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26 Infantry Brigade

January 1942

HQ 26 AUST INF. BDE

PALESTINE - SYRIA

Jan 42

CEREMONIAL

INSPECTION BY
GOC AIF.

Units of 24 Inf Bde together with other units were inspected by Gen BLAMEY on 12 Jan 42. Men were congratulated on their historic defence of the TOBRUK FORTRESS.

HQ 26 AUST INF
BDE Jan 42.

MOVEMENT

PALESTINE -
SYRIA

Advance parties leave JULIS on 13 Jan for TRIPOLI. Main and rearguard parties leave later, move being completed by 27 Jan.

HQ 26 AUST INF
BDE Jan 42.

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Army Form

2118.

Month and Year Jan 42

Commanding Officer _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Julis	1 Jan.			Appx 1.
"	2 Jan.			Appx 2, 3, 4
"	3 Jan.			Appx 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
"	5 Jan.			Appx 10, 11.
"	7 Jan.			Appx 12.
"	9 Jan.			Appx 13, 14
"	10 Jan.			Appx 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.
"	11 Jan.			Appx 21.
"	12 Jan.			Appx 22, 23.
"	13 Jan.			Appx 24, 25.
"	14 Jan.			Appx 26.
Impoli, SYRIA	17 Jan.			Appx 27, 28.
"	19 Jan.			Appx 29, 30, 31.
"	20 Jan.			Appx 32.
"	21 Jan.			Appx 33, 34, 35.
"	22 Jan.			Appx 36, 37.

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Unit HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Army Form 2118

Month and Year Jan 42.

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Commanding Officer _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Latakia, SYRIA	23 Jan			appx nos. 38, 39, 40.
	24 Jan			appx nos. 41, 42, 43, 44,
				45, 46, 47, 48
	26 Jan			appx nos. 49, 50.
	27 Jan			appx nos. 51, 52.
	28 Jan			appx nos. 53, 54, 55, 56
	29 Jan			appx nos. 57, 58.
	30 Jan			appx nos. 59
	31 Jan			appx nos. 60, 61, 62, 63

L. Spence
Adj

Appx 1.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL, DSO, ED, COMD 26 UST INF BDE

No 18
1 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

37. BDE DUTIES

Duties as under will be performed from Retreat on date stated to Retreat on the following day :

Duty Unit

Sat 3 Jan 42	-	2/24	Aust Inf Bn
Sun 4 Jan 42	-	2/48	" "
Mon 5 Jan 42	-	2/23	" "
Tue 6 Jan 42	-	2/24	" "
Wed 7 Jan 42	-	2/48	" "
Thu 8 Jan 42	-	2/23	" "
Fri 9 Jan 42	-	2/24	" "

Fd Offr

Sat 3 Jan 42	-	Capt G H RASH	-	2/24	Aust Inf Bn
Sun 4 Jan 42	-	Capt A V CLUTTERBUCK	-	2/48	" "
Mon 5 Jan 42	-	Capt G F URQUHART	-	2/23	" "
Tue 6 Jan 42	-	Maj C G WEIR	-	2/24	" "
Wed 7 Jan 42	-	Maj T H SCOTT	-	2/48	" "
Thu 8 Jan 42	-	Capt G H BLAND	-	2/23	" "
Fri 9 Jan 42	-	Maj W F R BUDGE	-	2/24	" "

38. S.I.B. PRO SERVICE - VAC NCY

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 531, returns to reach these HQ by 0900 hrs 5 Jan 42.

39. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES

During the present tng period in this Camp, units will synchronize watches as follows :

- a. The Orderly offr (or, at the discretion of the CO, a responsible member of the sig pl) will synchronize by BBC time sig at 0900 hrs and 1900 hrs (local time) daily. This will be taken as "Camp Time".
- b. Orderly Room timepieces and watches of orderly duties and duty buglers will be checked as soon thereafter as possible.

Time obtained from the Camp telephone exchange cannot be regarded as accurate.

Distribn

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 26 Aust Tk Coy
 78 LAD
 9 Aust Div (for info)
 War Diary (2) ✓
 File

[Signature]
 Capt
 SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit to which personnel are attached) HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

28 Dec 1941 Number of sheets

attached to this return

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>							
VX55232	Pte	HODGES J E	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	2 Jan 42		

Append 2.

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

(Date) 2 Jan 1942

(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit).

9 Aust Div

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

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 66
2 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

282. DUTY OFFR

Roster for week ending 10 Jan 42 :

Sun 4	Jan 42	Capt E P TIVEY
Mon 5	Jan 42	Lieut H HOWLETT
Tue 6	Jan 42	Capt A E LEVINSON
Wed 7	Jan 42	Capt R C CROMIE
Thu 8	Jan 42	Lieut E J SHATTOCK
Fri 9	Jan 42	Lieut I S RICHARDS
Sat 10	Jan 42	Lieut K LYTHE

283. DUTY NCO

Roster for week ending 10 Jan 42 :

Sun 4	Jan	L/Cpl JONES M L
Mon 5	Jan	L/Cpl KIMBER G G S
Tue 6	Jan	Pte WILCOX B
Wed 7	Jan	Cpl HOLMES S B
Thu 8	Jan	Pte GLEESON J M
Fri 9	Jan	Sgt FARQUHAR M F
Sat 10	Jan	Cpl SHANNON A B

284. APPROVED MILITARY PHOTOGRAPHERS

- a. Ref MEF GO 1242 "Field Censorship - Photography", "Films will on no account be sent by personnel for developing and printing to any other than an approved and authorised dealer".
- b. "Films belonging to military personnel found in any unauthorised dealers' possession will be confiscated and destroyed, and disciplinary action taken against the owner".
- c. Personnel interested may study the list of approved military photographers in PALESTINE on application to Int Sec.

285. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS

AIF Order (ME) 890 is rpth :-

Captured German documents refer to the valuable infm which has been obtained from the diaries of British PsW. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is a possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy.

286. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS

AIF Order (ME) 895 is rptd :-

In many instances COs are charging against Public Funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. The practice will cease forthwith.

Unless a CO is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier.

287. UNIDENTIFIED PROPERTY - AIF (ME) KIT STORE

Ref AIF Order (ME) 897.

There is a number of unidentified articles of private property at AIF (ME) Kit Store.

Persons who have lost private property from their kits while stored at the Kit Store should submit a detailed description of such articles to Bde HQ Orderly Room by 1200 hrs Wed 7 Jan 42.

J. J. J.
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

Notice Board
Offrs Mess
Sgts Mess
Mens Mess
26 Aust A Tk Coy
78 LAD
"L" Sec Sigs
Gd Pl
CSM
War Diary (2)
File.

WD

3/42

(Margin for Filing Purposes)

ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 3 Jan 1942

No. of sheets attached to this return

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

Army N ^o .	Rank	Name and Initials	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
<u>PUNISHMENTS:</u>						
VX 28432	Pte	NORRIS K G	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	<u>Offence:</u> Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO. AA 15 (2)	3 Jan 42	
VX 29243	Pte	MURPHY T W	" " "	<u>Award:</u> Two days' CB <u>Offence:</u> Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO. AA 15 (2)	3 Jan 42	
SX 6884	Pte	ALTSCHWAGER R A	" " "	<u>Award:</u> Two days' CB <u>Offence:</u> Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO. AA 15 (2)	3 Jan 42	

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(Date) 3 Jan 1942

J. Schinner
Capt
(Signature of Commander)
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	10		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	SHATTOCK B J	Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde	3 Jan 42	Marched out to IIF (IME) Int School.
Lieut	E. STAUGH K J	Sigs 9 Aust Div	1 Jan 42	Ceased to be att

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	VX 46983	TOVELL R W	Comd	Yes	
Mej	VX 45	SPEED F W	Bn	"	
Capt	VX 14044	GERHARDT P	Bn	"	
			(Learner)	"	
Lieut					
(T/Capt)	VX 26586	OCHILTREE J G	SC	"	
Capt	VX 25783	AUSTIN G	Bde TC	"	
Capt	VX 15648	TIVEY E P	LO(1)	"	
Lieut	VX 38845	CUDLIPP J	LO(2)	No	Det for Duty HQ 9 Aust Div
Lieut	SX 9990	MORPHETT H C	LO(3)	Yes	
Lieut	VX 37743	LINCOLN J D	AO	No	Det for Duty 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut	VX 32828	CHATTOCK E J	IO	No	Attending IP (ME) Int School.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut(T/Capt)	SX 10143	LEVINSON A E	ASC 9	Aust Div	Bde ASC Offr
Lieut	NX 25003	RUSSELL W P	Sigs 9	Aust Div	OC L Sec Sigs
Lieut	VX 14738	LYTHE K	"	"	L Sec Sigs
Lieut	TX 986	RICHARDS I S	AO	No 2 Rec Sec	OC 75 LAD
Lieut	VX 40314	MONASTER H B		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Att for duty
Lieut	NX 12479	McDONALD G M		Aust HQ Gd Bn	OC 4 Pl (Prot Pl)
Chap	SX 9042	TONNER J F	A A Ch D		Padre 2/24 Bn
Chap	NX 70323	ARCHBOLD R G	A A Ch D		Padre 2/48 Bn

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

3 Jan 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Army N ^o .	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
SCHOOLS & COURSES						
VX 48227	Pte	JURY C T	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	To 1 Aust Corps Ski School commencing 7 Jan 42.	4 Jan 42	

Apr 10

(Date) 5 Jan 42 1942

J. J. Williams Capt
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
(Signature of Commander).

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 19
5 Jan 42

HQ 26 AUST INF BDE

40. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA - LIMITATION OF WEIGHT

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 538, units will take immediate action to ensure that all ranks are advised of the necessity for curtailing the weight of correspondence.

All air mail letters will be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper and notification to this effect will be promulgated to all personnel

41. EFM CABLES

All ranks are to be advised that, due to the present volume of urgent cable traffic which is over crowding cable channels, the sending of EFM cables will be restricted to matters of an urgent and important nature only.

42. OFFRS WITH LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

A return of all offr's possessing legal qualifications, together with a brief statement of particulars, is required to reach these HQ by 0900 hrs 9 Jan 42.

Where applicable, NIL returns will be submitted.

43. C of I

A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offr's :

President

Maj W F R BUDGE - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut E P HARTY - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut G S RUSSELL - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances in which a spare wheel was lost from veh No V-18209, on charge to 2/48 Aust Inf Bn, during night 1/2 Jan 42.

The attention of the court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

44. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS

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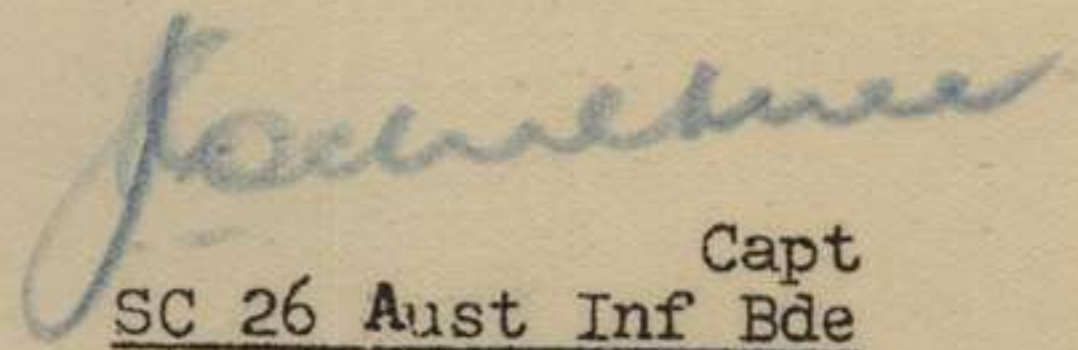
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Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust A Tk Coy
78 LAD
9 Aust Div (infm)
✓ War Diary (2)
File

WD

Appx 12

SECURITY

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
7 Jan 42

INSPECTION BY GOC AIF (ME)

INFEM

1. a. The GOC AIF (ME) desires to inspect units in JULIS Camp, plus 2/8 Aust Fd Regt, on a date to be fixed.
- b. A practice for units in JULIS Camp, plus Adjut and one other offr 2/8 Aust Fd Regt, will take place on Thu afternoon 8 Jan 42.

METHOD

2. Parade Ground

Parade ground will be the sports ground SW of HQ 9 Aust Div.

3. Routes

Routes to the parade and debussing area (for 2/8 Aust Fd Regt) are shown at Appx A.

4. Parade Formation

See Appx B.

5. Markers

Will be provided from units shown in para 7. They will report to Camp Fd Offr at the dais at Z-30 min.

6. Bands

Bands will be massed under comd Sgt BUDGEON 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. They will be in posn (see Appx B) at Z-30 mins.

7. Time of Arrival

- a. Units will leave own parade grounds in time to reach their posns on the Camp Parade Ground at (but NOT before) the times shown :

2/8 Aust Fd Regt	Z - 2 (actual day only)
Sigs 9 Aust Div	Z - 20
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (and att tps)	Z - 18
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Z - 10
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	Z - 15
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Z - 2
AASC 9 Aust Div	Z - 10
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	Z - 15
9 Aust Div Salv Unit	Z - 13

b. Zero for practice will be 1415 hrs.

8. Procedure of Parade

GOC AIF received with General Salute

Inspection

March Past by coys, end reform

Address

General Salute on departure of GOC AIF

9. Saluting

a. On "General Salute" - all offr's will salute

b. On March Past - all offr's will salute.

Note In marching past in colu of route (if carried out) WOs or NCOs acting as pl comds will give command "Eyes Right" but will NOT salute.

10. Words of Command

Executive portion of word of command for orders by Bde Comd will be given by flag sig.

11. Conclusion of Parade

a. On order of Bde Comd units will disperse to own areas.

b. Comds of all units will report to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to meet GOC AIF.

ADM

12. Dress

CRs Service Dress, Hats (turned up), rifles (where on issue to units), Web Eqpt drill order.

Offrs Service Dress (offrs pattern), Hats (turned up), Web Waist Belt, revolver (on left), amn pouch (on right). Canes or sticks will NOT be carried.

13. Traffic Control

a. 9 Aust Div Pro Coy will direct traffic in accordance with separate instns.

b. LCs from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (wearing blue armbands) will act as marshalls on approaches to WEST of Parade Ground.

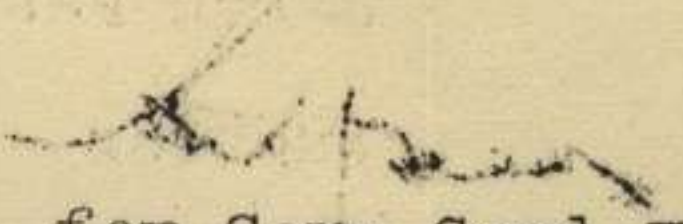
14. Preliminary Instn

Adjts (or reps) from all units (except 2/8 Aust Fd Regt) will report BM 26 Aust Inf Bde for short co-ordinating conference at 1000 hrs Thu 8 Jan 42.

15. Synchronization of Watches

Units will synchronize watches by BBC time sig on forenoon Thu 9 Jan 42 and on day of Inspection.

