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October - November 1940

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Bn. A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From* Oct. I 1940. *To* Oct. 14 1940

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KILO 89.	Oct. I		Bde Bivouac.	Operation Orders Attached.
Bivouac Area.	2		Bde Exercises.	" " "
" " "	3		Bde Exercises.	" " "
" " "	4		Bde Exercises A.M. Return Kilo 89 P.M.	" " "
KILO 89.	5		Bde Parade. Brig. Commended Bde On improvement in training.	
KILO 89.	6		A.M. Preparations for move to JAFFA RANGE. P.M. Moved to JAFFA RANGE 1300hrs.	
JAFFA RANGE.	7		JAFFA RANGE.	Syllabus attached
" "	8		" "	" " "
" "	9		" "	" " "
" "	10		" " Considerable improvement in shooting.	" " "
KILO 89.	11		Returned from JAFFA RANGE 0730. Administration and Pay.	
" "	12		A.M. Tents shifted to higher ground. Light rain fell 1800 hrs.	
" "	13		Leave to TEL AVIV and Jerusalem.	
" "	14		Leave again to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM.	

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Unit 2/8 Bn.A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From* 15 Oct.1940. *To* 28 Oct.1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KILO 89.	15 Oct.		Routine Training. General Alarm 0915. Practice only.	
" "	16 Oct.		Routine Training A.M. Div Duty Bn.Duties commenced P.M.	Copy of Administration orders attached.
" "	17 Oct.		Routine Training.	
" "	18 Oct.		Routine Training.	
" "	19 Oct.		Routine Training A.M. Combined 2/8,2/11 Rugby Team played Palestine Police P.M.Won by 2/8,2/11.	
" "	20 Oct.		Church Parades A.M. Preparations for bivouac P.M.	
Bivouac.	21 Oct.		On Bivouac.	Copy operations orders attached.
Bivouac.	22 Oct.		On Bivouac.	Copy Operation orders attached.
" "	23 Oct.		On Bivouac.	" " "
" "	24 Oct.		On Bivouac.	" " "
Bivouac A.M. Kilo 89 P.M.	25 Oct.		Return from bivouac A.M. Administration and Pay Parades.	
Kilo 89.	26 Oct.		Bde Parade 0900 hrs.Address by Brig. And march past.	
" "	27 Oct.		Church Parades and Swimming.	
" "	28 Oct.		Bn parade 0815. C.O. addressed Bn.D Coy on 3 day bivouac.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KILO 89	29 Oct.		Routine Training. D Coy on bivouac. Carriers as enemy.	
KILO 89.	30 Oct.		A.M Bde Exercise. 2 planes carried out dive-bombing attacks. Blanks were issued and practice gained in S.Asfire as A.A.	
KILO 89.	31 Oct.		Routine Training. B Coy on bivouac. 5 30 cwt trucks taken on strength.	

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2/8 BN. OPERATION ORDER NO. 10

Ref. Map. GAZA 1.100,000

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INF. 1. Enemy tps.- (a) Enemy patrolling area NORTH of road BEIT JIGRIN - AL MADJAL.

(b) Enemy A.F.Vs and embussed infantry seen between 1200 hrs. - 1517 hrs. at TALL AL QUNEITARA 12751055 - TALL ASH SHUAF 12301075 - TRIG 112, 11941083.

2. Own tps.- 19 Bde., less 2/8 Bn. still bivouaced WEST of HUJ.

INTENTION 3. 2/8 Bn. will move to Bde. bivouac area, TRIG 130 by 1600 hrs. 1 Oct. 40.

METHOD 4. Formation - As per Bn. S.O. para 21 (a). Order of march table attached. Appx. I.

5. Start point. - WADI crossing EAST of 2/8 Bn. lines.

6. Sero - 1200 hrs.

7. Camp guard - present guard plus band.-
O.C. Camp and i/c. Security - Lt. Yeates.

ADM. 8. S.M.P. for 1 Oct. - Kilo 89. Q.M. to send two guides to bring ration vehicles to B echelon area.

19. Water. Tank vehicles refill after breakfast 2 Oct. at Kilo 89 before 1000 hrs. after evening meal 2 Oct. at pt. 11801020. Cost 1 mil per gal. Q.M. to draw LP9. from Adj. prior to 1200 hrs. 1 Oct.

10. Dress - Hats, shirts, K.D. slacks and gaiters. Great-coats in packs. One blanket per man in B ech. Blankets to be stacked at Coy Q stores by 1000 hrs. 1 Oct. B ech. to collect between 1000 - 1030 hrs. One man per coy with Coy blankets as guard.
Note - Each man to carry one complete change of clothing.

11. Medical - WEST of TRIG 130 on Main GAZA - HUJ road.

12. Tpt. - B ech under Bn. control. Note - when B ech is brigaded. T.O. will remain with it.

13. P.P. - Track junc. 11151020 from 2000 to 2400 hrs. 1 Oct.

14. Traffic - No rearward traffic will be permitted on Road HUJ - TRIG 184 - TALL ESH SHAAF between 0700 and 1500 hrs. 2 Oct.

INTERCOMN. 15. Bn. H.Q. - Rear H.Q. - Kilo 89
Adv. H.Q. - Head of A ech.

ACK.

Method of Distribution - At orders
Time of Signature - 0800.

Capt.
Adjutant 2/8 Bn.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1 - C.O.		Copy No. 8 - C Coy.	
" " 2 - Adj.		" " 9 - D "	
" " 3 - War Diary		" " 10 - 2 i/c.	
" " 4 - File		" " 11 - Q.M.	
" " 5 - OC HQ Coy		" " 12 - T.O.	
" " 6 - " A "		" " 13 - I.O.	
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APPENDIX 1 - MARCH TABLE

Serial No.	Date.	Sub-units	No. of vehicles	Road space	Time past S.P.	Route	Destination	Remarks.
1.	1 Oct.	A Coy.	-	50x	1200	From S.P. to main GAZA - HUJ road, thence EAST to TRIG 130 at 1201019	TRIG 130 at 1201019	
2.	"	B "	-	50x	1203			Deployed.
3.	"	H.Q. Coy marching personnel.	-	50x	1206			Deployed.
4.	"	C Coy.	-	50x	1208			Deployed.
5.	"	D "	-	50x	1211			Deployed.
6.	"	Carrier	1.	100x	1214			Deployed.
7.	"	R & O gps.	12.	1200x	1215			
8.	"	A ech.	16.	1600x	1220			On right of road.
9.	"	B ech.	14.	1400x	1230			"

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APPENDIX 2.

Allotment of Transport.

Bn. H.Q. - C.O's car.
2 i/c. - P.U.
I.O. - L.V.
Office - 30-cwt.
M.O. - 15-cwt.
M/C - D.R. Bn.H.Q.
Tpt. Sgt. - L.V.

Total 7 Vehicles.

H.Q. Coy. - O.C. - L.V.
Sigs - 2 L.Vs.
A.A. - 4 L.Vs.
Mortar - 2 L.Vs.
Pioneers - 1 L.V.
Carriers - 1 carrier
1 L.V.

6 Pl. - Q.M. - P.U.
T.O. - L.V.
Water - 3 vehicles.
Cookers - 5/30-cwt.

Total 17 vehicles.

Rations Stores - 2/15-cwt,
Tools - 1 L.V.
Baggage - 3 L.Vs.
Petrol - 1/30-cwt.

Each Rifle Coy H.Q. - 2 L.Vs. - Total - 8 L.Vs.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

6 Aust. Div.

2/8 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

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

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Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
1 Oct. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat 4/10/40

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
4 Oct. 40	Lieut. Sheedy	Sgt. Trethowan	Cpl. Jordan
n.f.d.	" Coutts	" Johnston	" McDermott

2. RETREAT - On and after 1 Oct. 40, Retreat will be sounded at 1630 hrs. Duties will, as usual, change at Retreat.

3. OBSCENE LANGUAGE - It is brought to the notice of all ranks that any member who -

(a) Uses blasphemous or obscene language

(b) Speaks or acts indecently

(c) Engages in immoral conversation

is guilty of an offence.

Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders.

4. BOUNDS. A.I.F. personnel will obey all notices in hotels and cafes in regard to bounds issued under orders of British or Australian formations.

5. BROADCAST - AUSTRALIAN NEWS - Arrangements have been made, as from Tuesday 1 Oct. for the re-broadcast of Australian News over the Palestine Broadcasting Service in conjunction with the normal evening news session from Jerusalem.

The broadcast will commence at 1715 hours and will last approximately 15 minutes.

6. LEAVE PASSES - All soldiers leaving the limits of their own camp area will be in possession of a Leave Pass unless on duty or when a member of a formed body proceeding on recreational training etc., under the command of an officer, W.O. or N.C.O.

7. COURT OF INQUIRY - A Court of Inquiry, constituted as under, will assemble, as directed by the President, to enquire into and report upon the damage sustained by Chevrolet truck V2250.

President Major A.S.Key
Members - Capt. C.J.Simpson
Lieut. L.A.Veates.

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Lieut.

A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 BN. OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

Ref. Map. GAZA 1/100,000

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2 Oct. 40.

GNF. 1. Enemy - No fresh information.

2. Own tps. (a) 2/8 Bn. becomes part of Detachment B which is commanded by C.O. 2/8. Tps. in addition to 2/8 Bn. are -

One Bty. 2/1 Fd. Regt.
One tp. A.T. Bty.
One Sec. 2/3 Fd. Coy.
2/2 Fd. Amb. (less one Coy).
2 Pl. 19 Bde. A.T. Coy.

(b) Mob tps are protecting our front and left flank during 2 Oct.

(c) Det. A (similar to Det. B with 2/4 Bn.) are to move adhead of Det. B during 2 Oct.

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INT. 3. Detachment "B" will move to area TRIG 181, 122104 - TALL ASH SHAAF 123107 on 2 Oct.

METHOD 4. Formation - (see Movement Table attached, appx I), Rifle Coys will march through HUJ in column of route, 30x between pls. Once through HUJ, Bn. will deploy in accordance with Appx. 2 diagram.

5. Carriers - Once through HUJ, 2 secs of carriers will move to the high ground to the right of the Bn. and cover the right flank of the Bn. only, during the approach march. Carrier O.C. to maintain contact with Bn.H.Q. every half hour. One sec to cover front of approach.

6. A.A. Pl. - One sec. will move with A. echelon.
" " " " " B. "

7. A.T. tp. (A.T. Regt) One sec with 2/8 Bn. A ech.
" " " bty 2/1 Fd. Regt.

8. Bty. 2/1 Fd. Regt. - At least one troup to be in a covering position during whole approach.

9. Recce parties - Bn., Engr. and Arty recce groups and F.O.O. will move at head of Bn., behind covering fire of one sec. of Bn. carriers. (see March Table).

ADM. 10. Tools - will be collected at Coy areas 0830.

11. No rearward traffic will be permitted on the road HUJ - TRIG 184 - TALL ESH SHAAF between 0700 and 1500 hrs. 2 Oct.

12. (a) T.O. 2/8 Bn. will be i/c movement of serials 5 to 7 of movement table.
(b) Tpt. Sgt. 2/8 Bn. will be i/c movement of serial 4 of Movement Table.

13. Water - Water tank vehicles will refill from 1000 hrs. 2 Oct. at W.P. 11801020.

INTERCOMN. 14. Advanced Detachment H.Q. at head of column. Detachment H.Q. with O.C. H.Q. Coy.

15. Sigs (a) Bn. Sigs V.T. all coys.
D.R. (use vehicle) with Fd. Amb.

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(b) Wireless Van of Bn. to Adv.H.Q.

16. Synchronize watches.

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Adj. 2/8 Bn.

Method of Distribution - Issued at Orders.

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Distribution.

Detachment Comdr.	Copy	No	1		D Coy 2/8 Bn.	Copy	No. 12
Adj. 2/8 Bn.	"	"	2		Q.M. 2/8 Bn.	"	" 13
File	"	"	3 & 4		T.O. 2/8 Bn.	"	" 14
War Diary	"	"	5		Tpt. Sgt. 2/8 Bn.	"	" 15
2/2 Fd. Amb.	"	"	6 & 7		I.O. 2/8 Bn.	"	" 16
H.Q. Coy 2/8 Bn.	"	"	8		A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.	"	" 17
A Coy 2/8 Bn.	"	"	9				
B " " "	"	"	10				
C " " "	"	"	11				

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MOVEMENT TABLE - DETACHMENT "B" (OP. ORDER NO. 11)

APPENDIX 1.

Serial No.	Date.	Units.	No. of vehicles.	Road space in yds.	Time past S.P.	S.P.	ROUTE.	DESTINATION	Remarks
1.	2 Oct.	Carrier Pl. 2/8 Bn.	10	1000	1000 hrs.	SH. MANSUR WEST OF HUJ.	ROAD HUJ - TRIG 184 - TALL ASH SHAFF	TALL ASH SHAFF	See para 5 of OP. ORDER
2.	"	Pcs of 2/8 Bn - Engrs. - ARTY	14	1400	1005 "				" " 9 " " "
3.	"	A Coy 2/8 Bn.	Marching personnel.	100	1013 "				" " 4 " " "
		B Coy. " "	" "	100	1015 "				" " 4 " " "
		H.Q. Coy 2/8 Bn.	" "	100	1017 "				" " 4 " " "
		C Coy " "	" "	100	1019 "				" " 4 " " "
		D " " "	" "	100	1021 "				" " 4 " " "
4.	"	2/8 Bn. Mech.	42	4200	1024 "				Less 10 carriers, plus two vehicles A.T. tp. See para 12 (b) of OP. ORDER. To move in bounds to head of Bn.
5.	"	Fd. Engrs Mech	8	800	1045 "				
6.	"	Fd. Amb. Mech	10	1000	1049				Move in 20 minute bounds every 40 ins. to rear of 2/8 Bn. Mech.. See Serial 4 above. Note para 12 (a) of OP. ORDER.
7.		All Mech tpt. & A.T. Pl.:-							
		2/8 Bn.	15	1500	1054				
		Engrs.	Nil						
		A.T. Pl.	4	400	1063				
		Fd. Amb.	15	1500	1065				
		ARTY	7	700	1073				
		A.T. tp.	Nil.						
8.		Fd. Bty. & 1 sec A.T. tp. Mech.	45	4300	See para 8 & 7 of OP. ORDER				Deployed to cover approach March.

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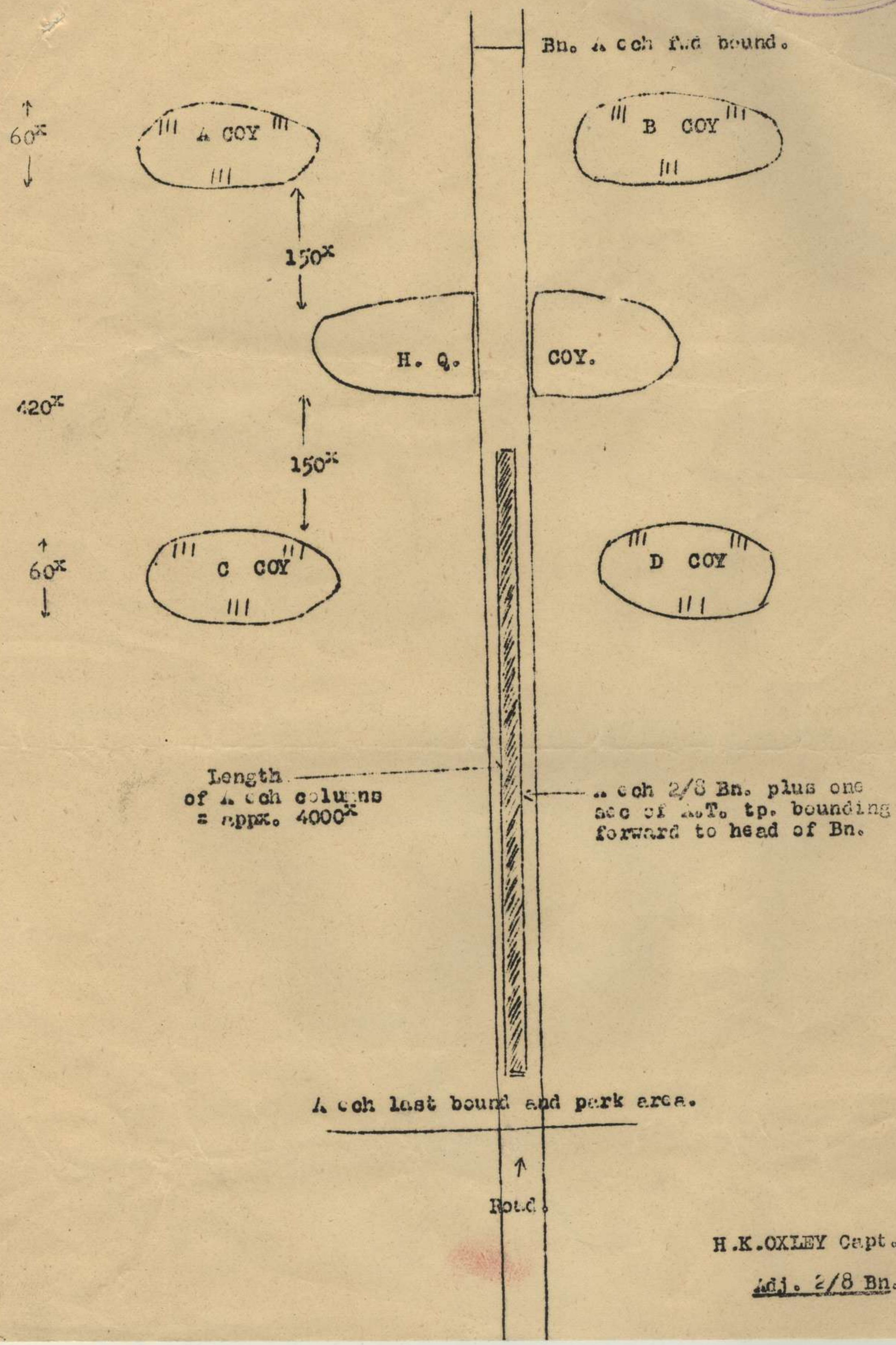

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2/8 Bn OPERATION ORDER No. 12 SECRET

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Ref G.Z. 1/100000 3 Oct. 40

INF. 1. Enemy - Entrenched strength approx one Bn JUSEIR - HATTA line.

2. Own tps - (a) 19 Bde is occupying high ground overlooking JUSEIR - HATTA, 2/8 Bn. right, 2/4 Bn. left.
19 Bde will attack enemy position at dawn.
(b) Arty concentrations arranged roads NORTH JUSEIR 2+20 to 2+25.

INT. 3. 2/8 Bn. will capture JUSEIR at first light, 4 Oct.

METHOD 4. Two coys forward, two coys reserve.
Forward coys A Right B left.
Rear coys C Right D left.

Objectives forward coys A Coy, B Coy } Far side of village.

Objectives rear coys C Coy - astride road EAST JUSEIR.
D Coy - " " WEST "

5. Boundary - Forward and rear coys - road JUSEIR - inc. right coys.

6. Formations - See appx 1. Once pls are in position on S.L. they will deploy into line.
Note - Only rear coys have on pl. in depth.

7. Start line will be laid down by I.O. at right angles to line of attack.

8. Guides
(a) Int. See guides from Coy R.Vs to I.O. at centre of S.L., on road. These guides will report to Coy H.Qs prior to Coys assembling at 0230.
(b) Each coy will send two (2) guides per pl. to Bn.H.Q. at 0215 hrs.
(c) H.Q. Coy. No guide - Follow road to JUSEIR and take up position SOUTH of JUSEIR.

9. Bg. all coys - 27°.

10. TIMINGS -

Coy.	Time to be in assembly area.	Time to leave Coy assembly area.	Time to cross Start line.
A	0250	0300	0400 (zero)
B	0310	0320	0400 (zero)
C	0340	0350	0410
D	0330	0340	0410
H.Q.	0350	0405	0420

11. Speed of advance - 100x - 2 minutes.

12. Action if fired on - Continue advance to objective.

13. Zero - 0400

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14. Patrols - C Coy will provide a fighting patrol from 0240 to cover Bn. front in front of Start line. (Start line appx. cross roads 12791177) To withdraw at 0350 to S.L. where I.O. will direct to Coy position.

15. H.Q. Coy -

A.A. Pl. (less one ~~pl.~~ sec with B ech) - Mortar Pl. - Carriers - Pioneers all revert to H.Q. Coy control from 0200.

16. Supp. Arms -

(a) Fd. Coy Sec. with H.Q. Coy.
(b) One Bty. 2/1 Fd. Regt., defensive fire on enemy dug position SOUTH of JUSEIR on C.D.F.
F.O.O. forward with Adv. H.Q. for observed fire.

ADM.

17. Scale - Night attack.

18. M.T. - A ech to B ech area first light, under Tpt. Sgt. To move forward on success signal to H.Q. Coy SOUTH JUSEIR. B ech revert Bde control under M.T.O. 0330.

19. R...P. and S.A.A. - H.Q. Coy.

20. Prisoners to Bn.H.Q.

21. Medical - C.R.S. at 12601155.

22. Greatcoats will not be worn or carried. To be left in A ech. with packs.

23. Waterbottles will be refilled at breakfast.

INTERCOMN.

24. Bn.H.Q. on road between A & B Coys. during approach. Rear H.Q. move with H.Q. Coy.

25. Bde H.Q. remains 12511151.

26. Success Signal - Lamp or flag to sentry posted by tpt Sgt.

27. Password - HUNGARY

ACK.

Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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Time of Signature

Distribution

Copy No. 1 C.O.
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" " 4 W.D.
" " 5 H.Q. Coy
" " 6 A Coy
" " 7 B "
" " 8 C "
" " 9 D "
" " 10 R.S.M.
" " 11 Q.M.
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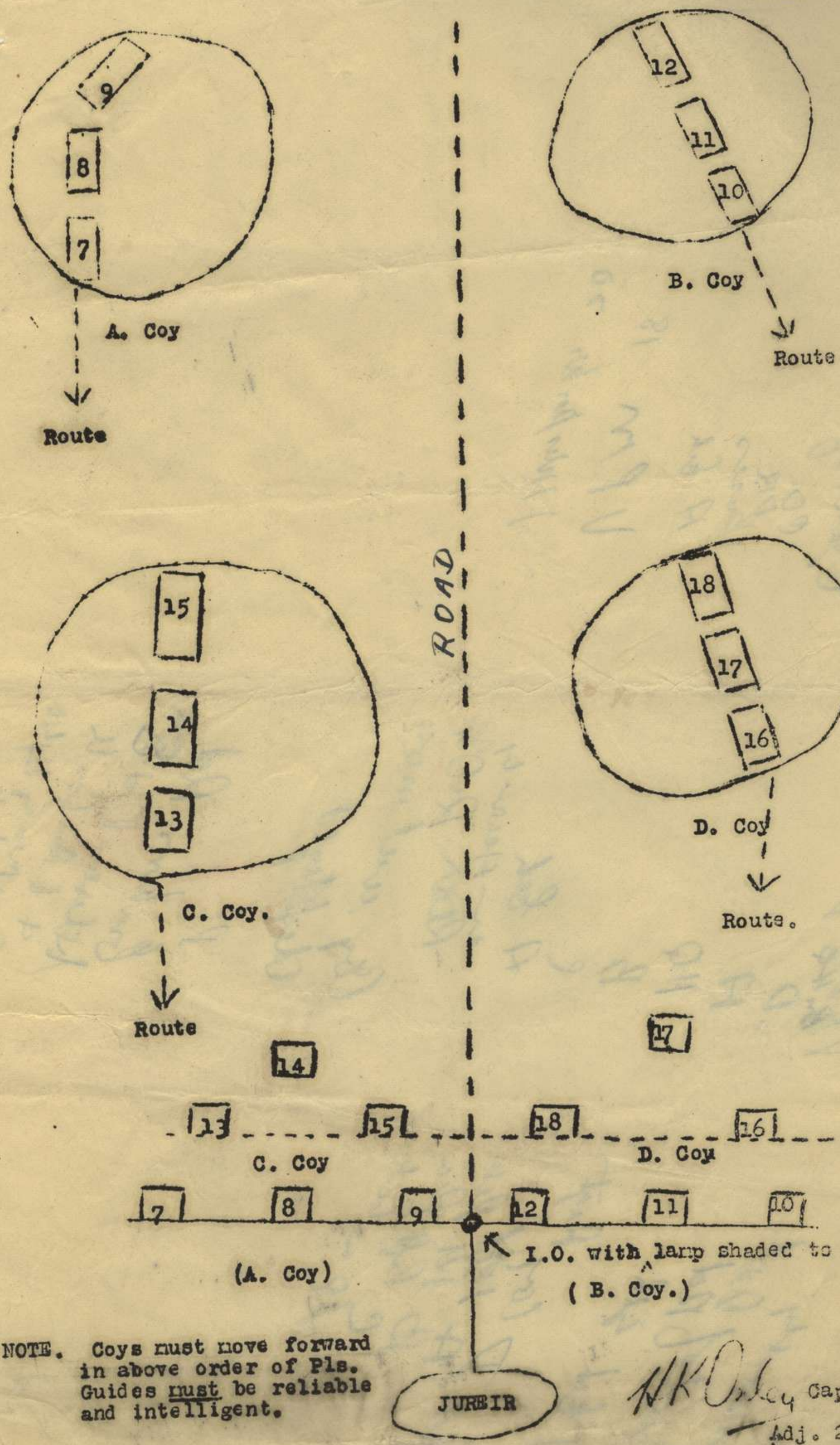
Assembly Areas Formation -



NOTE. Coys must move forward in above order of Pls. Guides must be reliable and intelligent.

