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26 Infantry Brigade

April 1942

HQ 26 AUST INF BDE

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TRIPOLI (SYRIA)

APR 42

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LOCATION

BDE MOVES

from TRIPOLI to BECHMEZZINE-AMCOUNE-KFAR HAZIR area. Whole Bde now under canvas.

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(174) ^{orig} ~~WAR~~ DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

Month and Year APR 42

9. MAY 1942 (Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Commanding Officer

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References & Appendices.
TRIPOLI, SYRIA	1 apr		War diary 25 hrs - 1 apr: Casualty returns: Casualty returns	apps no 1, 2, 3,
"	3 apr		ROs: Fd returns of Offrs: Fd returns of Offrs	" " 4, 5, 6,
"	4 apr		Casualty returns: Casualty returns	" " 7, 8,
"	5 apr		Bde HQ ROs	" " 9
"	7 apr		Casualty returns	" " 10
"	9 apr		Bde ROs: Bde HQ ROs: Bde ROs	" " 11, 12, 12A
"	10 apr		Bde Op Instr 5.	" " 13
"	11 apr		Fd returns of Offrs: Fd returns of ORs	" " 14
"	12 apr		Casualty returns	" " 15
"	13 apr		Bde HQ ROs	" " 16
"	14 apr		Casualty returns: Casualty returns	" " 17, 18
"	15 apr		War diary 1 apr - 15 Apr 42: 26 Bde Admin Order 1.	" " 19, 20
"	16 apr		ROs; Casualty returns	" " 21, 22
"	17 apr		Casualty returns; Casualty returns	" " 23, 24
"	19 apr		Op Instr 6: Bde ROs: Fd returns of Offrs: Fd returns ORs	" 25, 26, 27, 28

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TRIPOLI, SYRIA	Apr 20		Casualty return ORs : Fd Training Exercise TELL KALLAKH: Bde HQ	Appx 29. 30. 31
			Casualty return : Movement Instr Not.	32. 33
	" 22		Reorganisation Inf Bn (AIF) : GS Instr 13 (CD)	Appx 34. 35
	" 23		Casualty return ORs : Casualty return ORs & Offrs Att: Bde HQ ROs	Appx 36. 37. 38
	" 24		Bde ROs : Coast Watching (Warning of Imminent Enemy Attacks)	Appx 39. 40
	" 25		Casualty return ORs: Fd Return of Offrs: Fd Return of ORs	Appx 41. 42. 43
	" 27		Bde ROs: Bde HQ ROs: Bn Exercise (AMIOUNE area) :	Appx 44. 45. 46
	" 28		Casualty return Att Offrs: Casualty return ORs: Bde ROs	Appx 47. 48. 49
	" 29		War Diary 16-22 Apr: Casualty return ORs att: Casualty return Offrs	Appx 50: 51: 52
	" 30		Casualty return ORs: Bde ROs	Appx 53. 54
				

Appx 1.

