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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. 40. To 29 Feb. 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Puckapunyal.	1 Feb. 40.	-	This month commences Coy. & Bn. Training. 2 Evacuations to Hospital. 1 Transfer to 2/1 A.F.W.	
"	2	-	2 Evacuations to Hospital.	
"	3	-	1 O.R. Returned from Hospital. 1 Evacuated to Hospital.	
"	4	-		
"	5	-	Sgts. Strong & Fleming promoted to Lieuts. (Subject to C.A.G.) 1 O.R. Returned from Hospital.	
"	6	-	9 O.Rs. Returned from Hospital. 2 Transferred to other Units. 1 Transferred from 2/6 Bn.	
"	7	-	1 Evacuation to Hospital. 3 Returned from Hospital.	
"	8	-	1 Evacuated to Hospital. 1 Marched in.	
"	9	-	4 Returned from Hospital.	
"	10	-	2 Returned from Hospital	
"	11	-	2 Evacuations to Hospital	
"	12	-	March to Open Range - Bivouac till 15 Feb. 1 transfer to 2/6 Bn. Lt. Col Mitchell returned from extended leave. Major Wrigley re- turned to 2/6 Bn. W/O 1 Ransom W.F. W/O 1 Hall. Sgts. Jacobs & Graham promoted Lieuts.	
"	13	-	1 Return from Sick Leave, 1 from Hospital, 6 Discharges.	
"	14	-	3 O.R. marched in - 1 Returned from Hospital.	

H.A. Ouley. Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

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Unit 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. 40. To 29 Feb. 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Puckapunyal.	15 Feb. 40	-	Returned from Bivouac. 4 Discharged.	
"	16	-	Vaccinations for Smallpox. 9 Discharged.	
"	17	-	1 O.R. Returned from Hospital. Pte. W.B. French killed in accident. 7 Discharged.	
"	18	-	Lieut. French transferred from 17 Inf. Bde.	
"	19	-	2 Evacuations to Hospital. Lt. Turner & L/Cpl. Quantrill to Sig. School - Ingleburn, 14 days. 1 N.C.O. marched in from C.T.D. Sydney. 6 Discharged.	
"	20	-	Post Vaccination effects now effecting training. 5 return from Hospital. 1 O.R. marched in. 1 Discharged.	
"	21	-	1 Evacuated to hospital. 2 returned from hospital. 1 transfer to Provost Corps. 3 Discharges.	
"	22	-	New Draft- 67 men marched in. 5 Discharged.	
"	23	-	3 O.Rs. Marched in.	
"	24	-	New Draft - 60 marched in from Showgrounds. 1 Evacuated to hospital.	
"	25	-	2 Evacuations to Hospital.	
"	26	-	2 Evacuations to Hospital. 2 Discharges.	
"	27	-		
"	28	-	Lieut. Knox marched in. 1 Evacuation to hospital. 1 Return from hospital.	

H.K. Ouley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn. A. I. F.

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6 Div. A.I.F.
2/8 Bn.

Puckapunyal,
4 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Major H. Wrigley, M.C. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 53.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Br.</u>	<u>Ed. Officer</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
4 Feb. 40.	2/7 Bn.	Capt. N.S. Larkins 2/8 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Ed. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. C.H. Smith. 2/5 Bn.	do.
		<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
4 Feb. 40.		Lieut. Fleming	Sgt. S.G. Jacobs
n.f.d.		" Yeates	" W.L.B. Watt.

2. DUTY COYS.

Dating from 12 Feb. H.Q. Coy will commence to perform its term in Duty Coy. roster.

The roster will now be amended to read as follows :-

- 5 Feb. to 12 Feb. - D Coy.
- 12 " " 19 " - H.Q. Coy.
- 19 " " 26 " - A Coy.
- 26 " " 4 Mar. - B Coy.
- 4 Mar. " 11 " - C Coy.
- 11 " " 18 " - H.Q. Coy.
- 18 " " 25 " - A Coy.
- 25 " " 1 Apr. - B Coy.
- 1 Apr. " 8 " - C Coy.
- 8 " " 15 " - D Coy.
- 15 " " 22 " - A Coy. (and so on.)

3. Signal Personnel.

There are still a few vacancies in the Signal Pl. personnel with any former sig. experience are required to fill the vacancies.

Personnel with any such experience to report to the Adj. by 0900 hrs Tues. 6 Feb. 40.

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4. COMPLAINTS.

- (a) It has become evident during the recent cases of Orderly Room that many personnel do not understand fully that there is a channel of complaint, for cases in which they consider they have been dealt with unjustly.
- (b) If a soldier considers himself wronged, he may complain, in succession to -
- (i) his Coy. Commander.
 - (ii) his C.O.
 - (iii) his Bde. Commander.
- (c) No soldier can complain direct to the C. O. or Brig. Comdr. It is necessary for him to first complain to his Coy. Comdr. who will investigate the case and redress the wrong if within his power. If not within his power he will parade the soldier to the C.O. and so on.
- (d) It is to be noted here that combined complaints by several soldiers are not allowed, and will not be considered.

NOTICES.

BANDS. Capt. H.R. Shugg will visit camp on 5 Feb. to inspect all Unit's Bands.

LOST. A pair of Glasses at Swimming Pool. Also 1 Wristlet watch. Finder please forward to Bn. Orderly Room.

FOUND. One Wristlet watch.
Owner claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

H. K. Bailey Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bw. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	15		
2nd Lieutenants ...	—		
Quartermasters ...	<i>(included in Captains)</i>		
TOTALS ...	30		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Major</i>	<i>WRIGLEY, H.</i>	<i>6 DIV. A.I.F.</i>	<i>29 Jan. 40</i>	<i>Transferred from 2/8 Bw. A.I.F.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				
 				
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL, J.W.	6 DIV AIF	No	Extended Leave.
Major		WRIGLEY, H.	" " "	YES	
"	148	KEY, AS	" " "	"	
"	41	MCDONALD, H.H.	" " "	"	
Capt.	55	COOMBES, C.T.A.	" " "	"	
"	52	MARTIN, J.A.M.	" " "	"	
"	80	OXLEY, H.K.	" " "	"	
"	65	SCRASE, T.J.	" " "	"	
"	138	CHALLEN, H.B.	" " "	"	
"	203	SMITH, J.A.H.	" " "	"	
"	330	CAMPBELL, R.E.	" " "	"	
"	300	UFF, G.T.R.	" " "	"	
"	66	SIMPSON, C.S.	" " "	No	Attending Overseas Course
"	149	LARKINS, N.S.	" " "	YES	
Lieut	139	COUTTS, R.	" " "	"	
"	213	ROBERTSON, W.J.	" " "	"	
"	64	HOWARD, W.S.	" " "	"	
"	206	WILMOTH, R.	" " "	"	
"	204	MASKELL, H.J.M.P.	" " "	"	
"	244	AUSTIN, H.M.P.	" " "	"	
"	282	BURROWES, J.F.	" " "	"	
"	6576	DIFFEY, S.C.	" " "	"	
"	1680	TURNER, H.F.	" " "	"	
"	533	PHELAN, S.I.	" " "	"	
"	547	VAN-CITERS, S.	" " "	"	
"	6275	YEATES, L.A.	" " "	"	
"		BRYANT, A.A.	" " "	"	
"		MACCORMICK, I.G.	" " "	"	
"	4360	JONES, R.H.	" " "	"	
Major	81	CAPES, H.C.	" " "	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	?	HEARD, K.H.	6 DIV. AIF	8 DIV. 39	Medical Officer
"	VX 288	QUINN, J.A.	" " "	15 " "	Chaplain.

2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
(Unit.)

4 FEB. '40.
(Date of Despatch.)

H. Wrigley
(Signature of Commander.) Major
CO. 2/8 Bn.

17 Inf. Bde. 6 DIV. AIF
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Army Form W. 3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit) 4 FEB. 19 40. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	/	/
W.Os. Class II.	3		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	36		
Corporals	60		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	636		
TOTALS	741	*	*

* 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.
2 W.Os (II)	A.I.C.		
1 Bdr.	R.A.A.		

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).
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2/8 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

4 FEB. '40.

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[Signature]

Signature of Commander.

17 Inf. Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Major, CO. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn.

Puckapunyal,
5 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Major H. Wrigley, M.C. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 54.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
5 Feb. 40.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. C.H. Smith 2/5 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Fd. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. F.A. Soward 2/6 Bn.	do.

	<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
5 Feb. 40.	Lieut. Yeates.	Sgt. W.L.B. Watt.
n.f.d.	" Turner.	" H. Rogers.

2. DEFAULTERS.

It is the responsibility of the Coys. through their Coy orderly officer and N.C.Os. concerned, to ensure that their defaulters are present at Bn. Defaulter's parade at the correct time. It is no part of the Bn. Orderly Sgt's duties to go into the lines seeking defaulters. Explanations will be required in the event of non-attendance by any defaulters.

The following personnel will be exempt defaulter's parade (but must report to Orderly Sgt. at times laid down during weekends.

- Cooks - Cooks' assistants
- Q. & A. Staff - Specialists from Q.M. Group
(Carpenters, Pioneers etc.)

3. MESS ORDERLIES.

In future the Sgt. Cook will hold a supply of scrubbing brushes. Mess Orderlies will draw same from Sgt. Cook and after use return them to Sgt.

Sgt. Cook responsible for distribution and collection.

4. WIRES AIRING BLANKETS.

In future wires will not be left erected over-night, but are to be taken down and rolled by retreat Tues. and Thurs. nights. The practise of leaving wires up over-night has already caused several minor injuries.

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5. PILING ARMS.

Until further notice, the 2/8 Bn. will follow the procedure below when piling arms in threes.

1. The front and centre ranks will act as for "front" and "rear" ranks.
2. The rear rank will act as a "supernumary rank".
3. On "Pile Arms - One" the centre or "rear" rank will not take a pace forward.

6. SICK PARADE.

Until further notice Sick Parade will be at 0700 hrs.

7. KITCHEN TAPS.

The water taps provided at kitchens are not for ablution purposes.

NOTICES.

Found. 2 money belts - 1 Scout belt .

1 Wristlet watch.

Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

AK Bentley
Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn.

Puckapunyal,
6 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H. Wrigley, M.C. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 55.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.C.</u>
6 Feb. 40.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. F.A. Soward 2/6 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Ed. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/8 Bn.	" J.A. Bishop 2/7 Bn.	do.

	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
6 Feb. 40.	Lieut. Turner	Sgt. H. Rogers
n.f.d.	" Strong	" H.H. Finniger.

2. CIRCULATION OF FILES.

When files are sent out from Bn. Orderly Room bearing a circulation stamp, they are delivered by the Bn. orderly to the first unit named on the circulation list. It is then that unit's responsibility to pass the file on to the next-named unit with as little delay as possible. The last named sub-unit is responsible for passing the file back to the Orderly Room.

3. ORDER OF DRESS.

In future fighting order will be worn on all training parades.
Groundsheet in haversack; Water bottle at side.

4. GUARD COMPETITION.

The following is the result of Guard competition.

Where Coys. have been absent at Swim Pool or Open Range, figures for week have been reduced to a daily average. i.e. the figures given below show the actual daily average of points allotted.

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Major Key.</u>	<u>R.S.M.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place.</u>
B	15	18.2	33.2	1
A	13	19.6	32.6	2
D	14	18.0	32.0	3
C	10	21.0	31.0	4

5. TAILOR.

The tailor now has a sewing machine and will therefore be able to alter bad fitting uniforms. It is apparent that he will be unable to tackle large nos. of uniforms, and therefore only

very bad fits will be undertaken.

The tailor is authorised to decide whether the uniform needs alteration urgently or not.

6. The following Standing Court is appointed to enquire into and report upon apparent desertion of members of 2/8 Bn.

Pres. - Major Capes.

1st. Member - Capt. Smith.

2nd. " - Capt. Serase.

NOTICES.

Arrangements have been made by a group of Victorian solicitors to attend at Anzac House, Melbourne, every Friday night for the purpose of offering their legal advice to any member of the 2nd. A.I.F. who may be in need of this service.

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Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

DUTY COMPANIES.

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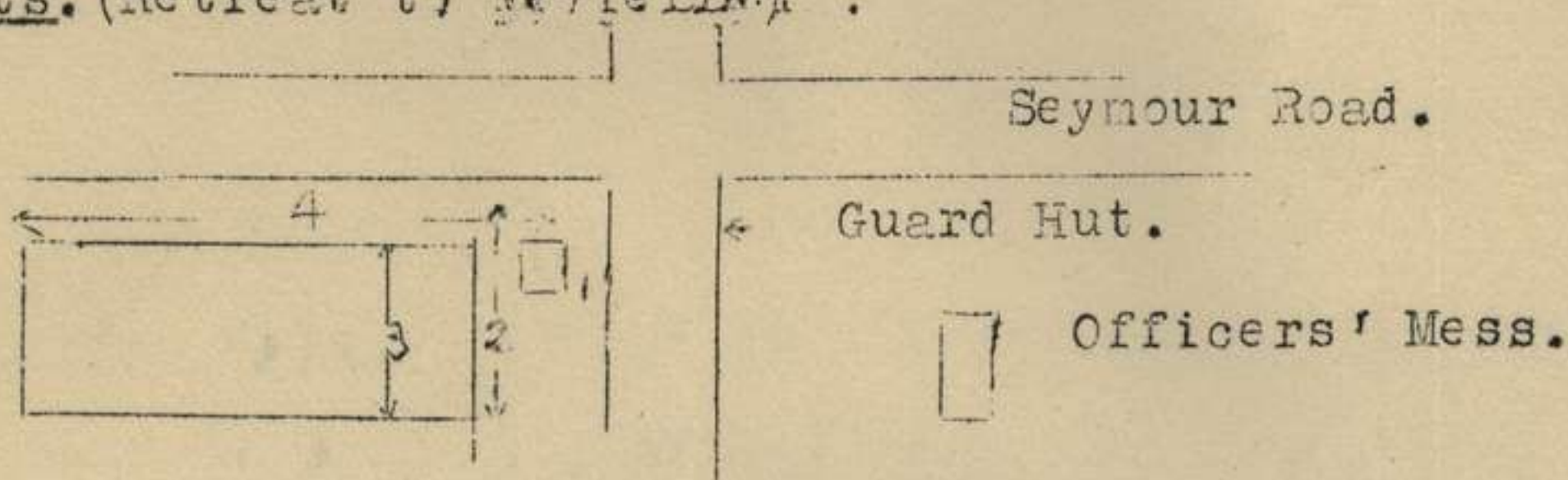
ADM. INST. - NO. 2.
(amended to 6 Feb. 40.)

1. Duty Companies will be of weekly duration - mounting at Retreat Monday and dismounting at Retreat the following Monday.
2. The orderly officer of the duty company will hand over duties and any special tasks at Retreat on the Monday concerned, to the new duty coy. orderly officer.
3. The following battalion duties will be provided in addition to normal Coy duties.

(a) Bn. Guard - Retreat to Reveille - 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 13 O.Rs. (includes Stick Orderly).

Reveille to Retreat - 1 Cpl. 3 O.Rs.

Night Beats. (Retreat to Reveille)



Post 1 - At guard hut.

Beat 2 - Beat along front of Regtl Q. Stores, offices, canteen.

Beat 3 - Along cookhouses - Sgts Mess and the kitchen.

Beat 4 - Along EAST of lines to watch Coy offices, stores and drying rooms.

Beats 2, 3, and 4 are to be considered as "security" beats, and, as such, may be crossed at any point.

Day Beat. (Reveille to Retreat) Post 1. - Guard hut.

(b) Regimental Fatigue Squad - Responsible on the 0630 daily fatigue parades for the cleanliness of area about Officers' and Sgt's messes and kitchens, quarters, showers, latrines, Canteen and Recreation Hut. Regimental office and stores, latrines and showers (men's), roadways surrounding unit lines.

(c) Reserved.

4. The following Bde. duties will be supplied when Bn. is duty Bn. -

(a) Camp guard at Camp H.Q. of - (Retreat to Reveille)

1 Subaltern 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 14 O.Rs.

From Reveille to Retreat - 1 Sgt. 5 men. Posts as per Bde.

orders to camp guard.

(This guard to be changed every day at Retreat - normal guard changing ceremony on Bde. pde. ground.)

Dress : Service Dress, Marching Order. (~~Pants~~ and gaiters).

Band. - Will parade throughout Bde. guard mounting

- (b) Bde. Fatigue party - 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 16 ptes to report to Bde.H.Q. at 0830 hrs. daily.
- (c) Town Picquet. - When required, the duty Bn. will send a Town Picquet consisting of 1 Officer and 20 O.Rs., or as otherwise ordered, to Seymour, to supervise the detrainment and embussing of personnel arriving on the last leave train and/or the conduct of the soldiers in the town. Details of times and places of reporting etc. are published weekly in Bde. R.O's. Dress - S.D. Sidearms.
- (d) Y.M.C.A. Picquet. - Duty Bn. will provide one N.C.O. and 5 O.Rs. for picquet duty at Y.M.C.A. Hut to report to Mr. Moses at 1830 hrs. on nights of screenings. Dress - S.D. Sidearms.
- (e) Y.M.C.A. Fatigue. - Duty Coy. will supply 2 light duty or "med. unfit" men during tour of duty Bn. to report to Y.M.C.A. at 1000 hrs. daily for cleaning purposes. Working Dress.
- (f) Horse Lines. - When duty Bn; the cleanliness of latrines at horse lines is the responsibility of the Unit Tpt. Ser. Transport officer to arrange.
5. As only 16 men are on guard (equivalent to 2 sections) only two ranks will be formed in the Bde. guard mounting.
6. Duty Coys do not have to supply any fatigues to the kitchens, nor leave any "duty squad" in camp during training.
7. Any person who requires a detail from the duty coy for a task, will apply in writing to the Adj., for the number of men required. Requests are not to be made direct to Coy. Adj. will keep a list of details from duty Coy and on receiving any request can tell whether duty Coy. is capable of supplying the detail or not.
8. Duty Coy roster will run as follows :- (Coys will receive Bde. duties once every 4 to 5 months.)
This roster cancels B.R.O. 53 para. 2.

H.K. 6

5 Feb. to	12 Feb.	-	D Coy.
12 " "	19 "	-	H.Q. "
19 " "	26 "	-	A "
26 " "	4 Mar,	+	B "
4 Mar, "	11 "	-	C "
11 " "	18 "	-	D "
18 " "	25 "	-	H.Q. "
25 " "	1 Apr.	-	A "
1 Apr. "	8 "	-	B "
8 " "	15 "	-	C "
15 " "	22 "	-	D "

9. Coy Comdrs. must watch that during weekend their coy. is duty coy, sufficient personnel remain in camp to carry out duties and maintain a small reserve of at least 20.

10. RESERVED.

H. K. Coker, Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn.

7 Feb. 40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H. Wrigley, M.C. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 56.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
7 Feb. 40.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. J. A. Bishop	To be arranged by
n.f.d.	2/8 Bn.	2/7 Bn. Capt. Campbell	2/2 Fd. Amb.
		2/8 Bn.	do.
		<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
7 Feb. 40.	Lieut. Strong.		Sgt. H. H. Pinniger
n.f.d.	" Wilmoth		" L. Holder.

2. V.D.

Prevention of.

It is directed that, in future, every man proceeding on leave is to be offered a "Blue Light" outfit.

Where troops feel diffident about accepting an outfit from their own unit, they may obtain same from the "Blue Light" Hut in the 2/2 Fd. Amb. lines, where no details are asked of name or unit.

All ranks are to be impressed with the necessity of taking all precautions.

3. LEAVE.

Bde R.Os., draw attention to the fact that many troops leave Camp on leave of absence incorrectly dressed. Coys are to ensure that inspection is carried out prior to departures on leave. Many troops are going into Seymour without leave passes. Such men are liable to arrest if without leave passes.

H. H. Pinniger

Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H. Wrigley, M.C., - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. 57

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
8 Feb. 40	2/8 Bn.	Capt. Campbell. 2/8 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2' Fd. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. W.T. Tolstrup 2/5 Bn.	do.
		<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
8 Feb. 40		Lieut. Wilmoth	Sgt. Downes
n.f.d.		Lieut. Robertson	Sgt. Trethowan.

2. RAILWARRANTS. All ranks are warned that the R.T.O., at Spencer St, will not, in future, issue Rail Warrants against repayment to members returning from leave.

3. GUARD COMPETITION. As from Monday 12 Feb, the following change will be made in judging officers of the above Bn Competition.
Major Capes to replace Major Key.

4. TRANSPORT. During the absence in hospital of Lieut. J.A. McGeoch, Lieut. H. Austin, 2/8 Bn, is appointed acting Bde Tpt Officer.

NOTICE.

Found - in ablution shed, Gold ring.
Owner claim at Bn Orderly Room.

M. Wrigley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I.
2/8 Bn.

Major H. Wrigley, M.O., - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. 57

I. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat

Date	Duty Bn.	Officer	Duty M.O.
8 Feb. 40	2/8 Bn.	Capt. Campbell	To be arranged by 2/5 Bn. Amb.
1.1.40	2/8 Bn.	Capt. T.T. Tolsting	do.
8 Feb. 40	Lieut. Wilmsh	Orderly Officer	Sgt. Downes
1.1.40	Lieut. Robertson	Orderly Officer	Sgt. Trethowan

2. WARRANTS. All ranks are warned that the R.T.O., at Spencer St, will not, in future, issue Rail Warrants against repayment to members returning from leave.

3. GUARD COMPETITION. As from Monday 12 Feb, the following change will be made in judging officers of the above Bn Competition. Major Gapes to replace Major Key.