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Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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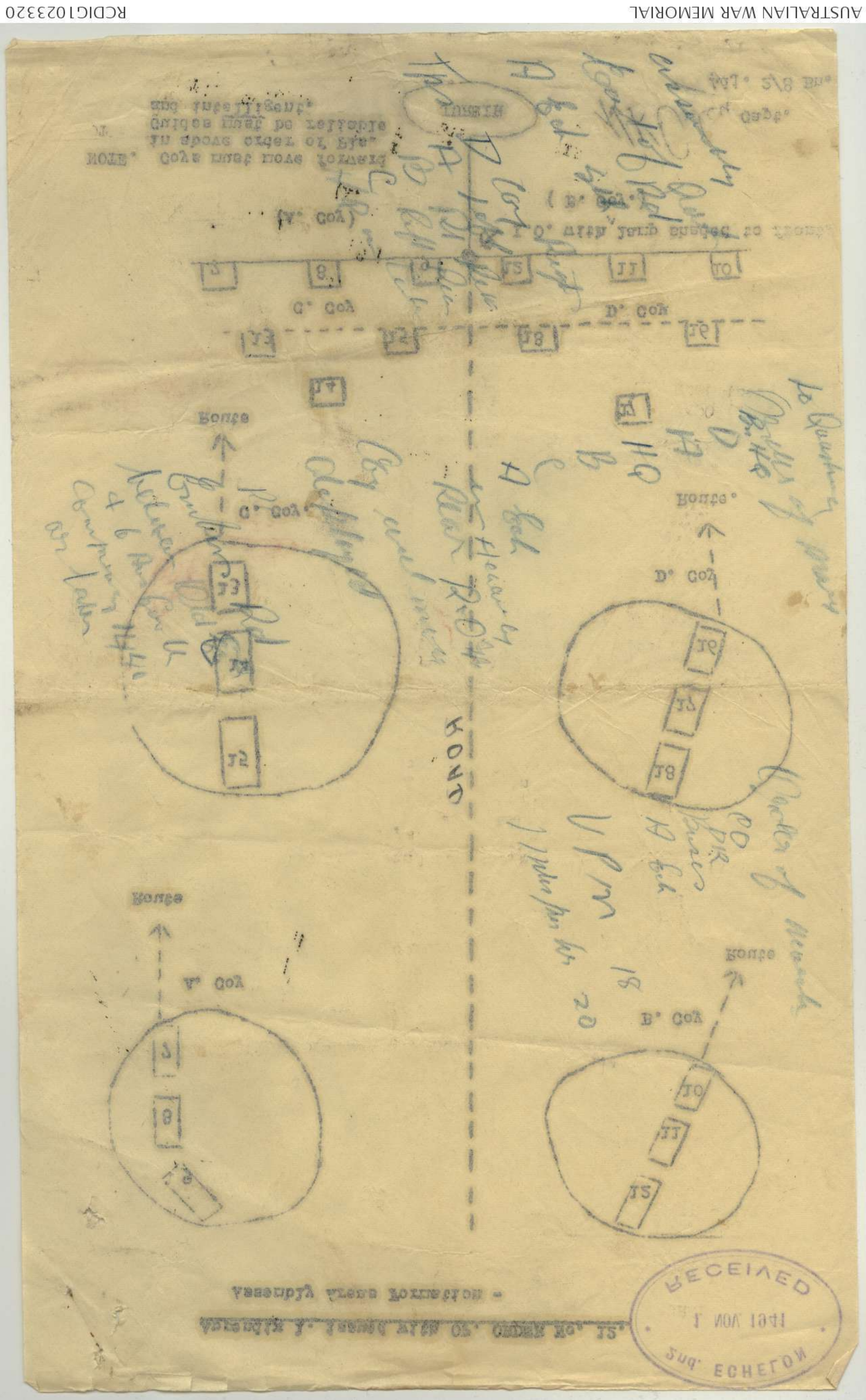

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
6 Aust. Div.
2/8 Bn.
ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1
by
Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. Q.92

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
5 Oct. 40.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat -

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
5 Oct.40	Lieut. Coutts	Sgt. Johnston	Cpl. McDermott.

Bn.Duty Coy. To mount 6 Oct. 40 - "C" Coy.

Duties to mount 15 Oct. 40.

GAZA Town Guard	1 Coy. "D" Coy.
GAZA Airport Gd.	1 Pl(42) "B" Coy.
GAZA Ridge	1 Pl(42) "B" Coy.
Bn. Duty Coy.	"A" Coy.

2. ROUTINE - JAFFA RANGE -

Reveille	-	0530
Breakfast	-	0615
Parade	-	0700
Lunch	-	1215
Tea.	-	1715

3. CHURCH PARADES - 6 Oct. 40

C of E Communion.
0615 Padre, McConchie 2/11 Bn.

R.C. Mass -
0645 Padre O'Callaghan 2/4 Bn.

Unit Service
0700 Padre Peirce. 2/8 Bn.

. Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

SYMPHONY CONCERT - to be held at Gaza Ridge Cinema on 13 Oct. 40.
Tickets 50mk each obtainable at Pay Sgt's office.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 13

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6 Oct. 40.

INT. 1. 2/8 Bn. (less personnel specially detailed) will fire Range Practices at Jaffa Range on 7,8,9,10 Oct. 40.

METHOD 2. Advance Party - Total - 40 all ranks will move under Q.M. arrangements at 0800 hrs. 6 Oct. 40.

3. Main Body will move at 1300 hrs. 6 Oct. 40.

4. Camp Guard - Special detail. (issued separately).
O.C. Camp & i/c Security - Lieut. Yeates.
One L.M.G. per Rifle Coy will be handed over to O.C. Security Guard.

ADM. 5. Dress - Hats, shirts, K.D. slacks & Gaiters. Greatcoats packs. Blankets - one per man - to be stacked at Coy. stores by 1000 hrs. 6 Oct. Each will collect between 1000 - 1030 hrs. One man per Coy as guard.
Complete change of clothing to be carried.

6. Tpt. - A Echelon will report to M.T.O. at 1300 hrs. A & B Echelon will move under M.T.O. at 1315 hrs. 6 Oct.

7. Medical - R.A.P. will be established at Jaffa Range Camp.

INTERCOMM.

8. Bn.H.Q. Rear H.Q. - Kilo 89
Adv. H.Q. - on move - at head of A Echelon.
At Jaffa - Range Camp.

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Lieut.
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2/8 BN. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.20

1. The standard of rifle shooting is extremely low in 2/8 Bn., and the period at Jaffa Range is to be utilized to the full to correct this. Personnel to fire are 2nd class and Unqualified shots.

2. The allotment of Coys to Ranges is shown in syllabus issued separately. This syllabus is designed for 7 details to complete practices in one day.

3. O's.C. Coys allotted Ranges will be responsible for completion of Table B Pt.II by their own coy and attached personnel. O.C. H.Q. Coy will arrange for personnel to report as shown in syllabus.

4. A.A.F. C.10's for all personnel will be submitted by 11 Oct. 40. Personnel who do not fire during period 7 - 10 Oct. will be shown on C. 10 with note in remarks column. giving date of classification (if any).

5. Marksmen will be employed as coaches and will be allotted for duty under Bn. arrangements. All marksmen will report to Advanced Bn. H.Q. at Jaffa Range at 1630 hours on 6 Oct. 40.

6. Duties at Range.

Camp. Guard. 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 12 O.Rs. will be mounted as follows:-

On arrival		C Coy.
1800 hrs.	7 Oct.	A "
" "	8 "	H.Q."
" "	9 "	B "
" "	10 "	D "

A.A. Pl. will be responsible for A.A. protection.

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SECURITY GUARD AND A.A. POSTS.

Personnel - To mount at 0930 hrs. 6 Oct. 40.

H.Q. Coy

Pte.	Adcock	H.J.
"	Ditchfield	R.
"	Judd	I.
L/Cpl.	Marum	R.K.
Pte.	Miller	R.H.
"	Riddington	F.
"	Roberts	A.S.O.
"	Turner	H.J.
"	Webb	G.

A Coy.

Pte.	Anderson	V.J.
"	Davies	G.W.
"	Dougherty	R.E.
"	Kearney	W.L.
"	Lang	D.
"	Mayne	F.O.
"	Middleton	P.V.
"	Morrow	C.R.
L/Cpl.	May	E.J.
Pte.	Neill	J.J.
"	O'Shea	F.T.
"	O'Sullivan	L.D.
"	Wood	R.J.

B Coy.

Sgt.	Grant	J.E.F.
L/Cpl.	Payne	
Pte.	Longmore	
"	Freeman	
"	Myers	
"	Poulson	
"	Close	

C Coy.

Cpl.	Fitzgerald	
Pte.	Jones	E.H.
"	Neall	O.Z.
"	Bassett	W.J.
"	Chamberlain	L.

D Coy.

Cpl.	Moram	
Pte.	Middleton	
"	Stephens	F.G.
"	Taylor	J.H.
"	Taylor	R.J.
"	Turner	D.E.

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2/8 Bn. TRAINING SYLLABUS.

DATE.	COY.	0700-0800.	0800--1200	1300-1700	Remarks.
7/10/40.	A B C D H.Q MORTAR Pl.	Move to range or trng.area.	A Coy + 50 from H.Q.Coy- A Range. B " + 40 " " " - B Range. C " + Butts "A" D " - " B Special ist Training.	TABLE PART 11 Spec ialist ~~Trai ning.~~	O's.C. Coy detailed for butts will be responsible for the control of butts and for all marking.
8/10/40.	A B C D A.A.	DO.	A Coy - Butts A B " - " B C " + 40 from H.Q.Coy - A Range D " + 30 " Bn H.Q.& B Coy B Range Specialist Training.	Table B Part 11 A A Practices	
9/10/40.	A B C H.Q D	DO	A Coy + 1 pl.H.Q.Coy - A&B Ranges LMG. Weapon Training. Butts A&B Range. Weapon Training. Weapon Training.	Weapon Trn g. B+1 pl H.Q A&B Ranges LMG Weapon Tra ining Butts A&B Ranges Weapon Tra ining.	
10/10/40.	A B C D H.Q.	DO	Butts A&B Ranges Weapon training C+1 pl H.Q Coy - A&B Range LMG. Weapon Training Weapon Training	Weapon Training Butts A&B Ranges Weapon Training Weapon Training D Coy + HQ& R - A&B Range LMG	
11/10/40	ALL	DITTO	DO KITO 8Ø	PAY & ADMINISTRATIVE.	
12/10/40		LEAVE		LEAVE.	

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2/8 BN. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 21

1. 2/8 Bn. will take over Duty Bn. on 15 Oct. 40. The tour of duty will be for one week.

2. The following duties will be mounted :-

Duty	Strength	Supplied by
(a) GAZA Town Guard	1 Coy	D Coy
(b) " Airport Guard	1 Pl.(42)	B Coy
(c) " Ridge Guard	1 Pl.(42)	B Coy
(d) Bde. Guard	1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 12 O.Rs	A Coy
(e) Bn. Duty Coy.		A Coy.

3. Duty mounting will be completed in all cases by 1500 hrs 15 Oct. 40.

4. A.A. Defence.
The following posts will be manned.

Squires Lines	- 2 Guns	-	Bn. Duty Coy.
Unit Tasks	- 4 "	-	" " "
GAZA Ridge	- 4 "	-	B Coy.
GAZA Airport	- 6 "	-	B "

Coy Comdrs. will adjust guns prior to mounting duty.

5. S.A.A.
S.A.A. will be on following scale -

50 rds S.A.A. .303 per man
1 box S.A.A. .303 per L.M.G.

6. RATIONS -
GAZA Town Guard will be rationed by Corps H.Q.

7. STORES -
O's C. Guards will arrange direct with Q.M. for stores.

8. TRANSPORT -
Two light vans will be attached to GAZA Town Guard.

Coys will submit requisitions for necessary transport for movement of stores.

9. The following temporary attachments of officers will take effect from 15 Oct. to 22 Oct. 40.

B Coy	1 Capt. to D Coy
H.Q. Coy	2 Lieuts to D Coy.
A Coy	1 Lieut. to D Coy.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1
by
Lt.Col. J. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 93

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
11 Oct. 40	Lieut. Phelan	Sgt. Kerr	Cpl. Colley
n.f.d.	" Burrowes	" Williamson	" Ballingall

The Bn. guard at present on duty will remain on until relieved by "C" Coy at 0930 hrs. on 13 Oct. 40.

2. ARAB DRESS - The wearing of Arab dress or any article thereof in Palestine, by personnel of the A.I.F. is not permitted on any occasion whatsoever.

3. WILLS -
All personnel who have not yet made their wills must do so at once. Forms are obtainable at Bn.H.Q.

4. COURT OF INQUIRY.
The following Court will sit on Saturday 12 Oct. inquire into and report upon the car accident (Car No. 2550) of Friday 27 Sept. 40.

President - Major Key
Members - Lieut. Jacobs
Lieut. Yeates.

5. OUT OF BOUNDS -
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6. PAY BOOKS -
All reference to the unit on the cover and within pay books will be erased or deleted so as to be quite illegible.

6. TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC - DELAY OF.

(a) Information has been received that owing to the war situation the following delays may be expected in regard to all telegraph traffic from ENGLAND to PALESTINE.

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Expeditionary Force Message (E.F.M.) telegrams	5 - 7 day's delay.

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7. GAS OFFICER.
Lieut. S. Van Citters is appointed Unit Gas Officer 11 Oct. 40.

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4. RAMADON GUN.

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5. LEAVE -

One day leave passes will expire as follows -

Jerusalem 1730 hours.
Tel Aviv 1800 "

Returns called for in B.R.O. 90 para 2 will be submitted to Bn.H. by 1800 hours 11 Oct. 40.

6. UNIT POST OFFICE.

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7. KIT INSPECTION -

Kit Inspections will be carried out fortnightly in future on the same lines as at Puckapunyal. Usual reports of deficiencies and surpluses will be submitted to .H.

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All dug in tents will be moved to a position alongside their present location.

The moving is to be completed by 1200 hrs 12 Oct. 40.

A.K. Orbell Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

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No. 94

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
12 Oct.40.

Bn HQ

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
12 Oct.40	Lieut. Durrowes	Sgt. Williamson	Cpl. Bellingall
" n.f.d.	" Field	" Copley	" Mywell

2. CLERKS -

Vacancies exist at Brigade H.Q. for clerks who are also typists, with (if possible) the ability to take shorthand.

Applications from personnel with necessary qualifications will be submitted through Coys to Bn.H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 13 Oct.40.

3. CANTEEN ORDERS -

Before a Canteen Order is presented to a canteen it will be signed by a Coy Officer, signifying that the order has been received by the rightful owner named in the order. The order will then be presented at Bn.Orderly Room for stamping with Unit stamp.

4. WINTER BLACKOUT -

A complete and effective winter blackout during the hours of darkness will be carried out in all Military Barracks, Camps and Establishments.

5. OFFICIAL ARMY TELEGRAPH SERVICE GAZA POST OFFICE.

The post office at GAZA will be available for Official telegraph business of the Army daily as follows :-

0800 hrs to 2000 hrs. Acceptance of messages

0800 hrs. to 1300 " } —. Delivery of messages
1600 hrs. to 1800 " }

When the public counter is closed, Official Army telegrams will be accepted at the rear entrance door of the Post Office which will be opened on the summons of Army or Police personnel.

Telegrams for delivery which arrive at times other than those shown above can be collected on notification by telephone from the Post Office.

6. BADGES OF RANK - N.C.Os.

N.C.Os. of this Battalion will take immediate action to have their badges of rank sewn on right sleeve of shirts.

The practice of wearing arm bands is to cease.

7. CHURCH PARADES for Sunday 13 Oct.40 will be held as under:

C of E Holy Communion 0615 hrs Padre McCONCHIE 2/11 Bn.

Unit Service 0700 hrs Padre MEIRCE 2/8 Bn.
2/4 Bn. will attend, the [illegible] service by [illegible]

Mass will be celebrated at 0645 hrs in Recreation Hut, 2/4 Bn. Lines by Chaplain C.P. O'CALLAGHAN.

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8. STERLING -
All ranks are notified that sterling (Bank of England) notes and silver must reach Corps Cash Office NOT later than 12 Oct.
No sterling will be accepted after today.

9. COURT OF INQUIRY.
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President - Major Key
Members - Lieut. Jacobs
Lieut. Yeates.

10. TIME TABLE -
Commencing 12 Oct. the evening meal will be at 170 hrs.

11. LEAVE - ONE DAY -
Breakfast for one day leave parties will be at 0645 hours.
Time of departure of these parties will be 0715.

12. THEATRE RESERVATIONS -
Arrangements have been made for seats to be reserved at the Garrison Theatre.

C.S.Ms will be responsible for handing to R.S.M. nos. of reservations required with money by 1400 hrs daily. R.S.M. will be responsible for dealing direct with theatre representative when he calls and for distribution of tickets back to C.S.Ms.

No change will be available at Bn.H.Q.

13. CAMOUFLAGING TENTS -
Tents, where necessary, will be mud splashed again before 20 Oct. 40.

Coys will be responsible for their own mess tents and Officers' Lines.

14. AUDIT BOARD -
Certificates of Audit on the following accounts will be forwarded to Bn.H.Q. by 15 Oct. 40.

Petty Cash
Regtl. funds
Officers' Mess
Sergeants' Mess.

15. COURT OF INQUIRY.
A Court of Inquiry constituted as under will assemble as directed by the President to enquire into and report upon losses sustained by personnel of D Coy.

President Capt. Simpson
Member Lieut. Phelan

Lieut.
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by
Lt. Colonel J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn.

No. Q 95

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
13 Oct.40	Lieut. Field	Sgt. Copley	Cpl. Tywell
Reflid.	" Jacobs	" Pinniger	" Curran

2. CLEANLINESS OF LINES -

It is noticed that rubbish is collecting in slit trenches and in excavations left when tents were moved. Company Comdrs. will ensure that all such rubbish is removed forthwith.

3. MOTOR HORNS - Sounding of.

The sounding of motor horns is prohibited on the road in front of Corps H.Q. from the sentry post at the wire fence East of Corps H.Q. to the Post Office, and on the road from the Post Office to Spinneys.

4. UNIT TITLE -

(a) The title of the newly raised Guard Battalion is 1st Australian Corps Headquarters Guard Bn.

(b) The abbreviated title will be - 1 Aust Corps H.Q. Gd. Bn.

5. SEPTIC SORES -

With a view to lowering the incidence of septic sores, Sub-unit comdrs. will :-

(a) Ensure that all personnel sustaining minor injuries and abrasions, no matter how trivial, report to the R.M.O. for first aid treatment at the earliest opportunity.

(b) Impress upon all ranks :-

(1) the importance of keeping the skin clean in a hot and dusty climate.

(2) the necessity for at least one bath daily, preferably at the close of the day's work and the frequent use of the new soap issue.

6. Visitors to Patients in Hospital.

Visiting hours will be as follows :-

Officers' Wards.	General Wards.	
1400 hrs - 1600 hrs.	1500 - 1600 hrs.	Daily
1900 hrs - 2100 hrs.	1800 - 1900 hrs.	Daily
	1400 hrs - 1600 hrs.	Sundays.
	1800 hrs - 1900 hrs.	Sundays.

Other ranks visiting general wards will obtain a pass at the Reception Hut, and present the pass to the Ward Sister - the Ward Sister may refuse to admit a visitor to a patient.

All parcels brought for patients will be delivered to the Ward Sister and not to the patient.

Anyone bringing alcohol or any article of uniform for the use of a patient into a ward will be dealt with severely.

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7. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL -

Personnel on transferring from one unit to another unit will take with them their personal equipment, arms, blankets and bed boards. Vouch G.1033 will be passed.

8. UNEXPLODED AIRCRAFT BOMBS -

The location of any unexploded aircraft bomb will be reported immediately by Signal to this H.Q. A guard will be placed near the bomb to prevent interference with it by any unauthorised person.

9. LEAVE - CAIRO -

(a) The party shown below will proceed to Cairo for 7 days leave on 14 Oct. 40.

VX 6215	Sgt.	Clark	W.D.	i/c
VX 6010	Cpl.	Jordan	C.J.	
VX 6313	"	Burgess	M.J.	
VX 6232	Pte.	Schmidt	A.	
VX 3010	Sgt.	Moseley	F.T.	
VX 6680	Cpl.	Johnstn	J.J.	
VX 6646	"	Griffiths	N.H	
VX 6410	"	Dryer	R.W.	
VX 6557	"	Wadelton	A.G.	
VX 5654	Pte.	Whitchurch	P.N.	

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(b) Party will parade at Bn.H.Q. at 1100 hrs. 14 Oct.40.

(c) VX 6215 Sgt. W.D.Clark will be N.C.O. i/c party and will report to Bde.H.Q. for detailed instructions at 1000 hrs 14 Oct.

(d) Pay will be drawn at GAZA Station. Pay books will be carried at all times.

(e) Dress & Equipment -

(i) Shorts and shirts will be worn on reporting and when desired. Service Dress will be carried by all ranks.

(ii) Steel Helmets & Respirators will be carried by all ranks. Packs & Haversacks will be carried for carriage of clothing and necessaries.

10. DISCIPLINE -

The following is published for the information of all ranks.

Any member who -

Impedes the provost-marshal or assistant provost-marshal, or any officer, W.O., or N.C.O., or other person lawfully exercising authority under or on behalf of the provost-marshal, or, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty the provost-marshal, assistant provost marshal, or any such officer, W.O., N.C.O., or other person

shall be guilty of an offence.

Strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

11. DRESS - LEAVE PARTIES

In future all personnel proceeding on leave will be inspected by Coys prior to reporting at Bn.H.Q. where the Bn. Orderly Officer will inspect the whole party.

Particular attention is to be paid to the turnout of personnel going on leave.

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N O T I C E S .

APPLICATIONS --

(a) Applications are called from Officers for the position of A.I.F. Liaison Officer in CAIRO with the Australian Government Commissioner in EGYPT.

Rank of appointment - Captain. Suitable temporary rank will be given to the successful applicant if of lower rank.

Minimum age 30 years.

Applicants must possess a sound commercial knowledge, and will be required to carry out general liaison duties betwe n the Australian Government Commissioner and the A.I.F. In co-operation with the Australian Government Commissioner he will enquire into requirements and provision of Army Stores obtainable from Australia, other than those obtainable through Army channels.

Applications will be submitted to reach Bn.H.Q. through the usual channels by 14 Oct. 40.

(b) Applications are called for the position of Office Manager of Canteen Services from members of the A.I.F. not above the rank of Captain.

Applicants must be qualified and experienced accountants.

Temporary Commissioned Rank will be granted if a member off the A.I.F. of lower rank than Lieutenant is appointed.

Minimum age 30 years.

Applications will give details of applicants' commercial experience.

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LOST. Keys in a leather purse, bottle opener also in purse.

Finder please return to Bn. Orderly Room.

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14 Oct. 40.

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

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Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
14 Oct.40	Lieut. Jacobs	Sgt. Finniger	Cpl. Curran
n.f.d.	" Strong	" Hunnam	" Quantrill

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15 Oct.40.

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15 Oct.40	Lieut. Yeates	Sgt. Atkins	Cpl. Quantrill
n.f.d.	" Van Citters	" Spencer	" Balfour

2. **COURT OF INQUIRY** - A Court of Inquiry constituted as under will assemble as directed by the President to enquire into and report upon loss of Canopy rug and Engine Rug from Vehicle Morris No. 3680.

President Major A.S.Key
Member Lieut. S.G.Jacobs.

Lieut.
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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 98

Pyrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
16 Oct.40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
16 Oct.40	Lieut. Van Citters	Sgt. Spencer	Cpl. Saw
n.f.d.	" McCormick	" Pinniger	" Mooney

2. TIME TABLE - commencing 16 Oct. 40.

Reveille	0530	hrs.
Breakfast	0645	"
Coy Parades	0745	"
Cease Work	1145	"
Lunch	1215	"
Coy Parades	1400	"
Dismiss	1600	"
Retreat	1630	"
Tea	1700	"
First Post	2115	"
Last Post	2145	"
Lights Out	2200	"

CANTEEN

Wet Canteen Hours

1630 hrs - 1700 hrs.
1800 hrs - 2100 hrs.

Dry Canteen Hours

1200 hrs - 1330 hrs.
1730 " - 2100 "

CINEMA

Owing to change in time for Lights Out, the Garrison Theatre will commence at 1930 hrs as from 16 Oct. 40.

3. CARPENTERS -

Vacancies exist in the Pioneer Pl. for carpenters.

Applications for transfer to this Pl. will be forwarded through the usual channels to Bn.H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 17 Oct.40.

4. MOTOR TRAFFIC - CONTROL

(a) Patrols

Patrols under the direction of the D.A.P.M. Gaza will operate on all main roads, and camp roads between Gaza and Qastina Camp, inclusive, and from time to time, on other roads used by Australian Military Motor Vehicles. Personnel of Motor Traffic Patrols will consist of Australian Military Police and Palestine Police. Drivers of Australian Military Motor Vehicles will obey all signals of Motor Traffic Patrols and will stop if requested or signalled to do so, produce driving permit on demand and give any information desired by any member of the Motor Traffic Patrol.

Personnel of the Motor Traffic Patrols will wear white traffic sleeves.

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(b) Speed Limits

(i) The speed limits for Australian Military Motor Vehicles in Palestine will be :-

Within Towns or Municipal Boundaries

Cars, Motor Cycles, Motor trucks & Lorries	25 miles or 40 kilometres per hour.

Outside Towns or Municipal Boundaries

8 & 15 cwt trucks	40 miles or 60 kilometres per hour.
Lorries, 30 cwt & upwards	30 miles or 45 kilometres per hour.

(ii) Notwithstanding the speed limits set out in this para the driver of an Australian Military Vehicle will not, whilst driving within a Town or Camp, exceed the speed limits set out on Military Notice Boards erected near the boundaries of, or within the Town or Camp, and no Australian Military Motor Vehicle will be driven on any road :-

(I) recklessly or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition and use of the road and the amount of traffic which is actually at the tim, or which might reasonably be expected to be, on the road, or

(II) without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road.

(c) Accident and Complaints - Reporting of

Any complaints relative to speeding or anyother breach of orders for the control of Australian Motor traffic may be m made direct to the D.A.P.M. Gaza, at the Traffic Control Office (telephone Military Exchange Gaza Extension 49), and all accidents in which Australian Military Motor Vehicles are involved occuring on roads between Gaza and Qastina Camp inclusive, and NOT of a minor nature, will be immediately reported to the Traffic Control Office, Gaza. Whenever possible the damaged vehicle will NOT be moved, and the driver will remain at the scene of the accident until the arrival of a Motor Traffic Patrol. All accidentsreports or copies thereof will be forwarded direct to the D.A.P.M. Gaza, at the Traffic Control Office for record purposes

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LOST. - A Swan "Fyne Point" pencil - left on table in Rec. Hut on 14 Oct. during evening.
Return is requested please to Bn. Orderly Room.
A REWARD is offered.

FOUND - Strong leather-plaited belt with keys, knife, pouch etc. attached.

Owner may claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

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No. Q 99

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
17 Oct. 40	Lieut. McCormick	Sgt. Pinniger	Cpl. Woods
n.f.d.	" Jacobs	" Watson	" O'Regan

2. DESIGNATION OF H.Q., 1 AUST CORPS.

The correct designation is now H.Q. 1 Aust Corps. Rear H.Q. in Australia has closed.

3. DAGGERS & DANGEROUS WEAPONS-not to be included in parcels SENT TO AUSTRALIA

(1) Daggers and similar weapons of a dangerous character are classed as prohibited imports and entry into Australia is not permitted.

(2) All ranks are therefore warned not to include such in parcels being sent to Australia.

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A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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2/8 Bn. Comforts Fund.

The above association has been formed in Australia and is functioning successfully. The committee is anxious to get into touch with all relatives and friends of members of this Bn. and it is suggested that personnel ask their families and friends to write or call on the Secretary, 2/8 Bn. Comforts Fund, c/o Legacy Club, Market St., Melbourne.

LOST - Gold wristlet watch, "Becknell" - stainless steel back, leather band. Lost in ablution sheds 1715 hrs 16 Oct. 40.
Finder please return to Bn.Orderly Room.

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ROULING ORDERS - PART 1

by

By the Lines,
Kilo 80,
18 Oct.40.

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

No.O.100

DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl
18 Oct. 40.	Lieut. Jacobs	Sgt. Tatson	Cpl. O'Regan
	" Van Gitters	" Da Ponte.	" Balfour.

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2. Security of Arms and Ammunition

The attention of all ranks is again drawn to the instructions for the security of Arms, Ammunition, and Equipment.

3. Laundy Personnel are to ensure that all articles sent to the laundry are clearly marked with Number and Name.

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A/Adj. 2/8 In.

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No. 101

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 80,
19 Oct. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
19 Oct 40	Lieut. Van Gitters	Sgt. da Fonte	Cpl. Balfour
" f.d.	"	" Trethowan	" Ryding

2. PATROLS FOR D.C.R.E. STORE -

(a) Guard Sgt. will be responsible in future for the patrolling of the D.C.R.E. store opposite Ryrie Lines.
He will ensure that it is visited once every two hours by either Gd. Sgt.
" Cpl.
Patrol detailed by Gd. Sgt.