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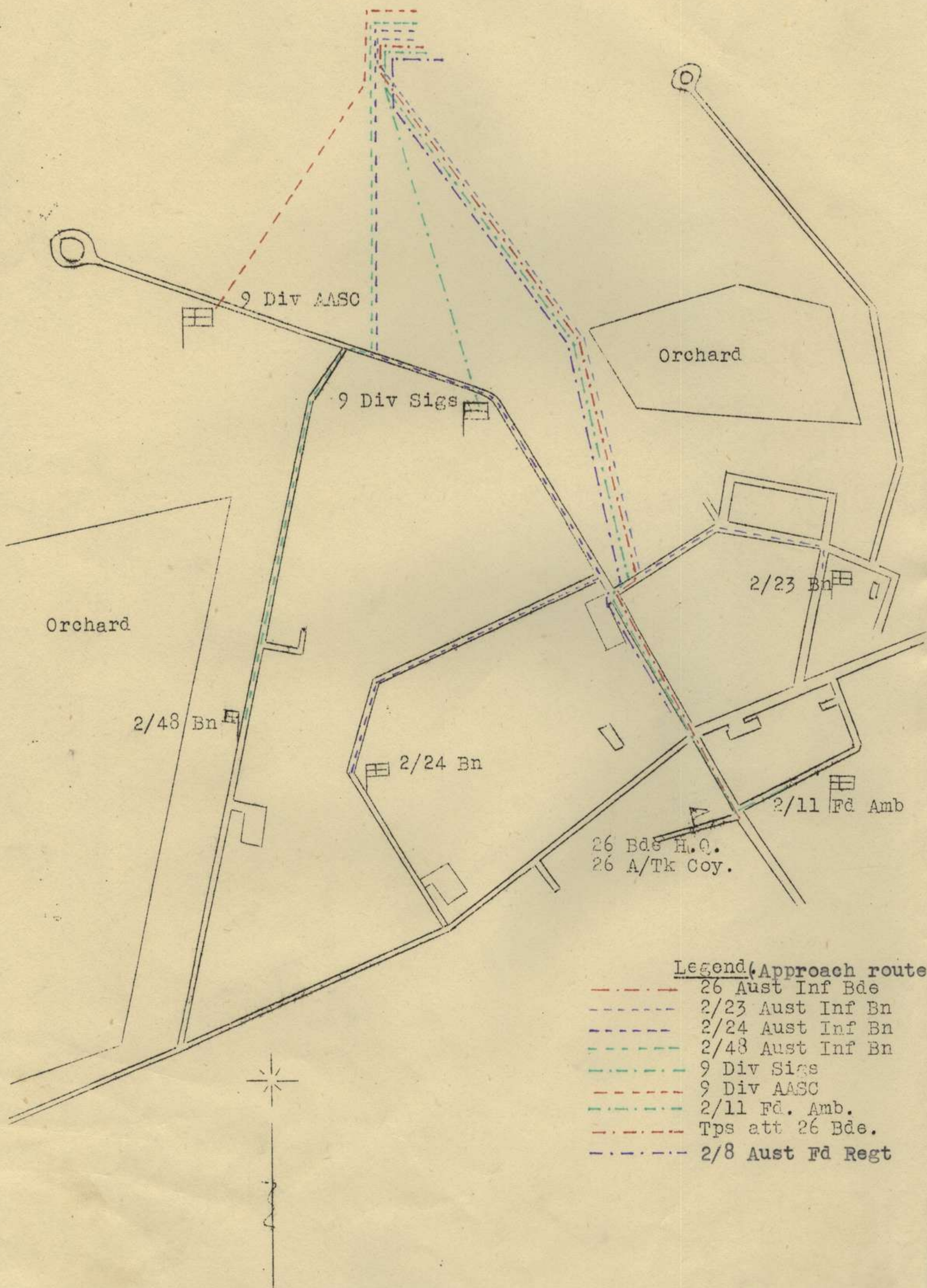
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for Camp Comd JULIS

Distribn

2/8 Aust Fd Regt
Sigs 9 Aust Div
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
AASC 9 Aust Div
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
9 Aust Div Salv Unit
26 Aust A Tk Coy
78 LAD
"L" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div
Gd Pl
9 Aust Div (for infm)
9 Aust Div Pro Coy (for infm)
War Diary (2)
File

APPENDIX "A"

INSPECTION BY G.O.C., A.I.F.

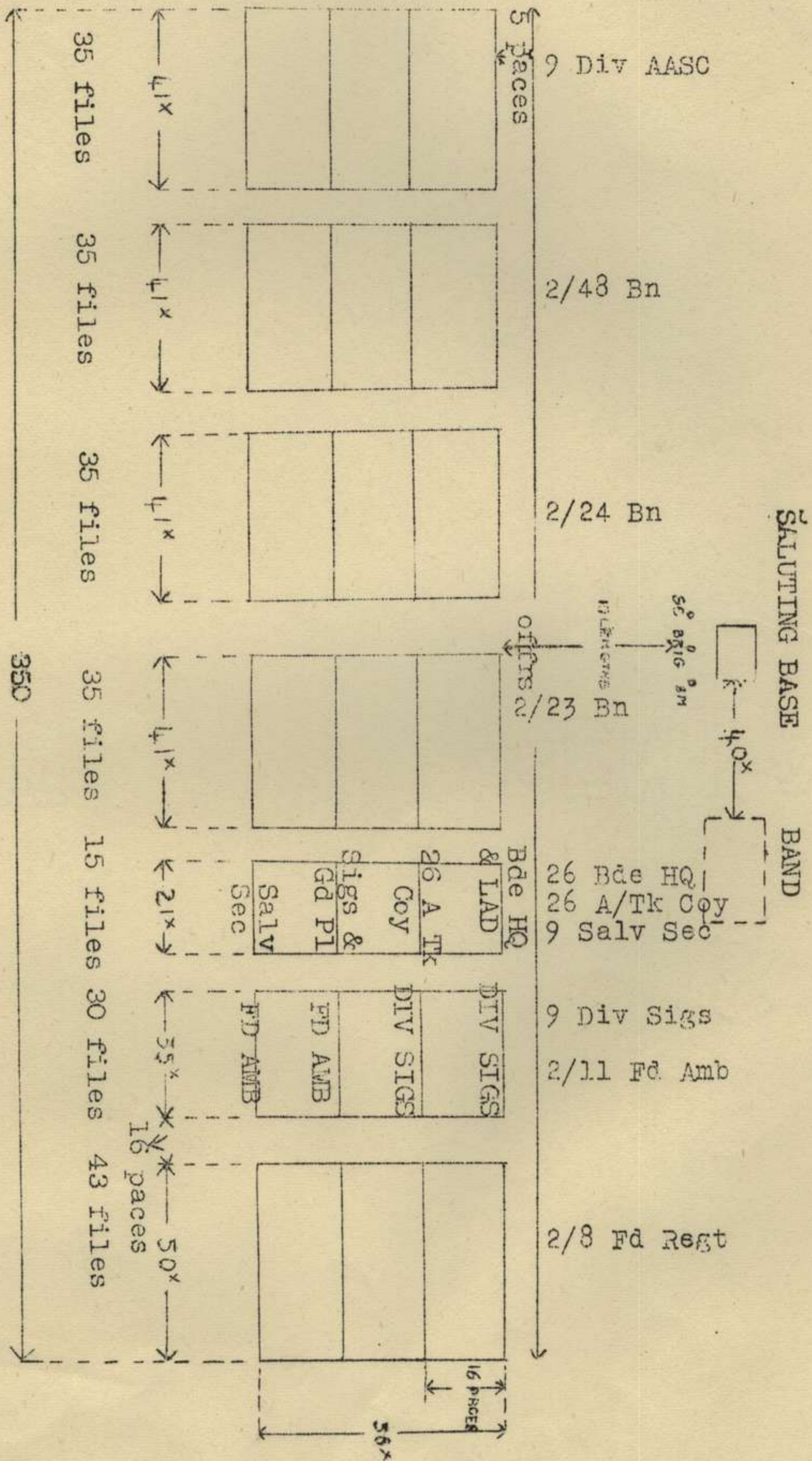


Legend (Approach route)

- 26 Aust Inf Bde
- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 9 Div Sigs
- 9 Div AASC
- 2/11 Fd. Amb.
- Tps att 26 Bde.
- 2/8 Aust Fd Regt

APPENDIX "B"

INSPECTION BY G.O.C., A.I.F.



appe "A" to follow.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL, DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 67
9 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

288. DUTY OFFR

Roster for week ending 17 Jan 42 :

Mounting at Retreat -

Sun 11 Jan 42	Lieut W P BUSSELL
Mon 12 Jan 42	Lieut N E McMASTER
Tue 13 Jan 42	Capt P GEBHARDT
Wed 14 Jan 42	Lieut H C MORPHETT
Thu 15 Jan 42	Capt G AUSTIN
Fri 16 Jan 42	Lieut I C HALLIDAY
Sat 17 Jan 42	Capt A E LEVINSON

289. DUTY NCO

Roster for week ending 17 Jan 42 :

Mounting at Retreat -

Sun 11 Jan 42	Sgt SILVESTER R W
Mon 12 Jan 42	L/Cpl WATSON A R
Tue 13 Jan 42	L/Sgt TAVERNER J L
Wed 14 Jan 42	Cpl KIMBER J P
Thu 15 Jan 42	Cpl STEWART S G
Fri 16 Jan 42	L/Cpl JONES M L
Sat 17 Jan 42	L/Cpl KIMBER G G S

290. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA - LIMITATION OF WEIGHT

1. Owing to the limited space at present available for the conveyance of airmails to AUSTRALIA, it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible.
2. So far as possible, airmail letter cards will be used in lieu of letters, and all airmail letters will be restricted to a maximum of TWO SHEETS OF AIRMAIL PAPER in order to cut down weight.
3. It is desired as far as possible to avoid having to hold mails over for later despatch, and the co-operation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction.

291. EFM CABLES

All ranks are advised that, due to the present volume of urgent cable traffic which is over-crowding cable channels, the sending of EFM cables will be restricted to matters of an urgent and important nature only.

292. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHY

AIF Order (ME) 904 is rptd :

"AIF (ME) Order No 369 of 7 Jun 1941, is cancelled and the following substituted :-

1. The indiscriminate use of cameras and, in particular, the sending of films to unauthorised photographic dealers have become most prejudicial to security. The following regulations are issued for immediate enforcement.
2. Every unit will keep a register showing the rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras. An Offr-in-Charge of Photography will be appointed within each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring that each member of the unit in possession of a camera is fully acquainted with the provisions of GHQ, (ME) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1, Paragraph 10 (published hereunder) and with the list of authorised dealers.

GHQ (MEF) Fd Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1, Paragraph 10.

Photography

(i) Photography of the following is prohibited :-


Military vehs of all sorts
Tanks
Signal eqpt
Arty weapons
Defences
Aircraft
Ships of any kind
Aerial views
Aerodromes
Fortifications
Camps
Military operations
Diagrams of weapons

- (ii) Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.
 - (iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence, but attention must be paid to the background which must not include anything, the photographing of which is prohibited.
 - (iv) All ranks are forbidden to join civilian (photographic) clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or submit for exhibition photographs taken by them.
3. When a unit proceeds to any zone of active operations, all cameras, with the exception of those referred to below, will be withdrawn by the offr-in-charge of Photography, and fwded for safe custody to Offr-in-charge, 2 Ech, AIF (ME). The Offr-in-charge of Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of a camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more authorised unit photographers per unit, as laid down by Comds, permitted to retain cameras with the object of increasing the supply of photographs of value for record and publicity purposes. The Offr-in-charge of Photography will be held strictly responsible that, in zone of operations, cameras are used only by these authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under Comd arrangements. On the back of this pass, will appear directions on the following lines :-

"All security films or unit films for record purposes must be fwded for developing to the following special authorised dealer :-

Messrs. Kodak (Egypt) SA., 20 Sharia Adly Pasha, CAIRO.
On no account will security films or unit record films be despatched to any other dealer than the above".

4. Films will on no account be sent by personnel for developing and printing to any other than an approved and authorised dealer. Comds will ensure that lists of authorised dealers in their areas are distributed in sufficient scale; and each authorised dealer should be supplied with a notice board to be hung in a prominent place stating that this dealer has been officially authorised by the British military authorities. It will be the duty of unit Offrs-in-charge of Photography to ensure that all ranks are fully acquainted with this list and do not deal with any dealers or sub-agents other than those on the list. Films belonging to military personnel found in any unauthorised dealers possession will be confiscated and destroyed and disciplinary action taken against the owner. The number of authorised dealers should and will be increased as and when more censorship personnel are available.
5. Comds will ensure that all films of a security nature and all unit films for record purposes, if not developed by Army personnel, are sent for developing to one firm only - Messrs. Kodak (Egypt) SA., 20 Sharia Adly Pasha, CAIRO. As soon as more censorship personnel are available, one firm in each Comd will be chosen for such work. Such films will not be sent to any other of the authorised dealers. This includes films of a secret nature to be used solely for record and instructional purposes; and films taken by official unit photographers of operational activities, etc., for inclusion in war diaries and for official purposes only. In the latter case, where the censor considers that for security reasons these films should not be returned to a unit, they will be retained at 2nd Ech, AIF (ME), in the name of the unit. COs must ensure that this privilege is not abused and that private films are not submitted as unit record films.
6. GHQ (MEF) retains the right to take copies of any photograph and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. The cost of developing films containing photographs of which use is made by GHQ (MEF) will be defrayed by GHQ (MEF).
7. There have been cases of interference by local police with Service personnel using cameras in prohibited areas or taking photographs of prohibited objects. Comds will ensure that lists of prohibited objects and prohibited areas are published at frequent intervals and that disciplinary action is taken against military photographers failing to comply with the legitimate instns of the police concerned.
8. Films found developed or stored in any manner in contravention of this Order are liable to confiscation and destruction; and in view of the extremely serious results to security of non-compliance with the above instns, strict disciplinary action will in all cases be taken against offenders.


Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

1. AUXILLIARY GREETINGS

The following cable has been received from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
Auxilliary :-

"Greetings from us all best wishes for Xmas and New Year"

2. LOSS OF AIRMAIL

Air Mail en route Australia-Middle East, originating from all States and posted approximately 18th to 22nd Dec 1941 has been lost by enemy action.

Distribn :

- Notice Board
- Offrs Mess
- Sgts Mess
- Mens Mess
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 78 LAD
- L Sec Sigs
- Gd Pl
- CSM
- War Diary (2)
- File

[Handwritten signature]
 Capt
 26 Aust A Tk Coy

NOTICE

1. AUXILIARY GREETINGS

The following copy has been received from HQ 26 Aust A Tk Coy
"Greetings from us all best wishes for Xmas and New Year"

For Official Use Only

A M R & O 1587

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 20
9 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

46. BDE DUTIES

Duties as under will be performed from Retreat on date stated to Retreat on the following day :

Duty Unit

Sat 10 Jan 42	- 2/48	Aust Inf Bn
Sun 11 Jan 42	- 2/23	Aust Inf Bn
Mon 12 Jan 42	- 2/24	Aust Inf Bn
Tue 13 Jan 42	- 2/48	Aust Inf Bn
Wed 14 Jan 42	- 2/23	Aust Inf Bn
Thu 15 Jan 42	- 2/24	Aust Inf Bn
Fri 16 Jan 42	- 2/48	Aust Inf Bn

Fd Offr

Sat 10 Jan 42	- Capt F A G TUCKER	- 2/48	Aust Inf Bn
Sun 11 Jan 42	- Capt G H BLAND	- 2/23	Aust Inf Bn
Mon 12 Jan 42	- Capt E BAILLIEU	- 2/24	Aust Inf Bn
Tue 13 Jan 42	- Capt A V CLUTTERBUCK	- 2/48	Aust Inf Bn
Wed 14 Jan 42	- Maj P E SPIER	- 2/23	Aust Inf Bn
Thu 15 Jan 42	- Capt H W SNELL	- 2/24	Aust Inf Bn
Fri 16 Jan 42	- Capt C F WILLIAMS	- 2/48	Aust Inf Bn

47. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHY

AIF Order (ME) 904 is rptd :

"AIF (ME) Order 369 of 7 Jun 41, is cancelled and the following substituted :-

1. The indiscriminate use of cameras and, in particular, the sending of films to unauthorised photographic dealers have become most prejudicial to security. The following regulations are issued for immediate enforcement.
2. Every unit will keep a register showing the rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras. An O i/c of Photography will be appointed with each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring that each member of the unit in possession of a camera is fully acquainted with the provisions of GHQ, (ME) Fd Censorship Regs 1940 Part 1, Para 10 (published hereunder) and with the list of authorised dealers.