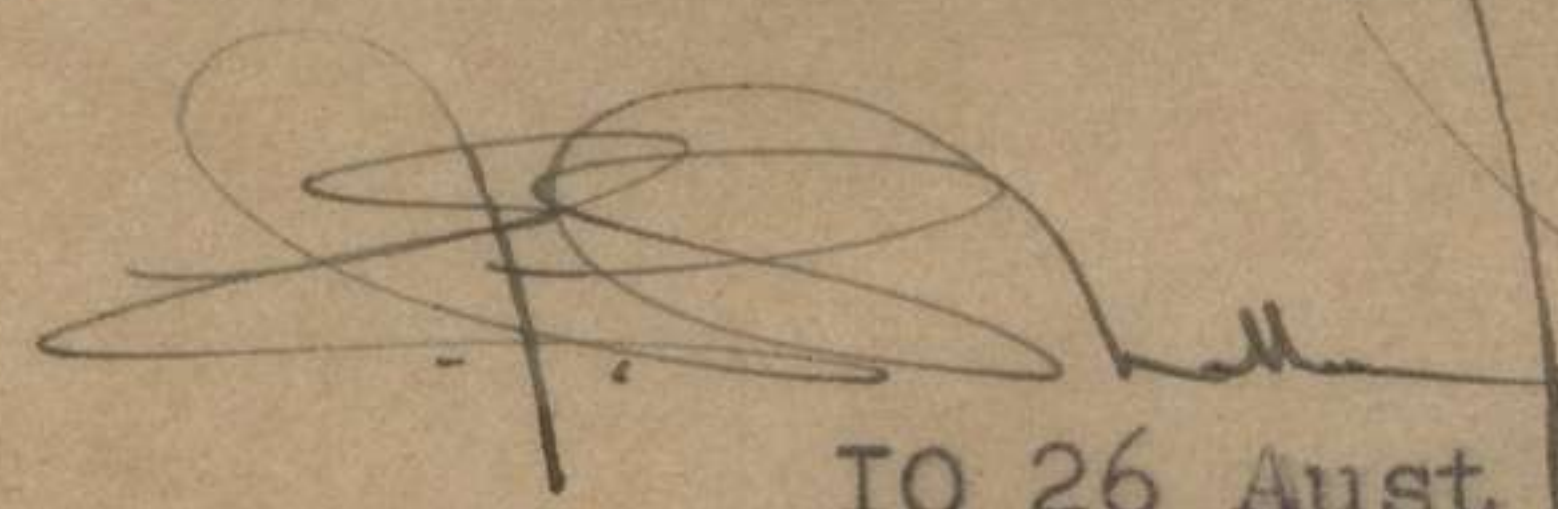
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

5 Apr 42

WAR DIARY - PERIOD 25 MAR - 1 APR 42

Fd firing exercise at TEL KALAKH was carried out by two coys of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on Sat 28 Mar. The exercise provided recent reinfts with their first experience of "sounds of battle" and proved extremely beneficial to all taking part. On 30/31 Mar 2/48 Bn carried out a bn in attack exercise in SAFITA area, 2/24 Bn less two coys being in the role of enemy. As much realism as possible was introduced into the exercise and mant valuable lessons were learnt. Reports on difficulties experienced are being prepared by each bn as they carry out the exercise. These will be consolidated by these HQ and it is to be anticipated that lessons of a constructive nature will result.

Further Anti-Gas tng stores have been made available and practical tng in this type of warfare is receiving special attention.

 Lieut
IO 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

WAR DIARY

Period 25 Mar - 1 Apr 1942

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On 28 Mar, the C-in-C MEF invested recipients of honours and awards.

Five gds of honour were provided by 9 Aust Div, units of this bde forming a composite gd of one hundred and twenty rank and file.

Following the investiture ceremony, the C-in-C, accompanied by Comd NINTH ARMY, DCIGS and div representatives carried out an inspection of the bde defensive wks..

J.achiever
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

2 Apr 42

AMENITIES

WAR DIARY

General

9 Aust Div Concert Party played to 2/48 Aust Inf Bn night 31 Mar and were very well received.

Sport

1. A football match 2/23 Bn V. 2/48 Bn was played Sun 29 Mar resulting in a win for 2/48 Bn. Owing to leave parties using unit tpt there were not as many spectators as on previous occasions.
2. Bde HQ played Gd Pl at Cricket and were defeated.

Leave

Two leave parties were organised Sun 29 Mar, No 1 consisting of 15 Truck-loads went to the Crac des Chevaliers. No 2 of 12 Trucks did a tour of SAFITA route via TARTOUSS. Reports on both trips show that they are very popular, behaviour good, and an intelligent interest is shown in the ruins.

W. Master Lieut
AO 26 Aust Inf Bde

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H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.	
Date	30 Mar 42.
Time	1630.
No.	200/5921.