(b) When Dut. Bn., the Gaza Ridge Guard Commander is responsible for a similar inspection of the store in the hospital lines.

(c) The object of this inspection is to ensure that the Ghaffirs guarding these stores are awake and alert on their jobs.

(d) If possible the Hospital Store will be included in a normal patrol's rounds.

3. SPORTS -

Rugby - (a) A combined team 2/8, 2/11 Bns will play the Gaza Police today in Gaza.

(b) Team from 2/8 Bn. -

Capt.	OXLEY	(2nd row)
Cpl.	QUIRK	(" ")
Pte.	LAYCOCK	(half)
"	JONES	(outside centre)
"	STRONG	(Breakaway)
"	BREWIS	(Hook)
"	WHITE	(Wing)

Reserve - Cpl. REEDER

(c) Dress - Blue Sweater - Blue Shorts (if possible) - Khaki Stockings - Boots or Sandshoes.

(d) Assemble - 1330 (1.30) hrs. Regtl. H.Q.

Cricket - 2/8 Bn. are to play 2/11 Bn. ~~today~~ 26/10/40 at 1330 hrs on 2/11 Ground.

2/8 Bn. team is as follows:

Lieut.	~~XXXXXX~~ Austin
"	Wilmoth
Sgt.	Pinniger
"	Storrer
Cpl.	Quirk
"	Woods
Pte.	Dwyer
"	Jones
"	Mitchell
"	Strong
"	Riddington
"	Andrews

(sgd) H.K. OXLEY Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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20 Oct. 40.

INFORMATION 1. Enemy. Air reports indicate British concentrations WEST and S.W. of BEERSHEBA.

2. Own tps. (a) 19 Bde and attached tps will move to the Turkish left for flank protection of the main force.
(b) 2/1 Fd. Regt. (less one Bty)
One Tp. of "B" Bty 2/1 A.Tk. Regt.
2/8 Fd. Coy. (less 2 secs)
are under command 2/8 Bn.

INTENTION 3. 2/8 Bn. and attached tps (Det. "B") will advance to TEL EL KHUWEILFE 13730877 on 21 Oct. 40.

METHOD 4. 6 DIV Cav Regt will act as mobile troops ahead of advance.

5. 2/11 Bn. will advance on 2/8 Bn. right flank.

6. Adv. Gd. Comdr will report ~~by~~ (to B.H.Q.) having made contact with 2/11 Adv. Gd. at
10720096
~~11~~5x 11170967
11620949
12200929

7. Formation. As per Bn. S.O. para 21 (b)
March Table attached.

8. Camp Guard -- A Coy responsible for Camp Guard and A.A. Posts. Lieut. Yeates O.C. Rear H.Q. and responsible for Camp Security and placing of posts.

ADM. 9. Routine -- Reveille 0430
Breakfast 0500
Blankets at CQMS stores 0530 (Labelled)
A ech to M.T. park 0600 (Packs on)
Coy Rdes 0630

10. Transport -
(a) B ech brigaded by 0630 on 2/11 Sports Ground T.O. in charge.
(b) A ech to M.T. park at 0600. Tpt. Sgt. in charge.

11. Water -- Water will be supplied by Div Amn Coy. T.O. (or Q.M. if T.O. not present) will demand for water daily using the code word "SMALLS" for gallons. Water points will be notified in orders. 2/8 Bn. will refill daily at midday.

12. Petrol -- M.T.O. will not take more than 50 galls reserve petrol. Petrol pts as notified will in each case be used.

13. Dress -- (a) Shirts (long sleeves) K.W.D. slacks, gaiters, hats.
(b) Greatcoats in packs.
(c) One blanket per man (overshoes)
(d) Each man to take one complete change of clothing.

14. Meals -- Rations for cut lunches issued to CQMS's 20 Oct. A halt will be made for lunch. No eating prior to halt.

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15. R.A.P.

Stretcher Bearers to report R.A.P. 0600. Packs on Bn.H.Q. trucks.

INTERCOMN 16. Bn.H.Q. at head of Main Body

17. Adv Gd reports to Bn.H.Q. every hour.

ACK.

Capt.
Adj. 2/6 Bn.

Method of Distribution - At orders

Time of Signature .....hrs.

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4 R.S.M.
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6 T.O.
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9 " A Coy
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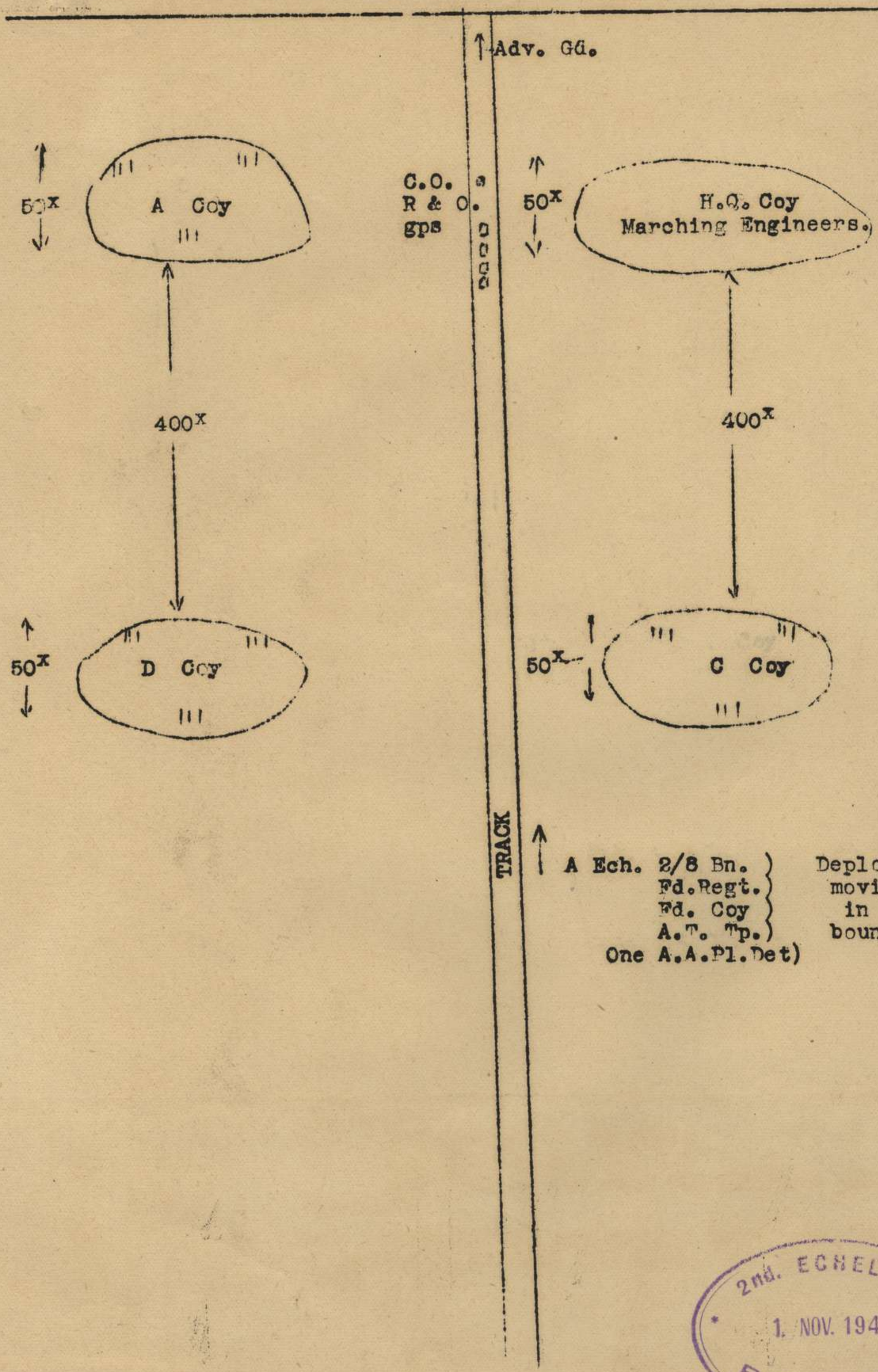

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APPENDIX 2

ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

Bn. H.Q.	C.O's Car	- 1	
	P.U.	- 1	(Padres. Batman)
	30 cwt	- 1	(Office truck)
	L.V.	- 1	(Intelligence)
Each Rifle Coy.	12 cwt	- 1	(O.C. Coy)
	15 cwt	- 1	(Coys Stores packs)
H. Q. Coy	L.V.	- 1	(O.C. Coy)
	L.V.	- 2	(Sigs)
	L.V.	- 4	(A.A.)
	L.V.	- 2	(Mortars)
	L.V.	- 1	(Carriers)
	L.V.	- 1	(Pioneers)
	L.V.	- 1	(R.A.P.)
6 Pl.	L.V.	- 3	(O.M., P.O., Pbt. Sgt.)
	30 cwt.	- 5	(Cookers)
	L.V.	- 1	(Tools)
	L.V.	- 1	(Petrol)
	L.V.	- 2	(Rations)
	Water carts	- 2	
	30 cwt	- 1	Water
	L.V.	- 2	"

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2/8 BN. OPERATION ORDER NO. 17

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21 Oct. 40

INFORMATION 1. Enemy captured ~~[illegible]~~ at 1700 hrs 21 Oct. Reports indicate enemy detachments, unknown strength ~~[illegible]~~ moving NORTH and N.W.

2. Own tps - (a) 19 Bde. will move SOUTH 22 Oct. towards junc of NEW AJ. BAIJJA ROAD AND BERSHEBA ROAD.

(b) Div Cav will cover Bde front and flank

(c) R.A.F. co-operating recce.

INT. 3. 2/8 Bn will act as adv. gd. to 19 Inf. Bde.

METHOD 4. For formation see Appendix 1 attached.

5. For order of march, times, start line, route ~~[illegible]~~ see March Table Appendix 2.

6. Policy - Enemy forces met are to be engaged boldly and driven SOUTHWARD with the utmost vigour.

ADM. 7. Routine - Stand to 0430
Collect blankets 0445
A ech to B.H.Q. area 0530 ~~CLEO~~ (from lift lock to kitchen)
Breakfast 0515 (A ech not to be used)
Stand down 0530
Coys form up ready to move 0545

8. Midday meal - To be brought forward with breakfast and put on A ech. before it moves to B.H.Q. area.

9. Transport - A ech under M.T.O. to ~~[illegible]~~ B.H.Q. area at 0530 hours. 0515

B ech under Tpt. Sgt. will become brigaded by 0730 hrs at area of track fork 12610916.

10. Amn. Pt. - A.P. at track junc. ~~10440963~~ 11490967 from 1200 to 1300 hrs.

INTERCOMM. 11. Bn.H.Q. as per Appendix 1
Adv H.Q. in rear of van guard.

12. Sigs V.T. all Coys.

13. Adv Bde. H.Q. at head of 2/11 Bn.

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Adj. 2/8 Bn.

Method of Distribution - Coy runner

Time of Signature - [illegible]

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4 - R.S.M.
5 - Q.M.
6. - M.T.O.
7 - Tpt Sgt.
8 - I.O.
9 - C.C. HQ Coy
10 - " A "
11 - " B "
12 - " C "
13 - D Coy
14 - Padres
15 - R.M.O
16 - File

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MARCH TABLE 2/8 BN. ISSUED WITH OP. ORDER No. 15

Serial	Date	Sub - units	Road Space	Time across S.L.	Start Line	Speed m.p.h.	Route	Remarks
1	21 Oct.	ADV. GD. Comdr - Capt. C.J.A.Coombes Troops - B Coy, 2/8 Bn. One Mortar Det.2/8 Bn. One D.R. Sig.Sec. 2/8 Bn.	50x	-	NORTH	2½	TEL WUSHI	Complete with "A" ech. A ech to move in 10 min. bounds behind rear of Coy. ADV GD to be 1000x ahead of Main Body.
2	21 Oct.	Carriers One Sec. Carriers	50x	0655	to	10	108101 to CANDY.	Move in bounds covering front of main body and keeping appx 600x ahead.
3	21 Oct.	Main body. "B" Det. (Marching) Comdr. - Lt.Col.J. Mitchell, D.S.O. Troops - 2/8 Bn. (less B Coy) 2/8 Fd. Coy.	500x	Forward Coys 0700 Rear Coys 0706	200x CROSSING 10341030	2½	ZETT SL.TRVI 126509	Fd. Coy march with H.Q. Coy.
4	21 Oct.	Main body "B" Det. (Vehicles) Comdr.- Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. Troops - A ech 2/8 Bn. A ech 2/1 Fd.Regt - less Bty A ech one Sp. 2/1 A.Tk. Regt. A ech 2/8 Fd.Coy (less 2 secs)	1500x	0710	WADI HALIB to SOUTH of	10	CROSSING to TEL WADI ZETT 108101 MCLERG. 113097 - KM. SL.TRVI 118509 46 - Road just S.E. of KM. 123009 45 - KM as ZUGUL. 126509 10	Move deployed in the 1500x by 10 minute bounds to rear of main body marching troops.
5	21 Oct.	R & O Gps. 2/8 Bn. Arty. A.T. Engrs.	1500x	0650	and	10		Move by bounds within marching troops.
6	21 Oct.	A.A. Pl. 2/8 Bn.	-	-		-		Picquet column.

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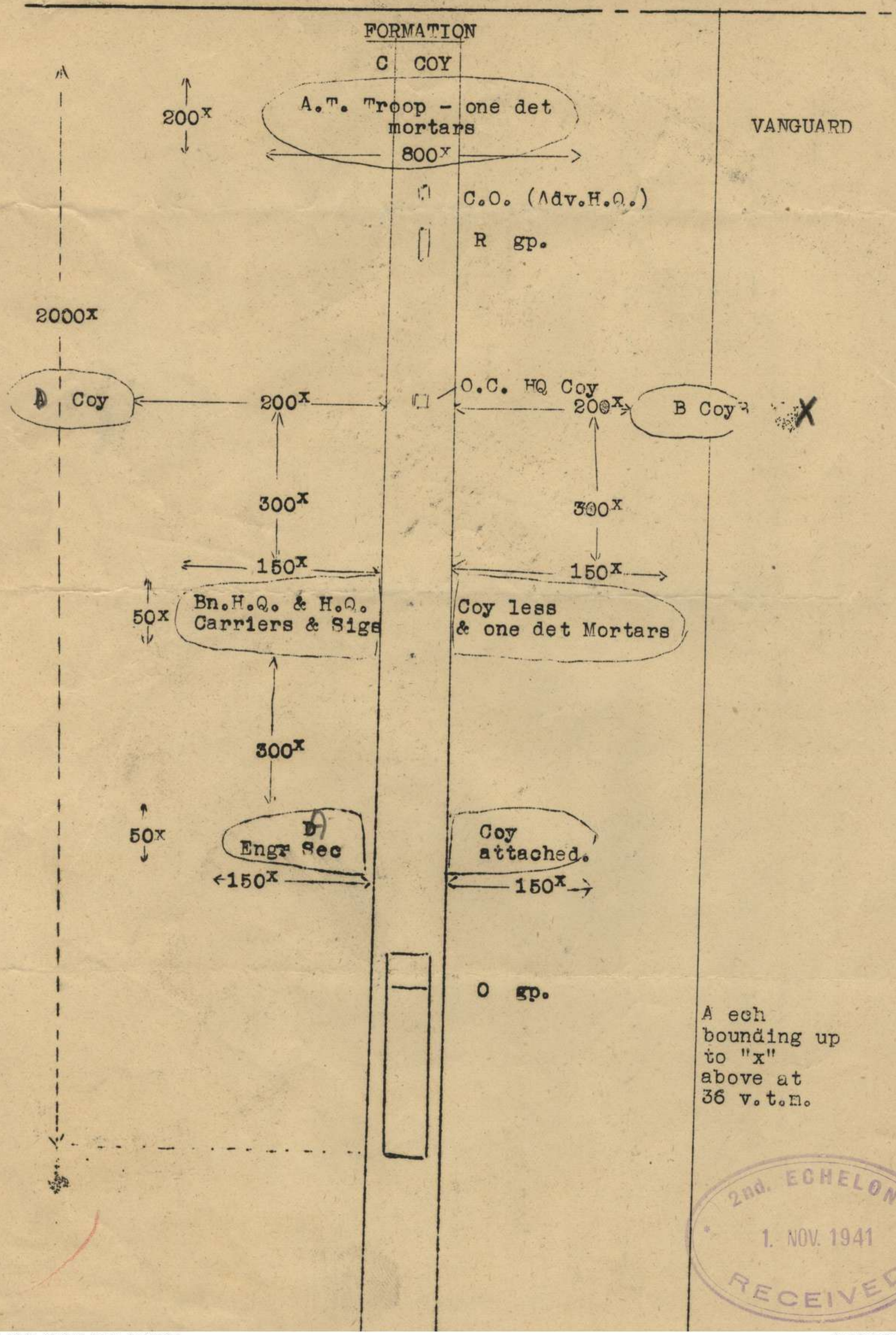

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MARCH TABLE 2/8 BN. ISSUED WITH OP ORDER NO. 17

Serial	Date	Sub-unit	Road Space	Time across S.I.	Start Line	Speed m.p.h.	Route	Remarks
1	22 Oct	Van Guard Comdr. - Capt. Robertson Troops - C Coy 2/8 Bn. one mortar Det 2/8 Bn one A.T. tp.		0600	Track Junc. of track from Bn. H.Q. to Main Road and MAIN ROAD where crossing is - 12650920		Main formed road from Start point through BIR ABU MAWSUR 12350880 to main ROAD 12230790.	To maintain 1000^{x} distance from Main Guard.
2	22 Oct	R Group	300^{x}	0610		Marching personnel - 3 m.p.h. Vehicles - 10 m.p.h.		I.O. in charge. To keep near C. O's car
3	22 Oct	MAIN GUARD. Comdr. - Major Key Troops - 2/8 Bn. less C Coy and one Mortar det. 2/1Fd.Regt. less one bty One sec Fd. Coy	800^{x}	0612				To march clear of road
4	22 Oct	A ech Comdr. - Major Key All A ech of 2/8 Bn. and supporting arms less one sec of 2/8 Bn. Carriers and R gp. (C gp at head)	1500^{x}	0622				To be treated as part of Main Guard. To move by bounds within Main Guard at 36 v.t.m. Not to drop back behind Main Guard more than 500^{x} M.T.O. with A ech. M.T.O. representative with C gp. O.C. B Coy i/c C. Gp.
5	22 Oct.	Flank Guard. One sec 2/8 Bn. Carriers		0612				Role - left flank protection of Main Guard. Reports to Bn.H.Q. every half hour. To be represented by one carrier.

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Date 23 Oct.

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BEERSHEEBA 1/100,000

1. INFORMATION - 1. Enemy tps - Enemy's main left flank position is roughly enclosed in the following triangle:- TEIL ASHE SHARIA 11080600, Rd. Junc. 12240734, TEIL ABU HUREIRA. Advanced positions and patrols may be encountered as far SOUTH as the line of WADIS FUTEIS and ZUMEITI. Position is strongly held and continued digging is being carried on throughout the whole area.

2. Identification - Information received that at least two Divs are in the area.

3. Own tps. - Our forces are disposed to S. & S.E. of enemy position and our capture of it would turn his left flank.

4. The following tps come under command at 1800 hrs 23 Oct.-

2/8 Bn. in support 2/2 Fd. Regt.
under command "A" Bty 2/1 A.Tk. Regt. less two tps.
One 2/8 Field Coy.
B Coy 2/1 M.G. Bn less 2 pls.
19 Bde. A.Tk. Coy less 2 pls.

5. 19 Inf. Bde and att. tps will advance on two bn. fronts towards GAL AL HUMEIRA. 11650798 2/8 Bn. right.

6. 2/8 Bn. will advance direct on first objective. i.e. GAL AL HUMEIRA.

7. Subsequent objective will be notified later.

8. Vide Apnx. 1

9. A corridor 1000 yds wide will be maintained between bns. through which B echelon will move by bounds. A ech will move on leeward side of marching tps.

10. Starting Line. N.S. line through railway at 10300798 to road at 10300803.

11. Start time. Head of main body to cross S.L. at 0730 hrs

12. Rate of Advance - 2½ m.p.h.

13. (a) H.Q. Coy

A.A.Pl. - 1 Sec. A ech.
1 Sec. B ech.

Mortars. 1 Det. under command. B. Coy.
1 H.Q. Coy.

Carriers. 1 Sec. A.P.P. - Report to advance on ½ bn
1 " right flank protection reports to A
1 " Sec Res. (A) ech.

Pioneers. H.Q. Coy.

(b) Supporting Arms.

M.G. Pl. A. ech.
A.Tk. Pn. Picquet Right flank.
A. Tk. Pl. " " "
Sec. Fd. Coy. H.Q. Coy.

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14. Amn. Special issue extra 50 rds. per man to be drawn at Bn.H.Q. at 0600 hrs. 23 Oct.

15. Medical - 2/7 Fd. Amb. will move on left of B ech. tpt. R.A.P. at head of A ech.

16. Tpt. B ech tpt will ~~xxx~~be brigaded in rear of C.I. at 0730 hrs.
A ech. to M.T.O. at 0700 hrs.

17. Breakfast - 0530 hrs.
Blankets and packs to C.P. by 0630 hrs.
Midday meal - Haversack lunch. Not to be eaten till ordered. No tea will be issued at midday.

18. Adv. Bn.H.Q. between Adv. Gd. and Main body.

19. V.T. to all coys.

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Method of Distribution.
Time of Signature.

Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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5 - " Sec. 2/8 Fd. Coy
6.- " Pl. "B" Coy 2/1 M.G. B
7.- " Pl. 19 Bde. A.Tk. Coy
8 - " H.Q. Coy
9 - " A "
10 - " B "
11 - " C
12 - " D " "
13 - Padres
14 - R.S.M.
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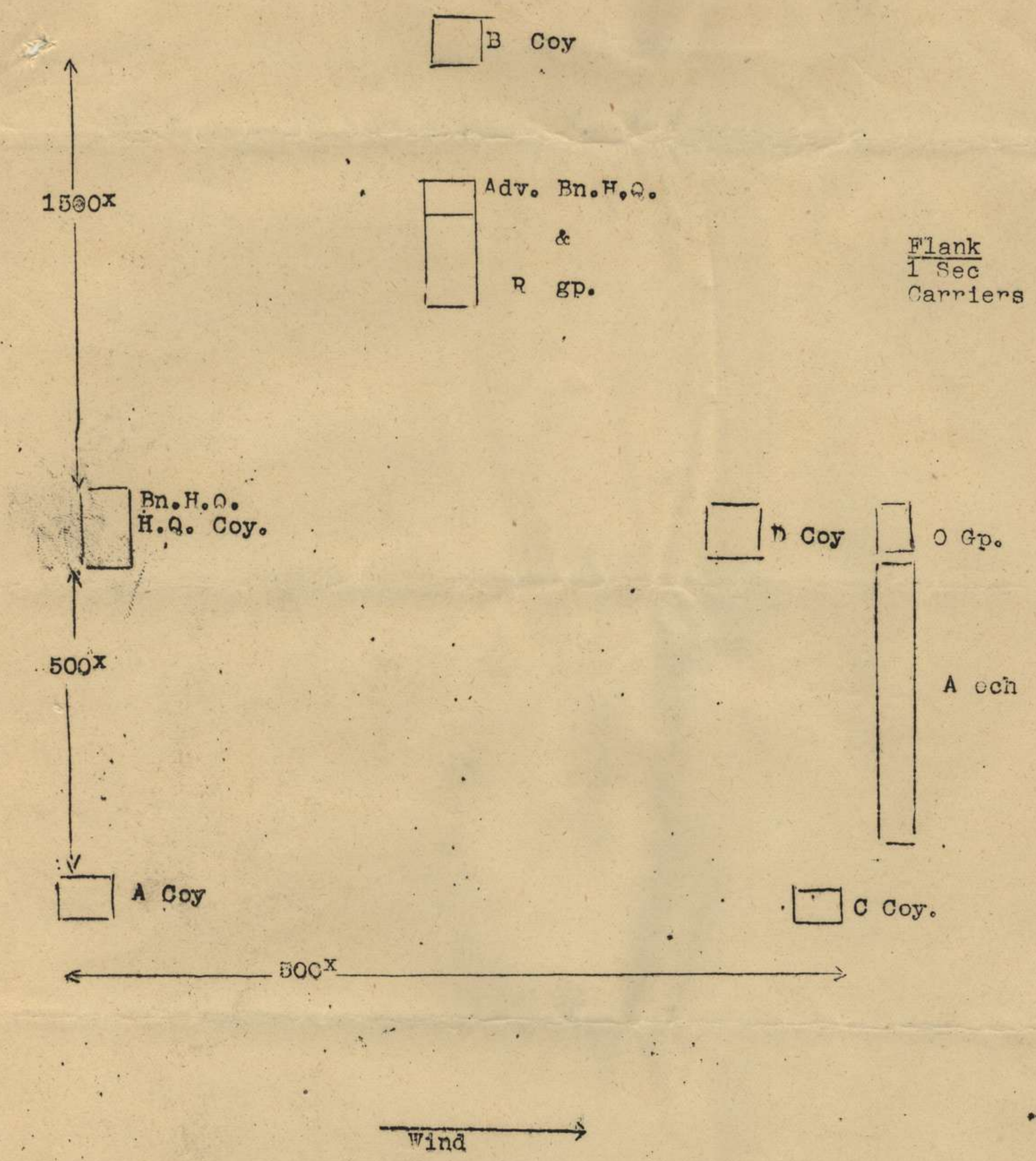
A. P. D.

1 Sec. Carriers.



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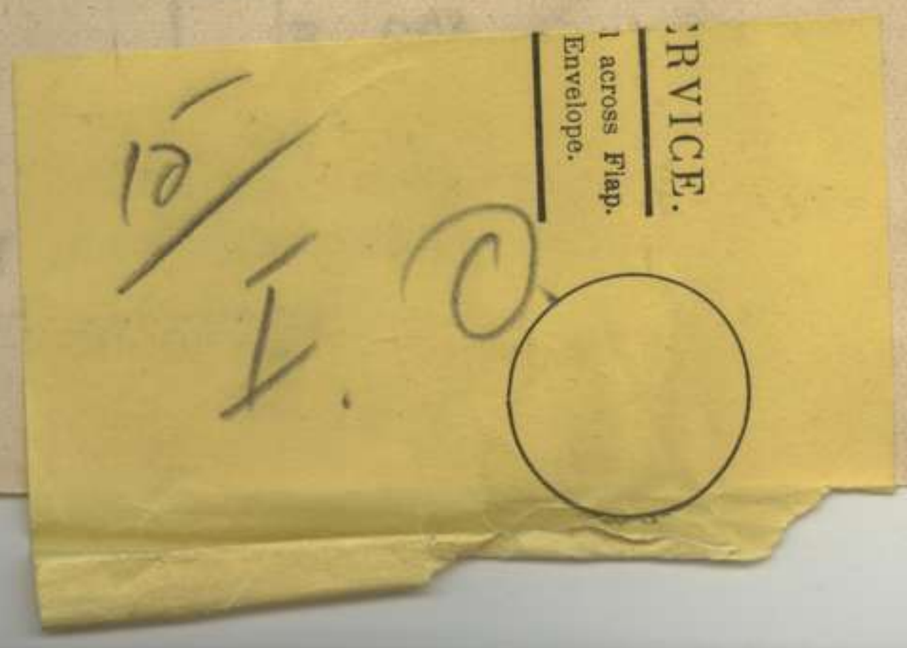

TRAINING OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 21.