4. TRANSPORT. During the absence in hospital of Lieut. J.A. McGeehan, Lieut. H. Austin, 2/8 Bn, is appointed acting Bde Transport Officer.

NOTICE

Found - in spution shed, Gold ring. Owner claim at Bn Orderly Room.

Capt. ...
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Div. A.I.F.
2/8 Bn.

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9 Feb. 40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H. WRIGLEY, M.C., - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 58.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.C.</u>
9 Feb. 40	2/8 Bn.	Capt. W.T. Tolstrup 2/5 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Fd. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/8 Bn.	Capt. J.G. Rowan. 2/6 Bn.	do.
		<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
9 Feb. 40	Lieut. Robertson		Sgt. Graham.
n.f.d.	Lieut. Diffey		Sgt. Anderson.

2. DRIVING IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

1. At the moment the transport section are training a large number of new drivers. This necessitates the front seat being occupied by new driver and instructor.

2. Until further notice if a driver states that he has a man under instruction, then no N.C.O. has the right to occupy the front seat - and will not do so.

3. MILITARY KIT FOUND IN RAILWAYS.

A return is required from all Coys by 1200 Sat, 10 Feb, of names of personnel who have lost equipment or clothing on railways or stations. Next to man's name, loss is to be shown.

A large quantity of Military Kit is being held by railways and care is to be taken in compiling return that all ranks are questioned re losses.

4. VACCINATION. Any men to be admitted to C.D.S., for after effects of vaccination are to take with them their blankets and palliasses.

5. SICK PARADE. The Orderly Sgt., is responsible for conducting the sick Parade to the C.D.S., and returning same to the lines.

6. CHURCH PARADE.

(1). Combined Service at 1000 hrs.

Particulars as for 3 Dec. 39. Markers and Parade States to Parade Ground 0940.

2/8 Bn. Band Duty Band for Service and at Saluting Base for March Past.

(11). C. of E. in C. of E. Hut.

0645 hrs. Holy Communion.

1115 " do.

2000 ". Evening Service.

(111). R. C. at R.C. Welfare Hut.

0645 Mass and Holy Communion

0900 Mass and General Parade.

Senior Officer or N.C.O. present will fall in the Unit party on Bn. Parade Ground 25 minutes prior to commencement of service and will move party under proper control to R.C. Hut.

Unit party will assemble in R.C. Hut ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of the service.

All R.C. personnel will parade under the senior officer or N.C.O. on South side of gateway to Bde. Church Parade area at 1025 hrs. They will fall in in rear of their respective units and take part in the March Past. Orderly Sgt., to arrange.

(1V). JEWISH. Rabbi Freedman will conduct a service on Sunday

11 Feb., at 1530 hrs., in the Y.M.C.A. Hut.

NK Osley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn.

11 Feb. 40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H. Wrigley, M.C. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. 59.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
11. Feb. 40	2/8 Bn.	Maj. H.C. Marshall 2/7 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Fd. Amb.
12 Feb. 40	2/6 Bn.	Maj. H.H. McDonald 2/8 Bn.	do
n.f.d.	2/6 Bn.	Capt. P.D. Starr 2/5 Bn.	do

Orderly Officer

Orderly Sgt.

11 Feb. 40	Lieut. Diffey	Sgt. Hunnam
12 Feb. 40	Lieut. Coutts	Sgt. Cross
n.f.d.	Lieut. Burrows	Sgt. Watt.

- x 11 Feb. 40. Town Picquet - Lieut. Van Citters.
- " " Lieut. Turner.
- Bde. Gd. Lieut. McGormick.

- x Picquet to carry meals. Collect from Q. Store before leaving.
- Duty Bn. to provide arrangements for making tea. O.C., D. Coy to co-operate with Q.M.

2. BIVOUAC - Baggage.

Coys to have men's packs (with 3 blankets and greatcoat (if available) attached by straps supporting and labelled by name, No., Coy.) stacked East of Coy Stores, by ~~1200~~ ⁰⁸³⁰ hrs 12 Feb. 40. Each Coy to leave 2 men as Baggage Guard.

W.P. Marshall
Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W. Diary

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. Unit.

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

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

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. Unit.

Howard
Signature of Commander MAJOR
CO. 2/8 Bn.

Date of Despatch 11 FEB 40

17 INF. BDE. 6 DIV. A.I.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

D.3459.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	17		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(INCLUDED IN CAPTAINS)		
TOTALS ...	32		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	FLANNING	A.P. 6 DIV. A.I.F.	25 JAN 40	PROMOTED FROM SGT.
"	STRONG	J.H.	"	"
 				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

W. D. Gray

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. COL MAJOR	VX. 40	MITCHELL J.W.	6 DIV. A.I.F.	NO	LEAVE (EXTENDED)
"		WRIGLEY H.	" "	YES	
"	81	CADES H.C.	" "	"	
"	148	KEY A.S.	" "	"	
"	41	MCDONALD H.A.	" "	"	
CAPT	55	COOMBS C.T.A.	" "	"	
"	52	MARTIN J.A.M.	" "	"	
"	80	OXLEY H.K.	" "	"	
"	65	SCRASE T.J.	" "	"	
"	138	CHALLEN H.B.	" "	"	
"	202	SMITH J.A.H.	" "	"	
"	230	CAMPBELL R.E.	" "	"	
"	300	UFF G.T.R.	" "	"	
"	66	SIMPSON C.S.	" "	NO	ATTENDING OVERSEAS COURSE
"	149	LARKINS N.S.	" "	YES	
LIEUT	139	COUTTS R.	" "	"	
"	212	ROBERTSON W.J.	" "	"	
"	64	HOWARD W.S.	" "	"	
"	206	WILMOTH R.	" "	"	
"	204	MASKELL H.J.M.L.	" "	"	
"	244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" "	"	
"	282	BURROWS T.F.	" "	"	
"	6576	DIFFEY J.C.	" "	"	
"	1680	TURNER H.F.	" "	"	
"	532	PHILLAN S.I.	" "	"	
"	547	VAN CITTENS J.	" "	"	
"	6275	YEATES L.A.	" "	"	
"		BRYANT A.A.	" "	"	
"		MACCORNUCK I.G.	" "	"	
"	4360	JONES R.H.	" "	"	
"	3359	FLEMING A.P.	" "	"	
"	6597	STRONG J.H.	" "	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		HEARD K.H.	6 DIV. A.I.F.	8 Dec 39	MEDICAL OFFICER
"	VX 288	QUINN J.A.	" "	15 "	CHAPLAIN

2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
(Unit.)

11 FEB 40
(Date of Despatch.)

W. D. Gray MAJOR
(Signature of Commander.) CO. 2/8 Bn

17 INF. BDE. 6 DIV. A.I.F.
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6 Div. A.I.F.
2/8 Bn.

Puckapunyal,
16 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
by

Lt. Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 60.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Ed. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
16 Feb. 40	2/6	Capt. F.A.Soward 2/6 Bn	To be arranged by 2/2 Ed. Amb.
17 Feb. 40	2/6	Capt. G.H.Halliday. 2/7 Bn.	"
18 Feb. 40	2/6	Capt. H.B.Challen 2/8 Bn	"

	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
16 Feb. 40.	Lieut. Phelan.	Sgt. T.H.L.Pyke
17 "	" Jones	" J.S.Adams.
18 "	" Fleming	" J.N.S.Ward
19 "	" Yeates	" A.J.Downs.
20 "	" McCormick	" Spencer
21 "	" Strong	" M.J.Dwyer
22 "	" Wilmoth	" G.H.S.Graham
23 "	" Robertson	" S.G.Jacobs
24 "	" Diffey	" W.L.B.Watt.
25 "	" Coutts	" H.Rogers
26 "	" Howard	" H.H.Pinniger
27 "	" Burrowes	" L.Holder
28 "	" Jacobs	" J.Trethowan
29 "	" Graham	" H.V.Anderson
1 Mar. 40.	" Hall	" Ball.
2 "	" Ransom	" F.C.Cross
3 "	" Bryant	" E.H.F.Hunnam
4 "	" Van Citters	" Fishlock.

2. CARE OF ARMS. - Numerous cases of carelessness with arms have been notified.

Personnel must realize the necessity for always caring for their arms and are to cease leaving same lying about.

To impress the importance of this rule, owners of rifles etc. left lying about will forfeit pay as follows :

Rifle }
Revolver } 2 days pay.
Equipment }
Clothing } 1 days pay.

3. Unit Duties. - A check of duties left in lines during training hours will be maintained. These are to be kept to a minimum.
4. Lines. - Particular attention is directed to cleanliness of the area underneath huts.
5. Gallipoli Legion. - The Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs is sponsoring a scheme whereby members of the Legion will "adopt" members of the A.I.F. whose fathers are deceased and if alive, would be eligible for membership of the Legion. All ranks are therefore asked to assist by submitting names to their Coy. H.Q. It is also intended to foster co-operation between womenfolk of the Legion and of such members.
6. Church Parades. - As detailed in Bn. R.O. 58 of 9 Feb. 40. para. 6, except that :-
 - (a) Markers will report to R.S.M. at 0920 hrs.
 - (b) 2/8 Bn. Band will not act as Duty Band.There will be no Jewish Service.
7. Electric Lights. - Several breakages of lights have occurred, but have not been reported. Coys will ensure that Bn. H.Q. is advised immediately breakages occur.
8. Trunk Line Calls. - Due to heavy traffic that all trunk lines have to contend with during evening hours, all personnel are requested to make their calls prior to Retreat in future, to help ease the present busy period.
9. P.T. Class. - Morning P.T. Class will cease from 10 Feb. to 30 Feb.
10. Kit Inspection. - Coy Comdrs are reminded that weekly Kit Inspection is an inspection of each man's Kit and the report submitted is to be a full report of all losses in the Coy.- not only the losses since the last report.

NOTICES.

Farewell Functions.- City of Richmond is arranging send off for personnel from that city on Saturday 24 Feb.
All concerned are asked to fill in forms available at Bn.

Orderly Room, and return same to Bn. H.Q. by 0900 hrs.

Sat. 17 Feb. 40.

Lost. - A Wristlet "Omega" watch, illuminated dial with leather wrist band - square shaped.

A handsome reward is offered.

Finder please forward same to Bn. Orderly Room.

Farewell Function - Prahran - This send off has now been postponed until pre-embarkation leave period.

Found. Two Wristlet watches.

Two Money Belts.

Brush and Comb in leather case, zip fastener type.

Scout Belt.

Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

H. K. D. [unclear]

Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

2/8 Bw. 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

2/8 Bw. A.I.F. Unit.

Date of Despatch 18 Feb. 40
D.3479.

J. Mansfield Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander
17 Inf. Bde 6 Div. A.I.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 BN AIF (Unit) 18 Feb. 1940 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	1	/	
W.Os. Class II.	3		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	34		
Corporals	60		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	664		
TOTALS	765	*	*

* 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.
2 WOs (II)	AIC.		
1 Sgt.	RAA.		

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).
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W.D.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7/6 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	21		
2nd Lieutenants ...	-		
Quartermasters ...	<i>(included in Captains)</i>		
TOTALS ...	35		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	HALL, J.E.M.	6 DN. A.I.F.	31 Jan 40	Promoted from WO 1.
"	RANSOM, N.F.	"	"	"
"	JACOBS, S.C.	"	"	Sgt.
"	GRAHAM, G.H.S.	"	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	WRIGLEY, H.	6 DN. A.I.F.	12 Feb 40	Returned to 7/6 Bn.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL, J.W.	6 DIV. AIF.	YES	
Major	VX 81	CAPES, H.C.			
"	VX 148	KEY, A.S.			
"	VX 49	MCDONALD, H.H.			
Capt	VX 55	COOMBS, C.T.A.			
"	VX 82	MARTIN, J.A.M.			
"	VX 70	OXLEY, H.K.			
"	VX 65	SCRASE, T.J.			
"	VX 138	CHALLEN, H.B.			
"	VX 203	SMITH, J.A.H.			
"	VX 330	CAMPBELL, R.E.			
"	VX 300	UFF, G.T.R.			
"	VX 66	SIMPSON, C.L.		No	Attending Overseas Course.
"	VX 149	LARKINS, N.S.		YES	
Lieut	VX 139	COUTTS, R.			
"	VX 213	ROBERTSON, W.J.			
"	VX 64	HOWARD, W.S.			
"	VX 206	WILMOTH, R.			
"	VX 204	MISKELL, H.J.M.L.			
"	VX 204	AUSTIN, H.M.P.			
"	VX 282	BURROWES, J.F.			
"	VX 6596	DITKEY, S.U.			
"	VX 1680	TURNER, H.F.			
"	VX 233	PHILAN, G.I.			
"	VX 307	VAN CITTERS, S.			
"	VX 6275	YEATES, L.A.			
"	VX 342	BRYANT, A.A.			
"	VX 347	McCORMICK, I.G.			
"	VX 4360	JONES, R.H.			
"	VX 3359	FLEMING, A.P.			
"	VX 6509	STRONG, J.H.			
"	VX 7030	HALL, J.E.M.			
"	VX 7619	RANSOM, N.F.			
"	VX 6131	JACOBS, S.G.			
"	VX 9212	GRAHAM, G.H.S.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	SX 1462	HEARD, K.H.	6 DIV. AIF.	8 Dec 39	Medical Officer
"	VX 288	QUINN, J.A.		15 "	Chaplain

2/8 Bn. AIF.
(Unit.)
18 Feb. '40
(Date of Despatch.)

2/8 Bn. AIF. Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
17 Inf. Bde. 6 Div. AIF.
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2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 61.

Puckapunyal,
19 Feb. 40.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
19 Feb. 40.	2/5 Bn.	Capt. C.H. Smith 2/5 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Fd. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/5 Bn.	Capt. W.V. Miller 2/7 Bn.	do.

	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
19 Feb. 40.	Lieut. Yeates.	Sgt. A.J. Downs.
n.f.d.	" McCormick	" Spencer.

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The following court will assemble at 0930 hrs 19 Feb. 40
to report upon accident to Pte. W.B. French VX 6465 on Sunday
18 Feb.

President - Major Key. VX 148
1st. Member - Capt. Larkins VX 149
2nd. Member - Lieut. Robertson VX 213

3. SICK PARADE.

- (a) Sick Parades are Coy's responsibility.
- (b) Coy. Orderly N.C.O. will form up Coy Sick Parade at 0700 hrs
and march same to R.A.P. where he will wait until R.M.O. is
ready to take his particular Coy. He will then present Coy
Sick Reports and wait until finish of his Coy and return Coy
Parade to Coy lines, dismiss them and hand to Coy office Sick
Reports.

4. Dress for Orderly Room. - All escorts and prisoners and witnesses
to be in full battle dress.

NOTICES.

LOST. One gold-plated "Ralce" wristlet watch lost in shower house
on Sunday 10 Feb.

Finder please forward same to Bn. Orderly Room.

Found. Money Belts - two. Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W.D.

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2/8 Bn.

Puckapunyal.
20 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 64.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
20 Feb.40.	2/5 Bn.	Capt. W.V. Miller 2/7 Bn.	To be arranged by 5/2 Fd. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/5 Bn.	Capt. C. Cocmbes 2/8 Bn.	do.
		<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
20 Feb.40.	Lieut. McCormick		Sgt. Spencer
n.f.d.	" Strong.		" M.J. Dwyer.

2. KIT INSPECTION.

In future every Monday morning will be a Bn. Kit inspection as under -

- (a) By 0815 hrs. each man will have his Kit laid out as per standard layout which will be shown all Coys, and will stand by on left of his "patch".
- (b) The Commanding Officer may visit any Coy to inspect that Coys Kit at 0815.
- (c) At 0815 Pl. Comdrs under Coy 2 i/c's supervision will inspect his pls. Kit and submit a report to Coy 2 i/c. at 0845 re deficiencies.
- (d) After inspection by Pl. Comdr. each pl. will roll up Kit and fall in on Coy. Pde. ground.
- (e) Bn. Parade will be amended on Monday as follows :
 - Markers to R.S.M. - 0850
 - Bn. Pde. - 0855
- (f) Consolidated lists of Coy losses to reach Bn. H.Q. by 1000 hrs. each Monday.

3. Spectacles.

Every man wearing spectacles is to obtain his prescription from the Optician supplying same and insert it in his paybook.

4. M.T. Headlights.

Attention is directed to the showing of headlights on M.T. A number of incidents have occurred where headlights have not been dipped to approaching vehicles.

This matter is to receive immediate attention.

Notices.

Civic Functions.

The Shire Secretary, Fern Tree Gully requests all men enlisted from that Shire to advise him direct of their names and addresses with Unit No.

J. E. Hall

Lieut.

for Capt.
Adj. 2/3 Bn.

W.A.

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Puckapunyal, -
22 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 63

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
22 Feb. 40.	2/5 Bn.	Major G.E. Sell, 2/5 Bn.	To be arranged by 2/2 Fd. Amb.
n.f.d.	2/5 Bn.	Capt. F.A. Soward, 2/6 Bn.	do.
		<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
22 Feb. 40	Lieut. Wilmoth.		Sgt. Hunnam
n.f.d.	" Robertson		" Cross.

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The following court assembled at 0930 hrs. 19 Feb. 40 to report upon the accident to VX 6465 Pts. W.B. French and VX 6128 pte. E.J. Foley.

- President - Major Key VX 148
- 1st. Member - Capt. Oxley. VX 80
- 2nd. Member - Capt. Larkins. VX 149
- 3rd. Member - Lieut. Robertson. VX 243

This order cancels previous order (B.R.O. No. 61 para. 2, 19 Feb. 40).

3. VACANCIES IN H.Q. COY. - for the following personnel who require specialist qualifications and will receive specialist pay when approved.

- 1 Bricklayer - 1 Stonemason.
- 1 Blacksmith 3 Signallers.

4. BN. PARADE.

There will be a Bn. parade on Monday 26 Feb. for Commanding Officer's inspection.

Dress. - Fighting Order.

Time. - Markers 0840

Parade 0845

Formation. - Mass.

Transport. - All transport, H.T. and M.T. will parade with H.Q. Coy. Vehicles, harness and equipment to be in inspection order.

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Weapons. - As transport is not available for mortars, M.M.G's etc. these will not be brought on parade.

L.M.G's will be carried.

5. MESS HUTS. - In future each Coy. will detail one sec. on the early morning fatigue parade (0630 - 0700) to report to orderly officer at 0630 on Regtl. Square - for mess hut duties.

Under the O.O's supervision these secs. will scrub out mess huts, tables, walls and seats and clean around and under huts.

Also the duty Coy. will detail one platoon to report to Ord. Officer at 0630 on Regtl Square for cleaning Bn. lines (i.e. Officer's lines - Regtl Square - regtl. H.Q's and Q.M's huts (outsides) - canteen etc.)

Orderly officer to report if any of above fatigues are late

6. LOSSES. - In future the following procedure will take effect with regard to losses.

- (a) When the monthly court has sat and passed its recommendations, Coys will be notified as to whether the men concerned have to pay for article or whether it has been recommended that article be written off at public expense.
- (b) In the former case local form 2/8 Bn. No. 1 will be used and man reissued with article after his paybook has been debited.
- (c) In the second case the man will be reissued with a new article pending approval of higher authority re writing off.
- (d) In either case therefore the man will be reissued and will not appear on further reports of deficiencies.

7. SICK PARADE. - Coy. orderly N.C.O's are responsible that all men whose names appear on Sick Reports do appear on Sick parade.

8. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE - EMBARKATION LEAVE.

To facilitate pay personnel's work Coys will submit lists to Pay Office immediately after embarkation leave - nos. to be in numerical sequence and days absent from camp to be shown opposite man's name,

9. COY. OFFICES. - B.R.O. No.10. orders that Coy offices will be open until 2130 hrs. daily. In several instances of late it has been noted that offices are closed about 1700 hrs. This contravention to orders to cease forthwith.

10. KIT INSPECTION. - Due to country leave it is necessary to change day of Kit Inspection.

Amend B.R.O. 62 of 20 Feb. 40 as follows :-

For "In future every Monday morning" read

"In future every Friday morning".

NOTICES

LOST. One Chronium plated wristlet watch in ablution shed on 19 Feb. 40.
Finder please forward to Bn. Orderly Room.

J. H. Hall

Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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23 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O., - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. 64

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Ed Officer</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
23 Feb. 40	2/5 Bn.	Capt. F.A. Soward	Capt. R. Godby
n.f.d.	2/5 Bn.	Capt. G.A. Crawford 2/6 Bn. 2/7 Bn.	Capt. H. Johnston.

	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
23 Feb. 40	Lt. Robertson	Sgt. Rogers.
24 Feb. 40	Lt. Diffey	Sgt. Watt.

2. CHURCH PARADE. Unit Church Parade - 25 Feb. 40.

Markers to R.S.M. - 0955

Bn. Parade - 1000

Padre 2/5 Bn will officiate. Coys sized before going
on Bn. Parade. F.O., will provide truck for Padre.

Place of service - Rear of H.Q. Coy lines.

Attention is drawn to Church Parade States.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS. Copies of photographs recently published in the "Argus"
may be obtained in sizes 8" X 10" or 12" X 6" at a cost of 2/-.
Payment will be made in advance. Unit Postman will take
orders. A proportion of amount received will go to Unit Funds.

NOTICE.

Times of other Church Services.