GHQ (MEF) Fd Censorship Regs 1940, Part 1, Para 10.

(1) Photography of the following is prohibited :

Military vehs of all sorts
Tanks
Sig eqpt
Arty weapons
Defences
Aircraft
Ships of any kind
Aerial views
Aerodromes
Fortifications
Camps
Military operations
Diagrams of weapons

- (ii) Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.
- (iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence, but attention must be paid to the background which must not include anything, the photographing of which is forbidden.
- (iv) All ranks are forbidden to join civilian (photographic) clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or submit for exhibition photographs taken by them.

3. When a unit proceeds to any zone of active ops, all cameras, with the exception of those referred to below, will be withdrawn by the offr i/c of Photography, and fwded for safe custody to O i/c 2 Ech AIF(ME). The O i/c of Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of a camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more authorised unit photographers per unit, as laid down by comds, permitted to retain cameras with the object of increasing the supply of photographs of value for record and publicity purposes. The O i/c Photography will be held strictly responsible that, in zone of ops, cameras are used only by these authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under comd arrangements. On the back of this pass, will appear directions on the following lines :

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5. Comds will ensure that all films of a security nature and all unit films for record purposes, if not developed by Army personnel, are sent for developing to one firm only - Messrs Kodak (Egypt) SA., 20 Sharia Adly Pasha, CAIRO. As soon as more censorship personnel are available, one firm in each comd will be chosen for such work. Such films will not be sent to any other of the authorised dealers. This includes films of a secret nature to be used solely for record and instructional purposes; and films taken by official unit photographers of operational activities etc., for inclusion in war diaries and for official purposes only. In the latter case, where the censor considers that for security reasons these films should not be returned to a unit, they will be retained at 2 Ech AIF (ME) in the name of the unit. COs must ensure that this privilege is not abused and that private films are not submitted as unit record films.

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8. Films found developed or stored in any manner in contravention of this order are liable to confiscation and destruction; and in view of the extremely serious results to security of non-compliance with the above instns, strict disciplinary action will in all cases be taken against offenders.

This order to be rptd in unit orders.

J. J. J.
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust A Tk Coy
78 LAD
9 Aust Div (for infm)
War Diary (2) ✓
File

7/4 ✓

(Margin for Filing Purposes)

ARMY FORM W.3010 (BOOKS OF 100).

Date of last A.F. W.3010 rendered

1942 Number of sheets attached to this return.....

CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS AND NURSES

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
SECONDMENTS					
Lieut	MCMASTER, N.E.	2/23 Aust Inf Bde	Seconded for duty with HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde as member of staff	29.12.41	see HQ List No 62

(Date) 9 Jan 42 ✓

[Signature] Capt
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
(Signature of Commanding Officer)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit.)

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

Appendix 17

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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ARMY FORM W. 3012 (BOOKS OF 100)

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

(Unit to which personnel are attached)

2 Jan 1942 Number of sheets

attached to this return

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<i>Attachments:</i>							
Nx 34524	Pte	Glover A.J.	H10C	ceased to be att	9/1/42	no	-
<i>hospital admissions, discharges & diagnoses of diseases</i>							
Vx 7152	Pte	Arnott W	Sgt HQ 9 Aust Inf Bde att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	vacuated 7 A.G.H. N40.	9/1/42	no	posted to X list.

Appendix 18

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

(Date) 9 Jan 1942

Signature and appointment of Officer.
S.G. 26 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	4		
Captains ...	5		
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	McMASTER N E	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	29 Dec 41	Seconded HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde as Amenities Ofrr vide AIF List 62

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	RICHARDS I S	AAOC	5 Jan 42	Evacuated 7 AGH Transferred to X List

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	VX 46983	TOVELL R W	Comd	Yes	
Maj	VX 45	SPEED F W	BM	"	
Capt	VX 14044	GEBHARDT P	BM(L)	"	
Lieut (T/Capt)	VX 26586	OCHILTREE J G	SC	"	
Capt	VX 25783	AUSTIN G	Bde TO	"	
Capt	VX 15648	TIVEY E P	LO(1)	"	
Lieut	VX 38845	CUILIPP J	LO(2)	NO	Det for duty HQ 9 Aust Div
Lieut	SX 9990	MORPHETT H C	LO(3)	Yes	
Lieut	VX 40314	McMASTER N E	AO	"	
Lieut	VX 32828	SHATTOCK E J	IO	NO	Attending AIF (ME) Int School
Lieut	VX 37743	LINTONNJ D	-	NO	Det for duty 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut (T/Capt)	SX 10143	LEVINSON A E	AASC 9 DIV		BDE AASC Offr
Lieut	NX 25003	BUSSELL W P	Sigs 9 DIV		OC L SEC SIGS
Lieut	VX 14738	LYTHERK I S	" " "		L Sec Sigs
Lieut	NX 12479	McDONALD G M	Aust Hq Gd Bn		OC 4 Pl (Prot P1)
Chap	SX 9042	HONNER J F	AA Ch D		Padre 2/24 Bn
Chap	NX 70323	ARCHBOLD R G	AA Ch D		Padre 2/48 Bn

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

10 Jan 42 (Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
S.C. 26 Aust. Inf Bde
9 Aust. Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

appx 20

SECURITY

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
11 Jan 42

INSPECTION BY GOC AIF (ME)

1. Parade

The Inspection by GOC AIF will take place on Monday morning, 12 Jan

2. Time of Arrival

Units will leave own parade grounds in time to reach their posns on the Camp Parade Ground at the following times :

2/8 Aust Fd Regt	1003 hrs
Sigs 9 Aust Div	0950
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (and att tps)	0952
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1000
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	0955
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	1000
AASC 9 Aust Div	0955
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	0955
9 Aust Div Salv Unit	0957

Note : Para 7 of Instn dated 7 Jan is cancelled.

3. Markers and Bands

- Will be in posn at 0940 hrs.
- Bands will NOT be available to play units from own parade grounds.

4. Points Noted in Practice

- Unit comds must remember to return offr's to normal postings between the time the GOC is greeted by the Bde Comd and the former's arrival at the right of the line to commence his inspection.
- Greater care is needed that the command to form onto the Passing Line is given in time to ensure that the right guide comes to posn one pace from the line.

In any case, the right guide of each coy etc will be instructed to march past one pace to the left of the marked Passing Line.

- Sub-units should mark time 3 paces at Pt B to check alignment. A spit-locked line is provided for the purpose.

5. Clearing Ground

2/24 Aust Inf Bn will ensure that the parade ground is cleared of all refuse etc.

ACK.

[Signature] Maj
for Camp Comd JULIS

Distribn :

2/8 Aust Fd Regt
Sigs 9 Aust Div
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
AASC 9 Aust Div
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
9 Aust Div Salv Unit
26 Aust A Tk Coy
78 LAD
"L" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div
Gd Pl
9 Aust Div (for infm)
9 Aust Div Pro Coy (for infm)
✓ War Diary (2)
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26 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 1

Copy No.

12 Jan 42

1. INFM

- (a) 26 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 25 Aust Inf Bde in SYRIA.
- (b) Units of this bde will be relieved in present locations by 18 Aust Inf Bde.

2. REAR PARTIES

- (a) Units will leave rear parties (strength 2 offrs 30 ORs) to safeguard stores left for handing over to incoming units and for obtaining acquittances on hand over.
- (b) Rear parties will proceed fwd by rail - NO vehs will be left with rear parties.

3. STORES

- (a) Units will move with G1098 eqpt on issue and will take offrs and sgts' mess gear.
- (b) In addition to personal eqpt, the following will be carried by each man :

Five blankets (if issued)
Ground sheet
50 rds SAA

- (c) Kitbags will be sent by rail in order to allow maximum space to be used in MT for movement of tps.
- (d) Non-essential and surplus kits will be handed in to AIF Kit Store before departure.
- (e) All tentage and camp accomodation stores will be handed over to relieving units. In addition, the following stores will NOT be taken from present locations -

Palliasses
Beds, palm

Full acquittances will be given for all stores handed over.

4. CARRIERS

All carriers will be handed over to incoming units. VOLs will be checked and all carriers will be handed over complete as originally issued.

5. RES RATIONS

- (a) Res rations will be provided for all ranks as under -

Road parties - 3⁴ days rations
Rail parties - 4³ " "

- (b) Res rations at present held by units may be drawn on, but units will ensure that these are replaced through AASC for hand over to incoming units.
- (c) Res rations held will be handed over and receipts obtained.

6. STRENGTHS

Every care will be taken to obviate any alteration in strengths of adv and recce parties, main bodies, and rear parties. No change in strength except due to sickness and other causes will be permitted.

7. MOVEMENT

The following appendices are att :

- Appx A - Rail movements
- " B - Road movements

Separate instns covering the move of the bde will be issued later : all movements will be carried out in accordance with these appendices however.

ACK

J. J. J.
 Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1962 hrs

Issued by Runner

Distribn:

- Copy No 1. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 3. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 4. 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 5. 78 LAD
- 6. L Sec Sigs
- 7-8. War Diary
- 9-10. File

ADM INSTNSRAIL MOVEMENTS

1. Rail movements will be effected in three stages :-
 - i. MAJDAL to HAIFA - By rail
 - ii. HAIFA to TRIPOLI) - By rd, under arrangements
and LATTAQUIE) MOV. NINTH Army.
 - iii. TRIPOLI - ALEPPO - By rail

2. Unit comds concerned will appoint offr i/c train, and will be responsible for entraining, detraining, embussing and debussing arrangements. Care will be taken that preliminary marking of compartments is completed before arrival of tps.

3. Departure times shown are those for movement of train or head of MT coln.

Units will arrive at entrainment points, if possible, two hrs before time of departure, and at embussing points at least one hr before departure.

4. MT for move of rail parties and baggage from camps to MAJDAL Sta is being arranged by Div HQ. Vehs will report to unit lines three (3) hrs prior to departure of train. Units will be responsible that vehs arrive at MAJDAL Sta two (2) hrs before train departure.

5. Stores
 - a. Stores not taken by rd parties, not to exceed weight approved by Div HQ, will be loaded under unit arrangements.
 - b. Where baggage van is limited on any train, care will be taken that heavier baggage is placed in van. Lt baggage and kit bags in these circumstances will be loaded in other compartments or carried by the tps in own compartments.
 - c. Adequate gds, loading and unloading parties must accompany stores.

6. Meals
 - a. Three (3) days dry rations will be carried.
 - b. Hot Meals
 - i. Hot meals will be provided at HAIFA Ry Sta.
 - ii. Hot tea will be provided at TRIPOLI Barracks for parties passing through to ALEPPO or LATTAQUIE.

7. Loading of MT

Vehs will be loaded to full weight capacity of stores, or 20 or 12 personnel to 3 ton or 30 cwt vehs respectively.

ADM INSTNSROAD MOVEMENTMovement

1. Units will move by road and rail combined as per Appendix A, the balances of units moving by road in first line tpt (supplemented as shown in Appendix B).
2. Composition of daily road parties in unit first line tpt will adhere as closely as possible to that of rail parties.
3. The following tpt is being used under NINTH Army arrangements for ferrying purposes in LEBANON and SYRIA :-
 - (a) 7 Aust Div Pet Coy) ferrying of units and return to new
 - (b) 7 Aust Div Amn Coy) location as per Appx A and B.
 - (c) 4 Amn Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk.
 - (d) 2 Secs 40 Res MT Coy.
4. (a) 1 Aust Res MT Coy remains under comd 9 AUST DIV for the move.
- (b) Vehs will be distributed temporarily to following units for the move by OCs units concerned :-

9 Aust Div AASC

Six 3-ton lorries to HQ 9 AUST DIV by 11 Jan 42.
 Twenty four 3-ton lorries to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn by 11 Jan 42.

1 Aust Res MT Coy

Sixteen	3-ton lorries	to 2/15 Aust Inf Bn by am 12 Jan
Fifteen	do	to 9 Aust Div Cav by am 12 Jan
Two	do	to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde by am 13 Jan
Twenty	do	to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn by am 13 Jan
Twenty	do	to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn by am 13 Jan
Twenty	do	to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn by am 13 Jan
One	do	to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde by am 16 Jan
Fifteen	do	to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn by am 16 Jan
Fifteen	do	to 2/24 Aust Inf Bn by am 16 Jan

Vehs will be delivered with own dr and spare dr under command of an offr for each gp and will remain det until further instructed.

5. Road Parties - Staging

Road parties will move as ordered and will stage as follows :-

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| (a) From GAZA (for TRIPOLI) | - ACRE |
| (b) From GAZA (for ALEPPO) | } - First night
ACRE - Second
night TRIPOLI |
| (c) For LATTAKIA | |

6. Actual allotment at staging areas will be notified on arrival of units.

7. Meals - Hot tea will be provided as follows :-

- (a) At LEGOULT Barracks for all tps arriving from or moving to ALEPPO or LATTAKIE by road under arrangements 7 AUST DIV.
- (b) At ACRE for all staging parties under arrangements PAL Base and L of C Sub Area.

8. Winter Clothing - Leather jerkins and special issues of winter or waterproof clothing made to 7 AUST DIV to be collected from units and handed over to incoming formation.

9. Recovery - Responsibility for recovery of vehs will be as follows :-

- (a) ALEPPO to excl TRIPOLI - 1 Aust Corps
- (b) TRIPOLI to incl BEIRUT - 1 Aust Corps
- (c) Excl BEIRUT to incl HAIFA - PAL Base and L of C Area
- (d) Excl HAIFA to incl GAZA - PAL Base and L of C Area

10. Traffic Control

Responsibility for traffic control and provision of guides will be as follows :-

- (a) ALEPPO - 18 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) TRIPOLI - 7 Aust Div
- (c) BEIRUT - 84 Base Sub Area
- (d) ACRE-HAIFA-to HADERA - PAL Base and L of C Area
- (e) Excl HADERA to excl AQIR - PAL Base and L of C Area
- (f) Incl AQIR to GAZA - PAL Base and L of C Area.

11. Daily adv parties of three (3) loaded vehs will leave $\frac{1}{2}$ hr in adv of main parties and will proceed with speed consonant with safety to day's destination to assist in guiding to staging or debussing points.

12. POL

All vehs will carry POL for 250 miles from camp area and re-fuelling points are available at ACRE and TRIPOLI.

13. Medical

Medical arrangements for the moves are being made as follows:-

- (a) NORTH of SYRIAN Border - 1 Aust Corps
- (b) SOUTH of SYRIAN Border - PAL Base and L of C Area

14. Route for Rd Movement

For units moving NORTH :-

ISTUD YIBNA - CEDERA - AQIR - LYDDA - WILHELMA - HADERA - BINYAMINA - HAIFA - ACRE - BEIRUT - TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE - ALEPPO.

15. Speed and Density

- 15 min) vehs move in gps of approx 30 vehs.
- 20 min) as arranged by OC Convoy, interval of half mile between gps.

16. Halts

10 minutes at end of first two, four and nine hrs. One hour at the end of five hrs. At halts vehs will pull off rd as far as possible, unit arranging traffic control at each end of coln. Vehs must not approach closer than 80 yards.

17. Rd Discipline

Instns as to timings, speed, density and halts are to be strictly adhered to.