1. Training will continue by Coys on the syllabus issued in August and headed 19 Aug. to 28 Sept. Coys will continue to report weekly the progress made. Copy. Attached.

2. The following alterations to the syllabus will be made -

(a) The period 0815 - 0900 will be a Coy Comdrs period to be used as the Coy Comdr. desires, but must be used for training.

(b) All Map Reading and Bayonet periods will be deleted and the following substituted.

Last period	Day	16	-	Lecture. Types of Gases, Recognition of Gases. Methods of protection (especially blister)
"	"	"	19	- Respirator Drill (Slung. Alert & Alt Alert positions)
"	"	"	20	- Respirator Drill (Gas from the Alert " " " alt Alert " " " slung pos.) Test for Gas.
"	"	"	22	- Respirator Drill ditto
Fifth	"	"	24	- Care & Cleaning of respirator. Application of Anti-dim ointment to eyepieces.
"	"	"	27	- Personal decontamination and decontamination of rifle.
"	"	"	30	- Use of Gas Spray detectors, Gas Ground Detectors, Signs Warning Gas - Action on encountering a contaminated area.
"	"	"	31	- Recapitulation - Respirator Drill.
"	"	"	32	- " " "
"	"	"	33	- " Decontamination Drill.

Note - The Unit Gas Officer will be available to carry out any demonstrations or give any lectures or assistance that Coy Comdrs require. Several days notice should be given so that he can organize his work consequently. In addition Coy Comdrs are to frequently practise their Coys in normal field duties wearing respirators, slowly increasing the length of time, until all ranks can work in respirators with efficiency.

3. Coy Comdrs and Pl. Comdrs are to personally repeat and ensure that all ranks understand the present unit alarms and action to be taken for all types of alarm.

4. Coy Comdrs are reminded that there is much matter in Unit Standing Orders that has not yet been passed on to all ranks.

5. Anti-Aircraft exercises are to be practised during all stages of training and commanders will give sudden alarms to train all ranks to become used to immediate action.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS - 19 AUG. - 28 SEPT. 1940.

DAY	0815-0845	0845 - 0900	0900 - 0945	0945 - 1030	1045 - 1145	1415 - 1500	1500 - 1545	1545 - 1630	REMARKS
1.	Coy Parade	Bn. Parade	T. O.	E. T.	RIFLE AND		L. M. G.		Last five minutes of each Rifle training period to be used for muscle & quickening exercises.
2.	do.	do.		DITTO					
3.	do.	do.	Rifle - Mechanism S.A.T. I Pamp 3 Less 1.	L.M.G. Less 1 Pamp. 4.	Lecture - Theory S.A. Fire.	SPORTS PARADE.			
4.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 2 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 2 Pamp. 4.	Visual Training. Military vocab. Less 1 Pamp 2	Rifle Lesson 3 Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Lesson 3 Pamp. 4	Visual Training Lesson 2 Pamp. 2	Periods shown as revision and recapitulation are intended to cover those periods missed by Coys through leave and duties.
5.	do.	do.	REVISION &		RECAPITULATION AS NECESSARY.				
6.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 4 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 4 Pamp 4.	Visual Training. Lesson 3 Pamp 2.	SPORTS PARADE.			
7.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 6 Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Lesson 5 Pamp. 4	V.T. Lesson 4 Pamp. 2.	Rifle. Lesson 6 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 6 Pamp. 4.	Grenade Less. 1 Pamp. 13	Coy Comdrs will ensure that correct stores for all lessons are drawn from store. If stores are unavailable, improvised methods must be used.
8.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 7 Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Lesson 7 Pamp. 4.	Recognition Less 5 Pamp 2	Rifle. Less. 8 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 8 Pamp. 4.	Recognition Less. 6 Pamp 2	
9.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 9 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 9 Pamp. 4.	Recognition. Less. 7 Pamp 2	SPORTS PARADE			
10.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 10 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 10 Pamp. 4.	J. D. Lesson 9 Pamp. 2.	Rifle. Less. 11. Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Lesson 11. Pamp. 4.	J. D. Less. 10 Pamp 2.	Coys will submit a report at 1200 hrs each Saturday showing the stage reached at that time.
11.	do.	do.	REVISION & RE	CAPITUL	ATION AS		NECESSARY.		
12.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 12. Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Less. 12 Pamp 4	J. D. Lesson 11. Pamp 2.	SPORTS	PARADE		

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DAY	0815-0845	0845-0900	0900 - 0945	0945 - 1030	1045 - 1145	1415 - 1500	1500 - 1545	1545 - 1630	Remarks
13.	Coy. Parade	Bn. Parade	Rifle. Lesson 13. Pamp. 3	L.M.G.Lesson 13. Pamp. 4.	J. D. Lesson 12 Pamp. 2.	--- J. D.	TEST	----	
14.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 14. Pamp 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 14. Pamp. 4.	Grenade Lesson 2. Pamp. 13	Rifle. Lesson 15 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 15 Pamp. 4.	Grenade. Lesson 8 Pamp. 13.	
15.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 15 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 15. Pamp. 4.	Grenade Lesson 9 Pamp. 13	SPORTS	PARADE		
16.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 16 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 16. Pamp. 4.	Grenade. T.O.E.T.	Rifle. Lesson 17 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 17 Pamp. 4.	Map Reading.	
17.	do.	do.	REVISION & RECAPITULATION AS NECESSARY.						
18.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 18 Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 18 Pamp. 4.	Grenade. T. O. E. T.	SPORTS	PARADE		
19.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 19 Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Lesson 19 Pamp. 4.	Fire Control. Lesson 13 Pamph. 2.	Rifle. Lesson 20. Pamph. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 20. Pamp. 4.	Map Reading.	
20.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 21. Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 21. Pamp. 4.	Fire Control. Less. 14 Pamp. 2	Rifle. Lesson 22. Pamp. 3	L.M.G. Lesson 22. Pamp. 4.	Map Reading.	
21.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 23. Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 23, Pamp. 4.	Fire Control. Less.15 Pamp. 2	SPORTS	PARADE.		
22.	do.	do.	Rifle. Lesson 24. Pamp. 3.	L.M.G. Lesson 24. Pamp. 4.	Fire Control. Less.16 Pamp. 2	A. A. Lesson 1. Pamp. 6.	L.M.G. Lesson 25. Pamp. 4.	Map Reading.	
23.	do.	do.	REVISION & RECAPITULATION AS NECESSARY.						
24	do.	do.	Bayonet. Less. 1 Pamp 12.	L.M.G. Lesson 25. Pamp. 4.	A. A. Lesson 2. Pamp. 6.	SPORTS	PARADE		

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DAY.	0815-0845	0845-0900	0900 - 0945	0945 - 1030	1045 - 1145	1415 - 1500	1500 - 1545	1545 - 1630	Remarks
25.	Coy. Parade	Bn. Parade	T.	O . E.	T.	R I F	L E.		
26.	do.	do.	T.	O. E.	T.	L. M.	G.		-
27.	do.	do.	Bayonet. Less. 2. Pamp. 12	A.T. Rifle. Lecture & Description Pamp 5	A.A. Lesson 3 Pamp. 6.	S P O R T S	P A R A D E		A.T. Rifle. 4 Rifles & 50 rds drill ammunition available
28.	do.	do.	R E V I	S I O N	A N D	R E C	A P I T U L	A T I O N	
29.	do.	do.	R E V I	S I O N	A N D	R E C	A P I T U L	A T I O N	
30.	do.	do.	Bayonet. Less. 3. Pamp. 12	A.T. Rifle. Lesson 1 Pamph. 5.	A.A. Lesson 4. Pamph. 6.	S P O R T S	P A R A D E		
31.	do.	do.	Bayonet. Less. 4. Pamph. 12	A.T. Rifle. Less. 2 Pamp. 5	A.A. Lesson 5. Pamp. 6.	Bayonet. Lesson 5 Pamp. 12	A.T. Rifle Lesson 3 Pamp. 5.	A.A. Lesson 6 Pamp. 6.	
32.	do.	do.	Bayonet. Less. 6. Pamp. 12	A.T. Rifle. Less. 4. Pamp. 5	A.A. Lesson 7. Pamp. 6.	2" Mortar. ø Lecture & Demo	A.T. Rifle T. O. E. T.	A.A. Lesson 8 Pamp. 6.	
33.	do.	do.	Bayonet. Less. 6 Pamp. 12.	2" Mortar. ø Lecture & Demo	A.A. Lesson 9 Pamp. 6.	S P O R T	S P	A R A D E.	ø To be arranged by Mortar. Pl.
34.	do.	do.	3 0	Y A R	D	R A	N G	E.	
35.	do.	do.	3 0	Y A R	D	R A	N G	E.	
36.	do.	do.	A.A. Lesson 10. Pamp. 6.	R E C A P I T	U L A T I O N	S P O R T	S P	A R A D E	

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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 108

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
25 Oct. 40.

WD.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
25 Oct. 40	Lieut. Sheedy	Sgt.Williamson	Cpl. Fair

n.f.d. Duty Coy - to mount 27 Oct. 40
"B" Coy.

2. COURT OF INQUIRY -
The following court will assemble on 28 Oct. to enquire into and report upon losses as notified to President.

President - Major Key
Member - Lieut. Field.

3. AUST. COMFORTS FUND. -
The following articles have been received from A.C.F.

Cigarettes	1300 pkts.
Fruit Pres.	7 cases
Cake	9 tins
Barley Sugar	9 tins

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4. CEREMONIAL PARADE -
Bde. Parade will be held on 2/11 Recreation Ground at 0930 hrs. 26 Oct.
Details will be issued separately.

Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

FOUND - Two khaki fur Hats, plaited leather belt with various attachments.
Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room

LOST. - One issue Shirt in showers approx. 1100 hrs. today
Finder forward to Bn. Orderly Room at earliest please.

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No. Q 105

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
26 Oct. 40

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
26 Oct. 40	Lieut. Strong	Sgt. Elliott	Cpl. Hodger
n.f.d.	" Fleming	" Davis	" Dermody

Duty Coy. - To mount at Retreat 27/10/40 - "B" Coy.

2. CHURCH PARADES - 27 Oct. 40.

C of E Communion -
~~0645~~ 0615 Padre McConchie 2/11 Bn.

R.C. Mass -
0645 Padre O'Callaghan 2/4 Bn.

Unit Service ~~0700~~ 0630 hrs. Padre Peirce.

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3. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS MAILS.

The following information regarding the latest times of posting for Christmas mails has been received.

No guarantee can be given that correspondence posted by these dates will be delivered by Christmas day and all ranks are advised to post early.

DESTINATION	Parcles & Ordinary Letters etc.	AIR MAIL
United Kingdom & Eire	23rd October	20th November
Australia	31st "	5th December
New Zealand	28th "	5th December
India	4th November	10th "
South Africa and North & South Rhodesia	4th November	10th "

Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

FOUND - Respirator - Owner claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

LOST - 1 silver wristlet watch near Canteen on 25th Oct. ungraved VX7218 Pte. Greenbury "D" Coy 2/8 Bn.
Finder please forward to Bn. Orderly Room at earliest.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
27 Oct.40	Lieut. Fleming	Sgt. Davis	Cpl. Dermody
n.f.d.	" Dwyer	" Adams	" Neil

Duty Coy - to mount Retreat 27 Oct.40 - "B" Coy.

2. BATMEN -

Batmen will take over the roving patrol in the officers lines. Six will be detailed daily from a roster kept by Pte. Clode to report to the Guard Sgt. by 1300 hrs for guard duty. The preceding six will not be dismissed until the new six report correctly dressed. The patrol on duty 0500 - 0630 and 1630 - 1830 are responsible for heaters in officers showers being lit and kept hot.

3. PICQUETS FOR LEAVE PARTIES TO JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV.

The strength of Picquets will be 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. 1 Corporal and 10 Rank and File. Other ranks of the picquet will wear "stripped" belts. Side arms will NOT be carried. The unit furnishing the picquet will supply a 15 cwt utility. On arrival at Australian Provost Headquarters at the town to be patrolled, the picquet will be formed into 2 reliefs, each each of one N.C.O. and 5 Privates. Each relief in turn accompanied by an N.C.O. of Military Police will patrol the town in the truck in tours of duty of one hour's duration, the relief for the patrol being held in ~~xxxxx~~ reserve at Provost Headquarters. Reliefs in reserve will be allowed one hour off duty for a midday meal. The Officer in charge of the picquet will keep in constant touch with Provost Headquarters throughout the day and will be responsible that picquet personnel are on duty and properly dressed. Steady reliable men only will be detailed for picquet duty, which is not to be regarded as a partial holiday. Personnel of picquets will be granted leave on a day other than that on which picquet duty is performed with the normal leave parties of their unit..

4. GARRISON THEATRE, GAZA RIDGE

As from Sunday 27 Oct. 40, there will be two performances at the Garrison Theatre, GAZA RIDGE.

Times: 1st Show - 1745 hrs. No interval
2nd Show - 2000 "

The programme will be the same for both shows, and the admission prices as before.

5. GAMBLING

Gambling in the Canteen buildings or in the vicinity thereof is forbidden.

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A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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N O T I C E S .

CATERING ADVISER 6 AUST DIV - Applications for appointment.

1. Applications are called from all ranks for the position of Catering Adviser 6 Div. Commissioned rank will be granted if a member of the A.I.F. of lower rank than Lieutenant is appointed.

2. The duties of the position are as follows: advising on all matters ~~xxxxxx~~ concerned with:-

(a) Messing.
(b) Preparation & Cooking of Food.
(c) Service of meals.
(d) Cookhouse equipment
(e) Improvised methods.
(f) Petrol Cookers
(g) Preparation of Bills of Fare.
(h) Liaison between Supply Depot and Units.
(i) Economy & avoidance of waste.

3. Applicants should possess at least two years practical kitchen experience and have administrative experience in hotel and restaurant trade.

4. Applications will be submitted to reach this H.Q. by 28 Oct. 40.

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by

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
28 Oct. 40.

Lt.Col. J.W.Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. Q 105

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat.

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
28 Oct.40	Lieut. Dwyer	Sgt. Adams	Cpl. Neil
n.f.d.	" Oldfield	" Johnston K.	" Quirk

2. THIEVING IN CAMPS.

All ranks are again warned that all instructions for security of arm and ammunition, and stores must be fully observed.

Sentries charged with duty of protecting arms, ammunition and other Government property will use every means to ensure its safe-guarding. When other means fail and the circumstance demand, they are authorised to shoot.

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Kilo 89.
29 Oct.40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

LtoCol J.W.MITCHELL, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

No. Q 106

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
29 Oct.40	Lieut. Oldfield	Sgt Williams	Cpl Quirk
n.f.d.	" Anderson	" Clarke	" Woods.

2. GUARDS. The Bn Guard to mount until further orders will consist of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, and 18 O.Rs.
Posts will be as follows:-

Guard Tent - 1 Sentry
BN.H.Q. & Q.M.Store - 1 Sentry
Rear of Q.M.Store - 1 Sentry
Canteen - 1 Sentry (Retreat to Reveille only)
Northern boundary - roving patrol of 2 men.
Patrol through Ofrs lines, vide Q 104 para 2.
Companies will continue to maintain roving patrols through their own lines.

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3. CENSORSHIP. All ranks are informed that No. Rank, Name and Unit are required on Xmas Cards sent through post. When cards are sent without a covering envelope, No., Rank, and Name only will be shown.
References to reinforcements are censorable and must not be included in letters.

4. TENTS. Despite the previous orders issued re mud being placed round the bottom of tents, many tents have still to remove it. All tents with mud around the bottom will remove it today.

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

NOTICES.

TROUPERS CONCERT PARTY will perform at the Garrison Theatre on Tuesday, 29 Oct.40. There will be two performances commencing at (1) 1745 hrs (no interval)
(2) 2000 hrs (no interval).
Admission prices - 80, 60, and 30 mils.

LOST. Paybook No 115060 of VX8620 Pte K.S.WOODALL. Finder please return to Pay Sgt.

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

Syrian Lines,
Kilo 89,
30 Oct. 40.

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

No. Q 107

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

	Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
(a)	30 Oct.40	Lieut. Anderson	Sgt. Clarke	Cpl. Woods
	n.f.d.	" Griffiths	" Fishlock	" Neven

(b) Duties to mount on 3 Nov. 40

Duty	Personnel	Guns required	Coy
A.A. Posts			
GAZA Town	1 Off. 18 O.Rs.	-	"A"
Airport	1 " 22 "	6	"A"
GAZA Ridge	14 O.Rs.	4	"A"
Squires Lines	7 "	2	"A"
Bde. Guard	14 O.Rs.	-	"A"
Bn. Duty Coy.	-	4	"D"

Detailed instructions will be issued later.

Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

LOST. - Paybook No. 115060 of VX8620 Pte. K.S.Woodall.
Hat Khaki fur, in ~~xxxxxxx~~ mess tent.

Finders please forward to Bn. Orderly Room.

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Ryrie Lines
Kilo 89
31 Oct. 40

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by

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No. Q 108

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
31 Oct.	Lieut. Griffiths	Sgt. Fishlock	Cpl ~~Never~~ Rich
n.f.d.	" Roper	" Adams	" Burgess.

2. TIME TABLE. Amendment to Time Table issued in B.R.O. Q 98 of 16 Oct. 40.

Tea - for 1700 hours substitute 1645 hours.

3. ECONOMY IN USE OF PETROL AND KEROSENE TINS AND CASES.

General Order No 53 of 1940 is cancelled, and the following substituted -

(1) It is essential that the greatest possible economy should be exercised in the use ~~xxx~~ of tinplate. The following measures will be taken in pursuance of this object

(a) Bulk petrol will be issued in so far as it is economically possible to do so.

(b) M.B. Oil supplies will be taken in suitable containers other than tins, as far as it is possible to do so: e.g., second hand 5 gallon lubricating oil drums.

(c) In opening tins, the caps will not be removed or punctured. Two small holes will be made at the opposite blank corners of the top of the tin at least half an inch from the beading.

(d) All empty tins and containers, damaged or otherwise, which are not required for essential purposes will be conserved for return in as clean a state as possible to Supply Depots and ultimately to Shell Company for reconditioning and re-filling.

(2) Cases will be preserved except when required for essential purposes. If possible empty tins will be returned in cases but otherwise the cases will be sent back empty or dismantled as bundles of timber.

(3) The fullest degree of economy can be obtained only by the active co-operation of all ranks. ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ O.Cs will ensure that all possible steps are being taken to this end.

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4. CINEMA The advent of two sessions of the cinema does not affect the times set down in Q 93 of 16 Oct. 40 for Tattoo and Lights out. Where the show is a long one and men would be late back to their lines, they should attend the early session at 1745 hours. Attendance at the Theatre is no excuse for absence at the Tattoo Roll Call.

5. DISCIPLINE AT CINEMA THEATRES.

Numerous ~~xxxx~~ incidents have been brought to the notice of these HQs of ill-discipline of the A.I.F. personnel at Camp Cinema Theatres in spite of picquets on duty. These incidents consist of soldiers pushing past the doorkeeper without paying, climbing up drain pipes into the theatre, and fouling the surrounding ground. Coys detailing cinema picquet will ensure that an Officer is on duty for the duration of the entertainment.

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A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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

Army Form W. 3009
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(*Adapted*)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

..... (Unit) ..... 19 ..... (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	2		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	41		
Corporals	58		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	582		
TOTALS	691	*	*

* 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.
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Interpreter Sgt.	6 Aust.Div.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust.Inf. Bde.		
1 Pte. (Batman)	" " " "		

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.

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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.		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.)																		

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

G M Mawhell Lt.Col.
Signature of Commander. C.O. 2/8 Bn.

Date of Despatch 12 Oct. 40.

19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1023320

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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	3		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	34		

* 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.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
VX140 Capt.	LARKINS	6 Div.	8/10/40	Trans. to 19 Aust. Inf. Training 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).
	NIL		

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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 4 0	MITCHELL J.W.	6 Div.	Yes	
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	No.	Course
"	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	Yes	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	No.	Course
Capt.	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	Yes.	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	Yes	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No	Course
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX~~[illegible]~~ 335	LIXTON T.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX213	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 64	HOWARD W.S.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	Yes	
"	VX204	MASKILL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX244	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX282	BIRROWES J.F.	"	"	
"	VX6596	DIFFEY S.C.	"	No.	Hospital
"	VX 533	HELAN F.I.	"	Yes	
"	VX 547	VAN GITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX6275	YEATES L.A.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	No.	Course
"	VX4360	JONES R.H.	"	No.	Temp attchd Bde
"	VX3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	No.	Course
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	"	
"	VX 327	KNOX W.M.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX5649	LOWE T.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD W.K.	"	"	
CAPT.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	"	"	

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(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 6522	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	VX 1561	PEIRCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain

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

Lt.Col.
(*Signature of Commander.*)
C.O. 2/8 Bn.

12 Oct. 40.
(*Date of Despatch.*)

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89.
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/6 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	(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.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

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).
		NIL	

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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.	No.	Hospital
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	Yes.	
Major	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes.	
"	VX140	LARKINS N.St.J.	"	"	
"	VX335	LUXTON T.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX213	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	Yes.	
"	VX 64	HOWARD W.S.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	Yes.	
"	VX204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX244	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX282	BURROWES J.F.	"	"	
"	VX6596	DIFFEY S.C.	"	No.	Hospital
"	VX 533	PHELAN F.J.	"	Yes.	
"	VX 547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	No.	Course
"	VX6275	YEATES L.A.	"	Yes.	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	No.	Course
"	VX4360	JONES R.H.	"	"	Temp.attchd Bde.
"	VX3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	Yes	
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	
"	VX7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	"	
"	VX 327	KNOX W.M.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX5649	LOWE T.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD W.K.	"	"	
CAPT.	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	"	Yes.	

(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.	WX6522	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX1561	PEIRCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain

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Lt.Col.
(*Signature of Commander.*) 2/8Bn.

5 October 1940
(*Date of Despatch.*)

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn., A.I.F. (Unit) 5 October 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	2		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	35		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	41		
Corporals	58		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	582		
TOTALS	691	*	*

* 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.
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Interpreter Sgt.	6 Aust. Div.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust.Inf.Bde.		
1 Pte. (Batman)	" " " "		

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.

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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.		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.)																		

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

Date of Despatch 5 October 40.

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Kila 89
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn., A.I.F. (Unit) 19 October 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	2		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	xx~~3~~6xx		
Serjeants	36		
Corporals	50		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	526		
TOTALS	624	*	*

* 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.
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Interpreter Sgt	6 Aust. Div.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust. Inf. Bde.		
1 Pte. (Batman)	" " " "		

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).
VX 6304	Cpl.	BROUGHTON	R.C.	6 Div.	19 Bde. Trng. Bn.
VX 7017	L/Cpl.	SPOONER	J.	"	" " " or A.G.H.
VX 9101	Pte.	Mc KIE	R.J.	"	" " " " "
VX13052	"	ANDERSON	F.K.	"	" " " " "
VX 4911	"	CAMPBELL	W.	"	" " " " "
VX14058	"	VENVILLE	A.	"	" " " " "
VX 4842	Cpl.	INGHAM	P.G.O.	"	" " "
VX ~~5964~~4822	Sgt.	BALL	J.L.	"	Hospital - A.G.H.
VX 4843	Pte.	JUDSON	S.V.	"	" "
VX 6208	"	BARBAREL	E.A.	"	" "
VX 6426	"	HAYCROFT	J.	"	" "

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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.		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.)																		

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

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

Date of Despatch 19 October 1940

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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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	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	18		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
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.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

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).
VX6596	Lieut.S.C. DIFFEY	6 Div.	Hosp. (Kfar Vitkin)

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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.V.	6 Div.	Yes	
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	No	Course
"	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	Yes	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	No	Course
Capt.	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	No	Course
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	Yes	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No	Course
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	"	"	
"	VX335	LUXTON T.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX215	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 64	HOWARD W.S.	"	No	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	Yes	
"	VX204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX244	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX282	BURROWES J.F.	"	"	
"	VX553	PHELAN F.I.	"	"	
"	VX547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX6275	YEATES L.A.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	"	
"	VX4360	JONES R.H.	"	No	Temp. attchd Bde.
"	VX3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	"	Course
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	"	
"	VX 327	KNOX W.M.	"	No.	Sec. 19 Bde.
"	VX20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6423	EW FIELD V.K.	"	"	
"	VX 5649	LOVE T.A.	"	"	

(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 6522	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	VX 1561	RX PEIRCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain.

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

Lt.Col.
C.O. 2/8 Bn.
(*Signature of Commander.*)

19 October 1940
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19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit) 26 Oct. 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants			
Corporals	37		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	52		
TOTALS	65	*	*
	75		

* 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.
1. Pay Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
1 Interpreter	6 Div.		
1 Cpl	19 Inf. Bde		
1 Batman	19 Inf. Bde.		

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).
VX6548	Sgt	PERRY M.	6 Div.	~~Gen. Base Depot.~~ 19 Inf. Trng. Bn.
VX6304	Cpl	BROUGHTON R.C.	"	" " " " or A.G
VX7017	L/Cpl	SPOONER J.	"	" " " " " "
VX9101	Pte	McKie R.J.	"	" " " " " "
VX4911	"	CAMPBELL W.	"	" " " " " "
VX4822	Sgt	BALL J.L.	"	Hospital - A.G.H.
VX6208	Pte	BARBAREL E.A.	"	" "
VX6426	"	HAYCROFT J.	"	" "

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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.	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.)																	

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Lt. Col
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Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 Oct. 40

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn.

.....(*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	9		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants	(included in Capts)		
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	39		

* 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.	DWYER H.J.	6 Div.	26/10/40	Reinforcements
"	ARMSTRONG R.C.	"	"	"
"	OLDFIELD T.C.	"	"	"
"	ANDERSON H.V.	"	"	"
"	GRIFFITH J.H.	"	"	"
"	RAPER I.C.	"	"	"
"	TREVORROW R.W.	"	"	"
"	RUSSELL A.C.	"	"	"

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.
Lt. Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.V.	6 Div.	Yes	
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	No	Course
"	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	Yes	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	No	Course.
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	"	"
"	VX	WEBSTER I.G.	"	"	"
"	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No	Hospital
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.M.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON C.E.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	"	
"	VX213	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX244	AUSTIN H. McP.	"	"	
"	VX206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	"	
"	VX204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	"	
"	VX282	BURROWES J.T.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM N.T.	"	"	
"	VX7038	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX533	THELAN F.I.	"	"	
"	VX6275	YEATES I.A.	"	"	
"	VX3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	"	
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	
"	VX4360	JONES R.H.	"	No	Sec. to 19 Inf. Bde
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	Yes	
"	VX5649	LOWE T.A.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD W K	"	"	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX10590	RAPER I.C.	"	"	
"	VX9768	DWYER H.J.	"	"	
"	VX6594	ANDERSON H.V.	"	"	
"	VX6205	ARMSTRONG B.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITHS J.H.	"	"	
"	VX7088	OLDFIELD T.C.	"	"	
"	VX6417	RUSSELL A.C.	"	"	
"	VX5258	TREVORROW R.W.	"	"	

(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 6522	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX 1561	PIERCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Padre

2/8 Bn.
(Unit.)

27 Oct.40
(Date of Despatch.)

Lt.Col.
C.O. 2/8 Bn.
(Signature of Commander.)