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,
AIF (ME),
30 Mar 42.

Brig.	88
D.M.	(H) S
S.E.	(H) G.W.

HQ,
26 Aust Inf Bde

WEEKLY TNG REPORT

RIFLE COYS

1. (a) Wpn Tng -

Wpn tng generally is advanced. More range work is needed in rifle and especially LMG. Tps require firing practice in TSMG and A Tk rifle, and will also benefit by further Mortar 2" shoots. Elementary instn in mechanism of Breda and Schwartzlose is being introduced into Coy syllabi.

(b) Fd Tng -

Adverse weather, work on Sector A, TRIPOLI defences, and Camp duties, have reduced the amount of fd and collective tng in the past week. However, some improvement has been noted in the sec control of one Coy, and in fire and movement exercises. Generally, Coy and Pl tng remain at their previous standards - Intermediate and advanced respectively.

2. General -

Tps are becoming harder, but are not yet thoroughly fighting fit. Map reading and compass work require more practice. Lectures and demonstrations have increased general knowledge of A Tk and AP mines, and it is hoped that this will be furthered when stores are available for more frequent instn.

3. Morale -

So far as can be judged, all ranks are willing and in good heart. There are certainly no outward signs of discontent.

INT SEC

4. Good progress has been made in flag and semaphore signalling. Direction finding by night has improved. Personnel have received instn in mechanism and handling of LMG. The efficiency of the sec has been heightened by exercising newer members in the checking of defence area maps on the ground, recce and selection of alternative OP sites, and practice in office routine.

HQ COY

5. No 1 (Sig) Pl -

Sig office work continued. Lectures and practical demonstrations were given on procedure, elementary electricity, instruments, map reading, line laying, and semaphore. A written examination was given during the week, with very good results, the only failures being four recent additions to the pl. These men will be given more practice. The pl requires more practice in verbal message carrying. Physical fitness maintained.

6. No 2 (A.A) Pl -
LMG knowledge and handling is still of a high standard. Instn has been given in TSMG. Lectures and practical work on map reading continue with very favourable results. PT maintains the physical fitness.
7. No 3 (Mor) Pl -
Continuous det drill has been carried out during the past week. Three more members of the pl received instn in Carrier driving and 12 members received instn in truck driving in preparation for their carrier driving tests. Another night exercise in fighting patrols was carried out and proved successful, many important points being brought out. The whole pl took part in a 3" Mortar shoot comprising HE and smoke. Shooting was good, and proved an excellent opportunity for the tng of det comds. Route marches are carried out by Coy arrangement.
8. No 4 (Car) Pl -
During the week TOET in small arms were carried out, with very favourable results. Driving instn and maintenance continued; less experienced drivers are improving. Regular periods were devoted to Bren, TSMG, 2" Mortar and bayonet tng.
9. No 5 (Pnr) Pl -
Fd wks and camp duties occupied the syllabus. Construction of sleeping and amm bays at the defence area continued.
10. No 6 (Adm) Pl -
WITH The physical fitness of the pl has been maintained with further route marches. Further driving and maintenance instn, which increase in vehs has made possible, is showing good results, and the newer members of the pl are becoming more experienced.

HR Birch Major

Lt-Col

Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.
 Date 30 Mar, 42.
 Time 13 00.
 No. 200/584.

Brig *OB*
 B.M. *(H)*
 S.C. *10 (H) 4N.*

TG/34/828

2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
30 March 42.

26 AUST INF BDE.

REPORT ON TNG PERIOD 23 - 29 Mar 42.

1. Rifle Coys :

In addition to normal work on sec posts, each coy conducted rifle and LMG practices on 30x range. 52% qualified in rifle and 54% in LMG. 2" mortar personnel from each coy also fired on the mortar range on 24/25 Mar and the value of using live amm was proved by the distinct improvement shown on the second day. On 28/29 Mar a fd firing exercise gave valuable tng in the use of enfilade fire.