18 Loading of Vehs

Vehs will be loaded on the basis of full store capacity or 20 and 12 men respectively in 3-ton and 30 cwt lorries.

26 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER No.1.

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Ref Maps : PALESTINE
 NORTH Sheet 1/250,000
 SYRIA Rd Diagram - 1501
 Sheet 4 1/500,000

11 Jan 42

INFM

1. a. 26 Aust Inf Bde is moving to TRIPOLI by rd and rail.
- b. Recce and Adv Parties have already been selected.

INTENTION

2. Recce and adv parties 26 Aust Inf Bde will move by MT to TRIPOLI.

METHOD

3. Organisation

Comd	Lt Col B EVANS	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1 veh
Details	Bde HQ		2 vehs
"	2/23 Aust Inf Bn		2 "
"	2/24 " "		3 "
"	2/48 " "		2 "
"	26 Aust A Tk Coy		1 "

4. Embussing

In unit lines.

5. Convoy Assembly Area

- a. Camp rd past 2/48 Aust Inf Bn HQ
- b. Vehs will assemble in unit order (vide para 3)

6. Start Time

0630 hrs 13 Jan 42

7. Starting Pt

Rd junc SW corner HOBBS Lines.

8. Route

JULIS village - HILL 69 - YIBNA - GEDERA - RAMLE -
 LYDDA - FAJJA (142166) - HADERA - HAIFA - ACRE - NAQDURA -
 BEYROUTH - TRIPOLI.
 (Detailed trace issued to Convoy Comd)

9. Stages

13 Jan JULIS to ACRE
 14 Jan ACRE to TRIPOLI (start 0630 hrs)

10. Halts (Daily)

0830 hrs for ten mins
 1030 " " " "
 1130 " " one hr
 1530 " " ten mins

11. Speed and Density

- a. 15 mih, 20 vtm.
- b. Vehs will NOT close up at halts (i.e. the distance of 88x will be maintained between vehs at ALL times).

12. Note

All timings, halts, speeds and densities must be strictly adhered to, as other convoys will be working on a difficult movement table.

Protection

- a. SAA 50 rds per rifle will be carried.
- b. PAD : Convoy will halt and tps disperse.

ADM

13. Staging Camp ACRE

- a. Comd will despatch one veh (at least one offr) ahead of convoy to recce Staging Camp ACRE and to guide convoy in.
- b. Comd will report to OC Staging Camp on arrival.

14. Dress

Full marching order, 5 blankets per man.

15. Rations

- a. 4 days res ration will be carried.
- b. Tea will be provided at ACRE.

16. POL

250 miles per veh will be carried. Refill ACRE.

17. Traffic Control and Recovery

Responsibility -

excl BEYROUTH : Pal Base and L of C

incl BEYROUTH and NORTH : 1 Aust Corps

18. Medical

Responsibility -

SOUTH of SYRIAN Border : Pal Base and L of C

NORTH " " " : 1 Aust Corps.

INTERCOMN

19. Synchronization

Watches will be synchronized with BBC time sig within 12 hrs of Start Time.

ACK

[Signature] Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1730hrs

Issued by Runner

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- 2. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 3. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 4. 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 5. 9 Aust Div
- 6. Comd
- 7. Bde TO
- 8-9 War Diary
- 10-11 File

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2/24th Bn

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ARMY FORM W. 3012 (BOOKS OF 100)

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

10 Jan 1942 Number of sheets

(Unit to which personnel are attached) HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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

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

Table with columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.), Nature and date of casualty, Date, Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No."), Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)

OFFICERS.

OTHER RANKS

ATTACHMENTS:

Table listing attachments with columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Unit to which posted, Nature and date of casualty, Date.

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

(Date) 12 Jan 1942

(Signature and appointment of Officer.) Capt SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 9 Aust Div (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

26 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER No.2.

Copy No 12

14 Jan 42

INTENTION

1. 26 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will move by rail and MT to TRIPOLI.

METHOD

2. RD MOVE

<u>2.</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Vehs</u>
	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde and att tps	4	35	14
	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	10	280	24 ∅
	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	11	249	23
	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2	12	9 ∅
	78 LAD			4

∅ Incl one amb car to travel at rear of unit.

3. Starting Pt

Rd junc SW corner HOBBS Lines.

4. Start Time

See Appx A (to be issued later)

5. Route

JULIS village - HILL 69 - YIBNA - GEDERA - RAMLE - LYDDA - FAJJA (142166) - HADERA - HAIFA - ACRE - NAQOURA - BEYROUTH - TRIPOLI.

6. Stages

First Day - JULIS to AZ ZIB

Second Day - AZ ZIB to TRIPOLI

7. Halts (daily)

0830 hrs for ten mins

1030 " " " "

1130 " " one hr

1530 " " ten mins

8. Speed and Density

a. 15 mih 20 vtm

b. Vehs will NOT close up at halts (i.e. distance of 88x will be maintained between vehs at all times).

c. Distance between units - not less than 1/2 mile.

9. Protection

a. SAA 50 rds per rifle will be carried.

b. PAD : Convoy will halt and tps disperse.

RAIL MOVE

10.	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Baggage</u> (tons wt)
	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde and att tps	4	158	10
	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	16	433	36
	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	12	434	19
	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	26	694	75

11. Time Table

See Appx B (to be issued separately)

ADM

12. See 26 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No.1 issued 12 Jan.

ACK

Signed at 1400hrs

Issued by Runner

[Signature] Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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- Copy No. 1. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 3. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 4. 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 5. L Sec Sigs
- 6. Gd Pl
- 7. 78 LAD
- 8. 2/4 Hyg Sec
- 9. BM
- 10. Bde TO
- 11-12. War Diary
- 13-14. File

MOST SECRET

(26 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order No.2)

APPX "A"

ROAD MOVE

Serial	Unit	Depart JULIS	Depart AZ ZIB	Start Time
28	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	17 Jan	18 Jan	0630
29	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	"	"	0637
30	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	"	"	0646
31	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	"	"	0655
28A	78 LAD	"	"	0700

RAIL MOVE

APPX "B"

Serial	Unit	Train	Tpt Reports		Entrain MAJDAL		Depart MAJDAL		Detrain HAIFA		Embus HAIFA		Debus TRIPOLI		Other Tps in same train	Unit to provide OC train
			Hrs	Day	Hrs	Day	Hrs	Day	Hrs	Day	Hrs	Day	Hrs	Day		
20	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	J	1900	17	2200	17	0030	18	0530	18	0615	18	2000	18	-) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
21	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	J	"		"		"		"		"	"	"	-		
22	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	K	2030	17	2330	17	0200	18	0700	18	0745	18	2130	18	7 Fd Coy 1 Offr 181 ORs	
24	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	L	1900	18	2200	18	0030	19	0530	19	0615	19	2000	19	ASC 2 Offrs 148 ORs	2/48 Aust Inf Bn

[Signature] Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 12 Jan 42

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

Army N ^o .	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES:</u>						
VX 35494	Pte	CAMPBELL P W	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Marched out to AIF(ME) AASC SCHOOL - Clerical Wing	21 Jan 42	
<u>DETACHMENTS FOR DUTY:</u>						
QX 15910	Pte	DALTON W O	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	To 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	17 Jan 42	

Appx 27

(Date) 17 Jan 1942

E.A. Wilson
 (Signature of Commander).
 26 Aust Inf Bde
 Capt

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
 (Unit).

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

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
<u>ATTACHMENTS FOR DUTY:</u>							
VX 47819	Lt-Col	B EVANS	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	13 Jan 42		
OTHER RANKS							
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>							
VX 40370	Cpl	McALEICE J G	9 Aust Div Postal	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf	15 Jan 42		
QX 16381	Pte	WEEDON R F	9 " " "	Bde	15 Jan 42		
VX 25425	"	WELSH G A	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	" " "	13 Jan 42		
VX 43697	"	INNES D G	2/23 " " "	" " "	13 Jan 42		

be added

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

(Date) 19 Jan 42 19

Forms W3012/3

James
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Brig	R W TOVALL	Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde	12 Jan 42	Det for Duty Hq 9 Aust Div

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	VX46983	TOVELL R W	Comd	No	Det for Duty HQ 9 Aust Div
Maj	VX45	SPEED F W	EM	Yes	
Capt	VX14044	GEBHARDT P	EM (L)	"	
Lieut					
(T/Capt)	VX26886	OCHILTREE J G	SC	"	
Capt	VX25783	AUSTIN G	TO	"	
Capt	VX15648	TIVEY E P	LO (1)	"	
Lieut	VX38845	CUDLIPP J	LO (2)	No	Det for Duty HQ 9 Aust Div
Lieut	SX9990	MORPHETT H C	LO (3)	Yes	
Lieut	VX40314	McMASTER N E	AO	No	Conv Leave
Lieut	VX32828	SHATTOCK E J	TO	No	Attending AIF (ME) Int School
Lieut	VX37743	LINTON J D	-	No	Det for Duty 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut (T/Capt)	SX 10143	LEVINSON A E	AASC 9 Aust Div		Bde ASC Offr.
Lieut	NX 25003	BUSSELL W P	Sigs 9 Aust Div		OC L. Sec Sigs
Lieut	VX 15783	WYLLIE K			L. Sec Sigs
Lieut	NX 12473	McDONALD G M	Aust HQ Cd Bn		OC 4 Pl (Prot Pl)
Lieut	VX 986	RICHARDS I S	AASC		cc 78 LAD
Chap	SX 9042	HOMER J P	A A Ch D		padre 2/24 Bn
Chap	NX 79292	ARCHIBOLD R G	A A Ch D		" 2/23 Bn
Chap	VX 63297	McQUIE	A A Ch D		" 2/23 Bn

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
19 Jan 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Army N°.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
<u>DETACHMENTS FOR DUTY:</u>						
VX 24807	Pte	GIGGINS S A	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	To HQ 9 Aust Div	13 Jan 42	
VX 29243	"	MURPHY T W	" "	To HQ 9 Aust Div	13 Jan 42	
<u>RETURNED TO UNIT:</u>						
VX 48227	Pte	JURY C T	" "	From 1 Aust Corps Skills School (School NOT held)	13 Jan 42	

(Date) 20 Jan 1942

Lawrence
(Signature of Commander)

Capt

SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

9 Aust Div

Apr 32

AMR & O 1587

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 68
21 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

293. DUTY OFFR

Roster for week ending 27 Jan 42 :

Mounting at Retreat -

Wed 21 Jan 42	Capt P GEBHARDT
Thu 22 Jan 42	Lieut H C MORPHETT
Fri 23 Jan 42	Capt G AUSTIN
Sat 24 Jan 42	Capt A E LEVINSON
Sun 25 Jan 42	Capt E P TIVEY
Mon 26 Jan 42	Lieut K LYTHE
Tue 27 Jan 42	Lieut W P BUSSELL

294. DUTY NCO

Roster for week ending 27 Jan 42 :

Mounting at Retreat -

Wed 21 Jan 42	Cpl J P KIMBER
Thu 22 Jan 42	Cpl S G STEWART
Fri 23 Jan 42	L/Cpl G G S KIMBER
Sat 24 Jan 42	Pte B WILCOX
Sun 25 Jan 42	Cpl S B HOLMES
Mon 26 Jan 42	Pte J M GLEESON
Tue 27 Jan 42	Sgt M F FARQUHAR

295. LEAVE

A. GENERAL

(a) For the present, no leave will be granted except to TRIPOLI town.

(b) BOUNDS

(i) The PLAZA HOTEL is out of bounds.

(ii) The MOULIN BLEU CAFE is out of bounds to all personnel below the rank of sgt and is in bounds to WOs and Sgts between 1700 and 1900 hrs only. After that hr it is in bounds to offrns only.

(iii) All brothels except Nos 2 and 5 are out of bounds.

(c) LEAVE PASSES

(i) All personnel granted leave to TRIPOLI town must be in possession of leave passes. Any soldier apprehended without a leave pass will be returned to his unit immediately.

(ii) Sub-unit comds will ensure the numbers of personnel granted leave do NOT exceed their allotments. It will be their responsibility to see that leave passes are in possession of all personnel to whom leave is granted.

(d) DURATION OF LEAVE

Leave will NOT be granted other than from 1700 - 2200 hrs.

(e) DRESS FOR LEAVE PERSONNEL

Hats or forage caps, jackets and trousers SD, greatcoats (if required), boots, gaiters.

(f) TPT

Tpt for Bde HQ and att tps will be arranged by Bde TO.

(g) DEBUSSING AREA

The debussing area for leave parties to TRIPOLI is the Circus opposite the Department of Health Building. Leave vehs may be parked there or at the veh park on the vacant ground opposite the Public Gardens immediately NORTH of the MOULIN BLEU Cafe. Drs must remain with their vehs.

(h) PICTURE LEAVE PARTIES

Picture leave parties will return to camp immediately after the conclusion of the pictures.

(i) It is believed that leave to CAIRO, PALESTINE, and to other towns in SYRIA and LEBANON will be made possible at a later date.

B. DISCIPLINE

(a) All sub-unit comds will exercise strict supervision over all personnel at all times and will deal severely with any offenders. In addition sub-unit comds will ensure that the following action is taken :-

(i) Careful selection of personnel who have merited the privilege of leave.

(ii) Collection of leave passes on conclusion of leave.

(iii) Roll call and check of personnel at frequent intervals to locate absentees without leave.

(b) All Bde HQ tps will hand in their leave passes to the duty NCO immediately on return to camp.

(c) The duty NCO will maintain a list of all leave personnel and will report to Camp the following morning any personnel failing to return leave passes.

(d) All tps are warned that failure to observe any provisions of this order will be dealt with severely and will only serve to curtail the leave privileges of all other tps.

296. DRESS - BADGES OF RANK AND TITLES "AUSTRALIA" 9 Div RO 8 is rptd:

Embroidered badges of rank and titles "AUSTRALIA" may be worn, only by offr, with shirts in summer dress.

The practice of wearing embroidered badges and titles in other cases will cease.

297. ASSISTANCE TO PRO 9 Div RO 14 is rptd :

Reports have been received indicating that offr are not giving assistance to pro personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering MPs in the execution of their duty.

It is notified that all offr are bound to assist pro personnel in carrying out duties and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

298. RY LEVEL CROSSINGS - RD TRAFFIC

It has been observed that drs of military vehs are not taking sufficient precautions at ry level crossings and are even attempting to cross the ry line in front of approaching trains.

All drs are warned of the necessity for extreme care when approaching level crossings, which are always marked, but often unguarded.

It should be noted that at the present time train engines have no headlight at night.

299. POL - ISSUE OF

9 Aust Div RO 24 is rptd :

1. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for POL being made upon DIDs., and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.

2. Os C DIDs, and FSDs etc., holding stocks of POL will ensure that requirements of units and of individuals vehs are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-

(a) for replenishment of a vehs fuel tk or sump :-
the drs AB 412 and (other than in a fwd area) AF G 3518 (tpt work ticket) covering the service on which the veh is engaged.

(b) for packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling res for a convoy or individual veh :-
AB 55 or similar indent signed by an offr of the demanding unit.

3. All offr, or other responsible persons demanding POL should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para 2 above.

300. STACKING AND HANDLING OF POL CONTAINERS

9 Aust Div RO 25 is rptd :

1. Leakage is more liable to occur from caps or screw bungs of POL containers than from any other portion of the container.

2. All POL containers, including cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps and bungs of the container uppermost.

3. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on POL containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the containers which must always be uppermost. (General Order 219 of 1941, para 2 refers.)

4. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling POL containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

J. J. J.
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

ROAD ACCIDENT

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2. Twentyone of the workmen were injured, eleven of them seriously, the army veh did not stop.