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Unit 2/8 BATTALION.A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From* I Nov. 1940. *To* 14 Nov 1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KILO 89. ARAB.	I Nov.	I500 hrs I800 "	Reifs did demo for a Bn. moving onto S.L. at night. Bn.carried out above excercise.Heavy showers during night.	
KILO 89.	2 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Showery.All training indoors.Transport allotted to Coys. Sports.Hockey match v Corps H.Q.Won by Corps 4 to I.	
KILO 89.	3 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Church Parades.I25 A.Rs Iday leave TEL-AVIV. Sports.2/8 v 2/II Aus.Rules.Won by 2/II.	
KILO 89.	4 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Fine & Warm.Routine Tng. I00 A.Rs Leave to JERUSALEM. I day. Transport pl.doing night excercise to TALL ESH SHARIA & return.	
KILO 89.	5 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Light rain.Bde Gd.Duties.Routine Training. Night excercise.Moving onto S.L.for night attack.	Plan of Movement to S.L. Attached. No I
KILO 89.	6 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Fine & warm.Routine Trng.25 A.Rs leave TEL-AVIV. I day. 20 A.Rs 2 day Jerusalem leave.Rugby v 2/II.Won by 2/8. 9 to 6.	
KILO 89.	7 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Fine & warm.Routine Training. All Stores being packed.	
KILO 89.	8 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Fine & warm.Fresh winds.Mock air attack 0850.Gas & smoke used. Stores,including A/T rifles,revolvers & pl hot boxes arrived.	
KILO 89.	9 Nov.	A.M.	Bde parade & march past.Maj/Gen.Mean taking salute. Nearly all packing completed.	
KILO 89	I0 Nov.	A.M. P.M .	Vol.Church parade.Blankets &sea kits to store I000 hrs. 2 Aus blankets per man issued. Packing completed.	
KILO 89.	II Nov.	A.M. 2I00 hrs.	Tents struck & stored.5 30 cwt,5 I5 cwt trucks left at I200 hrs Marched to GAZA stn.Entrained for KANTARA.Left GAZA 2300 hrs.	Movement table Attached. No 2
En route for BURG EL ARAB.	I2 Nov.	0500 " 2I00 "	Reached KANTARA.Crossed Suez 0700.Left KANTARA 0930. Arrived BURG EL ARAB.REMAINDER of transport left KILO I200 hrs.	All times refer to first train.
BURG EL ARAB.	I3 Nov.	0900 P.M.	Kit bags from station. Tents erected and slit trenches commenced.	
BURG EL ARAB.	I4 Nov.	I230	Digging in and straightening up. First road convoy arrived.	

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Major.
~~Lt. Col.~~
C.O. 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

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Unit 2/8 BATTALION. A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From* 15 Nov 1940. *To* 28 Nov 1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BURG EL ARAB.	15 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Digging in and straightening up. 130 A.Rs H.Q.&30 A.Rs B.Coy marched in.	
BURG EL ARAB.	16 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Digging in and straightening up. Fine & warm.	
BURG EL ARAB.	17 Nov.	AM. P.M.	Same as yesterday.	
BURG EL ARAB.	18 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Church parades.Int Sec preparing sketch for Div.exercise. Fine & warm.Several air raid alarms during night.	
BURG EL ARAB.	19 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Div. Comndr inspected reinfs.Lt/Col Mitchell/marched out to/ Shower parade.Most of Bn photographed. /M.E.T.S. CAIRO.	
BURG EL ARAB.	20 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Routine work.Officers on recce for Div exercise. Preparations for exercise.Weather fine with fresh winds.	
BURG EL ARAB.	21 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Divisional exercise.	Operation orders attached. No 3
BURG EL ARAB.	22 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Divisional exercise.	" " " No 4.
BURG EL ARAB.	23 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Return to camp. Administration & pay.	
BURG EL ARAB.	24 Nov	A.M. P.M.	Church parades Swimming parade.	
BURG EL ARAB.	25 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Route march & digging in.Field exercises.	Training syllabus attached.
Bivouac & Burg El Arab.	26 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Return march to camp.Dinner en route. Camp reached 1530 hrs.	" " " No 5 Operation Order attached
BURG EL ARAB.	27 Nov.	A.M. P.M.	Heavy shower 1000 hrs. Some tents flooded.Inspection for sores by M.O.	
BURG EL ARAB.	28 Nov.	0500 hrs. P.M.	Heavy rain fell. Some tents again flooded.Digging in continued. Shower parades.Very windy.	

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Unit 2/8 BATTALION A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From* 29.Nov.40 *To* 30.Nov.40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BURG EL ARAB.	29.Nov.	1300	Routine Training. Shower Parade.	Syllabus attached.
BURG EL ARAB.	30.Nov.	1300	Routine Training. Salvage Officer and N.C.O.s appointed. Swimming Parade.	

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Major
~~Lt. Col.~~
C.O. 2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

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REPORT ON TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES FOR NOV. 40

November has proved to be the busiest month for the transport section of this Bn. since the unit was formed in November 1939.

On 5 Nov. 40 the strength of the transport section was brought up to War Establishment in numbers but unfortunately not in type. The strength of vehicles was made up to 55 (fifty five). This happening was one which had been looked forward to for nine months.

In view of the move which was about to take place it was a very welcome change to have as much transport as was required to do the job on hand.

The actual move ,which was to move the Bn. as part of the Bde from Kilo 89, Palestine to Burg el Arab, Egypt, started to effect transport seriously from 8 Nov. onwards. Trucks were working long hours and Drivers all did a very good job in that they performed their duties excellently and notwithstanding the long hours they were on duty, carried out the maintenance of their vehicles. The loading of the trains commenced on Sunday, 10 Nov.40 and everything was carried out according to schedule. By co-operating closely with the Q.M. there was no hitch whatsoever in the arrangements. The next part of the move was to convoy the vehicles to Egypt. This was done in three convoys. The first road convoy left Kilo 89 at 1230 hrs. on 11 Nov. 40. This consisted of Bde H.Q., 35 vehicles from 2/4 Bn. and 10 vehicles from each of 2/8 and 2/11 Bns. The second convoy which consisted mainly of 2/8 Bn. transport left on 12 Nov. 40 at 1230 hrs. Attached to this convoy was 2/8 Fd. Coy having a strength of 19 vehicles; 2/4 Bn. and 2/11 Bn. each had 10 vehicles in the convoy. The remaining vehicles of the Bde. left Kilo 89 camp on 13 Nov. 40 at 1230 hrs. This last convoy consisted of 35 vehicles from 2/11 Bn. and 10 vehicles each from 2/4 Bn. and 2/8 Bn..

The journey was interesting and, as far as the convoy in which the main portion of 2/8 Bn. transport moved, uneventful. The first day the convoy moved to Asluj via Beersheba, a distance of 45 miles. The second day was a longer move of 172 miles to Ismalia on the Suez Canal Canal. The crossing of the canal took place at night taking approx 4 hrs. to lift the 75 vehicles across. The third day was shorter only moving as far as Cairo, a distance of some 95 miles. On the fourth day, which was a long stretch, the convoy travelled to the destination, Burg el Arab, a distance of approx. 250 miles.

The journey was very good training for the drivers and was excellent from a sight seeing point of view. The second and fourth days were across desert, in the true sense of the word. The third day was through the fertile Nile delta and was a very welcome change from the continual sand. On first sight Burg el Arab looked rather dusty and dirty and this proved to be the case.

Our next step was to settle into our new camp. This was done inside the next week. Transport is very widely dispersed in this camp and has been found to be very inconvenient in some ways, but naturally has very many advantages. It has been found that the Coy M.T. is operating very well under the present system of having a Cpl. in charge of M.T. in each Coy responsible to the Transport Officer for the Coy's M.T.

On 20 Nov. the Transport was brought into line with War Establishment in type by the transfer of vehicles within the Bde.

Since the arrival at Burg el Arab the water problem has been a full time job for the water carts as they have been carting all the water for the unit.

Summing up the month's transport activities the section has had a busy month and have performed their duties very well. Maintenance has been carried out well by all drivers and damage to vehicles has been practically nil.

T.A. Lowe Lieut.
M.T.O. 2/8 Bn.

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Brief INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY of Operations

Unit. 2/8 Bn. Date & Time. 1400 hrs 1/12/40. From 0100 hrs 22/11/40. 1800 22/11/40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, refs.
Burg el Arab. ~~0100~~.	22/11/40	0100.	Positions occupied as shown on Map.	Map attached.
" " "	" " "	1256.	B Coy forced to withdraw to 2nd position shown. C Coy + METS Hussars also withdrew to straight line to positions as shown. D. Coy continuing to hold their position. A. Coy also withdrew.	All positions shown with times along side.
" " "	" " "	1500.	Dan Coy withdrew to a position in line with other Coys.	
" " "	" " "	1615	Enemy commenced attack using tanks + carriers	
		1705	METS. Hussars attacked from left flank as shown + attack was halted at 1709.	
		1730	B. Coy withdrew to position WEST of Bn HQ. C + A Coys remaining in position as Aerodrome picquets.	
		1800	Positions unchanged.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Unit 2/8 Bn. Date & Time ~~1500 23/11/40~~ 1500 1/12/40. From 0500 23/11/40 To 0900 23/11/40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, refs.
Burg el Arab	23/11/40	0500.	HQ Dan + B Coys withdrew to a position one mile west along railway line. ~~B~~ A + C Coys remaining in positions previously held.	
		0800	HQ Dan + B. Coy moved to assembly area.	
		0900	Returned to camp in diamond formation.	

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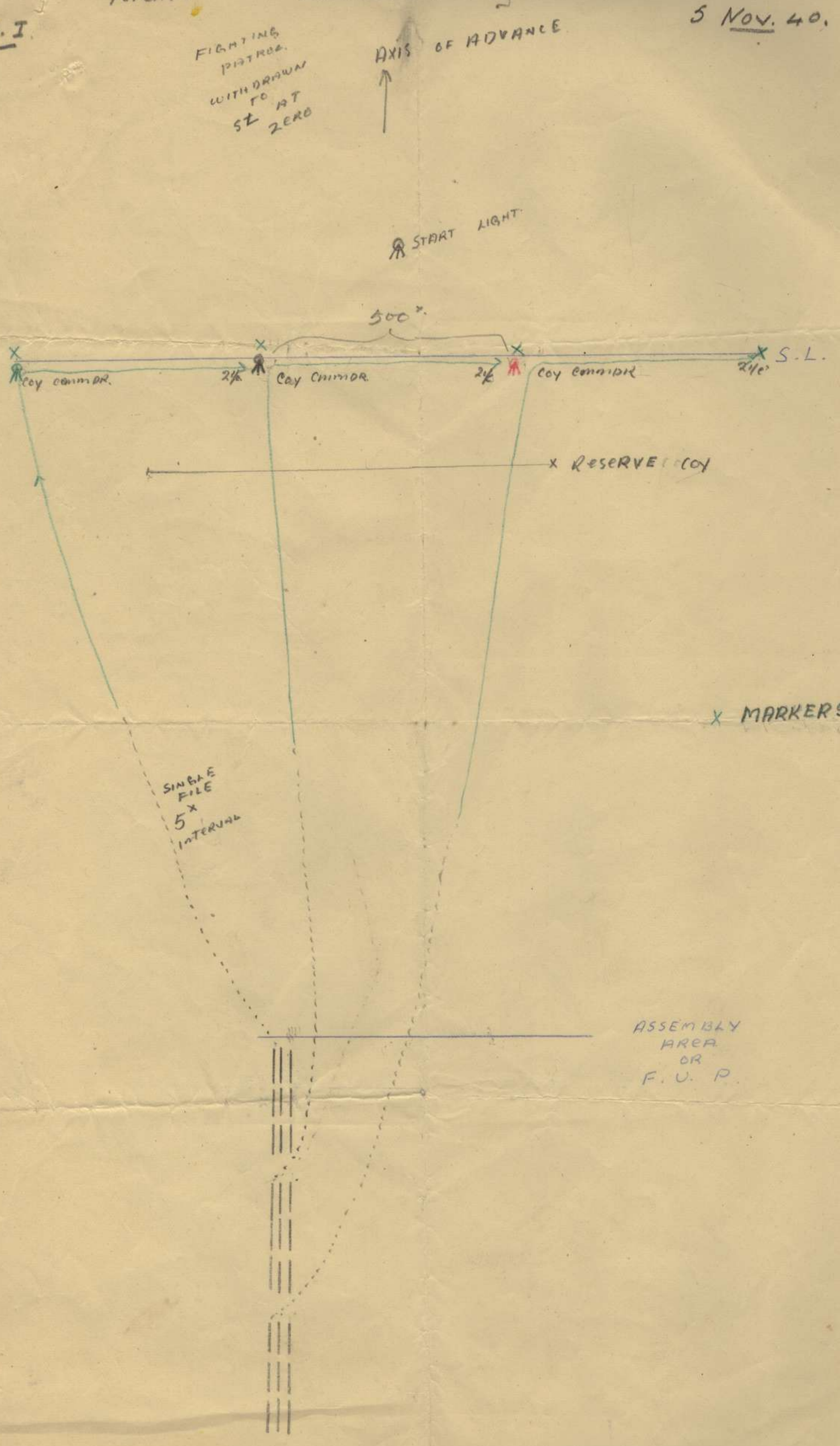
NIGHT ATTACK. Moving Onto Start Line.

No. I.

5 Nov. 40.



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MOVEMENT ORDER.

1. 2/8 Bn. will move in accorda nce with attached schedule.

2. M.T. - Separate instructions have been issued to M.T.O.

3. Order of Dress for all ranks -
Marching Order - (Shirts, Shorts, Stockings)
Service Dress.

Amended

4. The following articles will be taken with personnel.

W.P. Sheet.
2 Blankets
Pack
Kit-bag.

5. The following articles will be sent in baggage train.

Amendment attached.

Officers - baggage up to 200 lbs.
W.O's - " " " 50 "
O.Rs - Sea Kit bags.

6.(a) All Coy stores and sea kit bags will be packed ready for tpt. by 1000 hrs 10 Nov. 40.

(b) Packs, Blankets, and Kit bags will be labelled with mank No. Name and Platoon, and will be stacked in Pl. dumps by 1600 hrs. 11 Nov. 40. These will be transported to GAZA station and will be picked up by personnel at 2200 hrs.

(c) All other stores will be loaded under [illegible] arrangements.

7. The following officers are detailed for parties shown in schedule.

Serial.

1. Capt. C.L.Simpson
2. Lieut. H.McP.Austin
3. " L.J.Sheedy.
6. Major A.S.Key
Lieut. E.R. Wilmoth
" E.C. Armstrong
" T.[illegible] Howe
" W.K. Field.
7. Lieut. J.E.M.Hall.

8. Security.

(a) Each man will carry 100 rds S.A.A. Additional S.A.A. will be drawn from O.M. at 0900 on 10 Nov.

(b) Each Pl. will take in train

1 L.M.G.
1 Tripod
1 Box of Magazines. each filled with 20 rnds.
100 Rds. S.A.A.

Amended

Tripod and Bren to be carried.

(c) All weapons other than above will be sent by road.

(d) Action if train is attacked by aircraft.

Amendment attached.

~~i. Personnel in train will remain where they are.~~

~~ii. If train is stationary all personnel will take cover and engage the planes.~~

9. Rations.

Road parties will carry rations for duration of move plus 2 days reserve supply.

Rail parties will be issued with haversack lunch for midday meal on 12 Nov.40. Breakfast will be provided at KANTARA.

10. Tents - (a) Except those required for road party. (Serial 6 and for rear party) all tents will be struck and stacked in canteen building by 1500 hrs. 11 Nov. 40 under Q.M's direction. Coys will be responsible for the striking and return of their own mess and officers tents.

(b) B Coy will be responsible for striking and returning the following tents.

R.A.P.
Guard and Isolation Tents.
Any other tents not mentioned in (a) above.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1 C.O.
2 Adjt.
3 O.C. "H.Q." Coy
4 " "A" Coy
5 " "B" "
6 " "C" "
7 " "D" "
8 Q.M.
9 T.O.
10 I.O.
11 File.

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APPENDIX A. TO MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1.

Baggage. Kit bags, universal, will be stacked at Coy stores by 0900 hrs. 11 Nov. 40. These will be taken in baggage train and will not be available for issue until the unit reaches its destination.

Blankets and packs which will be picked up at 1630 hrs 11 Nov. will be accompanied to GAZA Rly Stn. by a platoon representative (N.C.O.). This N.C.O. will lay out Pl. kits in section groups on EAST side of Rly line at time and place indicated by M.T.O. and will remain with kits until the troops arrive.

Kits will be laid out in accordance with the order of march shown in Movement Table - Serials 4 & 5.

SECURITY

A. "B" Coy will maintain Bn. Guard and No. 2 A.A. Post until 0900 hrs. 12 Nov. when No. 3 Road Party will take over Bn. Guard.

B. Rear Party will take over Security duties Tyrie Lines at 0900 hrs. 13 Nov.

C. A.A. Posts - No. 1 Dismounts at Retreat 11 Nov. 40.

Squires Lines - Dismounts at Retreat 11 Nov. 40.

No. 2 Dismounts at 0900 hrs. 12 Nov. 40.

MOVEMENT TABLE.

The following amendment will be made.

Add new serial 8 as under -

8. Road 3/30 cwts. 1 Off. 40 O.R. H.Q. Coy 13 Nov.40.
7/15 " (Lt. Field)

Detailed instructions have been issued to M.T.O.

Serial 6. Column 4 delete 1 Officer (B Coy)
5 for 120 read 80.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

Distribution

Copy No. 1 C.O.
" " 2 Adjt.
" " 3 C.O. "H.Q." Coy
" " 4 " "A" Coy
" " 5 " "B" "
" " 6 " "C" Coy
" " 7 " "D" "
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MOVEMENT TABLE

Serial No.	Method	Vehicles	Personnel Officers	O.R.	Drawn from	Depart Kilo 89	Depart Gaza	Remarks
1.	Rail	-	1	10	B Coy	1115 hrs. 10 Nov.40	1216 hrs 10 Nov.40	Proceeds direct to destination
2.	Road	5/30 cwts 5/15 cwts	1	40	H.Q. Coy	1200 hrs. 11 Nov.40.		Report to 2/4 Bn.
3.	Rail	-	1	10	H.Q. Coy		1800 hrs. 11 Nov.40.	Baggage Party
4.	Rail	-	14 (4, 4, 4, 2)	270 (47, 30, 124, 69)	Bn.H.Q. H.Q. Coy A Coy B "	2100 hrs. 11 Nov.40	2330 hrs. 11 Nov.	First Train.
5.	Rail	-	11 (5, 5 Padre)	248 (124, 124)	C Coy D " H.Q. Coy	2300 hrs 11 Nov.40	0130 hrs. 12 Nov.	Second Train
6.	Road	All remaining vehicles	4 1	130 50	H.Q. Coy B Coy	1200 hrs. 12 Nov.40		Movement Order No. 22 issued to H.T.O.
7.	Rail	-	1	20	H.Q. Coy	Instructions	will be issued later	

Lieut.

Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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MOVEMENT ORDER, No. 1.

Para 3. - Dress will now be Service Dress.

Para 5. - Officers may take Valise and 1 medium size suitcase in Troop train.

Para 8. - (b) For 1 Box of Magazines and 100 Rds. S.A.A.

Read: 1 Box of Magazines each filled with 20 Rds. S.A.A.

(d) Cancelled and the following substituted:-

(a) If an Air Raid Alarm is sounded during the stay of a train in a station the train crew have instrictions from the movement Control concerned to take the train out of the station immediately and only to stop at the most suitable cover, such as an orange grove or other wooded feature immediately adjoining the line.

(b) The following course will be adopted, therefore on the sounding of an Air Raid Alarm:-

(1) Those actually on the train will remain seated, and proceed in the train until it stops, when they will immediately detrain and disperse in the cover by which the train stops.

(2) Those who have detrained and those who are meeting the train will immediately take cover. If no cover is within the immediate vicinity, then such personnel will lay flat on the ground where they were standing when the alarm was sounded.

Para 4 Serial 7. For Lieut. Sheedy read Lieut. Phelan.

Movement Table.

Serial	3.	Column	5.	for	10 read 20.
"	6.	"	5.	"	130 read 120.
"	3.	"	8.	"	1800 hrs. read 1930 hrs.

Coys will submit to Bn. H.Q. by 1000 hours 10 Nov. 40., movement states for all parties, by serial numbers. Rates will show Officers, W.O's and Sgts, R & F. & Total

Lieut.

Distribution as per Movement Order. Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

6th Australian Division.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

Area BURG EL ARAB - IKINGI MARYUT

21/23 Nov. 40.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

COMPOSITION OF ENEMY

1. Comd - Lt.Col. T.S. LOUCH M.C.
HQ 19 Aust. Inf. Bde.
1 METS H. (less one sqn). +
1 Fd. Regt. /
Bty 1 AT Regt. /
1 Fd. Coy. /
A Coy 1 MG Regt. /
2/4 Bn.
2/8 Bn. - less details.
2/7 Fd. Amb.

+ Skeleton unit. Details of formation later.
/ Paper units only.

OUTLINE OF TASK

2. The above force represents a covering detachment sent forward to cover the concentration of 1 Lybian Div. in the area EL RUWEISAT and EL HAMMAM. Details of task are contained in 1 Lybian Div Op Instn 61 issued separately.

TOPOGRAPHY OF AREA.

3. MALLAHET MARYUT is marshy and water logged from ALEXANDRIA to a point as far WEST as 740150.

4. The coastal strip between MALLAHET MARYUT and the sea is slab rock and soft sand. No roads exist therein.

5. Both areas are impassable to all types of military vehicles.

SPECIAL IDEA - ENEMY

6. 1 Lybian Div had been allotted the role of opposing a probable hostile thrust along the coast road from ALEXANDRIA.

7. To oppose this thrust 1 Lybian Div was preparing a strong position around EL HAMMAM.

8. Covering force vide para 1 was disposed about BURG EL ARAB.

9. Forces of both sides are organised and equipped in accordance with British WE. The opposing air forces in the coast sector are weak but both sides have been using Tac/R machines extensively.

ADMINISTRATIVE

10. Details 2/8 Bn. not taking active part.

No. 2 Pl. H.Q. Coy except for A.A. protection for B echelon.
" 3 Pl.
No. 6 Pl. (Admin. Sec.)
1 Sec. per Rifle Coy. (Security).

11. Amn. - 6000 rds. S.A.A. Blank will be issued to Bn.

12. Med. - Details of A.D.S. and C.P's will be issued later.

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13. Supply. D I D will represent S.P. for duration of exercise.
Cooking will be done in camp and cooked rations will be delivered to unit in field, at times and places to be notified later.

14. Petrol. DID will represent PP for duration of exercise.

15. Blankets. Will be taken in unit tpt at scale of 2 per man.

16. Dress. Battle Order: Shorts, shirts, hats and gaiters. Greatcoats and cardigans will be taken.

17. Rec. 70 LAD will move with Bde. HQ 'B' Ech Tpt.

18. Water. Water point will be as at present. Location of Water bottle filling points will be notified later.

19. Intercomm. 'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div will provide one Van Wireless to each 2/4 and 2/8 Bns by 1800 hrs 20 Nov. 40.

ACK.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

Distribution.
1 C.O.
2 Adjt.
3 C.O. H.Q. Coy
4 " A Coy
5 " B "
6 " C "
7 " D "
8 O.M.
9 T.O.
10 I.O.
11 War Diary
12 File
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Enlargements of exercise area attached.

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION.

Issued to amplify and amend previous Instruction.

INFORMATION 1. Already issued.

INTENTION 2. 2/8 Bn. will occupy positions and act as already ordered verbally.

METHOD 3. C Coy and 1 Sec. Carriers will take up posn. during evening of 20 Nov. 40 leaving camp at 1730 hrs.

4. Bn.H.Q.
A, B & D Coys
Signal & Mortar Pl.
1 Carrier - In reserve
} To be in position by 0700 hrs. 21 Nov. 40
Leave camp 0600.

5. A.A. Pl. - Responsible for A.A. protection A & B echelon s

ADMINISTRATIVE.

6. Amn. (a) All S.A.A. Ball will be withdrawn from personnel before leaving camp.

(b) One box of Bren magazines each loaded with 20 rds. S.A.A. Ball will be sent Bn. Pool.

(c) Coy Comdrs will render a certificate at least half an hour prior to leaving camp that no ball amn. is being taken into the field.

(d) S.A.A. Blank on the scale of 1000 rds. per rifle Coy has been issued.

8. Med. - R.A.P. - Posn. already notified.
Coy S.B's remain with Coys as S.B's.

9. Rations. C Coy and 1 Sec Carriers - Special instns. issued.
Remainder - Breakfast in posns. at 0730. Lunches to be carried.

10. Dress - Previous instructions cancelled.
Battle Order without Steel Helmets or Respirators.
Shirts, Hats, Gaiters, K.W.D. Trousers
Pullovers and Greatcoats will be taken.

11. Water - Personnel will leave camp with water bottles filled. Water will be issued during daylight on 21 Nov. or to "C" Coy and 1 Sec. Carriers.

INTERCOM. 12. Already issued.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

Enlargement showing disposition from 0700 to 2300 hrs on 21/11/40

Distribution.

1 C.O.
2 Adjt.
3 O.C. H.Q. Coy
4 " A Coy
5 " B "
6 " C "
7 " D "
8 Q.M.
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10 I.O.
11 R.S.M.
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2/8 BN. OPERATION ORDER NO. 23.

INFORMATION. Enemy occupy general line from TARB to Railway.
Own Tps. general line BIR 828123 - BAHIG Station. 9/4 on left. METS H. have withdrawn from right flank.

INTENTION. 2/8 Bn. will withdraw to a position astride Ply. at BURG EL ARAB.

METHOD. Outposts "C" Coy. separate orders. In position by 1630 hrs.
Rear Position to be occupied by 0300 hrs.
No rearward movement of transport before 2030 hrs.
F.D.L's will be denied to enemy until 2245 hrs.
Fwd. Coys commence thinning out at 2200 hrs.
Rear Parties cross line W - S through BAHIG Station at 2300 hrs. 23000
Patrols. Fwd. Coys will maintain active fighting patrols from 1800 hrs. to prevent enemy recce of "No Mans land" until 2230 hrs.
Fwd. Coys will arrange order and timings of patrols.
Assembly Areas. Bn. Ass. Area 400x ESE of BAHIG STN., on SOUTH side of Ply line.
Route I.O. will arrange guides from Bn. Ass. Area to rear P.W.
Mortars } Move with "A" echelon.
Carriers }
Marching Personnel Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy will withdraw at 2130 hrs.
M.M.G. Remain on present tasks until 2230 hrs. then withdraw
A.T. Bn. Withdraw to rear posn. at 2000 hrs.
Arty. - Bty Fld. Regt. will remain on present task until receipt of orders direct from Bde, to revert to Bde control.

ADMINISTRATIVE

R.A.P. closes present position at 2245 hrs.
Q.M.S. " " " " 2245 hrs.
Meals evening meal at 1800 hrs. Carrying parties to R.A.P. area at 1800 hrs.
Water H.Q., A, B, D Coys will be watered at rear posn.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

Bn.H.Q. Advanced H.Q. closes present posn. at 2230 hrs
Rear H.Q. opens at Burg el Arab position at 2230 hrs.
Signals All lines in from 2045 hrs. and communications then by runner.

ACK.