2. "I" Sec :

Traces of each pl area showing weapon pits, comm trenches and progress of work were prepared in addition to normal tng which is proceeding satisfactorily.

3. No 1 Pl :

This pl, in addition to routine maintenance, has commenced the tng of non-specialists and Bn competition team and progress is satisfactory.

4. No 2 Pl :

This pl, in addition to work on camouflaging of HQ area fired rifle and LMG practices on 30x range and also took part in fd firing exercise.

5. No 3 Pl :

On 24/25 Mar a range practice with live amm proved the necessity for range practices to give det comds experience in ordinary corrections to the mortars from observation of fire and how smoke can most effectively be used. Work on mortar posns is progressing satisfactorily.

6. No 4 Pl :

In addition to guard duties at rear HQ this pl carried out driving and maintenance instn as far as eqpt permitted.

7. No 5 Pl :

Alterations to coy kitchens and general camp maintenance fully occupied this pl.

8. No 6 Pl :

MT driving and maintenance fully occupied this pl.

Roseas Sweet

.....*Jav*.....Maj. for Lt.Col.,
 A.O.D. Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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Rosemary Lieut

.....*for*.....Maj. for Lt.Col.,
A.O.D. Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

30 Mar 42.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
30 Mar 42

1300.

26 Aust Inf Bde

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REPORT ON TNG AS AT 29 MAR 42

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1. RIFLE COYS

(a) C D Tasks. All rifle coys were sent to finalise tasks down to sec posts in the following areas:

Oil Refinery

EL MINA

CHEKIA Tunnel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Offr MT driving and M/C riding instn continues.

2. INT SEC

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

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

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

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

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

A. H. Hammer

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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App 3.
ARMY FORM W.3012 (BOOKS of 100).

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

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

23 Mar 1942 Number of sheets attached to this return 1.

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). Attachment, 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 the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<u>APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK:</u>							
VX 18764	L/Cpl	OAKLEY M W	Int Corps (Cipher Sec) att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Promoted Cpl	24 Mar 42		Vide 9 Aust Div letter A54/3/1470 of 27 Mar 42
SX 10774	Pte	SHANNON G W	" "	Appointed L/Cpl	24 Mar 42		" " "
<u>TRADE GROUPINGS:</u>							
VX 18764	L/Cpl	OAKLEY M W	" "	Relinquishes Trade Group II (Intelligence Duties)	23 Mar 42		

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) 1 April 1942

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

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

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

No. 40
3 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

107. CAFES - TRIPOLI TOWN

- a. The following cafes have been placed IN BOUNDS to tps as from 1 Apr 42 :

Cafe Carillion
Victory Bar
Cafe De Nice
Australian Bar
Bar Quick
Cafe San Pareil

- b. All the above cafes clearly display "in bounds to tps" notices outside their entrances. Under no circumstances, whatever, will tps enter other cafes in TRIPOLI town.
- c. LIQUOR - Beer, wines and light liqueurs only will be sold in these cafes. Tps are not permitted to take other liquor into any of these cafes.

- d. Opening and Closing Hrs :

WEEK DAYS - 1700 hrs - 2130 hrs
SUNDAYS - 1130 hrs - 2130 hrs

All tps must be clear of TRIPOLI town by 2200 hrs daily.

- e. All tps will be warned that the continued use of these cafes is entirely dependent on their good behaviour and conduct.

108. CARE OF ARMS AND EQPT DURING THE

Several instances have occurred of arms and eqpt being lost during recent tactical exercises. Practically all of these losses could have been avoided if proper care had been taken by the individuals responsible.

In particular, a number of rifles have been lost during river crossings. All tps, accordingly, will be warned that, when it is necessary to ford streams, the rifle will be carried slung across the back. Precautions will also be taken to secure other eqpt and stores from loss during crossing.