3. Enquiries will be made in all units to ascertain whether any veh under their comd was involved in such an accident on the date mentioned.

4. Any infm will be fwded to this HQ immediately.

Distribn :-

- "A" Ech
- "B" Ech
- Offrs Mess
- Sgts Mess
- Mens Mess
- 78 LAD
- L Sec Sigs
- Gd Pl
- CSM
- ✓ War Diary (2)
- File

STACKING AND HANDLING OF POL CONTAINERS

1. Inspectors have been brought to notice of trouble for POL being made upon DIBs, and although these have not been reported, they have been met by...
2. On 5 DIBs, and 78 LADs, holding stocks of POL will ensure that requirements of units and of individuals are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-
- (a) For replacement of a unit fuel tank or some of the 78 LADs and (other than in a fuel tank) the 78 LADs (top work tickets) covering the service on which the unit is engaged.
- (b) For packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling fuel for a conveyance or individual vehicle :-
- AB 55 or similar indent signed by an officer of the demanding unit.
3. All officers or other responsible persons demanding POL should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para 2 above.
4. All POL containers, including earthen, crates and wooden cases will be stacked and stacked with the caps and bungs of the containers upward.
5. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on POL containers which are intended to indicate to illustrate the part of the containers which must always be upward. (General Order 219 of 1941, para 2 refer.)
6. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illustrate labour employed in handling POL containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

CC 25 Aust Int Div

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 21
21 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

48. LEAVE PICQUET

In accordance with 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 60 para 1 (g) leave picquet to TRIPOLI will be provided as under :

23 - 30 Jan 42 - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

49. LEAVE

The attention of all units is directed to the provisions of 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 60 and 9 Aust Div RO 13.

There is an increasing incidence of tps being absent without leave, and should this continue, such acts will only serve to curtail the leave privileges of all other tps.

Immediate and energetic steps will be taken by all unit comds to prevent personnel proceeding to TRIPOLI and to other places without lawful authority.

Tattoo roll calls will be held at 2200 hrs daily.

50. OUT OF BOUNDS - MADJLAYA VILLAGE

Ref map TRIPOLI : 1-50,000 - All tps will be warned that MADJLAYA village (16422753) is out of bounds at all times.

51. COURTS OF INQUIRY

a. A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Maj J LOUGHREY - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut D P HILL - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut R W LEWIN - " " "

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances of loss of rifle No.100128, on charge to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, on 17 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

b. A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Maj P E SPIER - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut W REID - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut R L KENEALLY - " " "

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances of loss of rifles Nos 26217, 81128, 57913, on charge to 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, on night 17/18 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

c. A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Capt A V CLUTTERBUCK - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut J S ROSEL MC - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut J W DUNHAM - 2/23 " " "

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances surrounding the damage to AIF Veh No Z4520083 on charge to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde and to the bridge in question. The Court will also report on the extent and cost of repairs occasioned to veh and bridge.

52. ASSISTANCE TO PRO 9 Aust Div RO 14 is rptd :

"Reports have been received indicating that offrs are not giving assistance to pro personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering MPs in the execution of their duty.

It is notified that all offrs are bound to assist pro personnel in carrying out duties and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter."

To be rptd in unit orders.

53. THROWING OF SNOW 9 Aust Div RO 18 is rptd :

"The practice of throwing loose snow, or snowballs at WD vehs, either stationary or in motion is dangerous and liable to cause serious injury to personnel and vehs. The practice will cease forthwith and severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders!"

To be rptd in unit orders.

54. POL - ISSUE OF 9 Aust Div RO 24 is rptd :

"a. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for POL being made upon DIDs and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.

b. OasC DIDs and FSDs etc. holding stocks of POL will ensure that requirements of units and of individual vehs are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-

(i) for replenishment of a veh's fuel tk or sump :

the dr's AB 412 and (other than in a fwd area) AF G3518 (tpt work ticket) covering the service on which the veh is engaged.

(ii) for packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling res for a convoy or individual veh :-

AB 55 or similar indent signed by an offr of the demanding unit.

c. All offrs or other responsible persons demanding POL should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para 2 above".

To be rptd in unit orders.

55. STACKING AND HANDLING OF POL CONTAINERS 9 Aust Div RO 25 is rptd.

a. Leakage is more liable to occur from caps or screw bungs of POL containers than from any other portion of the container.

b. All POL containers, incl cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps and bungs of the containers uppermost.

c. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on POL containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the containers which must always be uppermost. (Gen Order 219 of 1941, para 2 refers)

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- d. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling POL containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

To be rptd in unit orders.

J. J. J.
 Capt
 SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 78 LAD
- 9 Aust Div (for infm)
- War Diary (2)
- File

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 20 Jan 1942

No. of sheets attached to this return

No 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

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

Army N°.	Rank.	Name and Initials	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
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VN37665	/WO (II)	RANDON J D	No 26 Aust Inf Bde	Rank of WO (II) Confirmed	20 Jan 42	
EX10527	Pte	HOBBS H E	" "	Promoted /Cpl	9 Jan 42	
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EX10527	Pte	HOBBS H E	2/48 Inf	Ceased to be attached	9 Jan 42	
.....
EX10527	Pte	HOBBS H E	No 26 Aust Inf Bde	From 2/48 Aust Inf Bde	9 Jan 42	
.....
VN28693	Pte	SMITH L A	" "	From 26 Aust Inf Bde	20 Jan 42	
.....
VN28309	Pte	HOBBS D V	" "	To 26 Aust Inf Bde	20 Jan 42	

20 Jan 35

(Date) 20 Jan 1942

James Capt
(Signature of Commander)
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

No 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit)

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Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

19 Jan 1942 Number of sheets

attached to this return

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
ATTACHMENTS FOR DUTY:							
VX 26764	Lieut	McKOY A N	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	21 Jan 42		
ATTACHMENTS FOR DUTY:							
VX 47461	Pte	ROBERTS V A H K	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	21 Jan 42		
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS							

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

(Date) 22 Jan 1942

Lawrence Capt
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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

WJ

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

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Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 20 Jan 1942

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~~HC 26 Aust Inf Bde~~ (Unit.)

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Army N ^o .	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
STRENGTH - TAKEN ON:						
SX 9698	Pte	COTTELL J G W	HC 26 Aust Inf Bde	From 26 Aust A Tk Coy	22 Jan 42	
CORRECTED:						
VX 35494	Pte	CAMPBELL P W	HC 26 Aust Inf Bde	Ref W3011 - 7/42 dated 17 Jan 42. Delete Entry.	22 Jan 42	

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(Date) 22 Jan 1942

J. J. J.
(Signature of Commander)
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HC 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde,
22 Jan 42.

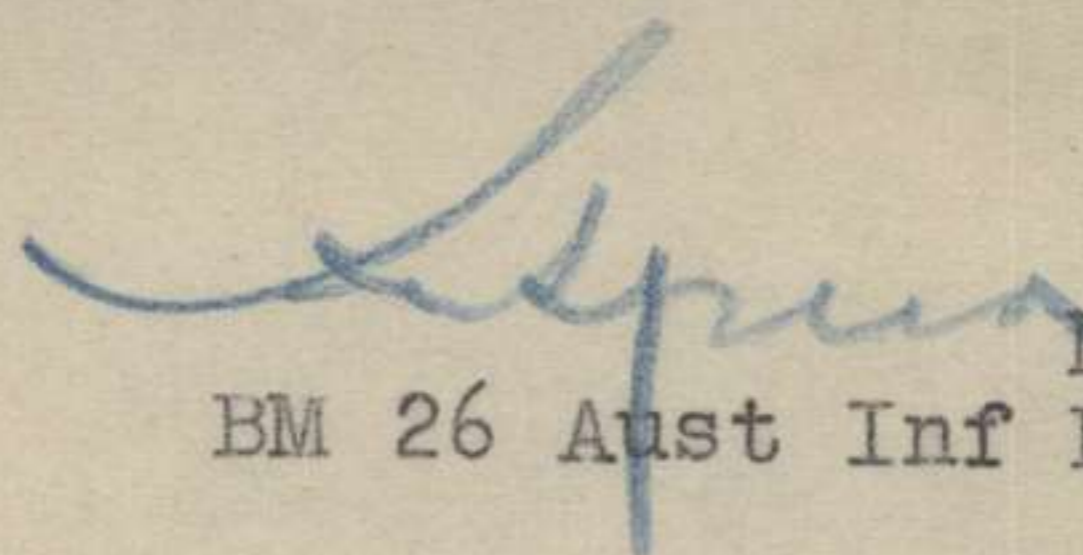
WAR DIARY.

(Period 1 Jan - 14 Jan 42).

Wet weather again hampered unit tng from 1 Jan - 4 Jan 42. Weekly tng reports from 2/23, 2/24 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bns are att as Appx "A".

At 1100 hrs 12 Jan 42 Gen Sir Thomas Blamey GOC AIF inspected units of 26 Aust Inf Bde together with 9 Aust Div Sigs, 9 Div AASC, 9 Div Salvage Sec and 2/8 Aust Fd Regt. The GOC took this opportunity of congratulating the men on their historic defence of the Tobruk Fortress.

Recce and adv parties from 26 Aust Inf Bde departed from Julis Camp en route for Tripoli, Syria at 0700 hrs 13 Jan 42. Bde HQ gp consisted of Brig, S6 and Int Sjt.

 Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NB. On the afternoon of 11 Jan 42, a conference of Bn COs and Adjts was held at Bde HQ to discuss the projected move of this Bde to Syria.

appn "A"

214/1/582

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,
AIF (ME),
5 Jan 42.

Brig	<i>MP</i>
B. M.	<i>MP</i>
S. C.	<i>X</i>

1830/5

HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde

WEEKLY TNG REPORT

1. Rifle Coys

- (a) Wpn Tng : Bayonet tng, good. Rifle standard, good. A Tk rifle, satisfactory. LMG and TSMG standard, fair. Knowledge of mechanism has increased, but considerably more instn necessary.
- (b) Fd Tng : Pl exercises in protection on move, and Fighting patrols carried out reasonably well, but much more practice needed. Tng in use of Pl tpt well done. Night compass marches by secs carried out well. Short route marches practicing dispersion and march discipline, standard good.
- (c) Gas Tng : Respirator drill and performance of normal duties with face piece adjusted carried out satisfactorily.
- (d) Lectures: Lectures on night operations, map reading, compass, hygiene and sanitation. Knowledge of subjects generally fair.

2. Int Sec

Further progress made with map reading and compass, march tables etc. General standard good.

- 3. Sig Pl : Indoor lectures, mainly on buzzer practice and the Fullerphone. Gas, Map Reading and Compass were dealt with during half-hourly periods each day.
- 4. AA Pl : Map reading and compass work has steadily improved. LMG work is being carried on.
- 5. Mor Pl : Lectures covering map reading, compass and Mortar. Elementary mortar drill by way of recapitulation was carried out.
- 6. Carr Pl: Indoor tng has consisted mainly of lectures, map reading and compass work. Lectures have taken the form of General Principles affecting the Fd V8 Engines.
- 7. Pnr Pl : The Gas tng syllabus was continued, lectures on Projection of War Gasses and Effects of Weather and Ground on War Gasses were given. Knowledge of gas subject is well up to standard. Rifle exercise is very good. The necessary stores for wiring and fd wks tng are still unobtainable.
- 8. MT Pl : Lectures on map reading and compass continued, and progress shown in these subjects. All drivers are given driving practice as far as available vehs permit. Lectures and instn on Maintenance, and 1 half day devoted to the maintenance of vehs.

9. General Fitness

Extreme wet weather conditions prevented all except occasional very short periods of outdoor work, with the result that no progress was made in hardening up of tps.

Edward Evans
Lt-Col
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Brig
B. M.
S. C.

1000/5

2/24 AUST INF BN
5 JAN 42.

26 AUST INF BDE.

COMMENT ON TRAINING PERIOD 28 DEC 41 - 3 JAN 42

Training of all coys was again hindered by rain. Indoor training was carried out by means of lectures in Y.M.C.A., Cinema and mess tents and outdoor training was, as far as possible, continued in spite of the muddy nature of the training areas.

To keep the men fit short coy route marches were fitted into the syllabus during dry spells.

Ellau Spooner Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Our Ref: 4/1/3

Brig.

B. M.

S. C.

116/5

26 Aust Inf Bde

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

5 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON TNG as at 4 Jan 42

- 1 Rifle Coys - Inclement weather has again confined the tng to lectures and the syllabus has included lectures on Identification of Aircraft, grenades, fire control orders, supporting arms, defence against air-borne troops, rd blocks, supply in the field. In addition a good proportion of time has been spent in recapitulation of weapon tng. Bayonet tng, 9 Div A/Gas demos 2 & 3, occupation of defensive posn, deployment and deen are subjects in which tng in the field was obtained.
- 2 Int Sec - Day 5 (3rd week) to day 2 (4th week) were completed satisfactorily. Practical recce reports were not possible but will be carried out next week. Some time was spent in making enlargements of Bn exercise area.
- 3 No 1 Pl - Sigs - Lectures on Mk V telephone, Mk IV Fuller-phone, morse, cable laying were given, but practical work needs to be thoroughly covered when stores are available. Flag signalling has also been part of the syllabus. Progress is satisfactory.
- 4 No 2 Pl - AA - The week's work has mainly comprised lectures which covered recognition of aircraft, AFVs and the drawing of enlargements of enemy aircraft. Weapon tng with bren and TSMG was also dealt with. Five men are attending the Bn weapon tng school
- 5 No 3 Pl - Mortars - Little field work was possible but the following lessons were done - map reading, range cards, concealment and cmflg. In addition some mortar drill was practiced but more is still required.
- 6 No 4 Pl - Carriers - Tng in the field comprised observation tng, use of ground and JD. Lectures on the following subjects were given - Arty co-operation, tactical use of smoke, ignition system of carrier, use of sun compass; while weapon tng recap with bren, TSMG and 2" mor was also carried out.
- 7 No 5 Pl - Pioneers - The weeks work has mainly comprised bayonet tng, fire control orders, map reading, action on gas, and weapon tng which subjects have been covered satisfactorily as far as they have gone. A night lecture was given to NCOs on battle procedure.
- 8 No 6 Pl - Tpt - Map reading and maintenance were covered during the wet weather. Practice in field craft in use of ground and an A/Gas demo were given.
- 9 Miscellaneous -
 - Range finding - A total of 7 men have now completed this Course. Two men have passed their practical tests on a rifle range and the remainder will be tested when the opportunity is available.
 - Weapon tng - The bn weapon tng school is progressing satisfactorily.
 - 30 yd Range - Results of shoots at the 30 yd range have been fair - the bad shots only being coached. For personnel who have failed here it is intended to commence a Bn class on elementary instns to overcome obvious faults.
 - Lectures - NCOs have been lectured during the week on battle procedure, battle formations and fire control orders.

- 2 -

10 Bn HQ - Little time has been available for the
tng of Bn HQ staff apart from current duties.

W. J. V. W. L. L. L.

Lt Col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

13 Jan 42.

AMENITIES - WAR DIARY

1. SPORT

(a) Continued bad weather has considerably interfered with sports fixtures. During the week the Bde played and won

(i) Aust Rules Football against 20 Bde
(ii) Hockey " 20 Bde
(iii) Basket-Ball " 24 Bde

(b) Sat 10 Jan 2/24 Bn held Bn sports. The programme was well arranged, entrants totalled 700, and prizes were distributed from Unit Funds for each event.

2. GENERAL

Large quantities of woolen goods were received from A.C.F. for Unit distribn. See Appx "A".