Signed at 1205

(sgd) N. R. Benson, Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

Method of Distribution. Orders

Sketch showing withdrawal route attached

Distribution.

1	C.O.	7	O.C. D Coy
2	Adjt.	8	Q.M.
3	O.C. H.Q. Coy	9	T.O.
4	" A Coy	10	I.O.
5	" B "	11	R.S.M.
6	" C "	12	War Diary 13 File.

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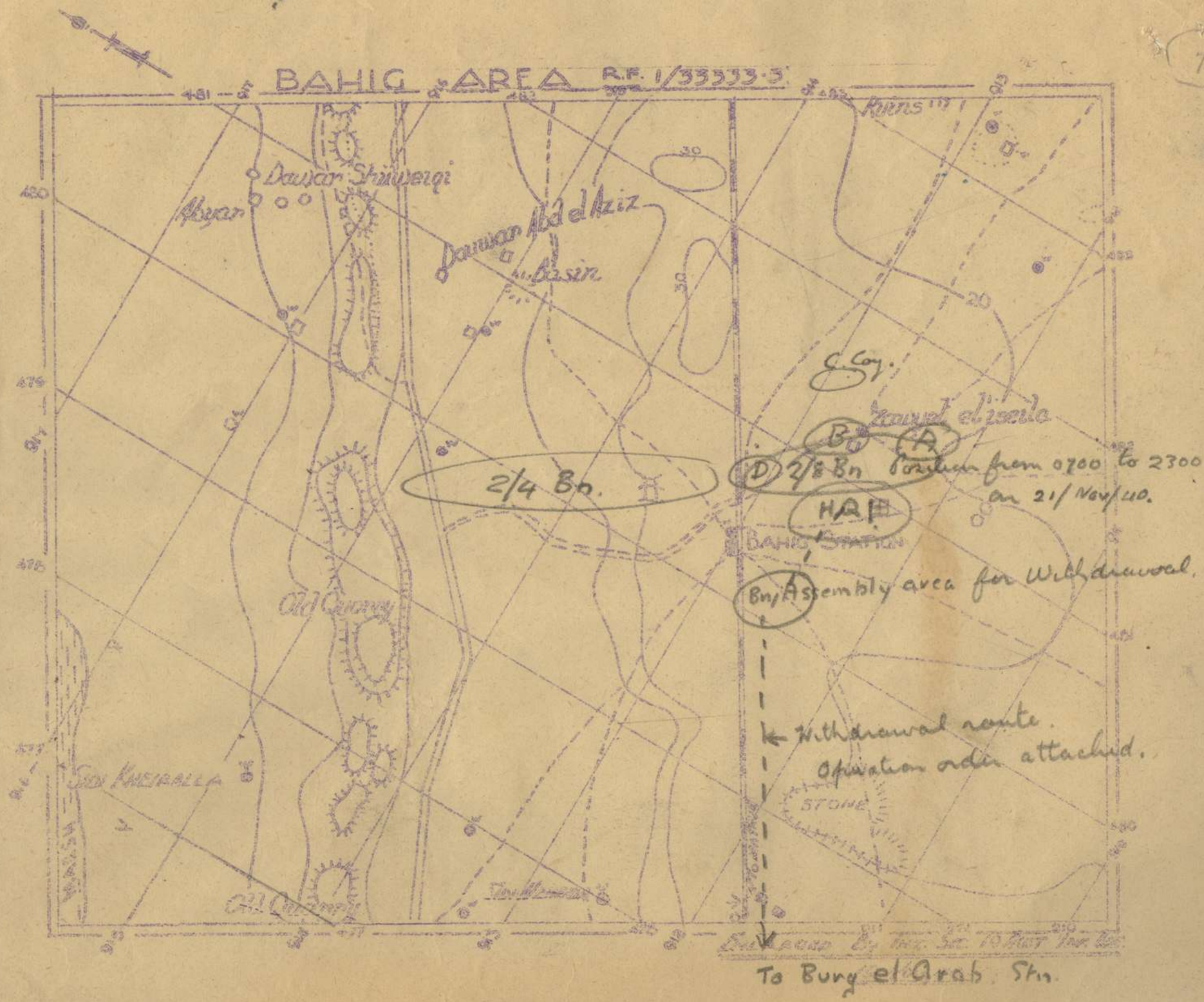
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Ruins
Dawar Shiwerqi
Abyar
Dawar Abd el Aziz
Basin
C. Coy.
Zawyat el Sarda
B
A
D
2/4 Bn.
2/8 Bn
Position from 0700 to 2300 hrs on 21/Nov/40.
HQ
BAHIG STATION
Bn/A
Assembly area for Withdrawal.
Old Quarry
Withdrawal route.
Operation order attached.
STONE
Old Quarry
To Burg el Arab Stn.

Ref. Maps.
EL HAMMON 1:100,000.
EL GHAYAL 1:100,000.

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EXERCISE.

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2/8 Bn. OPERATION ORDER. No 25.

INFORMATION.

(1) Enemy Aircraft dumped petrol and supplies at dusk today in area about EL MAGHAGHI 805963. A band of natives who are hostile to us have been concentrated in the area and are now guarding the enemy stores.
It seems likely that the enemy intends to use this dump as an emergency supply and petrol point during his projected advance. The presence of this dump may embarrass our posn. at Burg el Arab and it is therefore necessary to destroy it.

(2) 2/8 Bn. with 1 Sqn. 6 Aust Div Cav. Det. 2/3 Fd. Coy. and Det. 2/7 Fd Amb. are at Burg el Arab.

INTENTION. (3) 2/8 Bn. will move South on 25 Nov. and destroy enemy dump near EL MAGHAGHI.

METHOD. (4) Mobile Troops. Sqn. 6 Aust. Div. Cav. will report the following bounds clear:-
First Bound. Escarpment about track at 758070 by 0815 hrs.
Second Bound. Area about track at KARM EL ZALAT 780010.
Third Bound. EL MAGHAGHI 805963. Times by which 2nd and 3rd bounds are to be reported clear, will be notified by C.O. 2/8 Bn. according to progress of the Main Body.

(5) Main Body. 2/8 Bn. (less 1 Det. Protection Pl. 1 Sec. Carrier Pl. and "B" Ech) Det. 2/3 Fd. Coy. and Det. 2/7 Fd Amb. will move according to diagram shown on Appendix A.

(6) Route. (a) Along axis of Track from BURG EL ARAB to EL MAGHAGHI. (b) "A" Ech. transport report to M.T.O. at 0500 for move via BURG EL ARAB Stn. to Start Line.

(7) Start Line. Railway line South of 2/8 Bn. lines.

(8) Start Time. Leading Coys' cross Start Line at 0830 hrs.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

(9) (a) Midday Meal. "B" Ech. escorted by 1 Det. Protection Pl. and 1 Sec. Carrier Pl. will leave camp under directions from Q.M. in time to arrive at EL MAGHAGHI, at 1230 hrs.

(10) Dress. Battle Order. No Respirators. K.W.D. Trousers and Gaiters. Pulovers and Greatcoats will be taken.

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[illegible] per man will be carried on "A" Echn.

(12) Security. (a) 1 Sect. per Coy will remain in camp.
(b) Permanent A.A. Security Posts remain in camp.
(c) Lieut. L.A. Yeates will remain as O.C. Camp Security.

(13) R.A.P. will move in rear of H.Q. Coy "A" Echn.

(14) S.A.A. Full ammunition issued to personnel will be withdrawn, and one box Bren Magazines each loaded with 20 rounds will be carried per Bren Gun.

(15) Tools will be carried "B" Echn.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

(16) a Bn H.Q. Advanced H.Q. as shown in diagram. Rear H.Q. remain in camp.

(17) V.T. to all Coys.

(18) Three Wireless Vans report to 2/8 Bn. at 0200 hrs.

Time of Signature. 23.45 hours. 24/11/41.

Method of Distribution. - Orderly.

Lieut.,
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

Ack.

Copy No.
1 C.O.
2 Adjt.
3 O.C. H.Q. Coy.
4 " A "
5 " B "
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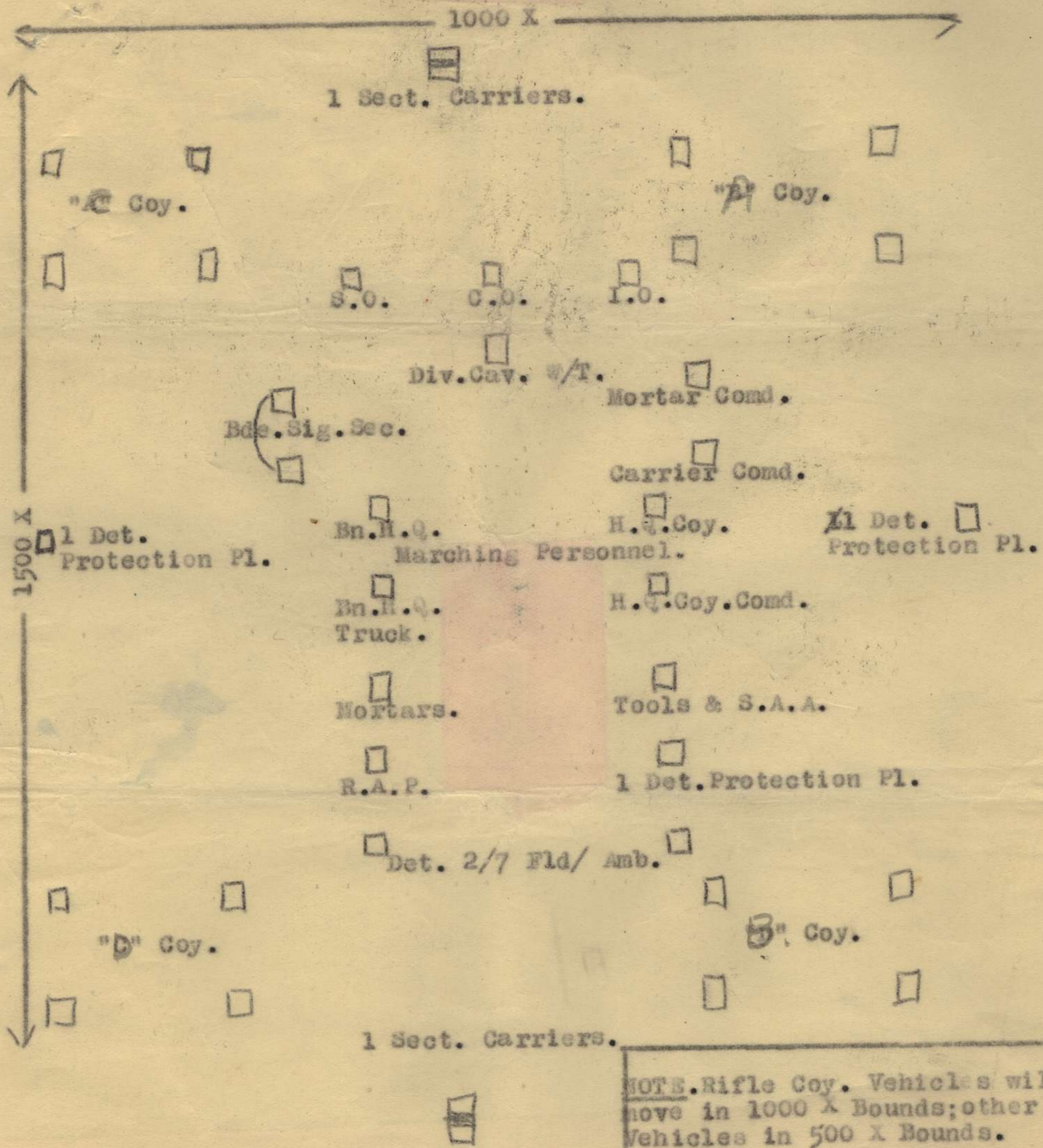
APPENDIX "A"

Issued with Operation Order No.25.



NOTE.Rifle Coy. Vehicles will move in 1000 X Bounds;other Vehicles in 500 X Bounds.

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2/8 Bn. A.I.F.

TRAINING SYLLABUS--------Week Commencing 25Nov 40.

Serial No.	Date	Coy.	08.30 to 11.45.	13.00 to 16.00.	Remarks.
1.	25.11.40.	All	Field Exercises-- Route March and Digging In.		Details issued Separately
2.	26.11.40.	All			
3 ~~3~~	27.11.40.	All	Digging in of Tents.		
4.	28.11.40.	All	Digging in of Tents.	Shower Parade (Details issued separately)	
5.	29.11.40.	All	Digging in of Tents and A.A. & A.G. Trng.		
6.	30.11.40.	All	Digging in of Tents. A.A. & A.G. Trng.	Swimming Parade. (Details issued separately)	

.....Lieut.
A/Adj.

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1 Nov.40.

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by

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

Q 109.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat

Date	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
1 Nov.40	Lieut. Raper	Sgt. Adams	Cpl Burgess
n.f.d.	" Trevorrow	" Kerr	" Mulvey.

2. CARPENTERS. Vacancies exist in Pioneer Pl for tradesmen. Personnel wishing to transfer to this Pl will submit their applications through the normal channels to Bn.H.Q. by 1800 hours 3 Nov.40. Specialist pay is paid to tradesmen in Pioneer Pl.

3. SPORTS PARADE. The following matches have been arranged:-

2. Nov.40 Aust. Rules scratch game. 2/8 Bn Ground 1430
Hockey v Corps H.Q. 1500. Airport.
Tpt leaves Bn.H.Q. 1415.
Cricket v 2/4 Bn. 1330. 2/4 Bn. Ground.

3 Nov.40. Aust Rules v 2/11 Bn. 1430 2/11 Bn. Ground

2 Nov.40 - Swimming parade for personnel not engaged in other sports. Tpt. leaves Bn.H.Q. 1400 hrs.

Lieut.
A/Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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No. Q 110

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
2 Nov.40	Lieut. Trevorrow	Sgt Copley	Cpl Mulvey
n.f.d.	" Russell	" Pinniger	" McBride.

2. CHURCH PARADES. - 3 Nov.40

C. of E. Communion	0615 hrs.	Padre McConchie 2/11 Bn.	
R.C. Mass.	0645 "	" O'Callaghan 2/4 Bn.	
Unit Service.			
Voluntary	0630 "	" Pierce, Salvation Hut.	

3. FITTING & REPAIR OF BOOTS. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the necessity for well fitting boots which are in a good state of repair.

It has been noted, in many cases, that personnel have allowed their boots to get into a bad state of repair. This is pure carelessness and disciplinary action will be taken against future offenders.

4. COURT OF INQUIRY. A Court of Inquiry, constituted as under, will assemble as directed by the President to enquire into and report upon the loss of equipment from "A" Coy lines.

President - Maj A.S.Key
Member - Lt.L.A. Yeates.

5. BLACKOUT. It has been noted that the blackout measures in unit lines have been allowed to become less effective than formerly. All personnel will take immediate action to ensure that the blackout is complete and effective.

6. ENGAGEMENT OF AIRCRAFT WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE.

Aircraft will NOT be engaged by Small Arms A.A. defences unless:-

(a) They are within range, i.e. below 2,000 feet and
(b) They are definitely recognised as hostile

or

(c) If of unknown identity, they commit an hostile act against the area so protected.

All ranks will be further practised in recognition of (our own) aircraft.

7. AIRMAIL SERVICES. Outgoing mails - both east and west bound - will close at Army Base P.O. GAZA on Tuesday and Friday at 1000 hrs.

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8. LOSS OF ARMS. - Action to be taken.

The attention of all ranks is directed to the action to be taken in the event of loss of arms.
This procedure will be rigidly enforced in order to reduce the rapidly increasing number of losses.
Breaches of this order will be dealt with.
The action to be taken is as follows:-

(a) Individual discovering loss will report immediately to either his Pl Comdr or Coy Duty Officer, who will immediately report to the Adjutant
(b) The Adjutant will report the loss immediately to the local Palestine police for investigation; also, report the loss by immediate signal to HQ 1 Aust Corps reported Force HQ.
(c) All ranks will ensure as far as possible that the site of the loss is left untouched until the Palestine Police have carried out their investigations.

9. DRAINAGE. Coys are responsible for ensuring that an adequate system of drainage is in operation in their lines.

10. CLEANLINESS OF LINES. More attention is to be paid by Coys to the cleanliness of Coy lines and Messes.

Lieut.
A/Adj.2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

LOST. In ablution sheds one hat branded "Pte Hoey".
One dixie and cover and mess gear (knife, fork & spoon), stamped VX533 F.I.Phelan.
Finders return articles to Orderly Room.

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4 Nov. 40.

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

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat.

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
4 Nov. 40	Lieut. Armstrong	Sgt. Trethowan	Cpl. Hankinson
n.f.d.	" Anderson	" Watson	" Rich

2. GUARD -

(a) Commencing 4 Nov. 40 Bn. Guard will be commanded by an Officer.

(b) Dress - Guard will mount in Service Dress and will remain in that order of dress until Reveille.
Shirt, Shorts, Stockings and Gaiters will be worn during the period Reveille - Retreat.

3. TATTOO ROLL CALL REPORTS -

In future Coy Oderly Officers will submit a Vehicle Tattoo Report at the same time as the normal Tattoo Roll Call Report. If a vehicle is absent from the lines on duty, the duty must be stated.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICE.

LOST. Paybook No. 30505 belonging to VX 4994 Pte. L.W.Harbourd, "C" Coy.
Finder please forward immediately to Pay Sgt. or owner.

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Syrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
5 Nov. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
5 Nov. 40.	Lieut. Armstrong	Sgt. Grant	Cpl. Rich
n.f.d.	" McCormick	" Atkins	" Ingham

2. SORE THROATS -

(a) All personnel suffering from sore throats or nose infection will report to R.A.P. immediately.

(b) Coys will arrange to hold gargle parades daily. The gargle to be used is a solution of common salt and water.

3. ARMOURY -

The Armoury is out of bounds to all personnel except Armoury staff.

All enquiries will be made at the window.

4. CENSORSHIP - Censorable Matter

The only effective method of deletion is by cutting out the offending passages and this method will be employed by franking officers of this unit.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Nov. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
6 Nov.40	Lieut. McCormick	Sgt. Atkins	Cpl. Ingham
n.f.d.	" Burrowes	" Watt	" Fitzgerald

2. AUST. COMFORTS FUND - The following articles have been received from A.C.F.

Tobacco, 1 oz. tins.	780
Cigarette Papers packets	780
Pres. Fruit, 30 Oz tins	192

3. SPORTS PARADE - 6 Nov. 40

Rugby v. 2/11 Bn. 2/4 Ground.
1430 hours.

4. DRINKING MUGS

800 Enamel Mugs have been received & issued to all ranks.

The mugs were provided through the personal efforts of Lady Blamey, to whom the unit is deeply grateful.

Lady Blamey arranged to provide these mugs while the Bn. was at Puckapunyal with the 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. & the mugs were forwarded to this unit through that Bde.

5. NOTICE

Lost. Ind ntifaction Disc VX. 13706. Pte Hutchins.
Watch - Owner - Vx 10026 Pte L.H. Rasmussen.

Lieut.
Adjt.2/8 Bn.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat.

Date	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
7 Nov.40	Lieut. Burrowes.	Sgt Watt	Cpl Fitzgerald.
n.f.d.	" Strong	" Davis	" Funston.

Bn. Duty Coy to mount on 10 Nov.40 - "B" Coy.

2. COY GUARDS. Roving patrols in Coy Lines will conform to the dress laid down for Bn. Guard.

3. SPECIALISTS. In consequence of the change in system of return to the unit of personnel evacuated to Hospital, etc., a change will be effective immediately in the system of specialist pay.

When a man receiving specialist pay is struck off the ~~unit~~ Unit's posted strength (i.e. Admitted to Hospital or Convalescent Depot, or to Detention Barracks) he will cease to draw specialist pay. The man who fills his place may, if qualified, be recommended for specialist pay.

4. UNEXPLODED BOMBS, AMMUNITION & EXPLOSIVES - Finding to be reported.

Old bombs, shells or explosives of any kind that may be found in this area are to be reported to B.H.Q., repeated to nearest R.A.E. unit which will arrange for their demolition.

5. ARMY POSTAL SERVICES - Notification of change of address.

(i) All ranks who have changed units or locations, or have arrived in this country since 1 Sep40, should report their latest address to -

O.O.
Australian Army Base Post Office
A.I.F., ABROAD.

(ii) Any subsequent change of address should be reported immediately to the same authority.

(iii) Change of address and particulars should be as shown below

Date._____
No._____ Rank_____
Surname (in block letters)_____
Christian names (in full & in block letters)_____
Unit_____ A.I.F. ABROAD
Is address permanent _____
If not, state up to what date address holds good_____
Signature_____

N.F. RANSOM. Lieut.

Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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Ryde Lines
Kilo 89.
8 Nov. 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

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

No. 115.

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat.

Date.	Orderly Officer	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
8. Nov. 40.	Lieut. Strong.	Sgt. Clarke	Cpl. Funston.
n.f.d.	" Dwyer	" Pinneger.	" Quantrill.

2. CONTRACTORS

All contracts (Laundry, Fancy Goods etc.) will be terminated at 1800 hours on Sunday 10th Nov. As these shops will not re-open it is essential that all accounts must be finalised and goods collected prior to that time.

3. D.R.L.S. RAIL LETTER SERVICE - Aust Units in EGYPT.

(a) To Aust units in EGYPT - Leaves GAZA Ry Station at 1216 hrs daily, arrives 6 Aust. Div. 1200 hrs following day.

(b) From Aust units in EGYPT - leaves 6 Aust Div at 1240 hrs daily, arrives GAZA Ry Station 0428 hrs. following day.

(c) To and from CAIRO - no charge. (425/4/24)

4. DETECTOR PAINT

(a) Cases have occurred of attempts being made to dilute detector paint with various solvents.

(b) If the paint is found to be too stiff to be workable, a small quantity of white spirit may be well mixed in; no other substance, however, is suitable.

R. [illegible] Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

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No. Q. 116

Ryrie Lines,
Kilo 89,
9 Nov. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Date.	Orderly Officer.	Orderly Sgt.	Orderly Cpl.
9 Nov.40.	Lieut. Dwyer	Sgt. Finniger	Cpl. Quantrill
n.f.d.	" Griffith	" Adams J.S.	" Lammin

2. CHURCH PARADES for Sunday 10 Nov. will be held as under:-

C of E Holy Communion - 0615 hrs in 2/11 Bn. lines
R.C. Service - 0645 hrs in 2/4 Bn. lines.

Unit Service - Voluntary 0630 hrs. Padre Peirce, Salvation Hut.

A Communion Service (Presbyterian) will be conducted at 1030 hrs. in the Y.M.C.A. Gaza Ridge Camp by Chaplains J.P.Forest and T.Peirce.

3. DRESS -

Ref. Corps R.O. No. 88, on the occasions when C.Os authorise the wearing of cardigans by Officers during training hours, they will ensure that badges of rank are clearly visible. Web equipment will be worn over cardigans.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

FOUND - Bundle of keys in the lines, also a Watch engraved "to Harry from Jennie".

Owners claim at Bn. Orderly Room.

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by

Burg el Arab.,
13 Nov. 1940.

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

No. 118.

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1. DUTIES -

The following duties will be mounted in 2/8 Bn. lines, - BURG EL ARAB -

A.A. Posts 2 Double Posts
No. 1 "B" Coy lines
No. 2 "D" " "

These posts must be dug in.

Coy Guards - 1 N.C.O.
12 O.Rs (2 roving patrols each Coy).

Provost Tent is near Bn.H.Q. Personnel placed in close arrest will be handed to Provost.

2. A.A. DEFENCE

Signals - Aircraft Attack

Bde - Succession of short blasts on siren
Bn. - Succession of short blasts on whistle

All Clear - Long blasts at 5 seconds interval.

A.A. sentries must be alert at all times and will pass on, by whistles, signals from Bde. or from Bn.H.Q.

Action - All personnel except permanent A.A.I.M.G. guards will double to slit trenches and remain there until "All Clear" is sounded. Dress - Fighting order with capes A.G. at alert.

3. LAYOUT -

Complete plan of camp will be issued later.
Temporary Bn.H.Q. is located approx. 150X W.W. of small kitchen on N side of road in centre of unit area.
Temp. R.A.P. is located 200X W of Bn.H.Q.

4. WATER -

Water is extremely scarce and care is to be exercised by all ranks to conserve the supply.

5. EVACUATIONS TO HOSPITAL -

All personnel evacuated from camp will take with them all personal gear, arms and equipment on issue.

Jas H. Stang Lieut.
A. Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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Bn HQ

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Burg el Arab,
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by
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No. 119

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1. TIME TABLE -

The following time table will operate from 15 Nov. 40.

Reveille	0615
Sick Parade	0700
Breakfast	0730
Parade	0830
Cease Work	1130
Lunch	1200
Parade	1300
Dismiss	1600
Tea	1630

Canteen hours will be as follows:

1130 to 1230
1600 to 1730

2. BLACKOUT -

A complete and effective blackout is required in this area. Lights will not be used either in or out of tents or buildings.

3. PALESTINE CURRENCY -

Coys will hand to Pay Sgt. by 0900 hrs. 15 Nov. 40. All Palestine currency which personnel desire changed into Egyptian currency.

4. SICK PARADE -

Owing to the prevalence of sores in the area, all ranks are reminded that all scratches or abrasions, however slight, should receive an application of iodine without delay.

[illegible] Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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No. 120

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat (1630 hrs) 15 Nov. 40.

Bn. Orderly Officer - Lieut. Jacobs
n.f.d. " Burrowes

Bn. Orderly Officer will remain at Bn.H.Q. during his tour of duty and will be responsible for sounding of all signals during that period. He will sleep in the Adjutants office.

2. WATER -
As soon as empty petrol tins are available on issue on the scale of 2 tins per sleeping tent will be made.
These tins will be filled from water carts once per day. This will be the only issue for drinking and washing.

3. TRAFFIC CONTROL -
(a) Coys will mark tracks in Coy areas vide sketch issued herewith. Transport will not move in unit area except on roads or tracks.
(b) Speed of vehicles will be regulated to keep dust down to a minimum.

4. CENSORSHIP -
(a) The rules for Military censorship are contained in Censorship Regulations, Middle East, issued separately.
(b) In addition, mention of the following air matters will be prohibited:-

Our own air losses; enemy air losses, except in general terms; location of attacks, except in general terms; aerodromes from which aircraft operate; camouflage; exactly where hostile bombs fall, and their effect or otherwise.

5. IDENTIFICATION PASSES -
(a) Officers - All officers of the British Forces, including those from Colonies and Dominions and those of Foreign Armies fighting with the British Forces in EGYPT will be in possession of a British Forces Identification Card, issued by the Permits officer, British Forces in Egypt, Bab el Hadid Barracks, Cairo.

Application forms are being obtained by Bn.H.Q.

(b) O.Rs. - All O.Rs of the British Forces, including those from Colonies and Dominions and those of Foreign Armies fighting with the British Forces, in EGYPT, will carry their A.B.64, or their paybook, as a means of identification.

6. POSTAL -
(a) Air Mails. Air Mail for Australia closes at Field Sub-Post Offices at 1530 hrs and at Field Post Office at 1600 hrs on each Sunday, Monday and Friday.
(b) Outward Mails. Commencing 11 Nov. 40, outward mails close at Field Sub-Post Offices at 1530 hrs. and Field Post Office at 1600 hrs daily.
(c) Inward Mails. These will be available for delivery to postal orderlies at Field Sub-Post Offices & Field Post Office at 1000 hrs daily.
Postal orderlies will lodge all outgoing mail at Field Sub-Post Offices at 1000 hrs and 1500 hrs daily, or at Field Post Office at 1000 hrs and 1500 hrs daily.