1. C. of E. in C. of E. Hut. Holy Communion - 0645
" " " " - 1115
Evening Service - 2000

2. R.C. at R.C. Welfare Hut. Mass & Holy Communion
- 0645
Mass & General Parade - 0900

3. Jewish Service. R.S.L. Hut. - 1000.

J. H. Hall
Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	21		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(Included in Captains)		
TOTALS ...	35		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. COL.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.W.	62nd A.I.F.	YES	
MAJOR	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	"	
"	VX 148	KEY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	MCDONALD H.H.	"	"	
CAPT	VX 55	COOMBE C.T.A.	"	"	
"	VX 52	MARTIN T.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 50	CALLEY H.K.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCARLE T.J.	"	"	
"	VX 135	CHALLEN H.P.	"	"	
"	VX 203	SMITH T.A.H.	"	"	
"	VX 230	CAMPBELL R.F.	"	"	
"	VX 300	WEE G.T.A.	"	"	
"	VX 16	SIMPSON C.L.	"	NO	Attending Officers Course
"	VX 149	LARKINS H.S.	"	YES	
LIEUT	VX 139	COUTTE R.	"	"	
"	VX 212	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	"	
"	VX 64	HOWARD W.S.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH R.R.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MARSHALL H.J.M.	"	"	
"	VX 200	AUSTIN H.W.A.	"	"	
"	VX 282	BURROUGHS T.F.	"	"	
"	VX 1596	DIFFEY S.C.	"	"	
"	VX 1600	TURNER H.F.	"	"	
"	VX 522	PHILAN C.L.	"	"	
"	VX 507	VAN SITTERS J.	"	"	
"	VX 6275	YEATES L.A.	"	"	
"	VX 342	BRYANT A.A.	"	"	
"	VX 307	MCCORMICK I.G.	"	"	
"	VX 4260	JONES R.H.	"	"	
"	VX 3259	FLEMING H.P.	"	"	
"	VX 1577	STRONG T.H.	"	"	
"	VX 7030	HALL J.F.M.	"	"	
"	VX 7119	RANSOM W.F.	"	"	
"	VX 1311	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX 9212	GRAHAM S.H.S.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	SX 1462	HEARD K.H.	62nd A.I.F.	15 Dec 40	Medical Officer
"	VX 258	QUINN T.A.	"	"	CHAPLAIN

2/8 Bn A.I.F.
(Unit.)
25 Feb. 40
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] LT. COL.
(Signature of Commander.)
1st Inv. Bde 62nd A.I.F.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

2/8 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers	/															
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. Unit.

J. Mitchell
Signature of Commander.
Lt. Col. C.O. 2/8 Bn.
17 Inf. Bde. 6 Div A.I.F.

Date of Despatch 25 FEB. 40.
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Ede., Dien., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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26 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn.
No. 65.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
26 Feb. 40	2/7 Bn.	Capt. C.B. Swyer	Capt. Dérney
n.f.d.	2/7 Bn	Capt. G.P. Swinbourne	Capt. S. Weir

Orderly Officer

Orderly Sgt.

26 Feb. 40	Lt. Howard	Sgt. Holder
n.f.d.	Lt. Burrowes	Sgt. Trethowan.

2. X Ray Examination.

1. Personnel not X Rayed will NOT be permitted to leave for overseas.
2. 27 Feb. is likely to be the last opportunity for X Ray.

NOTICES.

Corio BY-ELECTION.

Any Elector of this division who will not be on leave and able to vote at a Booth on " Mar., should make application on the prescribed form to Divisional Returning Officer at Geelong for Postal Ballot paper. A supply of application forms and Map of Corio are held at Bde. H.Q.

J. W. Mitchell
Lieut.

A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W.D.

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27 Feb. 40.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 66.

DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
27 Feb. 40.	2/7 Bn.	Capt. G.P. Swinbourne. 2/6 Bn.	Capt. McKenzie
n.f.d.	2/7 Bn.	Capt. G.A. Crawford 2/7 Bn.	Capt. W.D. Refshaug.
		<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
27 Feb. 40.		Lieut. J.F. Burrowes.	Sgt. J. Trethowan.
n.f.d.	"	W.S. Howard.	" H.V. Anderson.

2. REGIMENTAL MOTTO.

The honour has been granted to the battalion to use the motto of the original 8th. Bn. A.I.F. which is -

NULLI SECUNDIS

meaning-

SECOND TO NONE.

3. PAY.

- (a) Pay Day. - Thursday 29 Feb. Coys to draw from pay office at 1400 hrs.
- (b) Coys are to collect all paybooks in Coy, prepare a nominal roll (in triplicate) in numerical sequence of army nos, and hand bundle of pay books with Coy nominal roll to pay office by 1600 hrs Friday 1 Mar. 40.
- (c) Nominal roll to be on following pro forma -

.....Coy

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of paybook</u>

NOTICES.

Legal Advice. Four solicitors will attend this camp on Thursday 29 Feb. and will be available for free legal advice at Presbyterian Hut from 1230 to 1345 hrs. and after 1630 hrs. on that day.

Kew Boy Scouts. - Any past member of the 1st. Kew Group, Boy Scouts Assn. is asked to write to the Scoutmaster, Mr. D.A. Evans of 1 Irymple Ave., East Kew, E.5.

R.S.S.I.L.A. Lounge & Buffet. - The Anzac Lounge and Buffet has been

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established to provide a Rest Room for serving soldiers and as a Rendezvous where relatives may meet them. Tea or coffee and biscuits is to be provided free to serve men and the Lounge will be well stocked with reading material.

LOST.- One silver "Rolex" wristlet watch in ablution Shed about 1730 hrs on 26 Feb. 40.

One wristlet watch with 3744 stamped on back - left in ablution sheds at 1700 hrs. 22 Feb. 40.

One Black Leather Wallet containing £4 in notes and addresses of relatives in Scotland. Lost between Seymour Rly. Stn. and Puckapunyal on 19 Feb. 40.

One Chronium plated watch (wristlet) left in ablution shed at 1345 hrs on 19 Feb. 40.

One "Omega" wristlet watch illuminated dial - Handsome reward.

One "Ralce" wristlet watch - gold, hexagon shaped and lost on 10 Feb. in shower shed.

One Chronium wristlet watch with chronium band attached lost in ablution shed at 1530 today, 27 Feb.

Personnel from -

Collingwood

Clifton Hill

Abbotsford

to send names and addresses to Capt. N.L. Goble

2/5 Bn. by 1600 hrs. Thursday 29 Feb. 40.

The Ballarat Regatta and Patriotic Carnival Committee would be pleased to welcome to their Regatta on Saturday next 2 Mar. 40, any of the Ballarat men in the Bn. free of charge - and assure them of a very cordial welcome.

4. LECTURES. The following lectures will be given in lecture hut at Bde. H.Q.

Thurs. 29 Feb. - Withdrawal - Bde. Major.

Thurs. 7 Mar. - Movement of Mechanized Force -

Lt. Col. J.A. Chapman, Aus. Staff Corps.

N.K. Underley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 67.

Puckapunyal,
28 Feb. 40.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
28 Feb. 40.	2/7 Bn.	Capt. W.V. Miller. 2/7 Bn.	Capt. W.D. Refshauge.
n.f.d.	2/7 Bn.	Major A.S. Key. 2/8 Bn.	Capt. R. Smibert.
		<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>
26 Feb. 40.	Lieut. G. Graham		Sgt. H.V. Anderson.
n.f.d.	" J.E.M. Hall		" Ball.

2. INSTRUCTORS - RECRUIT WING.

Instructors on Recruit Wing are not to be detailed for any Coy.
or Bn. duties during the Recruits' Course.

3. M.T. LINES.

- Personnel are on no account to move through M.T. lines.
- Smoking within 20 yards of vehicles is also prohibited.

NOTICES.

Lost. One K.W.D. jacket which was left hanging on "D" Coy mess hut.
It contained money and a fountain pen.
Finder please forward to Bn. Orderly Room at once.

Civic Functions.

All personnel enlisted from Brunswick area are requested to send
their names and private addresses to Town Clerk, City of Brunswick.

All personnel enlisted from Warrnambool area are requested
to send their names and private addresses to Town Clerk, Town Hall,
Warrnambool.

A. H. C. O'Neil Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W. D.

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29 Feb. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 68.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Bn.</u>	<u>Fd. Officer.</u>	<u>Duty M.O.</u>
29 Feb. 40.	2/7 Bn.	Major A.S. Key. 2/8 Bn.	Capt. W.D. Refshauge
n.f.d.	2/7 Bn.	Capt. C.H. Smith 2/5 Bn.	Capt. Johnston.

Orderly Officer

Orderly Sgt.

29 Feb. 40.	Lieut. J.E.M. Hall	Sgt. Cross
n.f.d.	" Bryant.	" Coulston

2. AUDIT BOARD.

The following board will assemble on the first of each month (except where the 1st. falls during a weekend - then assemble on the next Monday) :-

- Major Key
- Lieut. Wilmoth.
- Lieut. Maskell.

and will audit the following accounts.-

- Regimental Funds.
- Officers' Mess.
- Sgt's. Mess.

Officers concerned will balance books and have all accounts prepared by the 1st. of each month.

3. CRICKET BATS.

It has been noticed that cricket bats supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund have been used without first being properly oiled and prepared, the result being that bats have been wahtonly destroyed. This must cease forthwith.

4. M.T. Instructions. 1. Attention of drivers is again directed to speeds which they are to adhere to -

	Empty	Loaded	2/8 th Bn. Convoy
30 cwt	30 m.p.h.	25 m.p.h.	25 m.p.h.
Utility	35 m.p.h.	35 m.p.h.	25 m.p.h.

2. Drivers are responsible for their vehicles and are not to let another person drive their vehicle.

Officers and N.C.Os are requested to note this order and adhere to it.

3. Similarly drivers are not to let their vehicles be overloaded. When a driver considers his load is sufficient (due to either weight or safety) he will not take further stores on.

4. When trucks are required from Tpt Sec., the request must on all occasions be accompanied by a requisition for tpt. - G 1.

AH Entry Capt.

Adj. 2nd Bn.

WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 MAR. 40 To 31 MAR. 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Puckapunyal-VICTORIAN	19 MAR. 40			
"	20		VICTORIAN Personnel leave on preembarkation leave.	
"	21			
"	22			
"	23		1 OR DISCHARGED	
"	24			
"	25			
"	26		1 OR DISCHARGED	
"	27		1 OR RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL 1 " DISCHARGED VICTORIAN PERSONNEL return from preembarkation leave 3 OR'S DISCHARGED	
"	28			
"	29			
"	30		21 OR'S MARCHED INTO PUCKAPUNYAL (Ex W. Town). 1 " EVACUATED TO BROAD MEADOWS 3 " TRANSFERRED PROVOST CORPS DISCHARGED.	
"	31			

M. O'Leary Capt
Adj. 2/8 Bn. A. I. F.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 2/8 Bn A.I.F

Date and Time.—From 1 Apr 40 To 8 Apr 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Pocahontas Victoria</i>	1 April 40		1 O.R. DISCHARGED 1 " EVACUATED TO BROADMEADOWS.	
"	2 "		5 O.R.S. DISCHARGED 1 " EVACUATED TO MONT PARK.	
"	3		1 O.R. DISCHARGED	
"	4		5 O.R.S. DISCHARGED 1 " EVACUATED TO BROADMEADOWS 1 " RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL 1 " TRANSFERRED FROM SIG. HQS CORPS	
"	5		1 O.R. DISCHARGED	
"	6		1 O.R. TRANSFERRED TO 2/2 MID FMB. 1 " MAINTAINED IN FROM CANTONMENT.	
"	7		1 O.R. EVACUATED TO BROADMEADOWS	
"	8		1 O.R. RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL.	

H. D. O'Leary Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

WAR DIARY of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/8 Bn A.I.F

Date and Time.—From 9 Apr 40 To 30 Apr 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Puckapunyal - Vic.	9 Apr 40		50 OR's MARCHED IN	
	10 "		32 OR MARCHED IN 2 " DISCHARGED 30 " To X LIST 30R STRUCK OFF X LIST PREFIX 2 nd DROPPED. WE ARE NOW A.I.F	
	11 " "		10 R. MARCHED IN 4 " DISCHARGED 24 OR MARCHED OUT TO WITOWN 33 - TRANSFERRED TO " "	
	12 " "		Review by G.O.C. K.O. Left Camp To TAKE OVER V5	
	13 "		ALL STORES PACKED + READY FOR EMBARCATION	
Pucka + At sea	14 "		Left Pucka Embarked on H.M.T. Ys DUNBAR. DELEY ships in convoy SYDNEY "EBBYCK" "NEURALIA" ESCORT "RAMILLIES" "ADELAIDE" 40 R. Coy of NEURALIA SAWL.	
AT SEA	15 "		PASSED THROUGH HEADS. 2 CASES V.D.	
"	16 "		SEA SICKNESS ABOARD.	
"	17 "		SHIP TRAVELLING AT NIGHT WITH ALL LIGHTS BLACKED OUT & PER SEUTLES CLOSED	
"	18 "		SEA SICKNESS ABATED AND LIGHT TRAINING COMMENCED	
"	19 "		LEAVE TO BE GRANTED AT PERTH	
"	20 "		PASSED CAPE LEEUWIN. ESCORT INCREASED BY HMAS SYDNEY	
"	21	1030	ARRIVED FREMANTLE. LEAVE TILL MIDNIGHT	
"	22		LEFT FREMANTLE 1500. "ADELAIDE" LEFT CONVOY. JOINED BY "NIRVASA" WITH 11 BN	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit

2/8 Bn.

Date and Time.—From

1 Jun 40 To

15 June 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Kilo 89</i>	<i>1 Jun 40</i>		<i>5 OR. to detention at Jerusalem. 30 RS to A.G.H. Gaza. Palestine summer time observed. 20 RS from A.G.H. Gaza.</i>	
	<i>2 "</i>		<i>1 offr to attend course. 10 OR returned from 6 Aus Div. 30 RS returned from A.G.H. Gaza.</i>	
	<i>3 "</i>		<i>2 ORS to A.G.H. Gaza. visit of G.O.C. British Forces in Palestine. 2 ORS return from A.G.H. Gaza.</i>	
	<i>4 "</i>		<i>1 OR returned from A.G.H. Gaza. 2 ORS to A.G.H. Gaza. 4 ORS to CRS, Kilo 89.</i>	
	<i>5 "</i>		<i>Black out observed hence forth from 2000 hrs. 2 ORS to A.G.H. Gaza. 2 ORS to C.R.S. Kilo 89. 1 OR transferred to 2/1 A.G.H.</i>	
	<i>6 "</i>		<i>1 OR to detention at Jerusalem. Test procedure of new messing arrangements tried. 30 RS to A.G.H. Gaza. 1 OR from A.G.H. Moascar. 2 ORS returned from A.G.H. Gaza. 1 OR returned from A.G.H. Jerusalem.</i>	
	<i>7 "</i>		<i>2 offrs. returned from courses. 24 ORS returned from Sarafand courses. 2 ORS transferred to Canteen Services. 2 ORS returned from A.G.H. Gaza. 3 ORS to C.R.S. Kilo 89.</i>	
	<i>8 "</i>		<i>4 OR. to A.G.H. Gaza. 2 ORS from C.R.S. Kilo 89. 1 OR from Hosp. 1 MGR returned from P.R.T.D. Sarafand. 1 OFY from 7th Mortar Course.</i>	
	<i>9 "</i>		<i>3 R returned from Hosp. 1 OR. to C.R.S. Kilo 89. 14 ORS. to Sarafand courses. 1 OFY to 6 Cad R School</i>	
	<i>10 "</i>		<i>montan Instruction to offrs, wost sps by Lieut Hall. commenced. 1 OR. returned from Hosp. 1 OR. to A.G.H. Gaza. 1 OR to CRS Kilo 89.</i>	
	<i>11 "</i>		<i>4 ORS returned from Hosp. 2 ORS to A.G.H. Gaza. 1 OR. to M.E.W. T course. 6 ORS. to detention Jerusalem.</i>	
	<i>12 "</i>		<i>Pistols to be carried by all offrs and ORS armed with same. Black out hours changed to 1945 hrs to 0530 hrs. 3 ORS returned from Hosp.</i>	
	<i>13 "</i>		<i>6 ORS returned from Hosp. 4 ORS to A.G.H. Gaza. 1 OR to C.R.S. Kilo 89.</i>	
	<i>14 "</i>		<i>2 ORS returned from hosp. Amendments to Time Table Tattoo 2215 hrs. No smoking in lines after sunset. Lights out 2230. No further individual leave. No celebrations for King's Birthday.</i>	

2nd. ECHELON
27 JUL 1940
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit

Date and Time.—From 15 June 40 To 28 June 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kilo sq	15 Jun 40		New contractor undertakes cheaper laundry. 6 O.R.s to No. 1 A.G.H. 1 O.R. from No. 1 A.G.H.	
"	16		1 O.R. to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 4 returned from A.G.H. 1 O.R. to course at Qastina. 1 O.R. to course at Sarafand. 1 O.Fr to A.G.H.	
"	17		Hot water showers commenced. 2 to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 4 O.R.s attached 19th Inf Bde. 1 O.R. returned from A.G.H. 3 O.R.s returned from 19th Inf. Bde.	
Jaffa Rifle Range	18		Bn. proceeded to Jaffa Rifle Range. 1 O.R. to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.R. to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s to M.E.T.S. course. 1 O.R. returned from C.R.S. 1 O.R. returned from A.G.H. 2 O.R.s returned from detention, Jerus.	2 O.Fr to M.E.T.S.
"	19		1 O.R. admitted to Sarafand Hosp. 1 O.R. returned from C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.Fr to A.G.H.	
"	20		2 O.R. admitted to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 2 O.R. admitted to No. 1 A.G.H. 1 O.R. returned from C.R.S. 1 O.R. returned from detention, Jerusalem.	
"	21		Bn. returned from rifle range. 2 O.R.s returned from C.R.S. Kilo. 2 O.R.s returned from detention, Jerusalem.	
Kilo sq	22		2 O.R.s returned from A.G.H. 1 O.R. returned from C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.Fr from Long M.E.T.S. Cse. 6 Cadre School 5 O.R.s to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 2 O.R.s to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s returned from W.E.W.T.S. 10 O.R.s returned from P.R.T. D.	
"	23		Swimming leave to Gaza Beach. 4 O.R.s to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.R. to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s from C.R.S. Kilo sq.	
"	24		2 O.R.s attached 19th Inf Bde. 1 O.R.s to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s to C.R.S. 1 O.R. from C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.Fr from A.G.H.	
"	25		1 O.R. to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.R. from C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.R. from A.G.H.	
"	26		Boys commence firing on joy range near Kilo sq. 5 O.R.s transferred to 6 Div Sigs. 2 O.R. to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.Fr from Long M.E.T.S. Cse.	
"	27		1 O.R. to 6 Div Sigs. 1 O.R. to 47 Bn. 1 O.R. from 27 Bn. 1 O.R. to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 3 O.R.s to A.G.H. 2 O.R.s to C.R.S. Kilo sq.	
"	28		15 O.R.s to A.I.A.S.C. 1 O.R. to C.R.S. Kilo sq. 2 O.R.s to A.G.H. 3 O.R.s from C.R.S. Kilo sq. 1 O.R. from A.G.H. 1 O.R. from Sarafand.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Bn. Date and Time.—From 29 Jun 40 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kilo 89	29 Jun 40		Swimming leave.	
"	30 " "			

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66 Aus Div.
2/8 Bn.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
1 June 40.

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A
No. Q 10.

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat.
- | <u>Date.</u> | <u>Orderly Officer</u> | <u>Orderly Sgt.</u> | <u>Duty Coy.</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 June 40. | Lieut. Graham | Sgt. Stenning | "C" Coy. |
| n.f.d. | " Phelan | " Copely | "C" Coy. |
2. CHURCH SERVICES - June 2nd. In addition to those notified in B.R.O. 9
Church. C of E Holy Communion Y.M.C.A. hut 2/11 Bn. lines at 0645.
R.C. Mass - Recreation hut 2/4 Bn. lines 0730 hrs & 0930 hrs.
3. BN. ORDERLY ROOM
The Bn. Orderly Room will in future remain open until 2300 hrs. daily. The Orderly Officer will maintain close touch with Orderly Room and he will always be able to gain contact with C.O. or Adj. at short notice.
4. COY PUNISHMENTS
When Coy Comdrs award C.B. the following action will occur
- (a) The man will perform his punishment under Bn. arrangements
 - (b) He will carry out one extra drill parade at 0630 hrs and one at 1545 hrs under Bn. Provost Sgt.
 - (c) When the charge sheet with punishment awarded reaches Bn. H.Q., R.S.M. will notify Provost Sgt. who is responsible that man performs punishment
 - (d) Coy Orderly duties must ensure, under Coy arrangements, that the defaulter parades at correct time on Guard Mounting area.
5. STATIONERY.
It is desired to inform all ranks that the supply of stationery in Palestine is practically non-existent, and that other units are buying their stationery from Regtl. Funds.
Every effort must be made to conserve paper and both sides used.
- FOUND - One issue pullover - 1 black leather purse. Claim at Bn. Ord. Room.
- LOST - One wristlet watch in ablution place. Finder please forward to Bn. Orderly Room.

H.E. OXLEY Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

HCO

WD

2/8 Bn

Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

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

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

2/8 Bn AIF

Unit.

[Signature]

Signature of Commander.