Appx "A"

	<u>2/23 Bn</u>	<u>2/24 Bn</u>	<u>2/48 Bn</u>	<u>Bde HQ</u>	<u>Total</u>
Socks	268	266	266	114	914
Scarfs	360	360	360	114	1224
Balaclavas	218	218	218	86	740
Mittens	333	333	333	141	1140
Pullovers	21	21	21	10	70
Skull-Caps	275	275	275	103	908

C. J. C. C. Lieut.
For AO 26 Aust Inf Bde

WAR DIARY

22 Jan 42

SUPPLIES

Certain units heavily overdrawn in rations during past 3 months. This in some cases caused by errors in W3810. Wef 11 Jan Units submitting W3809 daily to support W3810.

Reinse Capt
AASC Offr 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

23 Jan 42

War Diary

MT SECTION

No change in veh strength.

Drs receiving instns in Maintenance Rd sense etc.

Movement to fortnight ending 14 Jan 42:—

Usual Bde tpt duties.

G. Austin

Capt.

B.T.O. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

23 Jan 42

WAR DIARY

Period 1 - 14 Jan 42.

Nil to report.

J. J. J. J.

Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

214/1/603

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

Brig.	<i>MD(4)</i>
B. M.	
S. C.	<i>x</i>

13 Jan 42.

1000/14

HQ,
26 Aust Inf Bde.

WEEKLY TNG REPORT

1. Rifle Coys

- a) Wpn Tng : Further tng in pl wpons carried out and generally a more satisfactory standard reached. However, the need is apparent in at least one coy for further tng in Mortar 2" and Boys A Tk rifle. Cadre has improved general standard of NCOs instn. Provision of bags has improved standard of bayonet tng.
- b) Fd Tng : This varied according to coys, embracing 3 day bivouac, and exercise in rearguard and coy in attack. Results were encouraging, especially for good deployment and compass marching. Physical standard showed improvement. In night work, men displayed keenness, with good discipline and direction.
- c) Gas Tng : Further lectures and demo of decontam. Tps are becoming more "at home" in work with the respirator facepiece adjusted.

2. Int Sec : Further tng in outdoor exercises, incl map reading, sketching, use of prismatic compass, and keeping of action diary. Very good standard reached. Tng of attached personnel, continued by IO and experienced ORs of sec, has indicated some suitable recruits.

3. No 1 Sig Pl : Several periods devoted to semaphore signalling and much improvement shown. Buzzer practice continued; standard fair. Gas, flag sta work, map reading and compass tng also carried out.

4. No 2 AA Pl : Mapping and compass work has improved a great deal. LMG drill is good. Two night marches were carried out with very satisfactory results.

5. No 3 Mor Pl : The syllabus laid down was varied considerably owing to Bn reservations. Elementary mor drill was increased and considerable improvement noticed. Two night schemes were carried out, and the mor pl attended a demo of battle procedure.

6. No 4 Car Pl : The week's tng was interrupted by Bn reservations. Marked improvement was consequently noted in the Pl's squad drill and rifle exercises. Progress made in knowledge and use of 2" mor. Three more members of the pl completed driving instn.

7. No 5 Pnr Pl : Gas tng syllabus continued, and lectures on decontam. Gas tng is up to standard. Time was allotted to wpn tng and improvement noted. The necessary stores for wiring and fd works are still unobtainable.

8. No 6 Adm Pl : Improvement resulted from lectures on map reading and compass. Further instn in gas. Lectures and practical instn on maintenance are improving men's knowledge of this subject. All members of the pl are detailed for duty on car park, thus giving further driving experience.

W. H. Smith
for
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Lt-col

Brig.	<i>B</i>
B.M.	
S.C.	

1600/12

2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
12 January 42.

26 AUST INF BDE.

TRAINING REPORT PERIOD 4 - 10 JAN 42.

1. General : Tng for the week has been most satisfactory, keen interest being shown by all ranks. A Bn sports meeting held on 10th inst also created great interest and entries numbered over 600.
2. Rifle Coys : Collective Tng has commenced. All coys showed progress during the week and the standard of tng is most satisfactory.
3. "I" Sec. : Classes for Runners have been completed. Sec tng is proceeding with satisfactory results.
4. No 1 Pl : Elementary Tng is satisfactory but lack of eqpt makes field tng difficult.
5. No 2 Pl : Tng as syllabus with satisfactory results.
6. No 3 Pl : Tng as syllabus with satisfactory results. The standard of tng in this pl reflects credit on instructors and personnel.
7. No 4 Pl : Additional carriers could be used with advantage but tng with present resources is most satisfactory.
8. No 5 Pl : This pl is now working on pl syllabus with satisfactory results.
9. No 6 Pl : Tng as syllabus with satisfactory results.

Manpower
.....Lt.Col.,
Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Our Ref: G/1/46

Brig
B.M.
S.C.

0930/12 26 Aust Inf Bde
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
12 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON TNG AS AT 11 JAN 42

- 1 Rifle Coys - The unit tng has reached day 4 of present syllabus. During the week a Bn exercise was carried out involving a night approach march and dawn attack. Many useful lessons were brought out and several points were noticed for particular attention in future exercises. Most benefit was obtained in exercising offrs in procedure and it is realised that tps obtain more value from pl and coy exercises.
Coy tng covered the following - Coy and Pl in attack, attack in wooded country, bayonet assault course. Further time was spent profitably in weapon tng and fire control orders.
- 2 Int Sec - Days 3 - 5 of 4th week have been completed with the exception of memory sketches and organisation of the army in the field. Practical recce reports have been done on two occasions and practice obtained in night guiding, marking assembly area, FUP and start line in conjunction with Bn exercise. Enlargements were also made of the area used.
- 3 No 1 Pl - Sigs - The syllabus covered superimposing morse reading, R/T procedure and D Mk III set, 10 line UC switchboard. During the Bn exercise communications were maintained effectively.
- 4 No 2 Pl - AA - One exercise was carried out in co-operation with a rifle coy. Bayonet tng, identification of enemy aircraft, respirator fitting and cleaning and weapon tng formed the major part of the week's work.
- 5 No 3 Pl - Mortars - Tng done has covered bayonet tng, prismatic compass and mortar firing drill. The Bn exercise provided good tng in rapid movement of mortar in quick support and the selection of fire posns. Night lectures were given to NCOs on battle procedure and the attack.
A 3" mor demo today by MEWTS was extremely helpful in teaching the tactical handling of the mortar in co-operation with a rifle coy and will benefit the pl considerably.
- 6 No 4 Pl - Carriers - Map reading, carrier concealment, carrier signals and weapon tng were covered during the week. Recce work was carried out several times during the period.
- 7 No 5 Pl - Pioneers - Field work in the construction of a 30 yd rifle range has occupied a good deal of the pl's time. However, the following subjects were dealt with - LMG stoppages, map reading, gas recapitulation and spitlocking.
- 8 No 6 Pl - Tpt - Bn exercises on two days pf the week were carried out satisfactorily. Tng has mainly comprised maintenance and map reading.
- 9 Miscellaneous -
30 yd Range - Results of personnel classed bad or poor shots are very average. The elementary tng instn previously mentioned will commence on 12 Jan in an endeavour to rectify this.
Lectures - One lecture was given to offrs by the sig offr, the subject being "Sig Security". NCO lectures have dealt with battle procedure and attack.
Mortar demo 2" - Present 2" mor personnel today attended the above demo by MEWTS and the effects of wind at high and low angles was particularly marked.

Also use of indirect fire, vulnerability of mortar personnel and use of No 2 as OP were points ably demonstrated. It is felt that such demonstrations by trained personnel who have had considerable practice are of great value to personnel who have had only a small amount of practical work. Their application to LMG, TSMG, rifle grenade would if possible undoubtedly be extremely helpful.

Village visits - Visits were carried out in conjunction with a Bn all day route march and both tpt and Q Staff functioned satisfactorily.

Weapon Tng School - This instn is continuing and good progress is being made.

10 Bn HQ - Changes of staff are at present in progress together with reorganisation.

S J Bull Maj
Adm Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

SECRET

26 AUST INF BDE

Location Statement as at 0900 hrs 22 Jan 42.

Ref Map : TRIPOLI 1/50,000

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|----|--|---|--|
| 1. | HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde)
L Sec Sigs)
Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn)
B Ech
78 LAD | HQ Barracks

LEGOULT Barracks
BHEIT GHANEIN Barracks | 16332773

16252773
16292774 |
| 2. | 2/23 Aust Inf Bn | BHEIT GHANEIN Barracks | 16292774 |
| 3. | HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy | | 16492758
16472754
16512761
16512761
16532754
16542764 |
| 4. | 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(less A Coy)
A Coy | LEGOULT Barracks

(moving later to | 16252773
16252773
16982784) |

Amey Lieut
IO 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn :

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 9 Aust Div (2)
- 24 Aust Inf Bde
- SC
- LOs (2)
- L Sec Sigs
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 23 Jan 1942

No. of sheets attached to this return

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

Army N°.	Rank.	Name and Initials	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>						
VX 48172	Pte	BURLOCK R T	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Ceased to be detached HQ 9 Aust Div	24 Jan 42	
<u>TRANSFERS:</u>						
VX 48172	Pte	BURLOCK R T	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	To HQ 9 Aust Div	24 Jan 42	

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(Date) 24 Jan 1942

J. J. J.
(Signature of Commander).
Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
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*			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	10		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-Col	EVANS B	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	13 Jan 42	Att for Duty
Lieut	MEROY A N	" " "	21 Jan 42	" " "
T/Capt	NATHAN G E	" " "	22 Jan 42	" " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	McDONALD G M	Aust HQ Gd Bn	22 Jan 42	Evacuated 7 AGH

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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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 69
24 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

301. SECURITY OF ARMS AND AMN

- (a) Arms and amn will be kept in the HQ Armoury at all times when not in use.
- (b) Only such arms and amn as may be required for security purposes will be held by personnel, and on such occasions it will be the responsibility of the individuals concerned to safeguard such weapons and amn on charge to them.
- (c) All ranks are warned that the prevalence of theft of arms is no less in SYRIA than in PALESTINE.
- (d) Arms should always be carried outside principal towns.

302. OUT OF BOUNDS - MADJLAYA VILLAGE

Ref map TRIPOLI : 1/50,000 - All tps are warned that MADJLAYA village (16422753) is out of bounds at all times.

303. CENSORSHIP

No references may be made in correspondence or verbally to tp movements. A soldier may say in correspondence, "I am in SYRIA" and comment on topography generally and the people, but must avoid reference to anything which may suggest a movement of any other tps or suggest that his own unit is now in SYRIA.

304. PHOTOGRAPHY

Further to Bde HQ RO 292, all ranks are advised that the only authorised photographers in TRIPOLI are :-

A K ANOUCHEAN - EL MINA Rd
H D HERNANDIAN - PHOTO HERMAND, TELL St.
K A TOTONGYAN - PHOTO SPORT, EL MINA Rd.

305. DISPOSAL OF WASTE PAPER

Waste-paper will NOT be disposed of other than by burning. The Chief Clerk is responsible for ensuring that ALL waste-paper from the Adm Block is completely destroyed by burning each morning.

Tps cleaning the offices of the Adm Block will NOT remove any waste paper from the building.

306. THROWING OF SNOW

9 Aust Div RO 18 is rptd :

"The practice of throwing loose snow, or snowballs at WD vehs, either stationary or in motion is dangerous and liable to cause serious injury to personnel and vehs. The practice will cease forthwith and severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders."

307. DRESS

9 Aust Div RO 37 is rptd :

"Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs have purchased and are wearing caps SD., Offrs pattern. This is an offence and will be treated accordingly!"

308. ILLEGAL FISHING

9 Aust Div RO 38 is rptd :

"Reports have been received indicating that fish are being taken in streams and along the coast of SYRIA & LEBANON by means of explosives. This practice is contrary to civil law and will cease forthwith."

309. TREE CUTTING

9 Aust Div RO 39 is rptd :

"All Forestry matters in SYRIA & LEBANON are controlled by NINTH Army, and trees will not be cut nor will there be any interference with forestry activities without approval of Army HQ obtained through the usual channels."

310. POWERS OF MEMBERS OF PROVOST CORPS

AIF Order (ME) 950 is rptd :

- 1. Any offr, warrant offr, non-commissioned offr or soldier who impedes a provost marshal or any offr, non-commissioned offr or member of the military police, commits an offence - (AA Sec 6(3)(c)).
- 2. Any warrant offr, non-commissioned offr or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any member of the military police, commits an offence - (AA Sec 6(3)(c)).
- 3. Every warrant offr, non-commissioned offr or soldier, even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offence - (A M R & O 386).
- 4. Offrs, of whatever rank, shall comply with the directions of any provost marshal or offr of the military police."

Lawrence
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

26 AUST INF BDE AUXILIARY

An amount of £A25 has been received from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Auxiliary.

Distribn:

- "A" Ech (2)
- "B" Ech
- Offrs Mess
- Sgts Mess
- Mens Mess
- 78 LAD
- L Sec Sigs
- Gd Pl
- CSM
- ✓ War Diary (2)
- File

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 22
24 Jan 42

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

56. FORMATIONS ON THE MARCH

Several near-accidents have resulted through strict adherence to Bn op Standing Orders para 72.

On narrow rds used by veh traffic tps should march in file, with a single file on each side of the rd. In the case of small bodies of tps one single file may conveniently be echeloned back, thus leaving more space for vehs to pass each other.

57. NEWSPAPERS - SYRIA

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 34, results of vote will be notified to these HQ by NOT later than 1200 hrs 28 Jan 42.

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59. COURTS OF INQUIRY

(a) A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Maj P E SPIER - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Capt R S SHILLAKER - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut T W TIETYENS - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the losses of government amn, eqpt, and clothing and private property in 2/24 Aust Inf Bn area during night 22/23 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

(b) A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Maj C G WEIR - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut F R MONWOTTI - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut K M SCHRODER - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances of loss of a car battery from veh No Z4520083 on charge to HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde during night 23/24 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

[Signature]
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn :

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 78 LAD
- 9 Aust Div (for info)
- ✓ War Diary (2)
- File

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26 AUST INF BDE GS INSTN No.7

24 Jan 42

WORKS POLICY

1. Object

This Instn lays down the general policy for work on unit defensive posns.

2. Time Allotted

a. The first two days of the week commencing 26 Jan will be devoted to the initial work provided in para 5 (a) to (d).

b. Thereafter the seven day period will be divided into :

Three days work on defensive posns

Three days tng

Sun, "make and mend", rest.

c. To ensure that the maximum use shall be made of the time allotted to work on defensive posns, an effort is being made to obtain tpt. It may, however, be necessary for coys to spend the three working days in tents in the fwd area and the three tng days in rear.

Fwd bns will, therefore, carry out an immediate recce to select suitable bivouac areas located centrally to the works in progress. Each unit would require either one two-coy area or two one-coy areas. Tentage would be available.

3. Fd Works

a. The defensive layout has been fixed and has been handed over to units by those whom they relieved.

b. RE services are responsible for the construction of the A tk ditches, pill boxes, and A tk posns; and for surveying minefields in preparation for laying, by inf, at a later date.

Note : Pill boxes are of one standard pattern.

c. All other work in bn areas, including concrete splinter proof sleeping bays, is the responsibility of units.

4. Policy for Development

a. The layout already planned is to be adhered to.

b. Even though sec posns are not of the TOBRUCH pattern they will be retained unless little work has been done. Where it is possible to convert the layout to a modified TOBRUCH pattern, this may be considered.

c. Where sec posns have not been developed except for the provision of pill boxes, the TOBRUCH pattern sec post will be taken as a basis. The design must be suited to the ground.

5. Procedure within Pls

The procedure within individual pls will be :

/a.