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7. DOCUMENTS AND SECRET PAPERS - SECURITY OF.

Cases have recently occurred of secret and security documents being left about by the individual in whose charge they were. All ranks are reminded of their responsibility for the safe custody of official documents committed to their charge. If these papers are no longer required they should be returned to the Bn. H.Q., or destroyed by fire. Disciplinar action is to be taken in cases of negligence in this matter.

8. DRIS.

A DRIS to BURG-EI-ARAB came into operation as from 1430 hrs. 12 Nov. in accordance with the following schedule:

MORNING RUN	Depart	Sig Office	6 Aust Div	0800 hrs
	Arrive	" "	19 Aust Inf Bde	0920 "
	Depart	" "	" " " "	0930 "
	Arrive	" "	6 Aust Div.	1050 "
AFTERNOON RUN				
	Depart	Sig Office	6 Aust Div	1430 "
	Arrive	" "	19 Aust Inf Bde	1550 "
	Depart	" "	" " " "	1600 "
	Arrive	" "	6 Aust Div.	1720 "

9. LIQUOR FROM NATIVE VENDORS.

It has come to notice that troops have been buying liquor from native vendors in the vicinity of the camp area.

This practice is dangerous and will cease forthwith.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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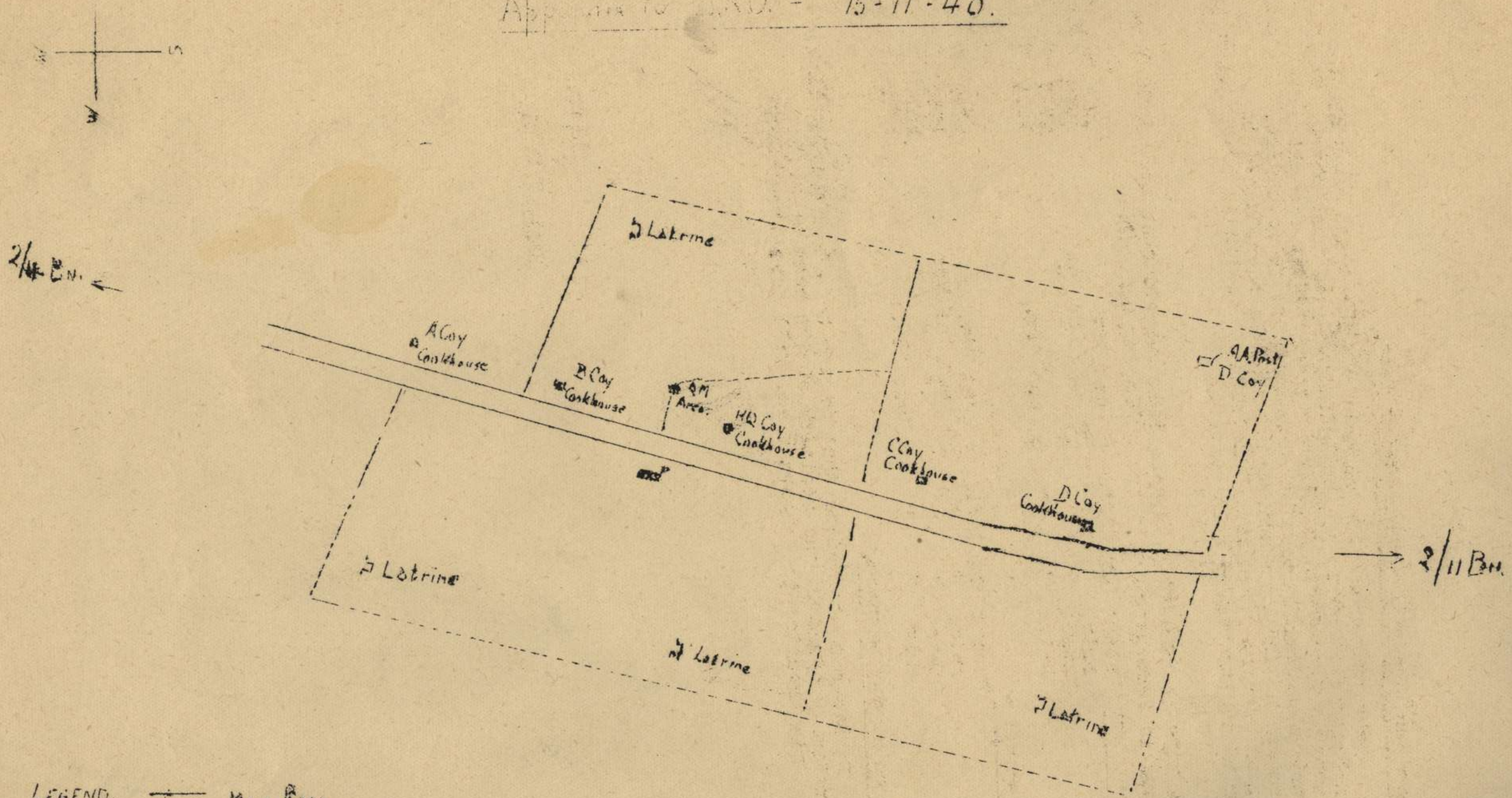
Appendix to B.R.O. - 15-11-40.



LEGEND. MAIN ROAD.

Tracks to be marked as per. B.R.O.

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No. 121

Burg el Arab,
16 Nov. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn.O.C. - Lieut. Burrowes
n.f.d. - " McCormick

Bn. Duty Coy. - "C" Coy. - To mount 0930 hrs 17 Nov. 40.

Duty Coy will man Nos. 1 & 2 L.A. Posts. Personnel for each double post - 1 N.C.O.
6 Ptes.

Duty Coy will submit to Bn.H.Q. by 0900hours daily a report of air activity during the preceding 24 hours. This report will contain the following information - Type of planes sighted and time; estimated height and speed; Course; Air raid alarms and duration.

2. CHURCH PARADES -

R.C. Mass 0900 hrs. Padre O'Callaghan Welfare Tent.
Unit Parade 0830 " Padre Peirce.
Markers to R.S.M. at Bn.H.Q. at 0815 hrs.
Coys march on 0820 hrs.

3. CAMERAS -
Coys will submit by 0900 hrs. 17 Nov. 40 a return of ALL cameras held by personnel.
Returns will show -

No.	Rank & Name of personnel.	Type of Camera	Makers No. (if any)	Whether camera is in case.

4. CENSORSHIP - Troops may mention that they are in Egypt. NO mention may be made where the camp is located or that there is air activity and an Aerodrome in the vicinity.

5. SWIMMING - Swimming in River Nile or any fresh water Canals is prohibited on account of risk of contracting Bilharziosis.

6. MAGAZINES BREN .303 MACHINE GUN MARK 1 - FILLING OF.

In no circumstances will the magazines of Bren guns be filled with more than 28 rounds.
In cases where it is necessary for magazines to remain filled for some condiderable time they will be loaded with 20 rds only.

6. POSTAL RATES. - Postal rates from Egypt are as under -

(a) Air Mail.
A concession rate for air mail letters bearing wholly Army Seals is as follows:-

First 10 gms. 4 piastres
20 gms 7 "
30 gms 11 "
40 gms 14 "

If ordinary Egyptian stamps are used (in part or wholly) the rate is each 10 gms 4½ piastres.

(b) Surface Letter Mails.
Each 20 gms 1 piastre.

NOTE. Army seals may be used for LETTERS only. For packets and parcels Egyptian stamps must be used.

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(c) Packets. (Under 500 gms). to be lodged by individuals at Fd. P.O's and Sub P.O's.

Each 50 gms 4 milliemes (Douane label to be affixed)

(d) Parcels. To be lodged by individuals at Fd. P.O's and Sub P.O's.

Weight	Aust.	NZ	UK.	
1 Kilogram	17½	11½	10	piastres.
3 "	36	24	16	
5 "	56	38	22	
10 "	---	56	35	

The maximum weight to Australia is 5 Kilograms.

Two customs declarations (Form 2) and one despatch note (Form 1) must accompany each parcel.

Egyptian postage stamps must be affixed to the Despatch Note and not to the parcel.

Y. REPORTING OF MOVEMENTS.- OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS.

General Order 382 of 1940 is repeated for future information of all concerned.

"(A) All officers visiting places, other than at which normally stationed whether on leave or duty, will report themselves immediately on arrival to the following H.Qs or Offices. Such reports will be made by signing their names, and stating their units, addresses at which staying and period of stay, in "Visits and Leave Books" which will be maintained for this purpose by the H.Qs and Offices states:-

CAIRO. H.Q. B.T.E. (M.S.Branch) Semiramis Hotel.
ALEXANDRIA D.A.P.M's Office, Kom-el-Dik (opp Main Railway Station)
ISMAILIA/MOASCAR. H.Q. Suez Canal Sub-Area.
Other Stations (including Western Desert) O.C. Tps Office or Garrison station concerned.

(B) i. Other Ranks visiting places, other than which normally stationed whether on leave or duty, and who are not accomodated under unit arrangements with another unit in a Barrack or Camp at the station being visited will report personally immediately on arrival to the following offices where their names, units, and addresses at which staying will be recorded in a book maintained for this purpose in the offices stated:-

CAIRO D.A.P.M's Office, Bab-el-Hadid (opp Main Railway Station)
ALEXANDRIA D.A.P.M's Office, Kom-el-Dik (opp Main Railway Station)
ISMAILIA/MOASCAR. D.A.P.M's Office, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Moascar (opposite the Green Man)
Other Stations. (including the Western Desert). O.C. Troops Office or Garrison H.Qs station concerned.

ii. Other Ranks accomodated with another unit in Barracks or Camp will report immediately on arrival to the Orderly Room or Regimental Office of the Unit with which accomodated."

USE OF ENEMY WIRELESS BY BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR.

An International Convention provides for the names of all prisoners of war being reported to the Government of the forces to which they belong as soon as possible after capture. This procedure is now in operation and experience has shown that the particulars of British prisoners in enemy hands reached the War Office about 21 days after capture. It is therefore necessary to warn all ranks that, should they be taken prisoner they may be invited for propaganda purposes to broadcast messages to their wives and families over the enemy wireless. Every Officer and soldier must understand that should he be taken prisoner it is his duty to refuse to comply with any order, request or invitation to speak over the wireless on any subject or for any purpose. The use of enemy wireless to transmit messages is forbidden in all circumstances to British prisoners of war who should be on their guard against being induced to disobey this instruction.

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Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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17 Nov. 40.

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by

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

No. 122

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1. DUTIES -

Bn.O.O. Lieut. I.G.McCormick
n.f.d. " R.W.Trevorrow

2. DISCIPLINE.

The following General Orders are repeated for information of all ranks:

(a) G.O. 503. Reports have been received that Military personnel are in the habit of presenting Cabaret artists and others with their badges and buttons as "Souvenirs".

In view of the fact that these badges and buttons are possibly being used for reproduction in the interests of 5th columnists this practice will cease forthwith.

Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone found disobeying this order in future.

(b) G.O. 358. It has been brought to notice that Empty Bottles and other missiles are frequently thrown from trains, in which personnel of British Troops in Egypt are travelling, with a possible danger of serious bodily harm being caused to any persons in the vicinity. This practice will cease forthwith and disciplinary action will be taken xg in any cases of contravention of the order.

(c) G.O. 318. Bottles of intoxicating liquors (Beer, wines or spirits) which are not both sealed and wrapped up, will not be carried by military personnel through the streets nor in any public conveyance at any time of the day or night.

3. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

Unless a special synchronization of watches is ordered, signal time will be that broadcast by BBC adjusted to local time.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

LOST. sea kit bag, marked "VX6026 J.Murdoch"
Anyone knowing whereabouts of this bag please notify Bn.H.Q.

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No. 123

Burg el Arab,
18 Nov. 40.

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. Trevorrow
n.f.d. - " Griffith

2. SALUTING -

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief has noted an increasing slackness in saluting on the part of all ranks. This slackness must be remedied.

During tactical exercises in the field the active service principle of no compliments will apply.

On completion of the operation and on return to standing camp conditions the present rules of compliments will again apply.

3. OUTWARD MAIL.

(a) Complaints are frequently received that delay is occurring to letters posted for outward transmission, through neglect of the unit censors concerned to deal with such correspondence immediately.

All letters handed in for censoring will be dealt with daily, and handed over to the Unit Postal orderly on completion..

(b) Unit Postal Orderlies will deliver all such censored correspondence to the Bde Postal Unit daily, at the hours appointed for their attendance, and in time to catch the daily out-going mails to the Army Field Post Office concerned.

4. PARADE - REINFORCEMENTS

All reinforcements who have joined the Bn. since 25 Oct. 40 will be paraded for inspection by Div. Comdr. on 19 Nov.40.

Reinforcements will be paraded by Coys at 0900 hours in rear of Bn.H.Q. - Dress - Drill Order - Hats turned down. Capt. C.I. Simpson will act as O.C. Reinforcement Coy. All reinforcement Officers will report to Capt. Simpson at 0845 hours at Bn. Orderly Room.

Band will parade at 0930 hours.

[signature] Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

FOUND - by Military Police, JERUSALEM:-

one belt waist WE '08 pattern at Cafe Metropole about 22 Oct.
" " " " " " " Old P.O. Blds. " 22 Oct.
" " " " " " " Ginati Cafe " 3 Nov.

Information to HQ 19 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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No. 124.

Burg el Arab,
19 Nov. 40.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. J.H.Griffith
n.f.d. - " E.C.Armstrong.

2. PHOTOGRAPHS FOR PAYBOOKS AND OFFICERS IDENTITY CARDS -

All officers who are not in possession of Identity cards, and all personnel whose names were submitted to Bn.H.Q. as not having photographs in pay-books, will be photographed this afternoon.

The order will be as follows -

H.Q. Coy	1300 hrs.
C Coy.	1445 "
D "	1505 "
Bn.H.Q.	1510 "
A Coy	1530 "
B "	1540 "

Officers will be photographed with their Coys.

Dress (a) Officers - Shorts, Jacket W.D., Tie.
(b) O.Rs. - Shorts, Jacket S.D.

Q.M. will supply 1 E.P.I.P. tent without walls which will be erected for photographer by "D" Coy in area between D Coy and 2/11 Bn. on N. side of road.

3. SHOWER PARADE -

The shower parade set down in syllabus for this afternoon will be carried out as follows.

Showering will commence at 1330 hours and all Coys will arrange to have reliefs for the guards and patrols paraded to R.S.M. at Bn. Orderly Room at 1300 hrs. These personnel will be first through the showers, which are situated on N.W. side of BURG-EL-ARAB station.

Commencing at 1340 Coys will shower in the following order.

Bn.H.Q.	1340 hrs.
A Coy	1350 "
B "	1415 "
H.Q. Coy	1440 "
C Coy	1530 "
D "	1555 "

Ample space is provided for dressing and Coys must ensure that there are no delays in the showering of personnel.

[signature] Lieut.
Adjt. 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. 125

1. DUTIES - to mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. E.C.Armstrong
n.f.d. - to mount at Retreat 23 Nov. - Lieut. N.V.Anderson.

O.C. Camp Security - 21/23 Nov. - Lieut. T.A.Yeates.

Duty Coy - to mount at 1600 hrs. 24 Nov. - "D" Coy.

2. WRONGFUL USE OF GREEN ENVELOPES.

VX1515 Spr Watson, A.S. RAE. was convicted by a District Court Martial for wrongfully using a "green envelope" by certifying that it contained only private and family matters, whereas, as he well knew, it contained information of troop movements. He was sentenced to undergo detention for 92 days. This sentence was confirmed by G.O.C. 6 Aust. Div. on 14 Oct. 40.

3. SECURITY - Precautions against Enemy Agents.

The following will be brought to the notice of all ranks :-

"You are reminded of the constant need for vigilance against enemy agents ad pting, as disguise, British uniforms or the uniforms of an allied power.

Accept no one (unless known personally to you) as being necessarily what he appears to be by his dress. Every officer carries an identity card and every soldier his A.B. 64, but these may be forged.

Make a habit of keeping silence about official matters which come to your notice in the course of your duties; to talk about such matters to anyone except in the course of your duties, is a grave breach of discipline - besides being unpatriotic."

PAYBOOKS.

Attention is drawn to the necessity for all ranks exercising the greatest care in the safe custody of their paybooks. This is necessary both from the Security and Financial aspects. Already 120 paybooks have been lost since arrival in Egypt.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any one who loses his paybook.

CHARGE SHEETS.

Supervision of offence reports discloses that charge reports and charge sheets are still being badly prepared. The charge must follow as closely as possible the actual words of the section of the Army Act under which the accused is charged. Care must also be taken to ensure that the correct section is named and that charges are not preferred under a section which does not cover the offence. The specimen charges as set out in pages 714 to 735 of M.M.L. should be followed in all cases.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

All units are informed that Major W.M.Irvine, Legal Staff Officer, H.Q. 6 Aust Div; Mr R.G.Goward and Capt. E.Gorman, both of the Australian Comforts Fund, have been appointed Commissioners, for the State of Victoria, for the taking of Affidavits and Statutory Declarations.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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23 Nov.40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

by

Lt.Col. J. Mitchell, M.C.- Commanding 2/8 Bn, A.I.F.

No. 126

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat :

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. H. WANDBOM.

n.f.d. - " A.P. FLEMING.

Duty to mount at 16.00.hrs.24.Nov.40. - "D" Coy.

2. CHURCH PARADE.

R.C. Mass. 0900 hrs. Padre O'callaghan . Welfare Tent.

Unit Parade.0830 " " Peirce.

Markers to R.S.M. at B n.H.Q. at 0815 hrs.

Coys march on at 0820 hrs.

3. R.A.P.& A.G. SIGNALS.

Pending the issue of sirens, the following signals have been ordered by 19 Aust.Inf.Bde.

Air Raid- Beating of gongs or Kerosene Tins, with quickstrokes.
Note:- Coys will take immediate action to provide gongs or tins in their lines.

All Clear:- Beating of Gongs or Tins continously for two minutes with single strokes at 5 second intervals.

Gas Spray Alarm:- Series of short blasts on whistle, repeated by word of mouth.

Gas Alarm :- Three long blasts on whistle repeated after pause of five seconds.

4. SWIMMING PARADE.

Swimming will be held on 24 Nov.40.

All personnel except those detailed for duty will attend this parade.

Dress :- Drill Order.

Personnel will be transported to and from the Beach, in accordance with Time Table issued by M.T.O.

Lunch will be issued at beach at 12.00.hrs. Carrying parties will report to R.V. appointed by T.O. at 11.00 hrs.

Each Coy will mount a single A.A. post at Beach.
Strength of each Post:- 1 N.C.O. 3.Ptes.

Sgt. Watt will be responsible for organization of Life saving squad.

Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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6 Aust. Div.
2/8 Bn.
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by
Lt.-Col. J.W. Mitchell, D.S.O. - Commanding 2/8 Bn., A.I.F.
No. 127.

Burg el Arab
24 Nov.,40.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat:
Bn. O.O. Lieut. A.P. FLEMING
n.f.d. " I.J. SHEEDY

2. KIT INSPECTION -
The fortnightly kit inspection will be carried out on 28 Nov. Reports are to reach Q.M. by 30 Nov.'40.

3. DENTAL TREATMENT -
Dental Treatment is available at 2/7 Fd. Amb. Personnel requiring treatment will be listed by R.M.O. and will be called for periodically. Urgent cases (toothaches, etc) will report sick and will be sent to Fd. Amb. with Sick Report signed by R.M.O.

4. BOUNDS - The following places are out of bounds and may not be entered except in the course of duty.
AERODROME - incl landing ground marked by concrete blocks (at corners).
RE DUMP DET DUMP All Store Dumps
DURG EL ARAB:- Rly Sta. Adm Centre, Village , and all cultivated ground.

5. CENSORSHIP - Letters to a member of the A.I.F. in Palestine should be addressed as follows:-
The addressee's - Name and Number, Unit,
c/- Aust.Army Postal Service, Palestine.
If the Unit concerned is stationed in Egypt, the address is as above, except that Egypt is inserted instead of Palestine.

6. CAMP ROUTINE -
Reveille 0600 Hrs. Retreat 1630 hrs.
First Post 2130 " Last Post 2200 "
Stand to will be practised from time to time under Unit arrangements.

7. FLEET CLUB, ALEXANDRIA.
The Fleet Club is a Naval Institution, which has very kindly consented to allow members of the Army and R.A.F. to avail themselves of its facilities when possible. When a large number of H.M. Ships are in harbour its accommodation is inadequate even for the Navy alone. On such occasions, a large notice is displayed in front of the Club. When this is done, the Club is "Out of Bounds" to the A.I.F.

8. TOOTS - All picks and shovels on issue to Coys will be returned to Q.M. store by 18.00 hrs. 24 Nov.40.

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Adjt., 2/8 Bn.

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No. 125

Burg-el-Arab,
26 Nov. 40.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. Lieut. I.T.Sheedy
n.f.d. " S.Van Citters

2. KIT BAGS - MARKING OF

Coys will take action to mark all Kit bags, universal, with personnel's No. Rank, Name and Initials.

Paint, stencils and Stand are available at Q.M. store and will be issued to Coys under O arrangements.

3. HAWKERS -

Hawkers are not to be permitted to enter the unit lines and if they ~~permit~~ persist in coming in, they are to be forcibly removed.

Coy Comdrs. will take disciplinary action against patrols who permit hawkers to enter the lines.

4. PERSONAL ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT.

1. An issue of Ointment No. 1 and No. 2 and of one packet of eyeshields (containing six eyeshields) will shortly be made to each individual.
2. It is stressed that to be effective, Anti-Gas Ointment No. 2 must be rubbed into the skin for one minute, after removing free liquid contamination.
3. Ointment No. 1 is effective only against Mustard Gas. Ointment No. 2 is effective against Mustard and Lewisite Gases.
4. Eyeshields will ONLY be worn for the protection of the eyes against aircraft spray and liquid blister gases.

5. DISCIPLINE - RECIPROCITY OF COMMAND AND AUTHORITY - BRITISH FORCES.

It should be noted that from a disciplinary aspect Officers, Warrant Officers, and N.C.O's of other British Forces are to be treated, and to have the powers of command over members of the A.I.F., as if they were members of the A.I.F. of similar rank.

This means that any action, word, or deed which would constitute an offence if committed against the person or property of an Officer Warrant Officer, or N.C.O. of the A.I.F. is equally an offence if committed against the person or property of an Officer, W.O., or N.C.O. of other British Forces.

Both of these provisions apply equally on the other side, that is to say, the rights and powers of Officers, W.O's and N.C.O.s of the A.I.F. as against members of the other British Forces. (A.C.I. 992 - Visiting Forces Act.(1933)

6. EXTRACT FROM APPENDIX TO GENERAL ORDER 473 of 1940.

"All persons are forbidden, unless in possession of a special permit delivered by the Ministry of National Defence, to take pictures of effect designs within or even outside a forbidden military zone:-

(i) Military works or buildings such as fortifications, aerodromes, batteries, searchlights, barracks, camps, bivouacs, cantonments;
(ii) Arsenals, munition or supply depots or all establishments or yards performing works of national defence;
(iii) All military formations (troops or convoys) of the Egyptian or British armies;
(iv) Hospital trains or ambulances;
(v) The principle telegraph, telephone or wireless stations, water, gas, and electricity works, gasometers and petrol and oil tanks;
(vi) Port installations or installation on the Suez Canal or boats moored or navigating thereon."

Lieut.

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No. 129

Burg el Arab,
27 Nov. 40.

R.H.Q.

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.C. - Lieut. S. Van Citters
n.f.d. " E.C.Wilmoth

2. SHOWER PARADE -

(a) Shower parade will be held Thursday 28 Nov. 40.
(b) Coys will arrange for reliefs of guards and duties to parade at Bn. Orderly Room at 1230 hrs to the R.S.M. These men will shower first.
(c) Coys will shower in the following order:-

R.S.M.'s parade	1300 hrs.
Bn.H.Qs	1315 "
D Coy	1330 "
C "	1400 "
HQ Coy	1430 hrs
B Coy	1515 hrs.
A "	1545 "

(d) Coys are requested to ensure that men are ready to move through the showers as speedily as possible in order that the whole Bn. may go through as scheduled.
(e) Lieut. L.A.Yeates will be in charge of the shower room.

3. Vacancies exist in the Pioneer Pl. for -

2 Carpenters
1 Stonemason

Applications for positions in the Pl. must reach RHQ by 1000 hrs. 29 Nov. 40.

4. Coys are to ensure that all M.T. moving in the vicinity of the Bn. lines remain on the roads marked in the area. Recent rain has assisted in laying the dust in the area and every effort must be made to reduce the possibility of dust in Coy lines.

5. Water Tank:
Personnel are not to use the overhead water tank situated at the South end of HQ Coy lines. Only transport personnel on water duties may use same.
Duty Coy will provide guard for water tank as from 1630 hrs 27 Nov. 40 as follows.

Reveille to Retreat - 1 Sentry
Retreat to Reveille - 2 Sentries.

6. WINTER DRESS -
Winter dress will be worn by Officers and other ranks with effect from 7 Nov. 40.
1. The following will be the order of winter dress for officers and other ranks :-
(a) ON DUTY.
The following alternatives may be worn -
(i) Service Dress - Officers may wear K.D.
(ii) Shirts & Shorts or K.D. trousers.
(iii) S.D.Jacket & Shorts or K.D. trousers.
(b) ON LEAVE.
Service Dress will be worn by all ranks when on leave. Officers may wear K.D. and S.D. Cap. Other ranks may wear R.S. Cap.

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2. Pullovers will not be worn as an outer garment by Officers; but may be worn outside normal working hours by other ranks when in camp. They may also be worn at the discretion of C.O. when taking part in field training.

7. CARE OF ARMS.

Many cases have recently been reported in which death or serious injury has occured through careless handling of revolvers and automatic pistols.

Many such cases are the result of sheer inquisitiveness. A weapon is left loaded and lying about where persons unfamiliar with the type of weapon have access to it. The weapon is handled with a view to inspecting the mechanism and an accident results.

Officers and Other Ranks having revolvers or pistols in their possession should not leave them in places where other persons may have access to them. In the field these weapons when not being worn should be kept in the holster and near the person of the owner.

In offices and billets revolvers and pistols should both from the point of view of security from theft, and from the necessity of avoiding accidents, be kept in a drawer or other receptacle where they are not easy of access by unauthorised persons. Officers before handing their revolvers or pistols to their batmen or other persons for cleaning will ensure that they are unloaded and that the ammunition remains in their own custody.

Lieut
A/Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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No. 130

1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.C. - Lieut. E.P.Wilmoth
n.f.d. - " W.K.Field

2. AUST. COMFORTS FUND.

The following articles have been received from A.C.F.

Cigarettes	1536 packets
Water Bags	37
Cake	1921 lbs
Barley Sugar	3 "

3. TEXT BOOKS -

Text books and publications are NOT a permanent issue to individuals.

Coys will ensure that text books and publications on issue to them are properly accounted for and are withdrawn from personnel leaving the unit.

3. POSTAL -

An Australian Army Post Office had been established in the Atlantic Hotel, ALEXANDRIA, for the convenience of members of the A.I.F. on leave in that city.