109. AACS - BEIRUT

The following AACS establishments in BEIRUT have been taken over by RFI :

AIF Offrs Club
ORS Canteen and Restaurant.

Although facilities will be available for AIF offrs and ORs, it will be realised that the same rights and privileges previously exercised by AIF cannot now apply.

All personnel will be specifically informed of the changed

status and conditions under which the Club and Canteen are managed. All ranks must realise that the establishments are no longer AIF property, and that their use by AIF personnel will be on the basis of visitors to whom HFI are extending the utmost facilities.

AIF control of the Hotel METROPOLN will be retained for the present.

110. PETROL

The following extract from a GHQ publication, which stresses the vital necessity for conservation and care of pet stocks, is published for promulgation to all ranks:

- "a. The increase in mechanical tpt in modern armies is such that approx 70% of the total maintenance requirements of an Arm'd Div consists of POL whilst the POL requirements of an Inf Div are some 33% of the total of all commodities required for maintenance in the fd.

These figures show the extent of the Army's dependence on POL.

Unfortunately POL is a most difficult commodity to handle and tpt because :

- i. it is highly inflammable,
- ii. it spills easily,
- iii. it evaporates rapidly, and
- iv. it leaks and evaporates from damaged containers very quickly.

- b. The following are the main causes of waste -- eliminate them :

- i. Rough handling of containers causes leakages and thus evaporation.
- ii. Never allow a leaking container to leak away.
- iii. Packing containers badly on vehs -- use plenty of damage to reduce jolting during movement.
- iv. Standing on containers during loading makes them leak.
- v. Spilling when filling vehs from containers or pumps.
- vi. Failure to switch off engines during halts however short.
- vii. Damage or loss of containers - always open containers carefully and preserve the bungs or caps.

- c. If every four men in a Div were responsible for saving one pint of pet per day, there would be a saving of over 35,000 galls per Div per month, or sufficient to move the whole of the Div tpt 50 miles.

The conservation of POL, the Army's most essential commodity, is the responsibility of every individual who wears his country's uniform.

Finally, be observant and helpful in this matter of pet wastage and make yourself and others Petrol minded."

111. COURT OF INQUIRY

A C of I consisting of the under-mentioned offrs :

President

Capt J M MATHVEN - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Member

Lieut J D MURPHY - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

/will

will assemble at 0930 hrs 4 Apr 42 at such place as the President may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the loss of one Bren magazine holder, on charge to 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, on 31 Mar 42.

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

W. J. P. O'Farrell Capt
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

Ref 9 Aust Div Amenities Circular No.7.

1. The following ticket allotment is made for the NAAFI entertainment "Girls in Uniform" at the PERROQUET THEATRE, TRIPOLI.

Bde HQ and att tps	FRI 10 APR	SAT 11 APR	MON 13 APR	TUE 14 APR
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	63	63	63	63
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	60	60	60	60
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	66	66	66	66

2. Tickets are available from Amenities Offr, HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Units will collect their allotments by 1200 hrs on the day of each performance.

FOUND In Shower house - LESGOUT Barracks, signet ring. Owner may have same on application to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Orderly Room.

Distribn

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 4 Apr 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	Brigadier	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels			
	Majors...			
	Captains			
	Lieutenants	5		
	2nd Lieutenants	4		
	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.
Chap	PORTER F	A A Ch D	2 Apr 42	Attached from A A Ch 1 and det to 2/23 Aust Bn (Padre)