- a. Recce of posns by pl and sec comds.
- b. Planning the layout of each sec post and pl posn. This includes the planning of tracks and the fixing of the posn for the materials dump.
- c. Production of a drawing for each sec post and pl HQ.
(This must be approx to scale and sufficiently detailed to enable another NCO or offr to carry on should the originator become a casualty).
- d. Laying out and taping or spitlocking of each post.
- e. Commencement of actual work on each sec post in accordance with priority laid down. Where posts have already been commenced, the first step must be to "clean up" and repair work which has deteriorated.

6. Approval for Plans

No work under para 5 (d) and (e), is to commence on any post until the plan is approved by the CO or the Fd Wks offr.

7. Priority of Work

- a. Weapon pits
- b. CTs between weapon pits to 18 ins.
Splinter proof sleeping bays
- c. Clearing fd of fire
Wiring
- d. Amn and Stores bays
CTs between weapon pits to 3 ft
- e. Drainage
Improvement of Shelters
Revetting
- f. CTs to covered approaches

8. Numbering of Posts

To facilitate orientation, units will arrange immediately for each pill box to have its number chalked in bold figures on the lee-side of the entrance doorway.

9. Some notes on the defensive works are att. Additional copies for issue to offr's are available on request.

[Signature] Maj
EM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust A Tk Coy
9 Aust Div
2/3 Fd Coy RAE
War Diary (2)
File (2)

NOTES ON DEFENSIVE WORKS1. Responsibility for Work

- a. Individual pls are responsible for work on their own areas, except

A Tk Ditches
Pill Boxes
Splinter-proof Sleeping Bays

- b. Splinter-proof Sleeping Bays will be constructed by experienced personnel under supervision of the Pnr Pl. Special drawings are being prepared.
- c. The Pnr Pl is responsible for general constructional supervision and advice. Demands for material will be made to (or prepared by) them.
- d. The unit Fd Works offr will co-ordinate works generally and will advise on digging, wiring and tactical considerations.

2. Concealment

- a. Special attention is to be paid to concealment of all fd wks. In particular -
- b. Camflge nets will be erected over ALL work from the commencement : and will be kept as low as possible consonant with the work being done.
- c. Spoil will be dealt with carefully, particularly where it is of a different colour e.g. lime stone. Where possible it will be removed from the locality.
- d. Wherever practicable defence works should be flush with the ground.
- e. Rigid track discipline will be enforced. Moreover, where it is necessary to make tracks to a post which will be visible in air photos, such tracks will invariably be led beyond the post and will, where possible, be linked with others.
- f. Building materials will NOT be dumped carelessly. A suitable dumping site, under cover if possible, will be selected by pl comds and materials will be confined to those dumps.

3. Defective Trench Systems

- a. Where the text-book type of trench system has been constructed this is NOT to be abandoned but it may be quite possible to convert it, without much labour, into a modified TOBRUCH pattern post. This can usually be done by digging weapon pits - one at each end and one an off-shoot near the centre. All these must of course be tactically sited.
- b. In some of the text-book type trenches, fire-bays are too long and occasionally too wide. This can be remedied by the insertion of artificial traverses constructed with sand bags.

/Revettment

4. Revetment

- a. Posts of the TOBRUCH pattern will require little revetting.
- b. In any case, revetting will only be permitted in sec posns (weapon pits, fire bays and CTs). CTs to pl HQ and beyond will NOT be revetted.
- c. Bamboo poles are available for this work. Under no circumstances will long pickets be used. Those in posn will be replaced as opportunity offers.

5. Communication Trenches

- a. In some cases CTs have been provided on a very lavish scale.
- b. In general, future works will confine CTs to sec posts and, where such are practicable, to short stretches connecting to covered approaches. CTs to Pl and to Coy HQs will be exceptional.
- c. In siting pl HQs the desirability of good covered approaches fwd should be borne in mind.

6. Drainage

- a. Proper drainage is to be provided for.
- b. Where pill boxes and other works are already in hand and the usual methods cannot be applied, the following expedients are suggested
 - i. A drain is cut up-hill from the pill box etc and led off to one side. This takes off the greater part of the surface water.
 - ii. The CT into the pill box etc is deepened slightly at the entrance to the pill box and led off down-hill.
 - iii. A low step is constructed at the entrance to the pill box etc.
- c. Hand pumps, of the lift type, can be improvised to drain the pill boxes. Supplies from RE sources may be available later.

23 Jan 42.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 23
26 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

CO. SPECIAL ORDER

The following Special Order by C in C MEF is republished:-

"I wish to remind Comds of all ranks of their responsibility for safeguarding both British eqpt and stores and that captured from the enemy, from loss or damage.

This war is largely one of material and the side which can outlast the other in this respect will achieve a great advantage.

There is no doubt that we are not safe-guarding our material resources as well as we should. Both the dishonesty of a few individuals and the carelessness and lack of thought of a great many others are causing unnecessary waste.

I hold Comd and other offrs responsible that they are constantly on their guard to check careless and irregular practices on the part of those under their comd.

Casualness and laxity in these matters denotes a lack of discipline and good order which gravely effects the strength and fighting power of the Army.

Though it is for the leaders to oversee these matters, the best results cannot be obtained without the ready co-operation of all ranks, on which, if they are made to understand the need, I know that I can rely.

I wish this order made known to all ranks of the Army.

Sgd C J AUCHINLECK General
Commander-in-Chief"

To be rptd in Unit Orders.

61. RETURNS OF PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 42.

In order to bring records of language qualifications up to date, particulars are required of all ranks, both offrs and ORs, with fluent knowledge of any of the following languages :-

German	Russian
Italian	Turkish
Persian	Arabic

Returns are required in duplicate to reach these HQ by 1200 hrs
31 Jan 42.

62. AMN - WE SCALES

- a. The attention of all units is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 47.
- b. Any expenditure will be reported immediately by signal to "9 Aust Div rptd 26 Aust Inf Bde", and will include full particulars.
- c. The certificates referred to in DRO 47 (d) (i) and (ii) will be submitted to reach these HQ by 1200 hrs 30 Jan 42.
- d. The weekly amn certificate, in accordance with sub-para (iii) of the abovementioned DRO, will be fwded to these HQ by 1200 hrs each SUN.

for G.H. Johnson
 Capt
 SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn :

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 " " "
- 2/48 " " "
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 78 LAD
- 9 Aust Div (for infm)
- ✓ War Diary (2)
- File.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No. 24
27 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

63. DUTIES

a. PORT DEFENCE DET

Roster

Mounting at 1500 hrs on the following dates, for 14 days -

31 Jan 42	2/23	Aust Inf Bn
28 Feb 42	2/48	" "

(Take over, in each case, from units of 24 Aust Inf Bde)

Tps Required

One rifle coy
One rifle pl
Details regtl sigs

Task

The det, in co-operation with AA and CD units, will defend TRIPOLI Harbour and Port Installations from sabotage, and attack from sea, land and air.

Recce

Offr detailed as OC Det will recce task at least 3 clear days before date of mounting. The present OC Det will explain all duties and will produce such Standing Orders as are available.

On completion of recce, offr will report to Comd TRIPOLI Port (Col T P COOK) for final instns.

Take-over

The take-over will be carried out in a proper manner, receipts being given for all quarters, stores and documents.

b. TRAIN GDS

Roster

Mounting at 1500 hrs on the following dates, for 14 days -

31 Jan 42	2/23	Aust Inf Bn
28 Feb 42	2/48	" "

(Take-over in each case from units of 24 Aust Inf Bde)

Strength

3 NCOs, 6 ORs

Duties

Instns to be issued separately

64. LEAVE - BEIRUT

a. Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, the following leave allotment for 26 Bde Gp for period 30 Jan - 2 Feb 42 is made :

/Bde

Bde HQ and att	8
26 Aust A Tk Coy	4
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	36
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	36
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	36
	<u>120</u>

- b. Names of offr in charge of unit leave parties will be fwded to these HQ by 0900 hrs 29 Jan 42.
- c. In addition 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will nominate one additional offr to proceed with the unit leave party.
- d. Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, para 17, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will nominate one offr of fd rank to be in charge of the bde leave party.
- e. Nominal rolls of leave personnel will be fwded in duplicate to these HQ by 0900 hrs 29 Jan 42. O i/c bde leave party will collect nominal rolls from these HQ prior to his departure to BEIRUT.
- f. Unit tpt will be used, except that Bde HQ will supply tpt for 26 Aust A Tk Coy.
- g. OC leave convoy will be notified later. Orders re movement of convoy will be issued separately.
- h. Unit comds will ensure that strict adherence is effected to the provisions of 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65.

65. C of I

A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offr

President

Capt W FORBES DSO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut J D POTTER 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 Lieut C G RIGG MM 2/23 " "

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances in which a spare wheel was lost from veh No V 10997, on charge to 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, on 25 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

66. AMN - WE SCALE

- a. Further to 9 Aust Div RO 47 and Bde RO 62, amn to be held by units will be in strict accordance with WE Inf Bn (Higher Establishment) AIF II/12F/3 Sec (v). Notwithstanding the fact that units at this present juncture are not holding full WE in weapons, amn for full scale weapons will be held.
- b. Weekly amn returns as at 2359 hrs Mon will continue to be rendered as formerly.

J. Lawrence
 Capt
 SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

As per RO No.23.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 70
27 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

311. DUTY OFFR

Roster for week ending 3 Feb 42 :

Mounting at Retreat -

Wed 28 Jan 42	Lieut A N McKOY
Thu 29 Jan 42	Capt G E NATHAN
Fri 30 Jan 42	Capt P GEBHARDT
Sat 31 Jan 42	Lieut H C MORPHETT
Sun 1 Feb 42	Capt G AUSTIN
Mon 2 Feb 42	Capt A E LEVINSON
Tue 3 Feb 42	Capt E P TIVEY

312. DUTY NCO

Roster for week ending 3 Feb 42 :

Mounting at Retreat -

Wed 28 Jan 42	Cpl SHANNON A B
Thu 29 Jan 42	L/Cpl WATSON A R
Fri 30 Jan 42	L/Sgt TAVERNER J L
Sat 31 Jan 42	Cpl KIMBER J P
Sun 1 Feb 42	Cpl STEWART S G
Mon 2 Feb 42	L/Cpl KIMBER G G S
Tue 3 Feb 42	Pte WILCOX B

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I wish this order made known to all ranks of the Army.

Sgd. C J AUCHINLECK General
Commander-in-Chief."

314. LOSSES OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

- a. All ranks are again warned that they are personally responsible at all times for all arms, amn, eqpt, clothing etc on issue to them.
- b. All losses will be reported immediately in writing to Camp, who will advise SC. Camp will investigate the loss and report the result of these investigations to SC.
- c. Camp will arrange kit inspections of all tps at least once weekly.
- d. All personnel are warned that losses of any of the abovementioned items will be paid for by the individual incurring the loss. The only exception will be if and when the loser is able to produce proof that the loss was NOT occasioned by any neglect or wrongful act on his own part.

315. CIVILIANS - BDE HQ AREA

Civilians are NOT permitted to loiter in the vicinity of the Bde HQ area.

Tps will NOT encourage civilians and local inhabitants to congregate about the gateways and fences, either for the purposes of conversation or collecting laundry.

316. LEAVE

1. The following leave allotment is made for personnel of Bde HQ and att sub-units to TRIPOLI Town :

a. MON - Leave 1700 - 2200 hrs

15 ORs

b. WED - Leave 1700 - 2200 hrs

7 ORs

c. THU - PICTURES ONLY

20 ORs

Leave to TRIPOLI town will NOT be granted at any time other than mentioned above. Applications for special leave will NOT be approved.

2. Inter-unit leave may be granted provided such leave does NOT incur entry into TRIPOLI town.

Joachim
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn as per RO No 69.

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ARMY FORM W. 3012 (BOOKS OF 100)

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

(Unit to which personnel are attached) HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>							
VX 47819	Lt-Col	EVANS B	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Ceased to be att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	26 Jan 42		
OTHER RANKS							
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>							
VX 43697	Pte	INNES D G	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Ceased to be att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	26 Jan 42		
VX 25425	Pte	WELSH G A	" " "	" " "	26 Jan 42		

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Lawrence Capt
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)
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OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS							
ATTACHMENTS:							
SX 7208	Pte	TEAGUE E A	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	22 Jan 42		
QX 1187	Pte	FRANKLIN W B T	2 Aust. Div Postal	Ceased to be att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	21 Jan 42		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No.25
29 Jan 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

67. SECURITY - REPORTING LOSS OR THEFT OF ARMS

- a. In the event of loss or theft of arms, unit comds will report the loss by IMMEDIATE sig to Ninth Army rptd 9 Aust Div, 26 Aust Inf Bde. In all cases the registered number of the lost arms will be quoted. Comds will ensure that the site of the loss is left untouched until the military or civil police have carried out their investigations.
- b. The loss of arms is a serious matter and unless the above order is complied with, the possibility of apprehending offenders is greatly diminished.
- c. In addition to reporting the loss by sig, units will submit a report, in duplicate, to these HQ as early as possible and within 48 hrs of the occurrence, as to :
 - i. The identity of the loser
 - ii. Circumstances surrounding the loss
 - iii. Security measures within the unit area
 - iv. Detailed particulars of the action taken following the loss.
- d. The written report mentioned in para (c) above, will also be fwded in all cases of loss of issue eqpt, govt property, etc.

68. Cs of I

- a. A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Maj J LOUGHREY 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Capt R F MOLLARD 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut L I JONES 2/24 " "

will assemble at such time and place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances in which a British .38 pistol and .32 Colt pistol, the property of two members of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, were lost on 25 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

- b. A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs

President

Maj R L BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Member

Lieut D G SINGLETON 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

will assemble at such time and place as the President may

/appoint

appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the circumstances in which issue eqpt and clothing on charge to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn were lost during night 27/28 Jan 42.

The attention of the Court is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 470.

J. J. [Signature]
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- 78 LAD
- 9 Aust Div (for infm)
- War Diary (2)
- File

The loss of arms is a serious matter and unless the above order is complied with, the possibility of apprehending offenders is greatly diminished.

In addition to reporting the loss by the unit will submit a report, in duplicate, to their HQ as early as possible and within 48 hrs of the occurrence, as follows:

1. The identity of the loss
2. Circumstances surrounding the loss
3. Security measures within the unit area
4. Detailed particulars of the action taken following the loss.
5. The written report mentioned in para (c) above, will also be filed in all cases of loss of issue eqpt, & property.

A G of I consisting of the undermentioned officers

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2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Members
Capt R F HOWLAND
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut J I JONES
2/24

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

30 Jan 42

26 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN No 28

PART I.

Introductory

1. The present lull in ops in this area provides a further opportunity to prepare for the next stage of ops. Experience shows that lulls in active ops tend to be short lived and that they come to an end with little warning. For the present, the contribution the div can make to the shortening of the war is by developing our effort in two ways:
 - a. Making the maximum use of the opportunity for continued tng so that when ops commence the div will be a more effective fighting force.
 - b. Building and completion of the defence works in this area to the greatest extent possible in the time available.

Both tasks are liable to interference by weather conditions: at the same time the weather must not be allowed to interfere unduly with the achievement of these objectives.

2. Tng will continue with a view to completing the programme outlined in Tng Instn 27 para 2.

3. Tactical Tng of Leaders

- a. The tactical tng of leaders is to be accelerated during the present period.

It is considered that offrs are available for exercises such as war games and indoor exercises during the evenings, and that during the period spent on defensive works many offrs can be made available for tactical tng.