MAJOR

Date of Despatch 1 JUNE 40

19 INF Bde

6 DIV AIF

D.3419.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/28 AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	<i>INCLUDED IN CAPTAINS</i>		
TOTALS ...			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	VX40	MITCHELL JW	6 DIV A.I.F	No	ATTACHED 19 INF Bde A/ROGR
MAJOR	VX81	CAVES HC	" "	YES	
"	VX148	KEY AS	" "	"	
"	VX49	MCDONALD HA	" "	"	
CAPT	VX55	COOMBS CJA	" "	"	
"	VX82	MARTIN JAM	" "	"	
"	VX320	CAMPBELL RE	" "	"	
"	VX80	OXLEY HK	" "	"	
"	VX65	SCARFE TJ	" "	"	
"	VX138	CHALLEN HB	" "	No	ATTACHED 19 INF Bde A/SC
"	VX203	SMITH JAH	" "	YES	
"	VX300	UFF STR	" "	"	
"	VX66	SIMPSON CL	" "	"	
"	VX149	LARKINS NS	" "	"	
LIEUT	VX139	COURTTS R	" "	"	
"	VX213	ROBERTSON WT	" "	"	
"	VX67	HOWARD WS	" "	"	
"	VX306	WILMOTH ER	" "	No	ATTENDING COURSE
"	VX204	MASKELL HJM	" "	YES	
"	VX244	AUSTIN HMA	" "	"	
"	VX282	BURROWS JF	" "	"	
"	VX6596	DUFFEY SC	" "	"	
"	VX1680	TURNER HF	" "	"	
"	VX533	PHELAN CL	" "	"	
"	VX547	VANCITTARS S	" "	"	
"	VX6375	YEATES LA	" "	"	
"	VX342	BAYANT AD	" "	"	
"	VX347	MCCORMICK IG	" "	"	
"	VX4380	JONES RH	" "	"	
"	VX3859	FLEMING AP	" "	"	
"	VX6599	STRONG JH	" "	"	
"	VX7030	HALL JEM	" "	No	ATTENDING COURSE
"	VX5131	JACOBS SG	" "	YES	
"	VX9212	GRAHAM GHS	" "	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM NF	" "	"	
"	VX324	KNOX WM	" "	No	ATTENDING COURSE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	SX1462	HEARD KH	6 DIV. A.I.F	8 Dec 39	MEDICAL OFFICER
"	WX1561	PEIRCE FM	" "	20 May 40	CHAPLAIN

2/8 Bde A.I.F
(Unit.)
1st JUNE 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

James Boyd for MAJOR
(Signature of Commander.) CO. 2/8 Bde
19 INF Bde 6 DIV A I F
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Br. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	VX 5609	LOWE T.A.	6 DIV. A.I.F.	YES	
"	VX 20309	SHEEDY L.T.	" "	"	
"	VX 6427	FIELD W.K.	" "	"	
"	VX 352	FRENCH N.M.	" "	NO	SECONDED 17 INF BDE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
(Unit.)
1 JUNE 40
(Date of Despatch.)

Major Major
(Signature of Commander.)
19 INF. BDE. 6 DIV. A.I.F.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89.
2 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. Q 11.

1. <u>DUTIES</u>	To mount at Retreat			
	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
	2 June 40	Lieut. Phelan	Sgt. Slecombe	"C" Coy.
	n.f.d.	" McCormick	" Adams	"D" Coy.
		n.f.d. FIELD Officer - Capt. Larkins.		

2. BN. GUARD.

The roving patrol which moves EAST and WEST along the edge of orchard will be cancelled as from Tuesday 4 June 40.

3. DRESS - G.O.C. INSPECTION

Dress for all ranks at G.O.C.'s inspection tomorrow -
Shorts, shirts, stockings, hats down.

4. ADMENDMENT TO PARA 4. (b) R.O. Q 10.

Afternoon parade of defaulters at 1645 - not 1545.

5. MESS TENTS

Stools in Mess tents will be left on top of tables after meals. Mess orderlies to note.

6. PRIVATE PISTOLS.

(a) All officers in possession of Private Pistols will make immediate application in writing to Q.M. for the necessary licences to be granted. Q.M. will consolidate return and forward applications to 6 Aus Div.

(b) Other Ranks will not be in possession of Private Pistols. All such weapons will be withdrawn from C.Q.M.S.'s and returned to Q.M. store. C.Q.M.S.'s will give receipt to individual owners and each pistol will be clearly labelled with the owners name. Ammunition for such pistols will also be withdrawn and will be dealt with similarly.

7. LEAVE - JERUSALEM

It is desired to insert the following extract from the report of Provost Marshal in Jerusalem.

"Duties were carried out in a most efficient and cheerful manner.

Maintenance of Good order and Discipline by all ranks was excellent, and marked the visit of the 2/8 Bn. to Jerusalem."

8. STANDARD TIME

From midnight (G.M.T.) on 31 May ^{to} midnight (G.M.T.) 30 Sept, summer time will be observed in Palestine.

During this period the time in Palestine will be three hours ahead of G.M.T., instead of two hours as at present.

9. SECURITY - (a) The railway bridge over WADI GHAZZA 094096 and GAZA Ry Sta. are both under police guard.

(b) All ranks are warned that the area around the railway bridge is out of bounds.

(c) Failure to observe a challenge from the guard may result in injury.

H.H. [Signature] Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Aus. Div.
2/8 Bn.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
3 Jun 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn, A.I.F.
No. Q 12

<u>1. DUTIES</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To mount at Retreat</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
	3 Jun 40.		Lieut. McCormick.	Sgt. Adams.	Bn. - "D" Coy.
	n.f.d.		" Sheedy	" Elliot	Bde & A.G.H. "A" "
					Ditto.

3 June 40 - FIELD Officer - Capt. Larkins.
3 " " - Duty Medical Officer - Capt. Andrews.

2. OFFICERS MESS.

Lieut. Field will replace Lieut. Maskell on Officers' Mess Committee, in capacity of treasurer.

3. VISIT OF G.O.C.

The G.O.C. of British forces in Trans-Jordan and Palestine is visiting this camp at 1500 hrs today.

4. COURSES

P.R.T.D. - 6th Cadre Course - 2/8 Bn. - Vacancies - 1 Ofr. 8 N.C.Os.

Officer - VX547 Lieut. Van Citters

N.C.Os. - VX6084 Sgt. Adams H.F.
 VX6459 " Williams
 VX5560 L/Sgt. Slocombe
 VX6017 " Ross H.W.
 VX6548 Sgt. Perry M.
 VX7078 C/Sgt. Lancaster R.H.
 VX6209 Sgt. Fishlock G.
 VX6126 Cpl. Reeder A.J.

P.R.T.D. - 8th Other Ranks Course - 2/8 Bn. - Vacancies 4 O.Rs.

VX6050 T/Cpl. Jones A.G.
 VX4802 Cpl. Gluth
 VX5479 " Rumley L.O.
 VX6557 T/Cpl. Wadelton A.G.

Middle East W.T. School - 2/8 Bn. - Vacancies 1 N.C.O.

Details later. VX7194 Sgt. Hunnam F.H.F.

5. LIQUOR

Again attention is drawn to the order that all ranks are forbidden to carry bottled liquor on their person. It is reported that bottled beer is being carried into the picture theatre. It is part of the Picture Theatre Picquet's duties to stop this practice, and the necessary action will be taken against any person disobeying this order.

6. DRESS

It is noticed that some personnel are wearing puggaries of incorrect pattern. The plain hat band is the official dress and must be worn by all ranks. Every man in Bn. must wear shirt & hat. This includes cooks, storemen etc. Hat of course need not be worn except in open

LOST, Padre Pierce has lost a Wallet with initials F.M.P. on outside. Anyone finding same return to Bn. Orderly Room please.

7. ARMS - When not in use in the field, arms will always be piled, and guard mounted.

A.H. Orley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

6 Aus. Div.

2/8 Bn.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
4 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 13.

1. DUTIES

Date.	To mount at Retreat. Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Duty Coys.
4 June 40.	Lieut. Sheedy	Sgt. Elliott	Bn. "D" Coy.
n.f.d.	" Jones	" Stanning	Bde. & A.G.H. "A" Coy. ditto

2. WELFARE OFFICERS - All Salvation Army Members and Y.M.C.A. representatives will attend a conference to be held at H.Q. 6 Aus Div at 1000 hrs. on 7 June 40. Senior Chaplains of all denominations will also attend.

3. PAYBOOKS - Paybooks issued to all personnel of 2nd Convoy and not yet reconciled by Pay Office will be forwarded to 6 Aus Div Fd Cash Office immediately after completion of Pay Period ending 6 Jun 40. These books are required for special audit and will be returned within three days.

4. REQUISITIONS FOR CASH - Cash requisitions will reach 6 Aus Div Fd Cash Office on the Monday preceeding the end of each fortnightly pay period. Unnecessary delay in the issue of pay will result if units fail to comply with this order.

5. PAY FOR INTERPRETERS AND NATIVE LABOURERS. - Interpreters and Native Labourers will be paid only on Mondays at the times and places stated below. Under no circumstances will payments be made other than by the Div Paymaster or by a representative directly deputed by him:-
Camp - KILO 89 Place 2/11 Bn. Time 1530 hrs.

6. COY LINES - Orderly Officers continuously report the unsatisfactory condition of Coy lines. It is necessary to call back duties to correct the tidiness of lines.

Main faults:

- (a) Ground not clean
- (b) Tent boards not lined up.
- (c) Kit stacks not neat and not dressed up.
- (d) Men's personal articles left about tent.
- (e) Tent sides not neatly rolled

Coy should realize it is a disgrace for an orderly officer to have to get men back from a coy to clean their lines.

Coy 2 i/c's are to make this their personal inspection and will be held responsible for any further uncleanliness or untidiness of lines.

It is realised that many N.C.Os are not carrying their responsibilities. It is suggested that this deficiency could be overcome by more supervision by Coy officers prior to bro

7. STICK ORDERLIES - In future stick orderlies (best dressed man in guard) will be dismissed from all further duty on completion of guard mounting.

8. ARMS - Arms will on all occasions be piled and not grounded and a guard left to guard piles.

9. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS - There is an acute shortage of Returnable Containers, especially stools. The practice of using these containers for any camp purpose will cease. Containers will be returned early.

- 10. EASE SPRINGS - It is noticed throughout the Bn. that men are only working the bolt backwards and forwards two or three times on the command "Ease Springs". In view of the fact that live ammunition is being handled constantly, it must be insisted that the bolt be worked backwards and forwards at least 10 times.
- 11. REGTL. FANCY GOODS SHOP - All personnel who have money owing from, or who owe money to Mr. Goldberg, the proprietor of the Kangaroo Store are to hand particulars to Coys H.Q. Coys will hand consolidated list into Bn. H.Q. by 1200 hrs. on 5/6/40.
- 12. DRESS OF GUARDS - All guards and sentries in Kilo 89 Camp will adopt the following order of dress.

From Reveille to Retreat - Shorts and shirts.
 From Retreat to Reveille - F.S. Dress.

NOTICES.

PICTURE SHOW KILO 89. - Unless otherwise advised, future performances will be from 1815 hrs. to 2000 hrs.

LOST. One chromium wristlet watch, Camera "Zeiss Ikon" from Salvation Army hut, 1 Water bottle, One wristlet watch in wash house.
 Finders please forward to Bn. Orderly Room.

FOUND. Black leather purse.
 Owner claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

Capt.
 401. 3. 40 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No 14.

Ryrie Lines
Kilo 89,
5 June 40.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat.
Date Orderly Officer

Orderly Sgt.

Duty Coy.

5 June 40 Lieut. Austin.

Sgt. Pinniger.

Bn. "D" Coy.

n.f.d. " Lowe.

" Watt.

Bde. & A.G.H.
"A" Coy.

2. DRESS. Personnel attending Picture Theatre Kilo 89 and Gaza Ridge Camps will be properly dressed in Shorts and Shirts or Field Service Dress, ~~head-dress optional~~. Personnel not properly dressed will be refused admittance by the standing picquet.

3. INSTRUCTORS. Bren Gun Instructors are not to be used for other duties.

4. GAZA RIDGE SECURITY GUARD. - The special security instructions for Gaza Ridge Camp issued with Bde. R.O.6. are amended as follows :-
Para 4 Add (a) No 3 Patrol. 1 N.C.O., 2 O.R'S. Route :- Dividing fence between Kilo 89 Camp and Gaza Ridge Camp.
(b) Reserve personnel for reliefs, 1 N.C.O., 9 O.R'S.
Para. 2. Delete detail of personnel and substitute :- Officers 3., N.C.O'S. 19, O.R'S. 81 Total 103.

5. PICTURE THEATRE. - Pictures will commence at 2000 hrs local time and finish at 2145hrs local time nightly commencing 5 June 40.

6. CHURCH PARADE. All personnel in Guard Tent under detention are to go on Church Parade each Sunday, under Escort.

7. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE. The following Officers will assemble at 0900hrs 5 June 40 to take a summary of evidence on
VX4979 Pte Tucker L.G.
VX13308 " McPherson.H.
Capt. Larkins and Lieut. McCormick.

8. RUGBY. It is intended to commence Rugby competitions in the Bn. If sufficient interest is shown inter Coy. rugby can be held. In addition outside matches will be arranged. All interested whether you can play or not turn up at a meeting in Recreation Hut at 1700hrs on Thursday next. If you can't play don't let it worry you we will soon teach you. Turn up there will probably be some interesting trips in this. All gear supplied free.

9. BLACK OUT AT 2000hrs. Units are to ensure that all lights are extinguished at this time. Where it is necessary for lights to be used ie, Coy offices etc, all care must be taken to ensure that no light is visible from outside.

10. WEB CANTEEN HOURS. 1830 - 2030 hrs.

Adj. 2/8 Bn. Capt.

B. 108

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

6 Ass. Div.
2/8 Bn.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
6 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Major H.C. Gapes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 9, 15

- 11 DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
- | Date | Ord. Officer. | Ord. Sgt. | Duty Coys. |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|---|
| June 40. | Lieut. Lowe | Sgt. Watt. | Bn. "L" Coy.
Bde & A.G.H. "A" Coy.
ditto. |
| n. f. d. | Burrowes | Elliot. | |
| 7 Jun. | FIELD Off. - Capt. T.J. Scrase. | | Duty P.V.O. - Capt. Andrews. |
- 24 Fire Alarm.

Previous orders cancelled.

The fire alarm will be a Kerosene tin hung upside down, and situated between the Regtl. office and C. office. A hammer will be attached.

Action - On anyone discovering a fire he will immediately double to fire alarm, and beat tin hard for some 2 minutes. During this time the cry, "Fire" will be shouted. This shout will be repeated through the lines by all personnel.

All Coys will fall in on their coy parade ground and await orders from their officers or C.S.M. A Coy officer or C.S.M. may use his Coy. on his own initiative to combat fire.

As soon as available kerosene tins or buckets will be issued to coys to hold water.

3. EVENING MEN'S MESS - For the evening meal of C & D Coys, at No. 3 kitchen, the following test procedure will be adopted.
- (a) No mess orderlies report.
 - (b) Each Coy is marched from its Coy Pde ground by C.S.M. to the Coy kitchen (in this case No. 3 kitchen). C Coy will approach from SOUTH and D Coy from NORTH. Each man will file past through the kitchen (C.S.M. will arrange guides for first meal) with his complete eating utensil gear and the cooks will issue -

- Meat course
- Sweet course
- Pannikin of tea.

The men will be counted off into messes of 36 by C.S.M. who waits at far end of kitchen, each tent to be filled with 36 men, the next man that is the 37th to be diverted to the next mess tent and so on.

- (c) Dry rations will be drawn by C.Q.M.S.'s 1/2 hr. prior to each meal. C.Q.M.S. will use one table in one of his coy mess tents. He is responsible for distributing dry rations to a table according to the strength of that table.

The following appx. scale worked on for a table of 36

- Bread - One 2 lb. loaf to every 8 men per
- Butter - One lb. per mess per meal
- Jam - One 2 lb. tin per mess twice a day.

- 4. MAIL - All deletions by ~~consensus~~ are to be CUT out and not obliterated.

5. APPOINTMENTS - Lieut. Ransom is appointed Assistant Adjutant as from 6 June 40. Lieut. Lowe will replace Lieut. Ransom in C Coy. Each officer will stay on the roll of their present Coy.

6. COMFORTS

It is desired to express appreciation for the following items of comforts which were issued to the Bn. on special request to meet urgent cases.

- 15 Singlets
- 15 Handkerchiefs
- 15 tubes Toothpaste
- 15 Shaving cream
- 15 Soap, toilet
- 15 Packets razor blades.
- 15 Kiwi Polish

7. LEAVE - Alteration in Fares - Appendix 'A' to 6 Aus Div Adm. Inst. No. 32 dated 13 May 40. is cancelled, and appendix 'B' dated 3 June 40 which has been issued to all units, will be substituted. Fares published in Appendix B will operate from and inclusive of 6 June 40.

RETURN RATES.

	<u>Jerusalem</u>	<u>Tel Aviv</u>
Kilo 89	260 miles	155 miles.

8. TIMES IN MESSAGE - (a) As from this date times of origin, despatch and receipt shown in messages sent within 6 Aus Div will be in local time and the letters L.T. will appear after each time shown.

(b) In messages between commands, times of origin etc. will be shown in G.M.T. and these letters will be shown accordingly.

(c) The 24 hour clock will invariably be used.

9. BLACKOUT TIMES - Blackout time will be 2000 hrs. daily until further advised.

10. UNIT ORDERLY ROOM - In view of the blackout instructions, the Orderly Officer will keep in close touch with Orderly Room.

11. SHOWER ROSES - The practice of removing shower roses from the pipes is to cease immediately.

12. ALIMENTATION CANTEN HOURS - Dry - 1200 - 1400.
Wet - 1630 - 1715 and 1830 - 2030.

Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

B. K. Q.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

6 Aus. Div.

2/8 BN.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
7 Jun

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. Q 16

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
- | Date. | Orderly Officer. | Ord. Sgt. | Days. |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 Jun 40. | Lieut. Burrowes. | Sgt. Elliott | Bn. - Coy. |
| n.f.d. | " Jones | " Adams J. | Bde & A.G.H. - "A" Coy - ditto |

2. BLACKOUT - It is repeated that no naked lights be shown in tents. Hurricane lamps coated with blue paint may be used, but will be under control of Orderly duties and guard. Officers tents are main offenders in this.

3. FIRST APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONED RANK - First appointments to Commissioned rank in the A.I.F. are on probation for a period of three months, when in default of any recommendation to the contrary the appointment will be regarded as confirmed. A lieutenant on probation will wear badges of rank of a lieutenant.

4. TRADESMEN - Tradesmen are required by Signals, A.A.S.C., A.A.O.C. to transfer to their units.

For Signals.

For A.A.S.C.

For A.A.O.C.

- Carpenters
- Clerks
- Cooks
- Despatch Riders
- Draughtsmen (Sig)
- Electricians (Sig)
- Fitters (Sig)
- Instrument Mechanics.
- Linemen
- Operators Signals
- Technical Storemen

- Motor Drivers
- Motor Cyclists
- Clerks
- Grocers
- Storemen
- Mechanical Engineers
- Accountants

- Engineers:-
Mechanical & Electrical with Technical Qualifications.
- Artificers:-
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)
Fitters
Fitters Instrumenta.
- Artisans:-
Armourers
Blacksmiths
Carpenters
Coppersmiths
Electricians
Fitters
Fitters M.V.
Instrument mechanics
Panel Beaters
Riveters
Textile Refitters
Turners
Vulcanizers
Welders, Electric
Welders, Acetylene
Wheelers
Wireless Mechanics
Clerks, technical
Technical & M.T. Storemen.

Personnel with above qualifications and not being used in tradesmen's jobs in unit, apply to R.S.M. today 7/6/40 before 1800 hrs.

R.S.M. to submit list by 2100 hrs.

to Adj.

5. RUBBISH - Some Coy fatigues have used the air raid trenches dug, to put the rubbish picked up on morning fatigue, into.

This act is to cease and Coy N.C.O's are to ensure that men take rubbish to incinerator.

6. FIRE ALARM - The following instruction will be added to R.O. No. Q 15, para. 2.

On alarm sounding Cpl. bugler will double to Regtl. H.Q. with his bugle and blow the Fall In. He will remain at H.Q. until he receives an order to blow "Dispersal" from an officer or R.S.M.

On 'Dispersal' Coys will dismiss.

7. GUARD - Bn. guard will mount two posts on wet canteen whilst open. i.e.

1630 - 1715
1830 - 2030

These posts are to stop any personnel removing bottled liquor from Canteen whether tops are on or off.

No extra men are to mount on guard for this duty.

8. ORDERS - Coy Comdrs are to read unit orders to their Coy daily - whilst Coy is on parade - and ensure that every man in coy. understands orders.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Rosary Beads, black leather purse.

Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST. Water bottle, Chronium wristlet watch, Zeiss Ikon camera,

Finders please forward to Bn. Orderly Room.

H.K. Orley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

R. H. D.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

6 Aus Div.

2/8 Bn.

Ryrie Lines, Kilo 89, 8 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - Part I.

by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F. C. 17.

I. DUTIES -

Date.	To mount at Retreat	Orderly Officer.	Ord. Sgt.	Duty Coys.
8 Jun 40.	Lieut. Duffey	Sgt. Adams J.	Bn. - "D" Coy.	Bde. & A.G.H. - "A" C
n.f.d.	" Coutts.	" Ball		ditto

2. CHURCH PARADES

C of E.

Holy Communion at 1100 hrs L.T. for all who wish to attend in the Bn. at Y.M.C.A. hut 2/11 Bn.

Combined Parade

As for Sunday 2/6/40.