4. POSTAGE FREE -

Correspondence for abroad and not exceeding 4 oz or 112 gms in weight, may be sent postfree by surface mail.

5. NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS ETC.,

Newspapers, periodicals, etc. may now be posted for transmission abroad.

Lieut.
Adj. 2/8 Bn.

NOTICES.

LOST - Gold signet ring, initials L.A.M.
Finder please return to Bn. Orderly Room.

FOUND - Money belt in "C" Coy lines, containing money,
Owner report to Bn. Orderly Room where he may claim same.

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BURG-EL-ARAB,
29 Nov. 40.

No. ~~130.~~/31

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1. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat

Bn. O.O. - Lieut. W.K.FIELD
n.f.d. - " L.A.YEATES

2. MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS

(a) The Western Desert and Sinai Peninsular are prohibited areas where travelling is NOT permitted without a permit. By special arrangement a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer will be accepted by the Frontier Districts Administration in respect of military personnel.

(b) This certificate will be in addition to identification cards (if any) and paybooks carried by Officers and other ranks.

(c) Parties of over six in number may be issued with a block pass stating numbers only. This pass must be in possession of the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the party.

Parties of six and under must be issued with the special pass in accordance with Sub. Para (a) above.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY

All ranks are notified that the undermentioned shops are the only ones authorised for the developing and printing of films :-

ALEXANDRIA. 1. The quality shop No. 10 Rue Fouad 1.
2. Selo Stores 27 Rue Fouad 1.
3. The Gamson Photographer Mustapha Barracks.

PORT SAID 1. Barouk Rue King Fouad.
2. Simon Artz.

SUEZ. 1. Universal Photo Studio

4. STREAMLINED AMN .303 Mk VIIIz - RE-BELTING.

When re-belting serviceable rounds of the above amn. removed from belts, the bullets must protrude from the top of the head of the stripless belt by not less than .45 inches.

5. SALVAGE OFFICER

Lieut. J.E.M.Hall is appointed Unit Salvage Officer.

6. CAMOUFLAGE.

Coys are responsible that all tents in their lines are kept camouflaged. No stain is available and it will therefore be necessary to constantly renew the mud camouflage.

7. KITS OF PERSONNEL IN PALESTINE

A convoy of motor vehicles will leave for Palestine in the near future. Coys will arrange to have ready for despatch at short notice any kits of personnel who may have proceeded to Palestine without them. Such kits will be plainly labelled with the Army No., Rank, Name, and present whereabouts of the owner.

8. SPECIALISTS, Termination of appointment of:

Personnel who have been classified as specialists under any of the Trade Groups in W.Es and appointed to specialists duties will continue to receive specialist pay even if transferred to the unit X list.

P.T.O.

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They will be re-classified as non-specialists only by order of the C.O. and only for one of the following reasons:-

(a) Inefficiency.
(b) Termination of the trade group authority
(c) Transfer to non-specialist duty.

Any re-classification will be recorded through Casualty Returns.

9. SALVAGE

It is brought to the notice of all ranks that waste of all kinds is to be reduced to a minimum.

The expenditure of every item in the Bn. must be carefully watched because of the following difficulties:-

(a) Transport of raw materials to factories,
(b) Transport of finished articles to Middle East,
(c) The high cost of all production in war time.

Individuals can greatly assist by using their housewife more frequently to mend small tears, darn socks etc. Boots should be sent for repair before they are too badly worn.

Almost every article can be put to some use even though it may appear to be useless and all ranks must co-operate by saving tins, bottles, papers etc.

Bn.H.Q. and All Coys will appoint a Sgt. as Salvage N.C.O. Salvage N.C.Os will report at Bn.H.Q. at 0900 hrs. 30/11/40 for instruction.

He will be responsible for the collection of salvage within the Coy, and for its loading into the Salvage truck, which will call at Coys each Monday.

Salvage is to be separated into the following classes:

1. Tinplate.
2. Tinfoil and metal paste tubes
3. Paper - (incl. cardboard and waste paper)
4. Fabrics (incl. leather and hessian)
5. Bottles and glass containers (no broken glass at present)
6. Razor blades.

NOTE. Tins which have contained meat or fish will not be salved at present.

10. PAYING OFFICER

Lieut. J.H.Strong has been appointed Paying Officer, 2/8 Bn., as from this day - 29 Nov. 40.

[illegible] Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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No. 132

BURG EL ARAB,
30 Nov. 40.

DUTIES - To mount at Retreat
Bn. O.O. - Lieut. L.A.YEATES
n.f.d. - " R.W.Trevorrow

1. SWIMMING PARADE -

Swimming parade will be held this afternoon.

Dress - Drill order.

2/30 cwt. trucks will report to each Coy at 1230 hrs and these will be in used in conjunction with Coy vehicles to transport personnel to and from the beach. Tpt. will move under Coy arrangements commencing at 1300 hrs. Return trips will commence at 1500 hrs. M.T.O. will be responsible for control of transport in regard to density and speed. A.A. Pl. will provide A.A. protection for transport during afternoon. Each Coy will mount a single A.A. Post at Beach.

Sgt. Watt will organise Life Saving party.

2. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Mass. Padre O'Callaghan
0645 hrs. 2/8 Bn. Recreation Tent.

Unit Parade - 0830 hrs. Padre Peirce
Markers to R.S.M. at Bn.H.Q. at 0815 hrs.
Coys march on at 0820 hrs.

3. PASSWORD -

The password for the night is received from Bde. H.Q. each evening. Coys will send an orderly to Bn.H.Q. to carry message containing password to Coy H.Q. Coys are to promulgate the password as soon as it is received by them.

Jno H Strong Lieut.
A/Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit) 2 Nov. 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	29		
Corporals	61		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	642		
TOTALS	744	*	*

* 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.
1Pay Sgt	A.A.P.C.		
1 Interpreter	6 Div.		
1 Cpl.	19 Inf.Bde.		
1 Batman	" " "		

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).
VX 9105	L/Sgt	Watson.	L.	6 Div	A.G.H.
VX 6548	Sgt.	Perry	M.	6 Div.	19 Inf. Trng.Bn.
VX 4876	L/Sgt.	Leisham	L.	"	Kefar Vitkin.
VX 4836	Pte.	West.	W.J.	"	A.G.H.
VX 6580	L/Cpl.	Marum.	R.K.	"	
VX 7069	Cpl.	Peterson	O.	"	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.
VX 4822	Sgt.	Ball.	J.L.	"	A.G.H.
VX 6208	Pte.	Barberel.	E.A.	"	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.
VX 6426	"	Haycroft.	J.P.	"	A.G.H.
VX 4911	"	Campbell.	W.	"	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.
VX 9101	"	McKie	R.J.	"	" " " "
VX 6304	Cpl.	Broughton	R.C.	"	" " " "
VX 7017	L/Cpl.	Spooner	J.	"	" " " "

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2/8 Bn

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.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners															2			
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															4			
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel													1	4	3			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)													1	4	9			

2/8 Bn.
Unit.

2 Nov. 40.
Date of Despatch

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit) 9 Nov. 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	30		1
Corporals	60		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	633		18
TOTALS	736	*	* 20

* 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.
1 Pay Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Interpreter	6 Div.		
1 Cpl.	19 Inf. Bde.		
1 Batman	" " "		

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).
VX 9105	L/Sgt.	Watson L.	6 Div.	A.G.H.
VX 4836	Pte.	West W.J.	"	"
VX 6580	L/Cpl.	Marum R.K.	"	
VX 7069	Cpl.	Peterson O.	"	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.
VX 4822	Sgt.	Ball J.L.	"	A.G.H.
VX 6426	Pte	Haycroft J.P.	"	"
VX 4911	"	Campbell W.	"	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.
VX 9101	"	McKie R.J.	"	" " " "
VX 6304	Cpl.	Broughton R.C.	"	" " " "
VX 7017	L/Cpl.	Spooner J.	"	" " " "
VX 6695	Pte.	Brown E.	"	A.G.H.
VX 4963	"	Button R.W.	"	"
VX 9103	"	Smith L.R.	"	

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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.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners														2				
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)														6				
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers														2				
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel						1	1								8			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)						1	1								18			

2/8 Bn.
Unit.

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

Date of Despatch 9 Nov. 40.

19 Inf.Bde. 6 Aust.Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit). 16 Nov. 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	31		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	61		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	634		23
TOTALS	739	*	* 23

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

N.C.O's (5 Sgts & 4 Cpls) carried supernumary to W/E compensating for those absent at Schools and Courses

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust.Inf.Bde.		
1 Batman	" " " "		
1 L/Cpl.	2/1 Hygiene.		

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).
VX 6254	Pte.	Clohesy J.R.	6 Div.	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																1		
" (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																2		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																1		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																4		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
Cooks																2		
General duty personnel																13		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																23		

2/8 Bn. Unit.

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

Date of Despatch 16 Nov. 40.

19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Burg el Arab
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit). 23 Nov., 1940. 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	31		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	61		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	627		29
TOTALS	732	*	* 29

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

N.C.O's (3 Sgts.) carried supernumerary to W/E, compensating for those absent at Schools and Courses

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust.Inf.Bde.		
1 Batman	19 Aust.Inf.Bde.		

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., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																1		
" (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																2		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																1		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																4		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
Cooks																2		
General duty personnel																19		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																29		

2/8 Bn.
Unit.

Major,
A/C.O. 2/8 Bn.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 23 Nov., 1940

19 Aust. Inf. Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. (Burg el Arab)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit). 30 Nov. 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	30		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	62		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	620		33
TOTALS	725	*	* 33

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust. Inf. Bde.		
1 Batman	" " " "		

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. 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., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																1		
" (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																2		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																1		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																4		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
Cooks																2		
General duty personnel																23		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																33		

2/8 Bn.
Unit.

Major.
Signature of Commander. 2/8 Bn.

Date of Despatch 30 Nov. 40.

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Burg el Arab.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. (*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	8		
Lieutenants	~~25~~ 24		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	~~37~~ 36		

* 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.
Capt.	WEBSTER I.G.	6 Div.	30/10/40	Sec. to H.Q. 1Aust Corps
Lieut.	JONES R.H.	"	29/10/40	" " 19 Aust.Inf.Bde.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut.	DIFFEY S.C.	6 Div.	19 Aust.Inf.Trng. Bn.

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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.	Yes	
Major	" 81	Capes H.C.	"	No	Course
"	" 146	Key A.S.	"	Yes	
"	" 49	Mc Donald H.H.	"	No	"
Capt	" 330	Campbell R.E.	"	"	"
"	" 55	Coombes C.J.A.	"	Yes.	
"	" 82	Martin J.A.M.	"	"	
"	" 65	Scrase T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	" 203	Smith J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	" 66	Simpson C.L.	"	"	
"	" 80	Oxley H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	" 213	Robertson W.T.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	" 139	Coutts R.	"	"	
"	" 244	Austin H.McP.	"	"	
"	" 206	Wilmoth W.R.	"	"	
"	" 204	Maskell H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	" 347	McCormick I.G.	"	"	
"	" 282	Burrowes J.F.	"	"	
"	" 7619	Ranson N.F.	"	"	
"	" 7030	Hall J.E.M.	"	"	
"	" 547	Van Citters S.	"	"	
"	" 533	Phelan S.I.	"	"	
"	" 6275	Yeates L.A.	"	"	
"	" 3359	Fleming A.P.	"	"	
"	" 6599	Strong J.H.	"	"	
"	" 6131	Jacobs S.G.	"	"	
"	" 5649	Lowe T.A.	"	"	
"	" 6423	Field W.K.	"	"	
"	" 20309	Sheedy L.J.	"	"	
"	" 10590	Raper I.C.	"	"	
"	" 9788	Dwyer M.J.	"	"	
"	" 6594	Anderson H.V.	"	"	
"	" 6205	Armstrong E.C.	"	"	
"	" 6569	Griffiths J.H.	"	"	
"	~~" 7066~~	~~Oldfield T.C.~~	"	"	
"	" 6417	Russell A.C.	"	"	
"	" 5258	Trevorrow R.W.	"	"	

(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 6522	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX 1561	PEIRCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain.

2/8 Bn.
(*Unit.*)

Lt.Col.
C.O. 2/8 Bn.
(*Signature of Commander.*)

2 Nov. 40
(*Date of Despatch.*)

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Aust.Div. Kile 89
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. (*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	9		
Lieutenants	23		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters .. .	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		

* 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.
Capt.	BRAHAM D.	6 Aust.Div.	7 Nov. 40	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut,	RAPER I.G.	6 Aust.Div.	5 Nov. 40	Evac to Hosp.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut.	DIFFEY S.C.	6 Div.	19 Aust. Inf. Trng. Bn.

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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 Aust.Div.	Yes	
Major	VX 81	CAPES	H.C.	"	No	Course
"	VX148	KEY	A.S.	"	Yes	
"	VX 49	McDONALD	H.H.	"	No.	Course
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL	R.E.	"	No.	"
"	VX 55	COOMBES	C.J.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 82	MARTIN	J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE	T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX203	SMITH	J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON	C.L.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY	H.K.	"	No	Course
"	VX213	ROBERTSON	W.T.	"	Yes	
Lieut.	VX139	COUTTS	R.	"	"	
"	VX244	AUSTIN	H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX206	WILMOTH	E.R.	"	"	
"	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX347	McCORMICK	I.G.	"	"	
"	VX282	BURROWES	J.W.	"	"	
"	VX 7619	RANSOM	N.F.	"	"	
"	VX 7030	HALL	J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN GITTERS	S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHELAN	E.I.	"	"	
"	VX 6275	YEATES	L.A.	"	"	
"	VX 3359	FLEMING	A.P.	"	"	
"	VX 6599	STRONG	J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6131	JACOBS	S.G.	"	"	
"	VX 5649	LOWE	T.A.	"	"	
"	VX 6423	FIELD	W.K.	"	"	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY	L.J.	"	"	
"	~~VX10590~~	~~RAPER~~	~~I.G.~~	"	"	
"	VX 9768	DWYER	M.J.	"	"	
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON	H.V.	"	"	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG	D.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL	A.C.	"	"	
"	VX 5258	TREVORROW	R.W.	"	"	
CAPT.	SX 1451	BRAHAM	D.	"	"	

(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 6522	ANDERSON	R.R.	6 Aust.Div	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX 1561	PEIRCE	F.M.	"	20/5/40	C. Padre.

2/8 Bn.
(Unit.)

Lt.Col.
(Signature of Commander) 2/8 Bn.

9 Nov. 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

19 Inf. Bde. 6 Aust.Div. A.I.F. Kilo 89.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

S/8 Bn (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	9		
Lieutenants	23		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(Included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		

* 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.	DIFFEY S.C.	6 Div.	9/11/40	From Hospital through 19 Inf. Trng. Bn.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	DIFFEY S.C.	6 Div.	15/11/40	Exec to Hospital.

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.
Lt.Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.M.	6 Div.	Yes	
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	"	
"	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL R.K.	"	"	
"	VX 65	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX205	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON S.L.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX213	ROBERTSON K.T.	"	Yes	
"	SX1451	BRAHAM D.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN M.McP.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH M.R.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK L.G.	"	"	
"	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM M.F.	"	"	
"	VX7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN CUTTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHELAN P.J.	"	"	
"	VX6275	YEATES L.A.	"	"	
"	VX5559	FLEMING A.R.	"	"	
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX5649	LOVE T.A.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD W.K.	"	"	
"	VX20309	SHADY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX 9768	DWYER E.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON N.V.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG E.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A.G.	"	"	
"	VX 5258	TREVORROW E.W.	"	"	

(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.	VX6528	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40.	Medical Officer
"	VX1561	PEIROS P.N.	"	20/5/40	Padre.

2/8 Bn.
(Unit.)

J.M. Mitchell Lt.Col.
(Signature of Commander.) 2/8 Bn.

16 Nov. 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

19 Inf. Bde. 6 Aust.Div. A.I.F. Burg el Arab.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/6 Bn. (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	1		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	9		2
2nd Lieutenants	23		
Quartermasters	(Included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		2

* 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.
Lt.-Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.M.	1 Aust.	No	Course
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	Yes	
"	VX 148	KEY A.S.	"	Yes	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	Yes	
Capt.	VX 330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	Yes	
"	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	Yes	
"	VX 65	SQUAIR T.J.	"	No	Course
"	VX 283	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 26	SIMPSON C.L.	"	Yes	
"	VX 86	Oxley H.K.	"	No	Course
"	VX 213	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	Yes	
"	SX 1453	BRAHAM R.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	Yes	
"	VX 344	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	Yes	
"	VX 304	MASKELL H.J.McJ	"	Yes	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	Yes	
"	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	"	Yes	
"	VX 7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	Yes	
"	VX 7030	HALL J.R.M.	"	Yes	
"	VX 547	VAN GITTERS S.	"	Yes	
"	VX 533	MERLAN T.L.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6275	EATES L.R.	"	Yes	
"	VX 3359	FLEMING A.F.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6599	STRONG J.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	Yes	
"	VX 5649	IGER T.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6423	FINDO W.K.	"	Yes	
"	VX 20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	Yes	
"	VX 9768	DRYER M.J.	"	No	Course
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON H.V.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG R.G.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A.G.	"	Yes	
"	VX 5358	TRETORION R.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	Yes	

(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 6522	ANDERSON R.R.	1 Aust.	15.6.40	Medical Officer
Capt.	VX 1561	PRICE F.W.	"	20.5.40	Chaplain

2/8 Bn.
(Unit.)

23 Nov., 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

Major
(Signature of Commander.) O.C. 2/8 Bn

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn. (*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	9		
Lieutenants	23		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		

* 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.
Lt.Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL	J.V.	6 Div.	No.	Course
Major	VX 81	CAPES	H.C.	"	Yes	
"	VX148	KEY	A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD	H.H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL	R.E.	"	"	
"	VX 55	COOMBES	C.J.A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN	J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE	T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX203	SMITH	J.A.H.	"	Yes.	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON	C.L.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY	H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX213	ROBERTSON	W.T.	"	Yes.	
"	SVX1451	BRAHAM	D.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS	R.	"	"	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN	H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MASKELL	H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH	E.R.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK	I.G.	"	"	
"	VX 282	BURROWES	J.F.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM	N.F.	"	"	
"	VX7030	HALL	J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN CITTERS	S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHELAN	P.I.	"	No.	Hospital
"	VX6275	YEATES	L.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX3359	FLEMING	A.P.	"	"	
"	VX6599	STRONG	J.H.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS	S.G.	"	"	
"	VX5649	LOWE	T.A.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD	W.K.	"	"	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY	L.J.	"	"	
"	VX 9768	DWYER	M.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON	H.V.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG	E.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL	A.C.	"	"	
"	VX 5258	TREVORROW	R.W.	"	"	

(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 6522	ANDERSON	R.R.	1 Aust.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	VX 1561	PEIRCE	F.W.	"	20/5/40	Chaplain

2/8 Bn.
(*Unit.*)

Major.
(*Signature of Commander.*)
2/8 Bn

30 November 1940
(*Date of Despatch.*)

19 Inf. Bde. 6 Aust Div. AIF. Burg el Arab.
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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Bn HQ

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Week Ending 23 Nov. 40.

Serial No.	Date	Coy	0830 - 1145	1300 - 1600	Remarks
1	18/11/40	ALL	A.A. & A.G. Training. Digging In	A.A. & A.G. Trng. Digging In	Special attention to methods of dealing with Dive Bombers and Blister Gases.
2	19/11/40	ALL	do	Shower Parade in order A, B, HQ, C, D.	
3	20/11/40	ALL	do	A.A. & A.G. Trng. Digging In.	Sec & Pl. Patrols under Coy Comdrs. syllabus.
4	21/11/40	ALL	do	do	Tank Hunting Patrols.
5	22/11/40	ALL	Advanced Handling - L.H.G. Pamph. 4 Sec. 5 A.T. Rifle - Pamph. 5		
6	23/11/40	ALL	do	Swimming Parade	

(sgd) N.F.RAMSON. Lieut.
Adjt. 2/8 Bn.

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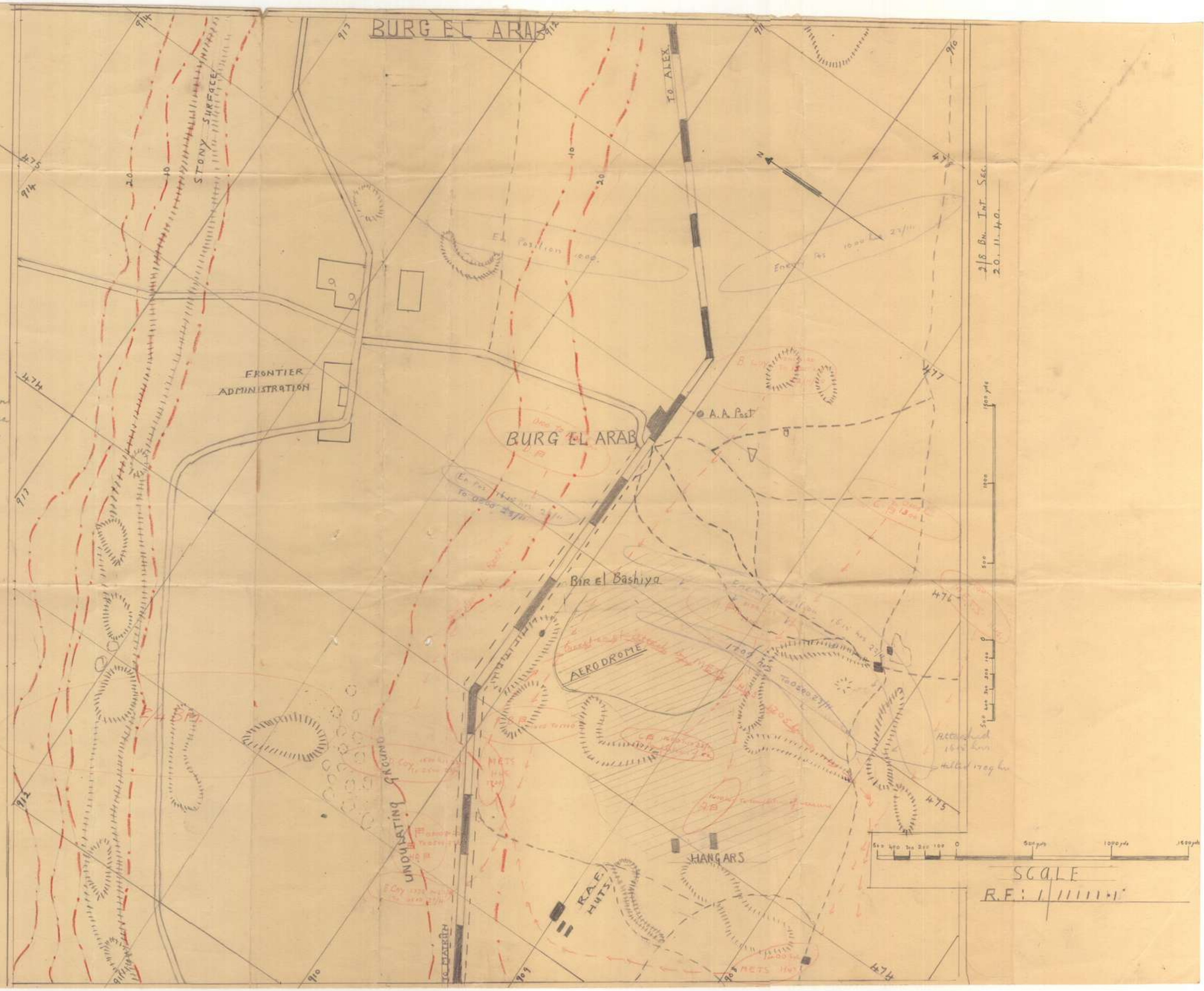
Situation map showing
Coy dispositions during 22 Nov 40
Our troops in Red.
Enemy in Blue.
Brief summary attached.

At 0500 on 23/11/40 B, D, + HQ Coys withdrew to a position one mile West along Railway. This position was occupied until 0800 hrs when Bn marched to Assembly area and from there returned to Camp in diamond formation.



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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 Bn (*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	9		
Lieutenants	23		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters .. .	(included in Captains)		
TOTALS	36		

* 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.	DIFFEY S.C.	6 Div.	9/11/40	From Hospital through 19 Inf. Trng. Bn.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	DIFFEY S.C.	6 Div.	15/11/40	Evac to Hospital.

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.
Lt.Col.	VX 40	MITCHELL J.W.	6 Div.	Yes	
Major	VX 81	CAPES H.C.	"	"	
"	VX148	KEY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	"	"	
Capt.	VX330	CAMPBELL R.E.	"	"	
"	VX 55	COOMBES C.J.A.	"	"	
"	VX 82	MARTIN J.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 65	SCRASE T.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX203	SMITH J.A.H.	"	Yes	
"	VX 66	SIMPSON C.L.	"	"	
"	VX 80	OXLEY H.K.	"	No.	Course
"	VX213	ROBERTSON W.T.	"	Yes	
"	SX1451	BRAHAM D.	"	"	
Lieut.	VX 139	COUTTS R.	"	"	
"	VX 244	AUSTIN H.McP.	"	"	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH E.R.	"	"	
"	VX 204	MASKELL H.J.McL.	"	"	
"	VX 347	McCORMICK I.G.	"	"	
"	VX 282	BURROWES J.F.	"	"	
"	VX7619	RANSOM N.F.	"	"	
"	VX7030	HALL J.E.M.	"	"	
"	VX 547	VAN CITTERS S.	"	"	
"	VX 533	PHELAN F.I.	"	"	
"	VX6275	YEATES L.A.	"	"	
"	VX3359	FLEMING A.P.	"	"	
"	VX6599	STRONG J.H.	"	"	
"	VX6131	JACOBS S.G.	"	"	
"	VX5649	LOWE T.A.	"	"	
"	VX6423	FIELD W.K.	"	"	
"	VX20309	SHEEDY L.J.	"	"	
"	VX 9768	DWYER M.J.	"	No.	Course
"	VX 6594	ANDERSON H.V.	"	Yes	
"	VX 6205	ARMSTRONG E.C.	"	"	
"	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 6417	RUSSELL A.G.	"	"	
"	VX 5258	TREVORROW R.W.	"	"	

(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.	WX6522	ANDERSON R.R.	6 Div.	15/6/40	Medical Officer
"	WX1561	PEIRCE F.M.	"	20/5/40	Padre.

2/8 Bn.
(*Unit.*)

J.W. Mitchell Lt.Col.
C.O. 2/8 Bn.
(*Signature of Commander.*)

16 Nov. 1940
(*Date of Despatch.*)

19 Inf. Bde. 6 Aust.Div. A.I.F. Burg el Ar
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/8 Bn. (Unit). 16 Nov. 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	31		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	61		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	634		23
TOTALS	739	*	* 23

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

N.C.O's (5 Sgts & 4 Cpls) carried supernumary to W/E compensating for those absent at Schools and Courses.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt.	A.A.P.C.		
1 Cpl.	19 Aust.Inf.Bde.		
1 Batman	" " " "		
1 L/Cpl.	2/1 Hygiene.		

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).
VX 6254	Pte.	Clohesy J.R.	6 Div.	19 Inf. Trng. Bn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																1		
,, (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																2		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																1		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																4		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
Cooks																2		
General duty personnel																13		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																23		

2/8 Bn.
Unit.

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

Date of Despatch 16 Nov. 40.

19 Aust.Inf.Bde. 6 Div. A.I.F. Burg el
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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