- b. In the first instance tng will be directed to study the following ops by means of TEWTs:

i. The Attack

ii. Operational tasks for which the Bde is at present responsible, including counter-attack roles.

iii. Coy TEWTs - Defence of EL MINA
(In conjunction with Comd TRIPOLI Port)

Defence of CHEKKA Tunnel Area.

iv. Bn TEWTs - Beach Defence.

4. Tng of Comds and Staffs

Tng of senior comds and staffs must continue consecutively with that of the units and, so that this may be organised, the responsibility for this tng is allotted as follows :

Div Tng of bde comds and staffs
Part tng of COs.

Bdes Tng of regt comds and staffs
Part tng of coy etc comds.

Unit Part tng of coy etc comds
Remainder of unit offr.

PART II

5. Tng: Pack Basis

- a. Tng is to be undertaken operating on a reduced scale of G1098 eqpt carried on a Pack Basis.
- b. Preliminary tng for four days of one offr and two NCOs per bn has been provided.
- c. Load tables will be issued later, together with more general infm on Pack tpt.

6. Use of Local Terrain

It is suggested that sub-unit tng may well include the following :

- a. Detailed patrol exercises fwd of FDLs.
- b. Minute study of all ground fwd.
- c. Recce of own posns from enemy point of view.
- d. Practice in fighting patrols and raids, first by day and then by night.
- e. Movement by night in rear areas.
- f. Detailed recce of rear area rds by all drs, and movement over them by night.

7. Tpt

A limited amount of tpt for operational tp movement is available at 2 clear days notice.

8. Liaison Offrs of Army Tk Bns

- a. It is expected that offr and NCOs of the RAC on the scale of one offr and one NCO per bde gp and RAA HQ will be available for attachment to HQ concerned for a short period.
- b. The opportunity should be taken during this visit to :

- i. Study the problem of co-operation with tks.
- ii. Give short instructional lectures to units on co-operation with tks.
- iii. Assist directing staff on tng exercises and TEWTs.
- iv. Recce defence and frontier areas to determine probable area for tk approach and direction of attack.
- v. Study counter attack roles for "I" tks in 9 Aust Div defences.

Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn:

2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 " " "
2/48 " " "
26 Aust A Tk Coy
War Diary (2)
File (2)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

5 Feb 42

WAR DIARY(Period 15 Jan - 31 Jan 42)

Adv and recce parties arrived at LEGOULT Barracks TRIPOLI at 1430 hrs 14 Jan 42, having bivouaced overnight at AZ-ZIB Camp. Relief of 25 Aust Inf Bde was commenced, units relieving as follows:

2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn	relieved	2/25	Aust	Inf	Bn
2/24	"	"	"	"	2/31	"	"	"
2/48	"	"	"	"	2/33	"	"	"

Bde Comd was being administered by Lt-Col B EVANS DSO, who together with unit comds began an extensive recce of left sector of TRIPOLI Fortress defences, this being the responsibility of 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Miscellaneous gd duties have been taken over, incl the Defence of TRIPOLI Port, this being entrusted to one rifle coy and one rifle pl of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

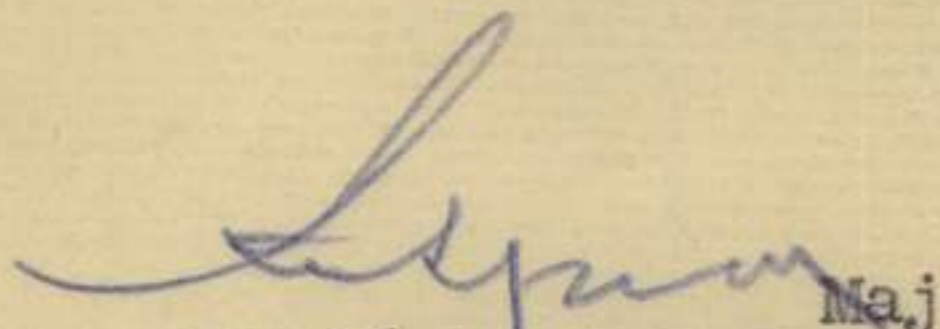
Rd party of this bde arrived at 0900 hrs 18 Jan 42, and the rail party at 1930 hrs 18 Jan 42.

Tng during the period under review consisted of -

- (a) Recce by subordinate comds of their respective areas and route marches by tps to gain general knowledge of terrain and tracks.
- (b) Three days intensive tng and three days work on defences in fwd areas in each week.

Brig R W TOVELL DSO, ED returned to comd bde on 25 Jan 42.

Rear parties of HQ and units arrived at 2000 hrs 22 Jan 42.


Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

Period 14 - 31 Jan 42

3 Feb 42

1. MOVE PALESTINE - SYRIA

The main feature of the relief of 25 Aust Inf Bde by units of this bde was that the operation provided an excellent example of gross mismanagement, combined with obvious lack of proper coordination, on the part of persons unknown, but presumably by those who arranged the movement.

The move was in no respect a relief in the true sense of the term as practised in TOBRUCH, but was a full-scale simultaneous move of two divs. A typical result, from an adm view point, was that this bde, having left all cooking gear behind, arrived in SYRIA to find that no cooking gear was to be taken over.

2. REINFTS

Nil

3. TPT

Tpt has been required incessantly for -

- (a) Movt of tps to fwd areas to carry out wks programme
- (b) Security gds
- (c) Leave parties

and has consequently been found most inadequate, particularly as only bde tpt has been available.

4. WEAPONS

The situation has improved considerably since arrival, and shows every sign of continuing to become better.

5. ACCOMMODATION

23 and 48 Bns Barracks, 24 Bn under canvas.

6. CLOTHING

The necessity for a second issue of battle-dress to provide a change of clothing in wet weather is very apparent. Supplies are gradually coming fwd and it is expected that all ranks will have received a second issue in the near future. It is considered that these supplies should have been made available before the arrival of tps.

7. HEATERS

Sufficient quantities, but insufficient wicks and kerosene.

8. ENGR STORES

Supply has been fair, but the issue of a forge and
blower to each bn

blower to each bn would enable units to sharpen tools in the fd rather than waste time and petrol by bringing their tools to the Fd Coy and/or LAD for resharpening.

J. J. J. J.
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

2 Feb 42

WAR DIARY

Fortnight Ending 31 Jan 42

M T SECTION

No increase in veh strength.

Left JULIS 0630 hrs Jan 17; arrived TRIPOLI 0730 hrs Jan 18. All vehs arrived safely.

Drs receiving instn in driving on slippery surfaces and precautions against frost. Radiators drained each night as a precaution against frost.

Movement : Usual bde duties. Veh Z 4520083 on loan to 26 Aust A Tk Coy.

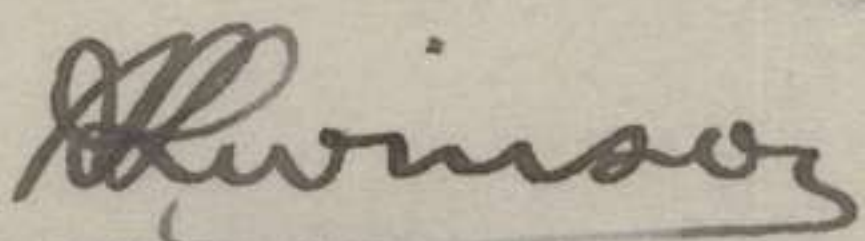
G. Austin Capt
TO 26 Aust Inf Bde

WAR DIARY

SUPPLIES

1. Movement PALESTINE to SYRIA. Hard rations carried by all personnel. Bde AASC offr travelled with main road party. Suggest advisability of inclusion in advance party.
2. Supply system in operation. Indents lodged with Bde Sup 0 at Bde HQ. W3316 compiled by him and with indents b'dged at FSDs from which units drew their own rations. This found unnecessary; indents now lodged direct with FSD for consumption 3 days ahead. Units pick up at FSD.
3. W3810 to be submitted by all units, see Div RO 41 of 22 Jan 42.
4. Sup 0 26 Bde acting as Sup 0 for all units drawing rations from FSD TRIPOLI.
5. Rations. ME Ration Scale. Meat, fresh, local 16 4/5 ozs Beef poor. Mutton fair. Bread from Fd Bakery in BEIRUT Vegetables Cabbage, Spinnach, carrots, onions, swedes, and occasionally potatoes.
6. Fuel. Additional ration for units at and over 1000 ft.
7. Petrol. Drawn from area or unit pumps. Bulk supplies per road tanker from BEIRUT into unit drums. Use of tinned petrol discouraged.
8. Forage. On issue to certain units with horses or mules on their charge.

Note : See Appx "A" for ration scale issued to units on 30 Jan 42.


Capt
AASC offr 26 Aust Inf Bde

Appen. "A"

MIDDLE EAST RATION SCALE

30 JAN 1942

Normal	Brit	Aust	Equivalent	Brit	Aust
	ozs	ozs		ozs	ozs
Bread	14	16	Biscuits	10	11½
Meat (iii) Frozen with bone	10	14	Meat Pres, with	8	11
" Fresh Local with bone	10	16	Pickles, or	2/7	2/7
" Boneless, plus	6½	9	Chutney	1/14	1/14
" Fat cooking	1	1½			
Vegetables Fresh	8	16	Vegetables, preserved	3 1/3	6 2/3
			Comprising Veggies, tinned	11/3	2 2/3
			Beans canned without		
			Pork	11/3	2 2/3
			Beans (lentils) Peas	2/3	11/3
			dried		11/3
Onions	2	3			
Potatoes, fresh	12	12	Potatoes tinned, and	6	6
			Rice, or	2	2
			Onions, and	2	2
			Rice	2½	2½
Bacon, tinned or	2	2			
Sausages, tinned		4			
Butter	1½	2	Margarine	1½	2
Cheese (Twice weekly)	2	4			
Dried Fruits (Twice Weekly)	2	2			
Tea		3/4			
Sugar	3	4			
Salt (¾ oz for tps in Western Desert Only)	½	½			
Jam, Marmalade, or	1½	2			
Golden Syrup	1	1			
Milk tinned	2	2	Milk fresh		5
Pepper	1/100	1/100			
Mustard and/or	"	"			
Curry Powder	1/30	"			
Meat Loaf		4/7	Meat Pres, (to be issued only when stocks of Meat Loaf are exhausted)		10/21
Salmon	3/7	6/7			
Herrings or	4/7	6/7			
Sardines, Pilchards tinned	2/7	3/7			
Rice (Brit daily)	1				
Flour) British	1½				
Oatmeal) Alternately	1				
Rice or Oatmeal or Flour (alternately Aust)		2			
Fruit fresh, when available	4	4			
or					
1 Orange (in season) and/or					
½ Grapefruit, whichever					
greater (i) (ii) (four tim					
es weekly) Fruit Juice "		3			
Ascorbic Acid Tabs (0.025					
gm) (iv) 1 Tablet					
Marmite (iv)					
Wood (cooking) or	48	48			
Kerosene "	6¼	6¼			
Kerosene for heaters -					
14 pts per heater per wk					
Tobacco, or	2				
Cigarettes	50				
Matches boxes	2				
Kerosene light					
pts per lamp	½				

Units situated at 1000 ft and over may draw fuel for cooking and heating at special rates - until 28 Feb 42.

Special scale :- Cooking - 2½ lbs Coal, or) per man
 4½ lbs Wood, or) per day
 pt M.B.O)

Heating - 10½ lbs Coal, or) per heater
 21 lbs Wood, or) per day
 3 pts M.B.O.)

Scale of Res Rations :-

Pres Meat - 9 ozs)
 Biscuits - 16 ozs)
 Tea - 2 ozs) per man
 Sugar - 2 ozs)
 Jam - 2 ozs) per day
 Milk - 2 ozs)

- Note :** (i) When oranges are small, the 4 ozs of fresh fruit may be made up either of oranges alone, or of oranges and other fruit.
- (ii) When the distribution of fresh fruit is impossible, 2 ozs of tinned fruit in lieu of 4 ozs fresh fruit may be issued to troops in certain areas (see AIF (ME) Order 908).
- (iii) When frozen or fresh or boneless meat, and fresh onions, potatoes and vegetables are not available, 28 ozs of M and V Ration may be issued in lieu thereof.
- (iv) To be issued only on the recommendation of the ADMS of a Div., or CO of a hospital.

Daily Time Table for Occasional Issues

		<u>British</u>	<u>Aust</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	Eggs	2 per man	2 per man
	Salmon	1½ ozs	3 ozs
<u>Monday</u>	Cheese	2 ozs	4 ozs
	P Meat	3 ozs	3 ozs
	Dried Fruit	2 ozs	2 ozs
	Fresh Fruit	4 ozs	4 ozs
<u>Tuesday</u>	Eggs	2 per man	2 per man
	Pepper	7/100	7/100
	Mustard and/or	7/100	7/100
	Curry Powder	7/30	7/100
	Pilchards and Sardines	1 ozs	1½ ozs
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bacon tinned	2 ozs	2 ozs
	P Meat	3 ozs	3 ozs
	Fresh Fruit	4 ozs	4 ozs
<u>Thursday</u>	Cheese	2 ozs	4 ozs
	P Meat	3 ozs	3 ozs
	Dried Fruit	2 ozs	2 ozs
	Salmon	1½ ozs	3 ozs
	Cigarettes	50 per man	
	Matches boxes	2 per man	
<u>Friday</u>	Eggs	2 per man	2 per man
	Herrings or	2 ozs	3 ozs
	Sardines and Pilchards	1 oz	1½ ozs
	Fresh Fruit	4 ozs	4 ozs
<u>Saturday</u>	Fresh Fruit	4 ozs	4 ozs
	Bacon	2 ozs	

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS							
<u>PUNISHMENTS:</u> VX 33784	Cpl	GAMON H	A/OC att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	<u>Offence:</u> Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he had in his possession firearms without lawful authority. AA 40.	1 Jan 42		

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(Date) 31 Jan 1942 ..

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(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

Award: Severe Reprimand

J. O'Connell Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

..... HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit).

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
*			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	10		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Brig	ROVELL R W	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	26 Jan 42	Ceased to be det HQ 9 Aust Div

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-Col	EVANS B	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	26 Jan 42	Ceased to be att HQ 26 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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	VX 46983	TOVELL R W	Comd	Yes	
Maj	VX 45	SPEED F W	BM	"	
Capt	VX 14044	GEBHARDT P	BM (L)	"	
Lieut					
(T/Capt)	VX 26586	OCHILTREE J G	SC	"	
Capt	VX 25783	AUSTIN G	Bde TO	"	
Capt	VX 15948	TIVEY E P	LO (1)	"	
Lieut	SX 9990	MORPHETT H C	LO (2)	"	
Lieut	VX 40314	McMASTER N E	AO	No	Conv Leave
Lieut	VX 32828	SHATTOCK E J	IO	"	Attending AIF (ME)
					Int School
Lieut	VX 37743	LINTON J D	-	"	Det for Duty 2/24
					Aust Inf Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
T/Capt	VX 48812	NATHAN G E	2/24 Aust	Inf Bn	Att for Duty
Lieut	VX 26764	McKOY A N	2/23 "	" "	" " "
Capt	SX 10143	LEVINSON A E	ASC 9	Aust Div	Bde ASC Offr
Lieut	VX 25003	BUSSELL W P	Sigs 9	Aust Div	CC L Sec Sigs
Lieut	VX 14738	LYTHE K	" "	" "	L Sec Sigs
Chap	SX 70323	ARCHBOLD R G	A A Ch D		Det 2/24 Bn
Chap	SX 9042	HENNER J F	A A Ch D		" 2/24 Bn
Chap	VX 63297	McQUIE	A A Ch D		" 2/23 Bn

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

(Signature of Commander) *[Signature]* Capt

31 Jan 42 (Date of Despatch.)

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