneers									7											
General duty personnel .									97											
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)									140											140

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Unit.

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H.H. Hammer Lt Col

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		HAMMER H H	CO	YES		
2		Maj		SCOTT T H	2 I/C	NO		LOB
3				TUCKER F A G	Coy Comd	YES		NO Coy
4		Capt		EDMONDS G S	do	"		B Coy
5				SHILLAKER R S	do	"		A Coy
6				BRYANT D	do	"		C Coy
7				MAXWELL-WRIGHT D	OC Pl	"		A Tk Pl
8		Lieut		REID W R	Adjt	"		
9				CROMPTON P	Coy Comd	"		D Coy
10				ROBBINS P	Coy 2I/C	NO		LOB
11				BROCKSOFF A E	do	NO		LOB
12				POTTER J D	QM	YES		
13				KING B R	IO	"		
14				JOHNSON G E	Pl Comd	NO		LOB
15				WRIGHT H	do	YES		A Tk Pl
16				McLELLAN N	Coy 2 I/C	NO		LOB
17				VALLIS D N	TO	YES		
18				NICHOLAS P W	Coy 2I/C	NO		LOB
19				MURPHY E A	Pl Comd	YES		17 Pl
20				MAZZUCHELLI S A B	do	YES		5 Pl
21				LEWIN R H	do	NO		LOB
22				TAGGART C E	do	YES		7 Pl
23				NELSON V N	do	"		1 Pl
24				HAMILTON B Y	do	"		9 Pl
25				KINNALLY R E	do	"		14 Pl
26				BOYMAN T H	do	"		18 Pl
27				BUTLER G J	do	"		4 Pl
28				SHEPARD B	do	"		12 Pl
29				McKINNON H K	do	"		8 Pl
30				CAPLE S S	do	"		2 Pl
31				HILL D C	do	"		3 Pl
32				ALLEN K F	do	"		10 Pl
33				LUCY J E	do	"		11 Pl
34				UNDERDOWN L	do	"		13 Pl

(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	13 Oct 40	Redre
Capt		DARKINS B C	AAC	26 Aug 40	NO

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