Vide B.R.O. Nos. 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 & 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 & 25 & 26 & 27 & 28 & 29 & 30 & 31 & 32 & 33 & 34 & 35 & 36 & 37 & 38 & 39 & 40 & 41 & 42 & 43 & 44 & 45 & 46 & 47 & 48 & 49 & 50 & 51 & 52 & 53 & 54 & 55 & 56 & 57 & 58 & 59 & 60 & 61 & 62 & 63 & 64 & 65 & 66 & 67 & 68 & 69 & 70 & 71 & 72 & 73 & 74 & 75 & 76 & 77 & 78 & 79 & 80 & 81 & 82 & 83 & 84 & 85 & 86 & 87 & 88 & 89 & 90 & 91 & 92 & 93 & 94 & 95 & 96 & 97 & 98 & 99 & 100 & 101 & 102 & 103 & 104 & 105 & 106 & 107 & 108 & 109 & 110 & 111 & 112 & 113 & 114 & 115 & 116 & 117 & 118 & 119 & 120 & 121 & 122 & 123 & 124 & 125 & 126 & 127 & 128 & 129 & 130 & 131 & 132 & 133 & 134 & 135 & 136 & 137 & 138 & 139 & 140 & 141 & 142 & 143 & 144 & 145 & 146 & 147 & 148 & 149 & 150 & 151 & 152 & 153 & 154 & 155 & 156 & 157 & 158 & 159 & 160 & 161 & 162 & 163 & 164 & 165 & 166 & 167 & 168 & 169 & 170 & 171 & 172 & 173 & 174 & 175 & 176 & 177 & 178 & 179 & 180 & 181 & 182 & 183 & 184 & 185 & 186 & 187 & 188 & 189 & 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R.C. Mass Recreation Room 2/8 Bn. 0730 & 0900 hrs.

Pres. Holy Communion 2/4 Bn. 0645 hrs.

3. SPORTS

Rugby will not be able to be played, as all Rugby competitions in Palestine are finished, instead - Hockey will be played. Meeting in Recreation Hut at 1700 hrs L.T. today.

All interested please turn up whether or not you can play. We will soon teach you.

4. TRAFFIC

It has been noticed that parties of men have been marched between the cookhouses.

This practice causes excessive dust to be raised and in future all parties must be moved round the cookhouses.

5. BOARD

The following board will assemble to take a summary of evidence on charge against Pte. Sauer B.C. VX6223 -

Lieut. Robertson
" McCormick

Board to assemble at 0900 hrs. Sunday 8 June 40. Summary to be handed in to B.H. by 1600 hrs.

TATTOO ROLL CALL

Bn. Orderly Officers having received Tattoo Roll Call reports from Coy O.O's., will submit a list by 0900 hrs. next morning to each Coy Comdr. showing absentees at Tattoo.

Coy Comdrs are to charge these absentees with A.W.L.

7. TRANSPORT OFFICE

Smoking is prohibited in this office.

8. PAY FOR MEN IN HOSPITAL

Pay for men who are evacuated to hospital will be made available to them through the Divisional Pay Master and NOT through the Unit Pay Sergeant.

All men are to make sure that their pay books accompany them to hospital when evacuated in order that their pay may be had when the representative of the D.P.M. calls there.

9. FIRE PICQUET

Members of guard off beat in Guard tent will act as fire picquet on duty in case of fire.

2/8 Bn

Unit.

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

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

2/8 Bn A.I.F.
Unit.

Keap
Signature of Commander. C.O. 2/8 Bn
MAJOR

Date of Despatch 8 JUNE
D.3459.

19 INF BDE. 6 DIV. A.I.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/80 A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS ...	40		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line)				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line)				

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).
(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line)			

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	VX 40	Mitchell J W	6 DIV A I F	No	Attached 19th Inf Bde A/Bdr
MAJOR	VX 51	CAPPS H C		YES	
"	VX 143	KEY A S			
"	VX 149	McDonald H H			
Capt	VX 55	Coombes C J A			
"	VX 82	Martin J A M			
"	VX 338	Campbell R E			
"	VX 80	Oxley H K			
"	VX 65	Sease T J			
"	VX 118	Carroll H B		No	Attached 19th Inf Bde A/S.C
"	VX 283	Smith J B H		YES	
"	VX 330	UPP G T R			
"	VX 66	Simpson C L			
"	VX 110	Larkin H S			
Lieut	VX 119	Cotts R			
"	VX 213	Robertson W T			
"	VX 24	Howard W S			
"	VX 206	Wilmott G R		No	Attending Course
"	VX 204	Masbell H J M		YES	
"	VX 244	Hustin H M P			
"	VX 282	Burrows J F			
"	VX 6346	Duffey S C			
"	VX 150	Turner H F			
"	VX 323	Phillips C L			
"	VX 507	VanCitters S			
"	VX 6275	Yeates L A			
"	VX 342	Bryant A A			
"	VX 347	McCormick I E			
"	VX 4360	Jones R H			
"	VX 7339	Fleming A P			
"	VX 6599	Strong J H			
"	VX 7030	Hall J E M		No	Attending Course
"	VX 6131	Jacobs S C		YES	
"	VX 9214	Graham E H S			
"	VX 7619	Ransom N F			
"	VX 327	Knox W M		No	Attending Course

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	SX 1462	HEARD K H	6 ARS DIV A I F	20/1/40	Adjutant Officer
"	VX 1561	PRICE P M		20/1/40	Chaplain

2/9 Bde. A I F (Unit.)

Major (Signature of Commander.)

8 JUNE 1940 (Date of Despatch.)

19th Inf Bde 6 ARS DIV A I F (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT.	VK 5649	L. DWE. T. A.	6. Aus. Div. A.I.F.	Yes	
"	VX 20309	SHEEDY. L. J.	" " " "	"	
"	VX 6423	FIELD. W. K.	" " " "	"	
"	VX 352	FRENCH. N. M.	" " " "	No	Seconded 17 INF Bde
/					

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
/					

2/8 Bn. A. I. F
(Unit.)

8 JUNE 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.) MAJOR
C O Z / S A

19 INF Bde. 6 Aus. Div. A. I. F
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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6 Aus. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. 9 18

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
10 June 40.

1. DUTIES -

Date.	To mount at Retreat Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Duty Coy.
10 Jun 40.	Lieut. Coutts	Sgt. Davis	H.Q. Coy.
n.f.d.	" Hall	" Kerr	"

Field Officer 9/10 Jun. Capt. Simpson Duty R.M.O. 9/10 Jun Capt. Heard.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE PERSONNEL - The pay book W.F.5 will be carried on all occasions by O.Rs and will be produced when requested by the Civil Police or Military Personnel on Police or other duty in order to establish the identity of the individual. On occasion when the pay book is temporarily withdrawn from the individual, passes bearing the Unit Stamp showing the identity of the holder will be issued in place of the pay book.

3. SUPPLIES - RATION BOARD - Ref. D.R.O. 83 para. 550.
The Bde. A.S.C. Officer Lieut. W.A. Tyrrel will be the representative on Boards assembled under this D.R.O. All communications relative to Supply or A.S.C. matters will be forwarded to the Bde A.S.C. officer.

4. UNIT ORDERLY ROOM - Bn. Orderly Officers will be present in Orderly room from 2000 to 2300 hrs daily.

5. REGTL. FANCY GOODS SHOP - All personnel who have money owing from, or who owe money to Mr. Goldberg, the proprietor of the Kangaroo Store, are to adjust same by 1200 hrs. L.T. 11/6/40. Any adjustments not completed at that time to be reported in writing to B.H.Q. by 1300 hrs. L.T. 11/6/40.

6. BN. GUARD - Post at Kangaroo Store will be cancelled as from Sunday 9 June. Post at Entrance to Unit lines from Main road will be responsible that the Store selling fruit is in bounds to troops only.

7. MAIL - All franked correspondence to be sent direct to Censor officer and not to Post Office.

8. FRANKING OF CORRESPONDENCE - All censorable matter to be cut out of letters and not inked.

9. 0600 REVEILLE - With exception of B & R Coys, Coy Orderly N.C.Os are not reporting to B.O.O. at Flagmast at Reveille (see Standing Admin. Inst. No. 3 Sec 2 Puckapunyal)

This instruction must be carried out in future.

10. OFFICERS' CLASSES - Officers' Classes will be held every Tuesday and Friday night in the officers' mess commencing at 2000 hrs.

11. TRAINING - Procedure in Attack. Any officer who has not received a copy of above is to apply at once to Adj.

12. CONCERT - A concert will be held in the large recreation hut on Monday week 24 Jun 40. at 1945 hrs. Each Coy is asked to provide 2 items. The titles of these items and details to be handed to Maj. Trestrail by Wed. 19 Jun.

The band have already offered their services and each Coy Comdr. is asked to co-operate to try and make these concerts a success for the men.

13. OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' LEAVE -

- (a) No more than three officers of a coy are to go on leave at the same time except when a coy is given leave by Bn.
- (b) Coy O.C. or 2 i/c. will always be one of officers remaining in.
- (c) The same applies to Coy Sgts and W.Os. No more than three on leave at the same time.
- (d) Late leave to 2130 hrs will be granted on application to Coy Comdr.

14. LEAVE - Other than the arms required for security purposes en route, Picquets accompanying Daily Leave parties to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv will not carry rifles, or side arms.

15. VENEREAL DISEASES - All cases of Venereal Disease will be evacuated immediately through Camp Reception Stations to Hospital. On no account will V.D. be treated in unit lines. Questionnaire forms will be filled in for all cases and forwarded promptly by Medical Officer.

16. TRADESMEN - CORRIGENDUM. - Ref R.O. Q16, there are vacancies in Sigs for -
Motor Drivers
Shoemaker

For A.A.O.C. - also - Engineers with Mechanical or Electrical technical qualifications will be considered for appointment as officers.

Applications to be in by 1800 hrs. 11/6/40.

17. 2nd MORTAR - Lieut. J.E.M.Hall will conduct classes as under -
11/6/40 1400 hrs. onwards W.Os & Sgt.
2000 " " Officers.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Bottom set of FALSE TEETH several front teeth missing.

Holdall, razor, Rosary beads,

Owners may claim these at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST. Ornamental Soap box (Elephantite) from Shower room.

Match box cover. E.P.N.S. with West Aus. Coat of Arms on same. Reward.

H.K. S. Lee Capt.

Adj. 2/8 11

13. OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' LEAVE

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- (b) Coy O.C. or S i/c. will always be one of officers remaining in.
- (c) The same applies to Coy Sgts and W.Os. No more than 10 on leave at the same time.
- (d) Late leave to 2130 hrs will be granted on application to Coy Comdr.

14. LEAVE - Other than the arms required for security purposes en route, Private's accompanying Daily Leave parties to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv will not carry rifles, or side arms.

15. VENEREAL DISEASES - All cases of Venereal Diseases will be evacuated immediately through Camp Reception Stations to Hospital. On no account will V.D. be treated in unit lines. Questionnaire forms will be filled in for all cases and forwarded promptly by Medical Officer.

16. TRANSPORT - CORRIDORS - Ret. R.O. Sigs, there are vacancies in Sigs for - Motor Drivers Shoe-maker

Applications to be in by 1800 hrs. 11/6/40. For appointment as officers. Technical qualifications will be considered for A.S.O.C. - also - Engineers with Mechanical or Electrical

17. 2nd MORTAR - Lieut. J.E.M. Hall will conduct classes as follows -

11/6/40	1200 hrs. onwards	W.Os & Lt.
11/6/40	2000 "	Officers
11/6/40		

FOUND - Bottom set of FALSE TEETH several front teeth missing.

Hobball, razor, Roosty beads,

Owners may claim these at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST - Ornamental Soap box (Eliaphantia) from shower room.

Match box cover. R.F.N.S. with West Aus. Coat of Arms on same. Reward.

Capt.

11/6/40

B. H. J.

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Kilo 89,
12 Jun 40.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Major H.C. Capes - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. Q 19

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Ord. Sgt.	Duty Coy.
12 Jun 40.	Lieut. Yeates	Sgt. Copely	"H.Q." Coy.
n.f.d.	" Howard	" Goodwin	"B" (17 Jun)

FIELD Officer 12 Jun, Capt. Smith Duty R.M.O. 12 Jun, Capt. Heard.

2. LECTURE - The Padre will give an interesting lecture on PALESTINE and its meaning in history tonight at 2000 (8 p.m.) in large recreation hut. Everyone is invited to attend this lecture which will be the first of a series of such talks.

3. BIBLE CLASS - The Padre will commence a Bible class at 2000 hrs (8 p.m.) in the small recreation hut on THURSDAY next. Again all ranks are invited to attend this first of a series of such classes.

4. GARGLE PARADES - Solution for gargle parades may be drawn by Coys from R.A.P.
Coy Comdrs will hold gargle parades at least once daily.

5. ALARM - AIRCRAFT ATTACK -

- (a) Alarm will be the bugler sounding "Alarm"
- (b) After sounding "ALARM" at Regtl H.Q., bugler will double to M.T. park and repeat call.
- (c) Each sentry on hearing "alarm" will shout "Aircraft attack" until he sees or hears activity in his area.
- (d) Coys will double to trenches with respirators. When tents are dug in, personnel will lie down on floor of tent. Those not near to their tents will still use trenches.
- (e) A.A. pl. will man A.A. defences under A.A. pl. comdrs arrangements and orders.
- (f) I.O. will allot trench areas to Coys and ensure that each Coy Comdr personally knows his area.
- (g) On "Dispersal" being sounded Coys will return to former action immediately.

6. GENERAL ALARM -

- (a) Previous instructions cancelled.
- (b) Bugler will sleep in Transport office. R.S.M. to arrange.
- (c) When required bugler will sound "Fall in" outside Regtl H.Q. and then double to M.T. PARK and sound "Fall in" again. He will then report to R.S.M. on Bn. Parade Ground.
- (d) Each sentry or roving patrol on hearing "Fall in" will shout "Turn out" until he sees or hears activity in his area.
- (e) Orderly from Bn. H.Q. (detailed daily by R.S.M.) will, on "Fall In" sounding, double to each Coy H.Q. and rouse the orderly there.
- (f) On being roused each coy will turn out onto the Bn. parade ground in MARCHING ORDER. Coy Comdr to report to Adj. when Coy "Ready to move".
Coys will arrange some prompt method (and practise it) for issuing each man 10 rounds prior to reporting "Ready to move". This amn. will be, 5 rounds charged in magazine and 5 rounds in pouch.
- (g) Officers will wear marching order.
- (h) Guard will "Stand Fast".

7. AMENDMENT TO LEAVE SCHEDULE - The following amendments to Leave schedule are promulgated:-

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Picquet.</u>
2	Cancelled.	-
3	For C read A	For C read A
4	" D " B	" B " C
6	" A " C	--
7	" C " D	" H.Q. " R
8	" D " Bn.H.Q. 28 H.Q.Coy 32	" D " R

8. PISTOLS - All officers will carry pistols at all times. All O.Rs armed with pistols will carry them at all times. Respirators anti-gas will not be carried.

9. DRESS - MESS PARADES - It is noticed that men are going on to mess parades shirtless. It is pointed out that this is a parade and men must dress accordingly.

10. GREASE TRAPS - Troops must not walk over grease trap covers. This practice is causing continuous breakage of the covers and is to stop immediately.

11. ACCIDENTS - REPORTING TO CIVIL POLICE - All traffic accidents in which military vehicles of any description are involved with civilian cars or which involve injury or damage to civilians, animals or civilian property, will be reported at the first available opportunity to the nearest civil Police Station or civil policeman by the driver of the military vehicle or by the senior member of the party travelling in that vehicle.

Commanding Officers are responsible that this order is promulgated to all drivers within their units and every report on such accidents forwarded after date of this order will include the date and time at which the civil police were notified.

Disciplinary action will be taken in every case on non-compliance with this order.

12. BLACK-OUT HOURS - Black-out hours as from night of 11/12 June 40 will be 1945 hrs to 0530 hrs. No mechanically propelled vehicle other than Military or Police on duty may travel on roads outside Municipal or Village roads without passes issued by Military Command, Gaza, during that period.

NOTICES

FOUND - Bottom set FALSE TEETH with several front teeth missing. Holdall, Rosary beads, issue and blade razor.

Owners may claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

H.K. O'Leary Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
13 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. Q 20

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
13 June 40.	Lieut. Howard	Sgt. Goodwin	H.Q. Coy.
n.f.d.	" Knox	" Barnes	<u>D</u> Coy.

2. OFFICERS' DRESS - In future all officers parading with troops will wear the order of dress laid down for other ranks on that parade.

3. GUARD - Will be increased by 3 O.Rs from 2245 to 0600 hrs L.T. to man one extra sentry post inside Bn. Orderly Room during above hours.

Guard Commanders will instruct sentries that no civilian will be allowed to within 30 yds of posts or guard rooms.

Guard Comdrs and N.C.O.s. will visit posts frequently to ensure that proper military precautions are being taken.

LOST. Belt, Waist, W.E. Special. No. 24 is missing and is to be returned to Bn. Orderly Room.

4. BUGLERS - Two vacancies exist in this Bn. for Bn. buglers. Applications are called for, and must reach R.S.M. by 1000 hrs. 14/6/40.

NOTICES.

FOUND - One Holdall, bottom set FALSE TEETH, identification discs, rosary beads.

These may be claimed at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST. A Navaris Waterproof wristlet watch in ablution shed on morning of 12/6/40. The keeper on the strap is missing.

Finder please return to Bn. Orderly Room at earliest.

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J. W. Mitchell Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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14 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. Q 21

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
14 Jun. 40.	Lieut. Knox.	Sgt. Barnes	H.Q. Coy
n.f.d.	" Van Citters	" Trethowan	"D" "

2. CHURCH SERVICES & PARADES - SUNDAY 16/6/40.

(a) Services

R.C. Mass 0700 hrs.
0900 " in 2/4 Bn. Lines - Recreation Room.
Padre Youll.

Presbyterian - Communion 0645 hrs in 2/8 Bn. Lines Recreation Room
Padre Pierce.

C of E. - Holy Communion 0645 hrs. in 2/11 lines Recreation Hut
Padre McConchie.

(b) Parade.

Bn. parade for demoninations other than R.C. at 0840 hrs.
Dress - No. 5.

Markers to R.S.M. at 0835 hrs.

Hymn books will be issued by Coys on Company parades and
withdrawn before dismissal.

Note - All Protestants are invited to Pres. Communion held in
2/8 Bn. Lines at 0645.

3. GUARD - AMENDMENT TO POSTS FOR GUARD

Roving patrol in Kitchen - Coy
lines area will not be continued in future.

4. TIME TABLE - Commencing 14/6/40 the following amendments to daily time
table will operate -

Tattoo 2215 hrs.
Lights Out 2230 "

5. KING'S BIRTHDAY - H.E. The High Commissioner for Palestine has decided
that, in accordance with the procedure adopted in the United
Kingdom, birthday parades in celebration of His Majesty's
birthday will not be held this year.

6. CONFERENCE OF QUARTERMASTERS - A conference of Q.M's of the Second
Convoy will be held in Conference Room H.Q. 6 Aus.Div. on Monday
17 June 40 at 1600 hrs.

7. LEAVE - Owing to "Black Out" regulations individual leave will not be
granted in future and all A.I.F. personnel will be clear of
Jerusalem by 1730 hrs and of Tel Aviv by 1800 hrs. daily. Para.
15 of 6 Aus. Div. Adm. Inst. No. 32 is cancelled.

8. SMOKING - There will be no smoking in the lines after sunset.

9. WATER BOTTLES - Water bottles are to be filled daily with fresh water
and worn on all parades. *AMENDED. BRO Q21. 15/6/40.*

H.K. OXLEY Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. Q 22

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

<u>Date</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
15 June 40.	Lieut. Fleming	Sgt. Trethowan	H.Q. Coy.
n.f.d.	" Van Citters	" Holder	D "

FIELD Officer to mount Retreat 15 June - Capt. N. St. J. Lankins
Duty M.O. " " " 15 " - Capt. Anderson.
2. LAUNDRY - A contract for laundry has been let. The contractor will undertake washing on the following conditions:-

All washing (including washing, starching & ironing of shirts, shorts and drill uniforms)

N.C.O's.	130 mils per month
Privates	100 " " "

There is no limit on the number of articles sent.
If any clothes are ruined or lost the value will be refunded.
3. RESPIRATORS ANTI-GAS OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS - Personnel being evacuated to hospital must take respirators anti-gas with them.
4. ECONOMY IN USE OF STORES - Economy in use of all army stores is to be impressed on all ranks. Wastage by Australian troops will have to be paid for by Australia at some future date. All officers and N.C.O's will check waste whenever it comes to their notice. It should be the aim of all ranks to practice economy whenever possible.
5. CAMP HYGIENE - Camp inspections show that the sides of tents are being used to hide and store tins of jam, butter, salt, pepper etc. The B.O.O. will ensure that in future the sides of all tents are inspected daily.
6. WATER BOTTLES - Cancel previous instruction B.R.O. Q 21 Para 9 14/6/40.
Instead :-
Water bottles will be kept filled with fresh water at all times.
7. RESPIRATORS - Cancel ref. respirators B.R.O. Q.19 para 8 12/6/40.
Standing Administrative Instruction No. 11 13/6/40 applies.
8. STEEL HELMET - Will not be worn on Guard parades.
9. LOSSES - Amendment to Standing Adm. Inst. No. 2. - When stoppages in pay etc. are made in accordance with para. 53 Adm. Inst. No. 22, the stoppage will not be less than a quarter of the vocabulary price. This applies also when the life of the clothing etc. has expired. (Add to Financial Procedure para).
10. REVEILLE - Orderly Duties are not to report to O.O. at Reveille in future

11. AIRMAIL - Information received states that until further instructions it is not advised that personnel post letters air mail. No air service is at present operating - but efforts are being made to inaugurate a new air service.

Boat mail is the only means of postage at the moment.

12. DRESS - The practice of not wearing any clothing above the waist is to cease at all times. At least a singlet must be worn to protect the body from the sun.

NOTICES

LOST - Pack containing Greatcoat & Steel Helmet.
A Navaris Waterproof wristlet watch in ablution shed 12/6/40

Finders please return to Orderly Room.

FOUND - Set of False teeth, also a plate with only 1 front tooth.

Owners please claim at Bn. Orderly Room

13. BATHING LEAVE -

(a) Bathing leave will be granted on 16/6/40 as under.

1st party. H.Q. Coy.	125 All ranks.	Depart Kilo 89	1000 hrs.
		" Beach	1145 "
2nd party. A & C Coys.	125 All ranks	" Kilo 89	1315 hrs.
		" Beach	1530 "
3rd party. B & D Coys.	125 All ranks	" Kilo 89.	1400 "
		" Beach	1615 "

(b) Capt. Serase O.C. 1st Leave Party.

" Campbell O.C. 2nd " "

" Smith O.C. 3rd " "

Lieut. Jones i/c Life saving squad.

" Austin i/c Embussing Kilo 89

(c) Fares. 40 mils return

(d) Other arrangements vide Administrative Instruction No. 9

M. H. O'Leary Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8th A.I.F. (Unit) 15 June 1940 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment..)
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	46		
Corporals	52		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	697		
TOTALS	805	*	*

* 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.
 			

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..)
 				

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

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

2/8 Bn A.I.F. Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 June 40

J. Marshall Lt Col. C.O. 2/8 Bn Signature of Commander.

19/NF Bde. 6 Aus Div. A.I.F. Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. AIF. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	10		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	40		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

W.D.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	VX 40	Mitchell JW	6 Div AIF	Yes	
MAJOR	VX 81	CAVES HC	" " "	"	
"	VX 148	KEY AS	" " "	"	
"	VX 49	MCDONALD HH	" " "	"	
CAPT	VX 55	COOMBES CJA	" " "	"	
"	VX 92	MARTIN JAM	" " "	"	
"	VX 338	CAMPBELL RF	" " "	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY HK	" " "	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE TJ	" " "	"	
"	VX 138	CHALLEN HB	" " "	NO	Attached 19 Inf Bde A/S/L
"	W 253	SMITH JAH	" " "	YES	
"	VX 330	UFF GTR	" " "	"	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON CL	" " "	"	
"	VX 140	LARKINS NS	" " "	"	
LIEUT	VX 139	COULTS R	" " "	"	
"	VX 213	ROBERTSON WT	" " "	"	
"	VX 64	HOWARD WS	" " "	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH GR	" " "	NO	Attending Course
"	VX 204	MAXWELL H.J.M.L.	" " "	YES	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" " "	"	
"	VX 252	BURROWS J.F.	" " "	"	
"	VX 6596	DUFFY S.C.	" " "	"	
"	VX 1650	TURNER H.F.	" " "	"	
"	VX 533	PHILAN CI	" " "	"	
"	VX 547	VAN CILLERS S	" " "	"	
"	W 6275	YEATES L.A.	" " "	"	
"	VX 342	DRYANT A.H.	" " "	"	
"	VX 347	M'CORMICK I.G.	" " "	"	
"	VX 4360	JONES R.H.	" " "	"	
"	VX 3359	FLEMING A.P.	" " "	"	
"	VX 6599	STRONG J.H.	" " "	NO	Attending Course
"	VX 7030	HALL J.E.M.	" " "	YES	
"	VX 6131	JACOBS S.G.	" " "	"	
"	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	" " "	"	
"	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	" " "	"	
"	VX 327	KNOX W.M.	" " "	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 1462	HEARD KH	6 Aus Div AIF	8 Dec 39	Medical Officer
"	WX 1521	PEIRCE FM	" " "	20 Aug 40	Chaplain

2/8 BN. A.I.F.
(Unit.)

15 JUNE 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

J. J. Marshall Lt Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

19 INF Bde 6 Aus Div A.I.F.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	VX 5649	LOWE. T.A.	6 Avn Div AIF	Yes	
"	VX 20309	Sheedy L.J.	"	"	
"	VX 6423	Field W.K.	"	"	
"	VX 352	FRENCH. N.M.	"	No	Seconded 17 Inf Bde.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/8 BN AIF
(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

J. Marshall A Col
(Signature of Commander.) C.O. 2/8 BN
191st Bde. 6 Avn Div. AIF
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Bn HQ

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6 AUG.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
17 June 40.

ROUTINE 1.

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 23

<u>1. DUTIES</u>	To mount at Retreat.			
	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
	17 Jun.40.	Lieut. Jacobs	Sgt. Pyke	"B" Coy.
	n.f.d.	" Bryant	" Grant	"C" "

2. DUTY COY - "B" Coy will take over duty coy as per roster Monday 17 June 40.

On move to Jaffa Range no B Coy personnel will remain behind -

Major Capes - O.C. Camp Kilo 89.

Lieut. Van Citters - Gd. Officer - Kilo 89.

2/8 Bn. will be Bde Duty Bn. mounting Monday 24 June. C Coy will be duty Coy and B Coy will take over guard at GAZA RIDGE.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Fountain Pen, FALSE TEETH, also plate with 1 front tooth, Mess Tin & Cover.

Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

3. HOT WATER SYSTEM - Will commence today. Coys will parade for hot showers at 1630 hrs on dates allotted. Coy Comdrs will ensure that all men are present at this parade.

"A" & "C" Coys will bathe today.

A.K. O'Leary Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Aus. Div.

2/8 Bn.

WA
Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
22 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by
Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. 24.

1. DUTIES.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>To mount at Retreat.</u>		<u>Duty Coy.</u>
	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt.</u>	
22 June 40.	Lieut. Bryant	Sgt. Pinniger	"B" Coy
n.f.d.	" Sheedy	" Elliott	"C" "
22 Jun.	<u>FIELD Officer - Capt. Smith.</u>		<u>Duty R.M.O. - Capt. Anderson.</u>

2. GUARDS, SENTRIES & PATROLS -

1. Will carry one bandolier of 50 rounds on the person. This amm. will only be used in case of emergency and is in addition to the 5 rounds in the rifle ordered already. Cd. Officer to draw from C.M. and hand over daily to new guard officer.
2. Guard Officer will show each day on his report amount of amm.
 - (a) taken over by him
 - (b) handed over by him
 - (c) On men when mounting guard
 - (d) On men when dismounting guard
3. HOSPITAL - Once again it is pointed out that personnel being evacuated to A.G.H. must take pay books and respirators with them.
4. HOSPITAL DISCHARGES - All personnel must make a point of reporting to B.H.C. on discharge from hospital.
Coys will assist also by notifying B.H.C. immediately any man enters or is discharged from hospital.
5. DENTAL - Coys are to ensure that personnel reporting to Dental centre for treatment take pay books with them.
6. CHURCH PARADES - Same details as for last Sunday 16 June 40.

See B.R.O. No. 21, para 2.

FOUND. One money belt, forage cap.

MK Ouley Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 B. A I F (Unit) 22 JUNE 1940 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	46		
Corporals	53		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	703		
TOTALS	812	*	*

* 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.
 			

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).
 				

2/8 Div 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers	/														
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

2/8 Div A I F Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 JUNE 1940
D.3459.

19 Div A I F Bde 6 Aus Div A I F
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	<i>(included in captains)</i>		
TOTALS ...	40		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				
 				
 				
 				
 				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				
 				
 				
 				
 				

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	VX 40	Mitchell J W	6 Aus Div A.I.F.	YES	
MAJOR	VX 81	CAVES H C		"	
"	VX 148	KEY H S		"	
"	VX 119	McDONALD H H		"	
CAPT.	VX 55	COOMBS C J A		"	
"	VX 82	MARLIN J A M		"	
"	VX 338	CAMPBELL R E		NO	HOSPITAL
"	VX 80	OXLEY H K		YES	
"	VX 65	SCARSE T J		"	
"	VX 138	CHALLEN H B		"	
"	VX 283	SMITH J A H		"	
"	VX 366	SIMPSON C L		"	
"	VX 330	UFF G T R		"	
"	VX 140	LARKINS H S		"	
LIEUT	W 139	COUTTS R		"	
"	VX 213	ROBERTSON W T		"	
"	VX 64	HOWARD W S		NO	Attached 19 INF Bde Aus
"	VX 216	WILMOTH G R		"	COURSE
"	VX 204	MASKELL H J M L		YES	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H M P		"	
"	VX 282	BURROWS J F		"	
"	VX 6596	DUFFEY S. C.		"	
"	VX 1650	TURNER H F		"	
"	VX 533	PIELAN C I		"	
"	VX 547	VAN CILLERS S		NO	COURSE
"	VX 6275	YEATES L A		YES	
"	VX 342	BRYANT A A		"	
"	VX 347	MCCORMICK I. G.		"	
"	VX 4360	JONES R H		"	
"	VX 3359	FLEMING A P		"	
"	VX 6599	STRONG J. H.		NO	COURSE
"	VX 7130	HALL J. E. M.		YES	
"	VX 6131	JACOBSON S G		"	
"	W 9212	GRAHAM G H S		NO	COURSE
"	W 7619	RANSOM N F		YES	
"	W 327	KNOX W M		NO	Attached 19 INF Bde Aus

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	WX 1522	ANDERSON R R	6 Aus Div A.I.F.	15 June 40	Medical OFFICER
CAPT.	WX 1561	PEIRCE F M	6 Aus Div A.I.F.	20 May 40	Chaplain

2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

22 JUNE 1940

(Date of Despatch.)

J. J. Mitchell

(Signature of Commander.)

Lt. Col.

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6 Aus. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

Ryrie Lines, Kilo 39, 24 June 40.

by Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F. No. Q 25.

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat.

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Duty Coys.
24 June 40.	Lieut. Justin H. HoP.	Sgt. Fishlock	Bde & Bn. "C" Coy. Gaza Ridge "B" "
n. f. d.	" Diffey S/C.	" Williams	
24 Jun.	FIELD Officer - Major McDonald. Duty R.M.O. - Capt. Anderson.		

2. SICK PARADES - The following times are laid down for R.A.P. attendance and are to be adhered to except in cases of emergency.

- 0645 - Sick Parade by coys as usual.
- 0830 - 1000 } Replace bandages and issue of medicine ordered on
- 1300 - 1400 } sick Parade.
- 1700 - 1830 }

The N.C.O. i/c R.A.P. will not attend to cases outside these hours unless they are urgent.

3. FOOT INSPECTION - R.M.O. will inspect all men's feet on the following roster:-

H.Q. Coy	-	0830 hrs.	Monday 24/6/40	at R.A.P.
A "	-	" "	Tuesday 25/6/40	" "
D "	-	" "	Wed. 26/6/40	" "

- B " - at Gaza Ridge at 0900 1100 Thursday 27/6/40.
- C Coy at 0830 hrs Friday at R.A.P. 0830 " Saturday " "

4. BN. ORDERLY CORPORAL - From 24/6/40 a Bn. Orderly Cpl. will mount at Retreat each night. To mount at Retreat 24/6/40 - Cpl. Colley.

5. BN. CONCERT. - All interested in any way in the running of a Bn. concert assemblable in small recreation hut at 1930 hrs. on Tuesday 25/6/40. The Padre will officiate.

NOTICE.

FOUND - One money belt, 1 Khaki fur hat. Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST. One Pea Police Whistle with strap.

Finder please return to Capt. G.F.R. Uff "D" Coy.

Lieut.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. Q 26.

B.N.B.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
- | Date. | Orderly Officer. | Ord. Sgt. | Ord. Cpl. | Duty Coy. |
|-------------|---|---------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 25 Jun 40. | Lieut. Diffey | Sgt. Williams | Cpl. Griffiths | Bde & Bn.
"C" Coy
Gaza Ridge |
| n.f.d. | " Coutts | " Slocombe | " Broughton | |
| 25 Jun. 40. | <u>FIELD OFFICER</u> - Capt. Scrapp <u>DUTY M.O.</u> - Capt. Anderson | | | |

2. DRESS - GUARDS

In future the dress for guards will be - Khaki shirts and working dress slacks in lieu of F.S. uniforms.

3. TATTOO ROLL CALL - B.R.O. Q 17 Para. 6, 3/6/40.

Amend to - Coy Comdrs are to charge these absentees with "Neglects to obey a general order" ... 11.

4. 2nd. LECTURE - PALESTINE

The 2nd. lecture in series on Palestine will be delivered by Padre Pierce in the Rec. Hut. tomorrow night 26/6/40.

5. LOSSES COURT

Lieut. Howard to be replaced by Lieut. Lowe on above Court.

NOTICES

FOUND. Web belt - probably lost by one of last night's leave party.

Money Belt. Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST. "Red Ring" Razor, issue plate (at Jaffa Rifle range)

Finders please return to Orderly Room.

6. 30 YD. RANGE - A thirty yd. range is available for firing of Machine and Rifle practices. The route to the Range from Ryrie Lines is as follows - along main road past Signals, 6 Div., cross bridge and turn left into wadi.

Coys are allotted the range on the days shown:-

26/6/40	C	Coy	} Coys will fire Machine guns and rifles in the afternoon.
27/6/40	D	"	
28/6/40	H.Q.	"	
29/6/40	A	"	

Coys may lunch out if they wish to, but must arrange with Q.M. for cut lunches. The Q.M. requires 24 hrs. notice.

Ammunition is available on the following scale.

H.Q.	Coy	3000 rounds.
A	"	2000 "
C	"	3000 "
D	"	2000 "

Range Registers are to be kept and will be submitted to Bn. H.Q. not later than 1800 hrs. on the day after firing.

[Signature]
Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

BHQ

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

6 Aus. Div.,
2/8 Bn.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
26 June 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
by

Lt. Col. J. W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. Q 27.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Ord. Officer.</u>	<u>Ord. Sgt.</u>	<u>Ord. Cpl.</u>	<u>Duty Coys.</u>
26 Jun. 40	Lt. Coutts	Sgt. Slocombe	Cpl. Broughton	Sde. & Bn. "C" Coy. Gaza Ridge "B" Coy
n. f. d.	" Jones	" Adams H.	" Reid	

2. KIT INSPECTION -

This will be carried out on the morning of 29 June 40. Coy. Comdrs will make it their personal responsibility to see that this inspection is a thorough one. All articles of clothing & equipment will be checked. This includes identity discs, the blood groupings of which are to be checked with paybooks.

Coys will submit a return of Identity discs under the following headings.

- (a) Missing discs.
- (b) Men with discs and pay books with no blood group on either.
- (c) Men with blood group on disc and not in paybook.

3. LATRINE SEATS -

It has come to notice that latrine seats are not being closed. Personnel are to ensure that the lids of these seats are closed immediately after use.

Failure to observe this order will be treated as a serious breach of discipline.

4. WASHING OF MESS GEAR -

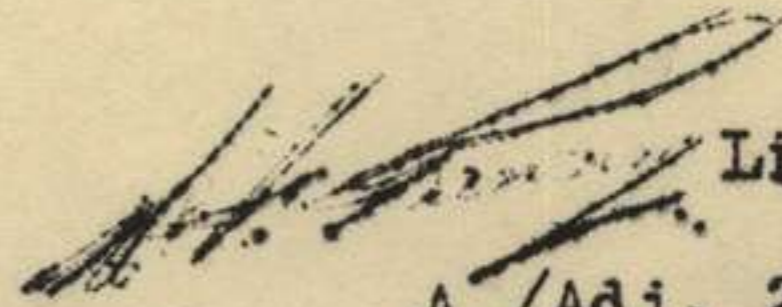
Personnel are using the ablution houses to wash mess gear. This practice is to cease at once and person found disobeying this order will be dealt with seriously.

NOTICES.

FOUND. - 1 Khaki fur hat, toilet set in leather case, respirator.

Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST. - An autograph book - Finder please return to Orderly Room.

 Lieut.
A /Adj. 2/8 Bn.

W.D.

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6 Aus. Div.
2/8 Bn.
ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
by

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
27/6/40.

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. Q 28

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat.

Date	Ord. Officer.	Ord. Sgt.	Ord. Cpl.	Duty Coys.
27 Jun. 40.	Lt. Jones R.H.	Sgt. Adams H.	Cpl. Reid	Bde Bn. C Coy. B Coy.
n. f. d.	" Hall J.E.M.	" Ross	" Plun	GAZA RIDGE
2. <u>SISTERS' LINES A.G.H.</u>	n.f.d.	<u>FD. Offr.</u>	Capt Larkins	Duty M.O. Capt. Anderson.

Complaints have been received that Officers and Other ranks have been using the Sisters' Lines at 1 A.G.H. as a thoroughfare. This is to cease.

3. DRESS - GUARDS. (a) Guards will carry one pullover or cardigan in packs. These to be worn at the discretion of the Guard Comdr. between the hours of 2100 and Reveille.
- (b) Bde Guard will mount in S.D. uniform and carry shorts and shirts in their packs. These will be worn between 0600 and 1800 hrs.
- (c) GAZA RIDGE Guard will mount in shorts and shirts, and carry S.D. uniform in their packs, to be worn between 1900 and 0600 hrs.

4. CHANGE OF DUTIES

- (1) Commencing next Sunday, 30 June 40, all ^{Bde} duties will change at 0930 hrs each Sunday.
- (2) Bands to be supplied by duty Bn. taking over.
- (3) Retreat will be at 1900 hrs commencing today.

CANTEEN - SIGS 6 AUS. DIV.

The canteen in the Sigs 6 Aus. Div. lines is out of bounds to all members of Inf. Bns.

[Signature]
Lieut.

A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

6 Aus. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
28/6/40.

by

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.
No. Q 29.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Ord. Officer.</u>	<u>Ord. Sgt.</u>	<u>Ord. Cpl.</u>	<u>Duty Coys.</u>
28 Jun. 40.	Lt. Hall J.E.M.	Sgt. Edgley	Cpl. Plummer	Bde & Bn, C Co
n. f. d.	" Field.	" Davis	" Gluth	Gaza Ridge. B " D Coy.
<u>Field Ofr.</u>	28 Jun. 40	Capt. Larkins	<u>Duty R.M.O.</u>	Capt. Anderson

2. SWIMMING LEAVE.

Leave will be granted on 30/6/40 to personnel who wish to visit the beach at Gaza for a swim.

Buses will run free from Kilo 89 to Gaza Beach on the following time table:

<u>Depart Kilo 89</u>	<u>Depart Beach.</u>
0930	1000
1030	1145
1330	1400
1430	1630
	1730

Lt. Jones will be responsible for organization of a life saving party.

Lt. Austin will be officer i/c. of embussing at Kilo 89.

A Coy. will detail an officer i/c embussing at Gaza Beach.

3. DUTY COY. - "D" Coy will take over Duty Coy on Sunday 30 June 40.

4. EASE SPRINGS -

Once again attention is drawn to this order. Coys are to ensure that it is brought to the attention of all ranks now that live ammunition is being handled.

NOTICES.

LOST A suede belt with two rings on end. Lost near canteen.

Finder please bring same to Orderly Room. Reward.

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A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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No. Q 30

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Ord. Officer</u>	<u>Ord. Sgt.</u>	<u>Ord. Cpl.</u>	<u>Duty Coys.</u>
29 June 40	Lt. Wilmoth	Sgt. Davis	Cpl. Bluth	C. & B. Coy.
n/f.d.	Lt. Phelan	Sgt Kerr	Cpl Broughton	D. Coy

2. CHURCH PARADE. - SUNDAY 30 June 40.

C. of E. Holy Communion - 0615 hrs,	Padre McConachie,	2/11 Bn.
Pres "	" Peirce	2/8 Bn.
R.C. " Mass:	" " Youll	2/4 Bn.

Bn. Parade for denominations other than R.C. at 0700 hrs.

Dress - No. 5.

Markers to R.S.M. 0635 - Coys on Bn. Parade 0640.

Hymn books will be issued by Coys on Coy Pdes and withdrawn before dismissal.

3. BAND. - Ref. B.R.O. Q 28 para 4.(2)

(a) The mounting duty Bn. will supply the band for the changing of the guard at GAZA RIDGE.

(b) The dismounting Bn. will supply the band for the Guard changing at Bde. Headquarters.

Lt. Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O.

4. AMMUNITION. When Coys use 30x range they will on the day following such use, submit to Q.M., a return showing the amount of S.A.A. used.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Ord. Officer</u>
29 June 40	Lt. Wilmoth
n/f.d.	Lt. Phelan

Lieut.

A/Adj. 2/8 Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS ...	40		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	VX 40	McLellan J H	6th Div AIF	Yes	
MAJOR	VX 91	Capes H C	"	"	
"	VX 115	Key H S	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDonald H H	"	"	
CAPT	VX 55	Columbes C J A	"	"	
"	VY 82	Martin T A M	"	"	
"	VX 338	Campbell R E	"	No	In Hospital
"	VX 50	Chase H R	"	Yes	
"	VX 65	Scruse T J	"	"	
"	VX 138	Challen H B	"	"	
"	VX 203	Smith J A H	"	"	
"	VX 66	Simpson C L	"	"	
"	VX 330	UFF B T A	"	"	
"	VX 110	Larkins N S	"	"	
LIEUT.	VX 139	Coults R	"	"	
"	VX 211	Robertson W T	"	"	
"	VX 64	Howard H S	"	No	Attached 19th Inf Bde AIF
"	VX 206	Wilmeth C K	"	Yes	
"	VX 204	Hosbell H J A L	"	"	
"	VX 244	Austin H M P	"	"	
"	VX 252	Burrens J F	"	"	
"	VX 6596	Diffey S C	"	"	
"	VX 1150	Turner H F	"	"	
"	VX 533	Phelan C I	"	"	
"	VX 287	van Cilliers S	"	No	Course
"	VX 6275	Yeates L A	"	Yes	
"	VX 302	Bryant A A	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCormick I G	"	"	
"	VX 4360	Jones R H	"	"	
"	VX 3359	Fleming A P	"	"	
"	VX 6594	String J H	"	"	
"	VX 7630	Hall J E M	"	"	
"	VX 6131	Jacobs S G	"	"	
"	VX 9212	Crahan G H S	"	No	Course
"	VX 7619	Ransom N F	"	Yes	
"	VX 327	Knox W H	"	No	Attached 19th Inf Bde AIF

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	VX 1522	Anderson R R	6th Div AIF	15 June 40	Medical Officer
CAPT	VX 1561	Peirce F. M.	"	26 May 40	Chaplain

2/8 Bn. AIF
(Unit.)

29 JUNE
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

19th Inf Bde 6th Div AIF
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 BN AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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Lieut	VA 5649	LOME, T.A.	6th Div A.I.F.	Yes	
	VA 20309	Shedy, A.J.			
	VA 6423	Field, W.K.			
	VA 352	FRENCH, N.M.		No	Seconded 17th Aus Inf Bde.
<i>(The remainder of the table is crossed out with a large diagonal line.)</i>					

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Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>(The table is crossed out with a large diagonal line.)</i>					

2/18/30 A.I.F.
(Unit.)

29 JUNE 1930
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander)
CO. 2/18 BN

17th Aus Inf Bde 6 Aus Div A.I.F.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

L. Barkell

2/8 BN. TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

Approach March

Bivouac - all round defence.

A T T A C K .

D E F E N C E

W I T H D R A W A L

R E A R G U A R D A C T I O N

F L A N K G U A R D

2 July to 5 July .

TIME TABLE

2/8 BNtt

TUESDAY.

Distance-10 miles.	0815 Coy. pdes. Explain exercise to men.
Pace -2 m.p.h.	Check fitting of equipment-boots-contents
Time -5 hrs.	pack and haversack- feet.
In position for all round defence by 1930 hrs.	1000 ALARM. orders to Coy. Comdrs.
Time to occupy and have meal -1½ hrs.	1100 Bn. less tpt. moves from camp.
Time to reach site= 1730(allow ½hr. spare)	1300-1400 LUNCH.
Allow 1 hr. for lunch means 5 + 1 = 6 hrs. from camp. 1730 hrs less 6 hrs =1130 hrs.	1400-1700 Continue March.
	1700 Arrive BIVOUAC AREA.
	1700-1900 Occupation of area for all round defence - meal.
	1900 NORMAL PATROL AND SENTRY DUTIES.
Time to explain exercise to troops by Coys. -½ hr.	
Orders to Coy. Comdrs. -½ hr.	
Time from ALARM till troops move (inc. orders) - 1 hr.	
Spare - ½ hr.	

N. O T E S.

On move KILO 89 to HUI.

- (a) A.A. protection of column will be carried out by A.A.Pl.
- (b) Aerial attack on column will be practiced.
- (c) Bn. will move deployed.
- (d) GAS areas will be passed through.

TIME TABLE - EXERCISE 2/8 BN.

WEDNESDAY.

0530 Reveille.

0600 Breakfast.

0615 Int. Sec. report enemy movement.
Air report of enemy movement.

0620 C.O. recce.

0645 Orders to Coy. Comdrs. etc.

0800 Bn. deploys.

0900 Final stages of attack.

0930 Bn. re-organised position consolidated, enemy falls
back.

0945 Approach march continues.

1100 Bn. reaches edge of plateau.
Bde.
C.O. receives order to take up defensive position.
Recce.

1200-1300 LUNCH - ORDERS TO COYS. etc.

1300-1800 Occupation - Recce. and fighting patrols.

1800-1900. Meal.

1900- Normal defensive duties - patrols-sentries.

- NOTES.
- (a) A.A.pl. task of area defence.
 - (b) Enemy to be placed for patrols to see.
 - (c) I.O. carries out normal recce. for withdrawal.
 - (d) Protection of supplies.
 - (e) Estab. Bn.H.Q.

TIME TABLE - EXERCISE 2/8 BN.

THURSDAY.

- 0200 hrs. - Bde's order - dawn withdrawal through Bde. defensive line at RAHAMA RIDGE.
- 0345 hrs. Commence Bn. withdrawal - out of contact.
- 0500 hrs. Enemy discover withdrawal and pursue.
Commence rearguard action in contact.
- 0545 hrs. Bn. action to extricate rearguard.
- 0700 hrs. Pass through Bde. defensive line.
- 0730 hrs. Reorganise.
- 0800 hrs. Breakfast.
- 1100 hrs. Orders for occupation of a defensive position. - Recce.
- 1200 hrs. Bn. orders for occupation.
- 1230-1330 Meal.
- 1400 - Commence occupation.

TIME TABLE - EXERCISE 2/8 BN.

FRIDAY.

0530 hrs. Reveille.

0600 hrs. MEAL.

0615 hrs. Bde. orders - act as flank guard.

0630 hrs. Bn. orders.

0715 hrs. Bn. deploys.

1200 - 1300 hrs. MEAL.

1300 - Camp.

2/8 BN. TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

EXERCISES - Bn. in approach - attack - defence - withdrawal -
and flank-guard.

Date - 2 July 40.

Ref. Maps - GAZA SHEET No. 9.

attached Sketch maps.

LESSONS - (a) ^{In} Approach - Role as adv. gd.
Deployment
Maintaining direction and touch.
Active and Passive air defence on the move
and at the halt.
Gas Defence.

(b) Bivouac - All round defence.
Intercommunication.
Q. tpt. arrangements and routine in the
field.
Patrols.

(c) Attack
Rece
Orders
Use of ground, fire, smoke, and formations.
Intercomn.
Consolidation and re-organization for
approach.
Battle procedure.

(d) Defence
All round defence.
Depth
Intercomn.
Drill of occupation.
Use of strong points.

(e) Withdrawal out
of contact. Drill of withdrawal.
Rece and orders.
Use of M.M.G's. and Mortars.

(f) Rearguard ~~action~~ - Method of conducting.

(g) Flank-guard - Maintaining touch with the main body.
Form of deployment of bn.
Maintaining direction.

OPENING SITUATION.

1. There are no Allied troops in PALESTINE. The GERMANS have spent some three months in raising an ARAB FORCE and training it in modern weapon training and drill. Due to Britain's sea supremacy and allied countries on the borders of PALESTINE, GERMANY has been unable to equip the ARABS with anything apart from modern rifles, ammunition and a limited number of light automatics. The only transport the ARAB FORCE has is H.T. Strength of the ARAB FORCE is thought to be 2 DIVISIONS which includes horse mounted units. It is not known what line the enemy is occupying, nor their dispositions, but it is expected that they will fight in the hill country where they can make use of the broken ground for guerilla tactics, and where their lack of automatics and artillery will not be felt so severely.

2. 6 AUS. DIV. is stationed in EGYPT. Div. Comdr. receives orders that 6 Div. is to make a landing on 2 July 40 at two points GAZA and AL MAJDAL, and establish the DIVISION on a line between TALL al QUNEITIRA 127105 and ALFALUJA 126114. He orders that 19 Inf. Bde. land at GAZA and advance to TALL al QUNEITIRA.

NARRATIVE 1.

1. Shortly after dawn on 2 July 40, 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. landed along coast near GAZA - covered by 2/4 Bn. who had landed at dawn and occupied a position to cover landing of rest of Bde.
2. In the Brigadier's orders to his Bn. C.O's, the following instructions were included, -
 - (a) 2/8 Bn. to act as Adv. Gd. to 19 Aus. Inf. Bde.
 - (b) Route - GAZA - HUF 114102 - TRIG 184 at 120102 - Trig 181 at 122104 - QUNBITIRA 127105.
 - (c) Bde. would Biv. at HUF night 2/3 July. 2/8 Bn. to bivouac at TALL al MAINUNA 117101.

PROBLEM 1.

- (a) As 2/8 Bn. act as adv. gd. to 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. during approach march.
- (b) As 2/8 Bn. occupation of bivouac area at ~~Tall al MAINUNA~~ 117101.

Note - (a) During approach deployment of Bn.

Air attack

Gas action.

will be practiced.

NARRATIVE 2.

1. At appx. 0600 hrs on 3 July 40, whilst the Bn. is eating, the Bn. Comdr. receives the following message from BA .

"Air reports state that enemy are on high ground to NORTH and SOUTH of RUHAMA 120100. Strength unknown."

at 0605 this report is confirmed by a report from the Bn. int. section, who report that,

"Enemy troops were seen moving on features 12061027 and 12081022."

(HILL 2 and HILL 3 on attached sketch).

C.O. 2/8 Bn. moves forward to HUT KNOLL (see attached sketch) appreciates the situation and decides to attack HILL 2.

Problem 2.

As 2/8 Bn. attack on HILL 2.

Narrative 3.

1. 2/8 Bn. attacked HILL 1 successfully and left coy during exploitation took hill to EAST of HILL 5.
2. Enemy forces withdrew from whole of RUHAMA feature as soon as their right flank fell.
3. Bde. Comdr comes forward during re-organisation and orders C.O. 2/8 Bn. to continue advance to Trig. 181 - 12191040.
4. At appx 0935 2/8 Bn. continues advance as adv. gd. to 19 Bde.

Narrative 4.

1. At appx. 1100 hrs. the C.O. 2/8 Bn. receives an order by M.C.D.R. from Bde Comdr. as follows -
 "6 DIV. order advance to cease on all fronts. Enemy forces of unknown strength known to be SOUTH of AL FALWA. 19 Bde. will occupy defensive position on feature NORTH and SOUTH of RUHAMA.
 2/8 Bn. will cover occupation and take up defensive position on high ground TRIG 181 at 12191040." Be prepared to hold position till 4 July 40."
2. C.O. 2/8 Bn. on receipt of message moves forward to recon area.

Problem 3.

As 2/8 Bn. occupation of defensive position at TRIG 181.

Narrative 5.

1. 2/8 Bn. occupied a defensive position at Trig 181 on the afternoon of 3 JULY 1940.
2. At 0200 hrs on 4 JULY 40 the C.O. 2/8 Bn. receives the following message from Bde. Comdr. -
 "2/8 Bn. will withdraw at first light 4 JULY 40 through Bde defensive position on high ground NORTH and SOUTH of RUHAMA, to Bn's former Bivouac area. Route to be followed, same as on the approach march to Trig 181."
3. Bn. Comdr expecting the possibility of a dawn withdrawal will have made necessary recon and plans for withdrawal on afternoon of 3 JULY 40.

Problem 4.

1. As 2/8 Bn. dawn withdrawal from Trig 181.

Narrative 6.

2/8 Bn. withdraws successfully from Trig 181. As it withdraws after dawn along track toward Trig 183 an enemy force, which has discovered withdrawal and taken short route appears on the bn's flank.

Problem 5.

As rear-guard coy - conduct rearguard action.

Narrative 7.

During rear-guard action rearguard becomes involved and cannot withdraw.

Problem 6.

As C.O. 2/8 Bn. the action of Bn. to extricate the rearguard.

Narrative 8.

1. 2/8 Bn. extricates rearguard coy. from battle and withdraws to PUMP STATION area.
2. Bde. Comdr. issues orders for Bde. occupation of RUHAMA feature. C.O. 2/8 Bn. is given orders to occupy feature to N.W. of RUHAMA feature to protect Bde's left flank from BUKEIR AREA.

Problem 7. As 2/8 Bn. occupation of position. (No D.S. NOTES.)

Narrative 9.

1. 2/8 Bn. occupied and held feature during afternoon and night 4/5 July 40.
2. At 0730 hrs. on 5 July, 40, C.O. 2/8 Bn. receives the following following order from Bde. Comdr. "19 Aus. Inf. Bde. will withdraw to KILO 89. 10271037. 2/8 Bn. will act as right flankguard. Bde. route- road TRIG 181- HUI- KILO 89. Head of Bde. main body passes crossroad 11941025 at 0815 hrs.

Problem 8. As 2/8 Bn. carry out right flank protection of 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. withdrawal.

SECRET.

2/8 BN. OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

Copy No....
3 July 40.

Ref. - GAZA SHEET 9.

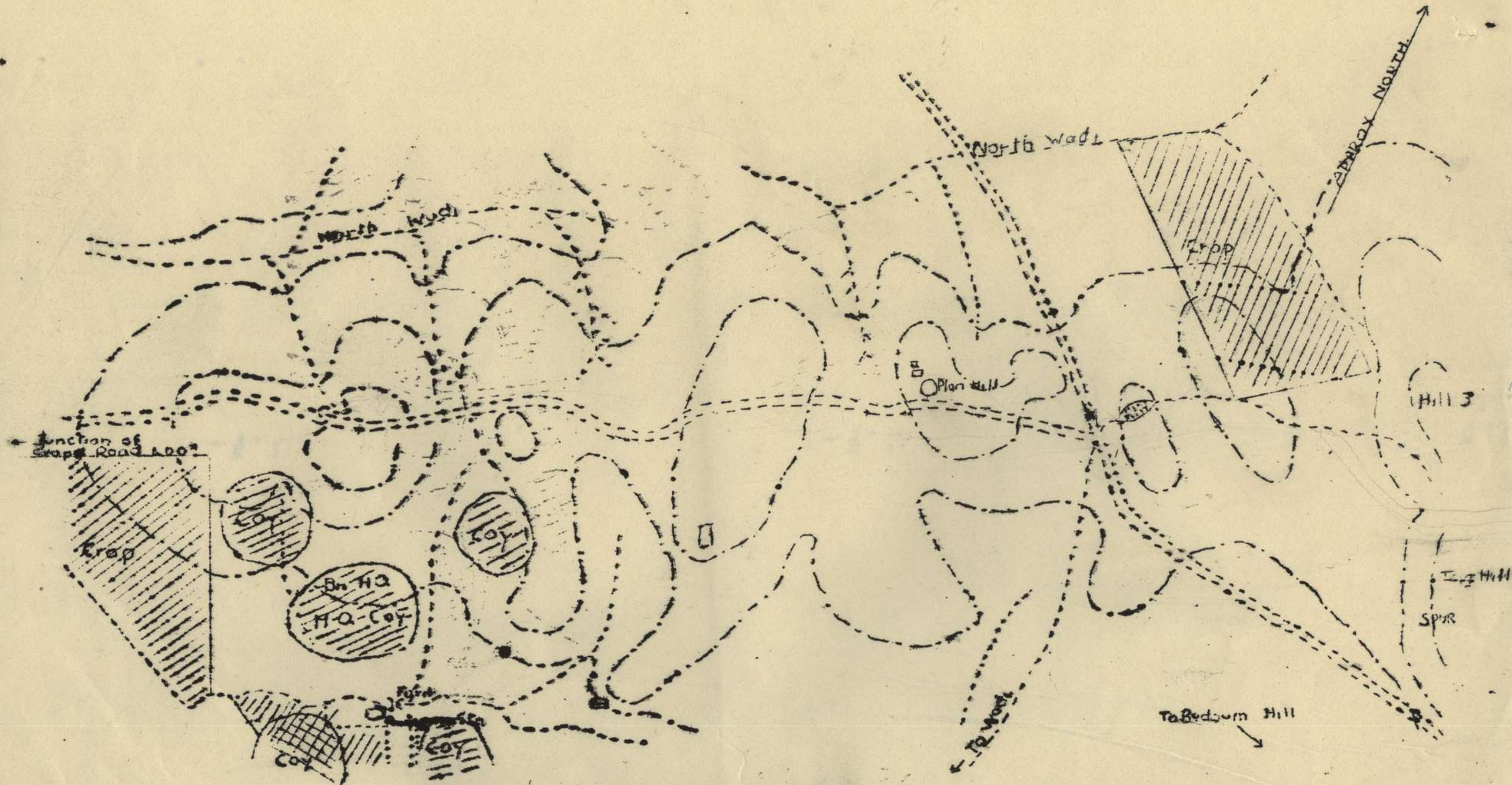
- INFORMATION - 1. Enemy }
2. Own tps } as contained in narratives already issued.
- INTENTION. 3. 2/8 Bn. will capture HIGH GROUND to NORTH of RUHAMA.
- METHOD 4. Forward troops - A Coy right D Coy left.
Under Command - A Coy One mortar det D Coy One Mortar det.
One sec M.M.G. One sec MMG's
role close support. Role close support.
- Objective - A Coy HILL 3 D Coy SPUR to left of HILL 3.
5. Reserve - B Coy. One pl. M.M.G's (from C Coy) and A.A. pl. To follow 500' behind forward coys.
6. Route - NORTH re-entrant.
7. Start line - Forward coys to cross BUREIR - RUHAMA Rd. at 0820.
8. Exploitation - A Coy limited to objective.
D Coy to nearest high ground EAST of SPUR.
9. Flank protection - C Coy (less M.M.G. pl.) will occupy a position on RIDGE on NORTH of NORTH re-entrant and astride BUREIR road.
Role to protect flank of attack.
On capture of object to move to HILL 3.
- DM. 10. S.A.A. reserve - Re-entrant to NORTH of HUT KNOLL (see sketch)
11. R.A.P. - PUMP STATION (see sketch)
12. Transport to remain at bivouac area until object captured.
- Intercomn. 13. Bn. H.Q. with C Coy.
14. Sigs - V.T. Bn. H.Q. to all coys.
15. Success Signal - V.T. from HILL 3 - Word "SUCCESS".

Lt. Col.

Commanding Officer 2/8 Bn.

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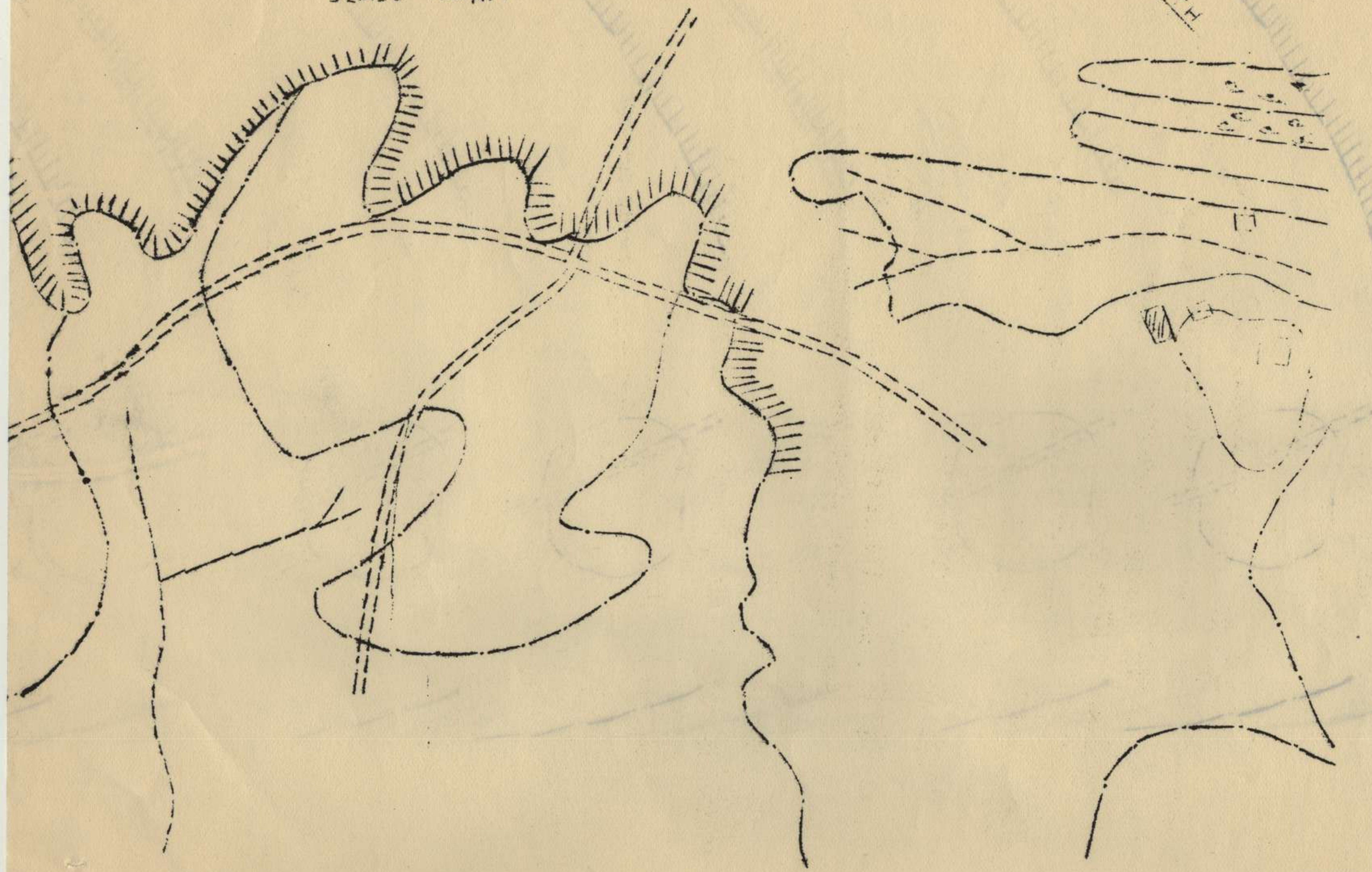
PLAN OF N°1 AREA.

3/8" to 100x

PLAN OF CLIFF AREA

SCALE 1:50,000

ALL NORTH



L. Haskell

AMENDMENTS TO 2/8 BN'S TACTICAL EXERCISE

2 JULY to 5 JULY 40.

The following amendments are issued and officers are requested to alter their copies of D.S. Notes.

1. Page D.S. 5 Operation order No. 3

Para 4 - Delete "one sec. M.M.G. role close support", in case of A & D Coys.

Para 5 - delete "one pl M.M.G's (from C Coy)"

para 13 - "Bn. H.Q. with C Coy" to read "Bn. H.Q. with B Coy."

Add Para 9 (a)

"Fire Plan - One Sec. M.M.G's on CENTRE SPUR - TASK

HILL 3 - Fire by observation from Zero.

One sec M.M.G's on CENTRE SPUR - TASK
(3 guns from C Coy)

HILLS 1 & 2 - Fire by observation from Zero.

One sec of M.M.G's on CENTRE SPUR - TASK
RUHAMA defile and feature to SOUTH. Fire by observation from Zero. Main task to stop enemy reinforcements crossing defile to strengthen HILLS 1, 2 & 3.

2. Page D.S. 9

Method para of withdrawal.

Para 3 - Delete the words, "less rearguard" in 3 (a)

" 5 - alter D + 75 to D + 60

" D + 90 to D + 80

*11/11/40
Adj
2/8 Bn*

D.S. NOTES.

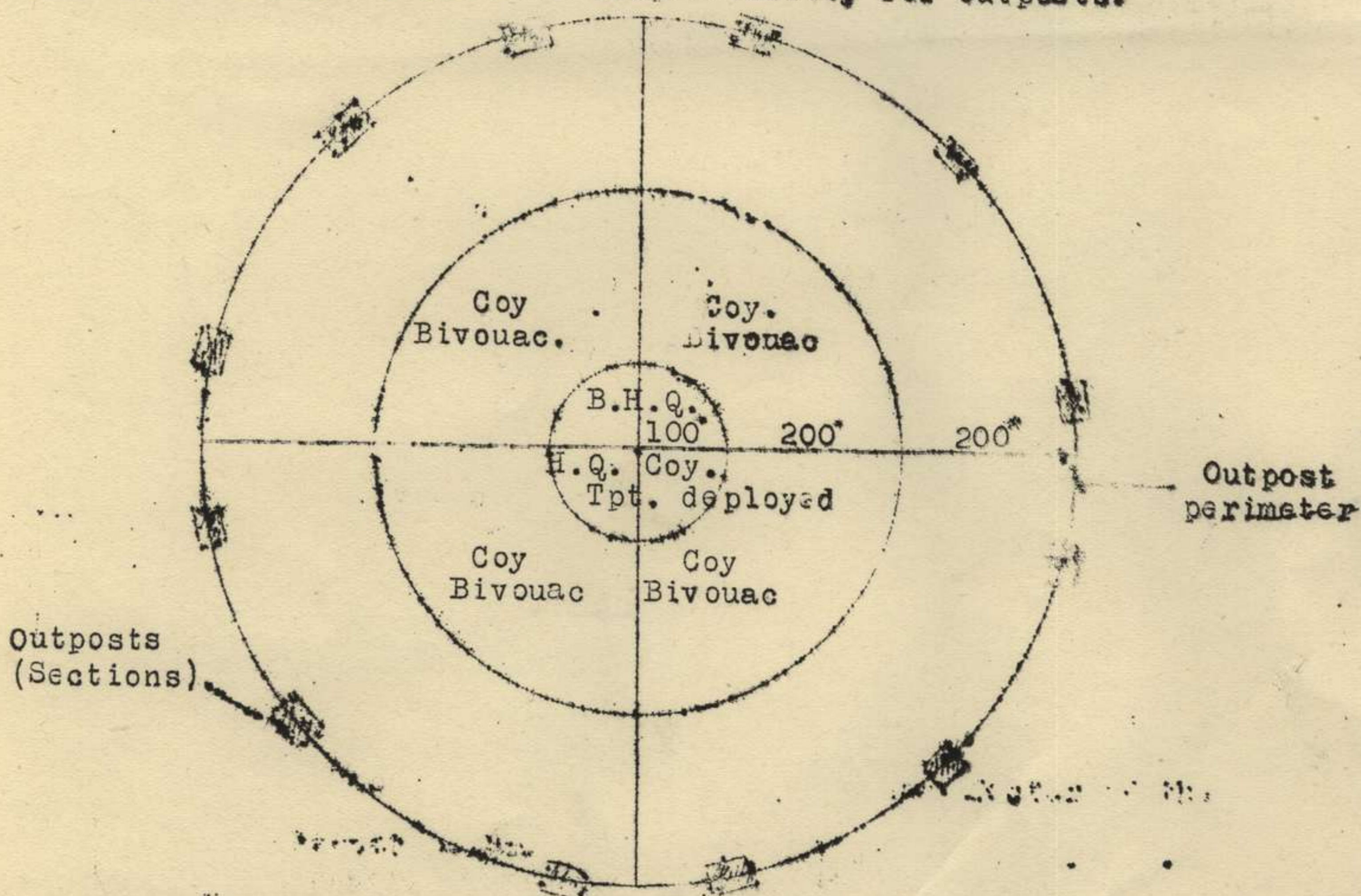
Problem 1 (b)

Occupation of bivouac area by Bn. out of contact.

1. The problem to be considered in the occupation of a bivouac area in enemy territory is protection.

In considering this problem two major factors must be considered -

- (a) To provide necessary protection to unit with minimum no. of troops so as to give the maximum amount of rest to the Bn.
 - (b) To have sufficient protection for not only preventing surprise but to enable enough resistance to be put up to hold an enemy attack until Bn. has had sufficient time to stand to ready for action.
2. This protection can best be achieved by a series of protective detachments called outposts but whose role is the same as other protective dets. such as adv. or flank guards..
 3. The following plan will show responsibility for outposts.



- Note.-
- (a) Each Coy is responsible for its own sector of the outpost perimeter. A pl. will normally suffice.
 - (b) The general line of the perimeter is laid down by Bn. Comdr.
 - (c) Distances only appx. as a general guide.

D.S. 1 (a)

(d) Patrols - Coys provide patrols only between their own outposts and not forward of perimeter.

Bn. provides patrols forward of perimeter line and will warn Coys of times and routes of such patrols.

(e) Lines of approach - If there are any definite enemy lines of approach into bivouac area Bn. will arrange to have them covered by automatic or mortar fire from H.Q. Coy.

(f) Defensive positions - Coys must arrange disposition of coy so that on alarm each coy can stand to ready to meet an attack from its own sector of the perimeter.

(g) A.A. protection is undertaken by A.A. pl. Each Coy will mount one Bren on tripod in addition. The location of this coy Bren will be co-ordinated by A.A. pl. comdr. who will move to each coy in turn.

(h) IMPORTANT - The Bn. adv. gd. is responsible for protection of unit at the bivouac area until such time as each coy has occupied its sector.

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D.S. Notes. - Problem 2.

Appreciation of Situation by Colonel X at HUT KNOLL at 0650 hrs on 3 July 40.

OBJECT - 1. To continue advance to TRIG 181 at 12191040.

FACTORS - 2. Air and my own intelligence reports report that the enemy are holding the high ground to the NORTH and SOUTH of RUHAMA. Strength unknown, but as discussed previously it is known that he has no artillery and very few automatics.

The high ground that he is holding is to the SOUTH of my general line of advance, but as it will threaten our flank and 19 Bde's and our line of communication - therefore I must capture the high ground prior to continuing advance.

3. The feature held by the enemy is divided by a large defile on which is the village RUHAMA. The RIDGE to the SOUTH of RUHAMA is over a mile to the SOUTH of my line of advance - therefore if the ground to the NORTH of RUHAMA is suitable for attack, I will use it in preference to ground to the SOUTH, so as not to become involved in a battle that will not assist in my ultimate object, and studying the ground and the map the feature to the NORTH of the defile appears to be divided into four sections.

(a) The spurs running up from the defile and RUHAMA. This position is probably strongly held as it covers the road passing through the defile.

(b) HILL 1 - 12071018

(c) HILL 2 - 12061027

(d) HILL 3 - 12081022

The lines of approach towards these features from bivouac area are from right to left three. -

(a) The general line of the re-entrant that Bn. is bivouaced in. This offers little cover and means attacking the enemy near the defile where I consider he will be strongest.

(b) The line of the spur running between re-entrant bn. &

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bivouaced in and the large re-entrant to the NORTH. The road I am advancing along runs along this spur. This line of approach gives no cover and approaches enemy where he can bring fire to bear on me from any part of his front.

(c) Along NORTH re-entrant. This re-entrant runs up into the flank of the HILL 3 (i.e. HILL 12061026). Of the three approaches this gives the greatest cover and in its latter stages defilades most of enemy's position.

5. On the left of this latter line of approach is a ridge across which runs the road from BURAIR 116108. If I use NORTH re-entrant as a line of approach then this ridge will have to be held to protect my left against any enemy movement from BURAIR AREA.
6. The spur running between the two re-entrants discussed, provides positions from which mortar and M.M.G. supporting fire could be brought to cover movement forward along either re-entrant.

Courses: Open.

- To Enemy 7. (a) To bring reinforcements from RUHAMA AREA to strengthen his position on his right. In this case I will bring in my reserves - therefore will keep them close up.
- (b) To drop back to High ground SOUTH of RUHAMA. In this case I will ask Bde. Comdr. action he requires before continuing advance.
- (c) To withdraw from position - in which case I will continue my advance.

To Self 8. To continue advance leaving high ground occupied by enemy on my right and protect line of communication with a Coy.

This course endangers my flank and does not carry out my role of protecting 19 Bde. I will not adopt it.

9. To attack the enemy position and capture sufficient of the high ground to protect line of advance. As discussed in Factor paras. there are three lines of approach -

SOUTH re-entrant

CENTRE SPUR

NORTH re-entrant

I decided that NORTH re-entrant was the only one that offered me a covered line of approach and was the best.

I will adopt this course using NORTH re-entrant as a line of approach.

- PLAN 10. To attack HILL 3 (see attached sketch) with two coys forward and two in reserve.
11. Route along line of NORTH RE-ENTRANT.
 12. Supporting fire from CENTRE SPUR.
 13. One coy to occupy RIDGE on left of approach to protect attack from BURBIR direction.

D.S. Notes Problem 3.Occupation of Trig 181 by 2/8 Bn.

A. There are three main problems to be considered in this position -

1. Night attack by enemy
2. All round defence
3. Depth in defence.

1. Night attack by enemy - In considering ground to be occupied it is apparent that an enemy night attack is the more dangerous one. In daylight there are good and long fields of fire and observation over long distances. At night however, this observation is lost and the broken country lends itself to night approaches by patrols. This factor decides that the front line must be on top of the plateau where the lines of approach from the front and flanks are limited to some 6 re-entrants running up from the lower country - and not forward of the plateau.

2. Having decided the location of the F.D.L's, then depth must be considered. Some 400 yds behind the edge of the plateau are two features. With two coys forward to cover the re-entrant approaches and two coys back on these two features, the position would achieve ~~and~~ all round defence, and each coy would be capable of covering and supporting its neighbouring coy.

3. These two features if occupied not only provide all round defence, but will give depth in the defence, but to achieve the depth each of the forward Coys and rear coys must locate and construct their weapon pits so as to be able to fight to N.E. or S.

B. A definite organization of a defensive position will be laid down although this organization was not adhered to in this exercise because of (a) ground.

(b) Type of enemy and equipment

the principles of the system will be briefly discussed. It must be realised that conditions will effect

the organization. Students are referred to "Military Training Pamphlet 23 Part II DEFENCE".

1. When a unit is to occupy a defensive position the commander must protect the occupation by pushing forward a covering force. This force must be capable of fighting a delaying action to enable the main body to prepare for the attack and should if possible, considering the ground, be far enough forward so that the enemy is held up before he can interfere with the main body with his fire. The covering force will ultimately be withdrawn into reserve.
2. The main position will be organised as follows -
 - (a) An outpost line
 - (b) Defensive position.
 - (a) The outpost line will be a series of Strong Points (discussed later) established in front of the line of foremost defended localities (F.D.L's) for local protection. Their role will be -
 - (i) To prevent the enemy's reconnoitring troops from obtaining information.
 - (ii) To obtain information of the enemy's approach
 - (iii) To gain necessary time - by resistance - for the main position to prepare for action.

At night patrols will maintain touch between outposts. These patrols will be supplied by the outpost comdr.

- (b) The defensive position starts from the line of foremost defended localities and involves the whole of the remainder of the defensive in depth (includes reserves).

The plan of defence for this main position will be made in terms of fire rather than men and great care must be exercised in co-ordination of all supporting weapons. The fire plan will be organised in front of line of F.D.L's (and behind outpost line) to break up the enemy attack before reaching line of F.D.L's. At the same time some weapons must be disposed in depth to deal with any enemy detachments as may succeed in penetrating the

position.

As before not only the position but each locality must be capable of all round defence as well as having depth.

NOTE - Because of the type of enemy force and his lack of modern equipment, tanks, armcd. cars etc. have not come into problem. These are a major consideration these days and therefore normally it is essential to site the F.D.L's behind a tank obstacle. If no natural one exists, then one must be constructed.

Again it is normal to construct heavy wire defences round each strong point and in front of the defensive position.

3. Strong Points -

The development of strong points is becoming increasingly important in modern warfare. References are made to these strong points in several Training Pamphlets and Notes received on Outpost Fighting.

There seem to be two main occasions during which strong points will be organised.

- (a) All outpost positions
- (b) Each forward coy H.Q.

In the case of (b) the strong point (which will normally be a pl.) is sited on the major or a strong tactical position in the coy area with the object of providing a position for the defence to be rallied on in case of an enemy breaking through.

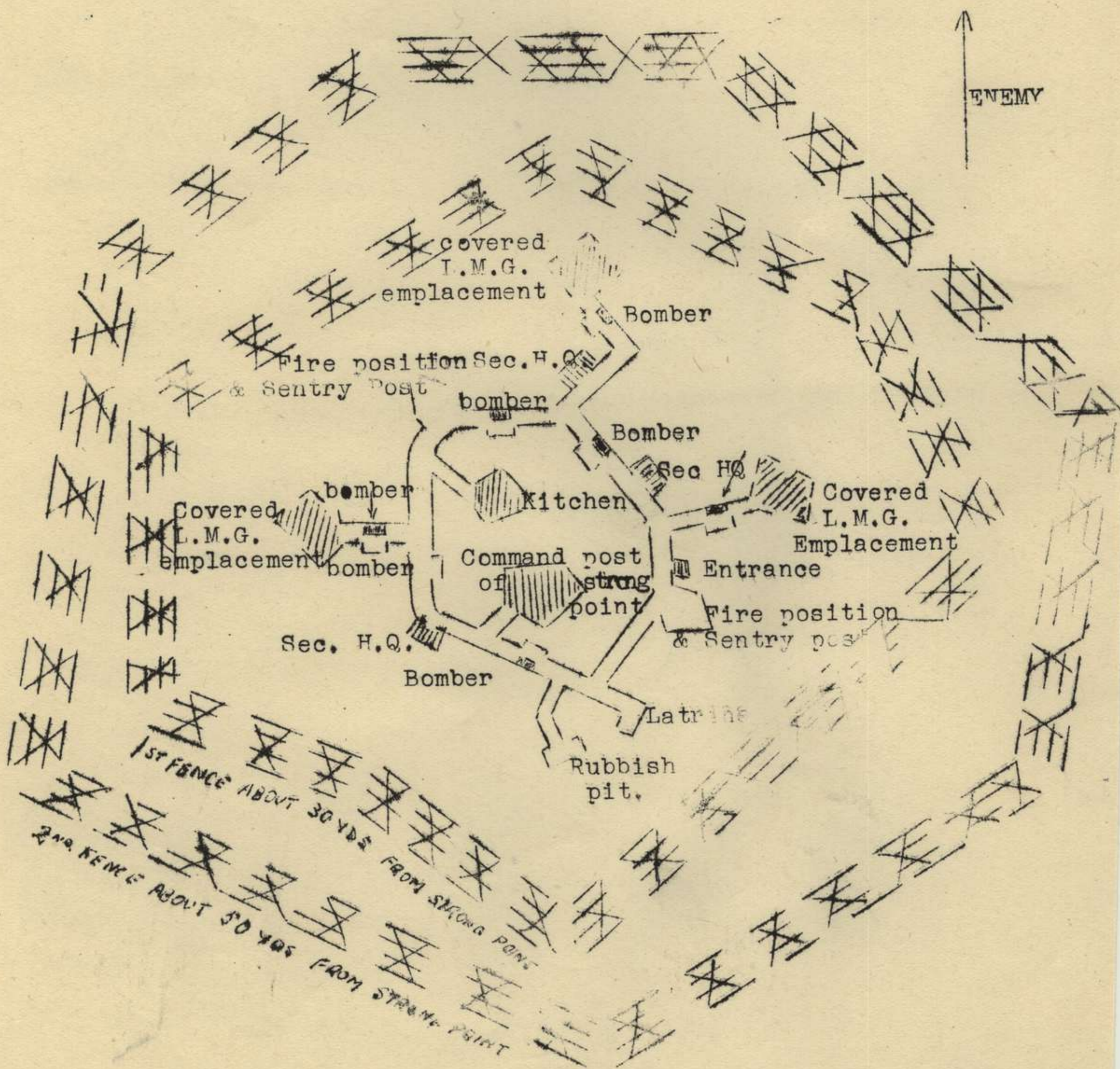
The fact that this strong point will be visible is realised but as the position is behind the front line and is heavily wired, it will require artillery preparation to capture. In such case evacuation can be envisaged to another position.

A diagram of a suggested layout is attached.

NOTE - These principles are still in process of evolution and may alter rapidly with practical experience.

SKETCH No. 2

TYPE OF STRONG POINT FOR OUTPOST ZONE.



DIMENSIONS OF STRONG POINT (not including wire) - ABOUT 50' X 60'

D.S. NOTES - Problem 4.

METHOD PARA of Bn. Comdrs O.P. Order for withdrawal from Trig 181.

1. Method of withdrawal - Bn. will move from Bn. R.V. straight back to PUMP STATION.

Order of March	D Coy	
	A "	
	H.Q. "	Column of rotte 100 yds.
	C "	between Coys.

Rear gd. Comdr. - Capt. Challen

Tps. - B Coy.

Under comd - 2 Mortar det.

1 pl. M.M.G's.

2. R.V's.

(a) Coys R.V. pointed out on ground.

(b) Bn. R.V. " " " "

(c) Routes to Bn. R.V. pointed out on ground.

3. Times

(a) Forward Coys less rearguard to commence withdrawal at zero hr.

Forward Coys to clear Coy R.V's by D + 30

(b) Rear Coys to commence withdrawal D + 20

To clear R.V's at D + 50

(c) Bn. will not remain at Bn. R.V. after D + 60.

4. General Route of Withdrawal - Road Trig 181 to Trig 183 to PUMP STATION.

5. Rear position - To be held by rear-guard (B Coy plus attached tps)

until D + 75. Rear position to be clear by D + 90.

6. Appx. time of Zero - 0400 hrs.

7. Para. tpt. will move to coy areas at 0330 hrs., pick up packs and blankets and report to M.O. at Bn. R.V. where they will be despatched as a group to PUMP STATION as soon as all are collected at R.V.

8. Patrols - Rear pty (B Coy) will provide fighting patrols from D to D + 60.
9. Bn. H.Q. - will move from Bn. R.V. with C Coy.
10. R.A.P. - Ambulance will move in rear of C Coy.

Notes on Night (or Dawn) Withdrawal.

1. The exercise done considered withdrawal when not in active contact with enemy. It is obviously most easily carried out at night.
2. The Bn. Comdr. lays down Bn. R.V. and Coy R.Vs. The Intelligence section supplies guides from Coy R.V.s. to Bn. R.V.
The Coy Comdr. is responsible for selection of pl. R.Vs and routes to Coy R.V.s.
3. Secrecy is of utmost importance. If the enemy discovers troops are withdrawing and launches an attack he will cause great confusion and casualties. Therefore (a) normal activity will be maintained as long as possible by forward troops.
(b) a carefully prepared timed programme must be layed down and adhered to, to save confusion.
(c) Fighting patrols should be sent forward to stop enemy patrols getting information.
(d) Forward troops should be last to move.
4. Machine Guns - will be left in position until some 15 minutes after last riflemen have withdrawn. These will cover lines of approach and if enemy are suspicious and attack, defensive fire can be brought down which will hold enemy up. These guns will have skeleton crews and vehicles will be near by so that they can be withdrawn rapidly
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D.S. Notes Problem 5.

5. Rearguard, duty and action.

- (a) When a force advances it covers or protects itself with an adv. gd. In a similar manner when a force retreats it protects itself with a rearguard. This rearguard functions in the same manner as an adv. gd. It is divided into the rear party (compare with van guard),
main guard
and has the role of securing for the main body a safe withdrawal.
- (b) Whilst engaging and holding up any enemy force to enable the main body to get away - it must be careful itself not to become involved in a fight to the extent that it cannot withdraw itself. Therefore it is necessary for the rearguard to be strong in machine guns (artillery if available) and mortars to enable fire to be brought on a pursuing enemy at long ranges and cause the enemy to deploy at long ranges.
- (c) If the enemy pursue the rear-guard must take up a defensive position and cause the enemy to deploy and organize for an attack at as great a distance as possible. As soon as the enemy have deployed, organized and launched attack (which will take considerable time and allow main body to clear the danger area) - then the rearguard will drop back to another defensive position - sufficiently far back to cause the enemy to reform and march forward before organizing for an attack on the next position. Positions occupied need not be disposed in depth.
- (d) Timing of action - Bn. Comdr. can control the rearguard action as follows -
- (i) On a timed programme, by fixing definite times at which successive positions must be donned
 - (ii) By giving the rearguard Comdr. latitude as to time of withdrawal, providing main body is protected.
- (e) Important - A running fight must be avoided at all costs.
- (f) Read F.S.R. Vol. II Sec 47. 48.