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	SPEED F W	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	2 Apr 42	Evacuated 2/3 CCS. Po 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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig		TOVELL R W	Comd	No		Det for Duty
2								9 Aust Div
3		Capt		GEBHARDT P	BM(L)	Yes		
4		Lieut	T/Capt	OCHILTREE J G	SC	"		
5		Lieut	"	NATHAN G E	SC(L)	"		
6		Capt		AUSTIN G	TO	"		
7		Capt		TIVEY E P	LO(L)	"		
8		Lieut		BIRRI K J T	LO(2)	"		
9		Lieut		PAECH I G	LO(3)	"		
10		Lieut		SHATTOCK E J	IO	"		
11		Lieut		McMASTER N E	AO	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt-Col		EVANS B	2/23 Aust Inf Bn		Att for Duty
Capt		LEVINSON A E	AASC 9 Aust Div		Bde ASC Offr
Capt		RICHARDS I S	AAOC		OC 78 LAD
Lieut		McDONALD G M	Aust HQ Gd Bn		OC 4 Pl (Prot Pl)
Lieut		BUSSELL W P	Sigs 9 Aust Div		OC L Sec Sigs
Lieut		LYTHE K	"		"
Chap		PORTER F	A A Ch D		2 1/2 Sec Sigs
Chap		HONNER J F	A A Ch D		Det 2/23 Bn (Padre)
Chap		ARCHBOLD R G	A A Ch D		Det 2/24 Bn
					Det 2/48 Bn
					"

(Signature of Commander.)
 SC 26 Aust Inf Bde
 9 Aust Div

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)
 4 Apr 42 (Date of Despatch.)
 (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 83
5 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

392. DUTY OFFR

Roster for week ending 12 Apr 42 :

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon	6 Apr 42	Lieut I G PAECH
Tue	7 Apr 42	Capt A E LEVINSON
Wed	8 Apr 42	Capt E P TIVEY
Thu	9 Apr 42	Lieut K J T BIERI
Fri	10 Apr 42	Capt J G OCHILTREE
Sat	11 Apr 42	Lieut E J SHATTOCK
Sun	12 Apr 42	Capt G AUSTIN

393. DUTY NCO

a. Roster for week ending 12 Apr 42 :

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon	6 Apr 42	Pte GLEESON J M
Tue	7 Apr 42	L/Cpl OAKLEY M W
Wed	8 Apr 42	L/Cpl WATSON A R
Thu	9 Apr 42	L/Sgt TAVERNER J L
Fri	10 Apr 42	Cpl STEWART S G
Sat	11 Apr 42	L/Cpl SHANNON G W
Sun	12 Apr 42	Pte WILCOX B

b. Duty NCOs will ensure that, prior to their tour of duty, they ascertain the correct procedure in registering both "IN" and "OUT" messages and correspondence. Ignorance of this procedure in the future will not be considered an excuse.

394. CAFES - TRIPOLI TOWN

a. The following cafes have been placed IN BOUNDS to tps as from 1 Apr 42 :

Cafe Carillion
 Victory Bar
 Cafe de Nice
 Australian Bar
 Bar Quick
 Cafe San Pareil

b. All the above cafes clearly display "in bounds to tps" notices outside their entrances. Under no circumstances whatever, will tps enter other cafes in TRIPOLI town.

/c.

c. LICUOR - Beer, wines and light liqueurs only will be sold in these cafes. Tps are not permitted to take other liquor into any of these cafes.

d. Opening and Closing Hrs -

WEEK DAYS - 1700 hrs - 2130 hrs
SUNDAYS - 1130 hrs - 2130 hrs

All tps must be clear of TRIPOLI town by 2200 hrs daily.

e. All tps will be warned that the continued use of these cafes is entirely dependent on their good behaviour and conduct.

395. AACS - BEIRUT

The following AACS establishments in BEIRUT have been taken over by EFI -

AIF Offrs Club
ORs Canteen and Restaurant.

Although facilities will be available for AIF offrs and ORs, it will be realised that the same rights and privileges previously exercised by AIF cannot now apply.

All personnel will be specifically informed of the changed status and conditions under which the Club and Canteen are managed. All ranks must realise that the establishments are no longer AIF property, and that their use by AIF personnel will be on the basis of visitors to whom EFI are extending the utmost facilities.

AIF control of the Hotel METROPOLE will be retained for the present.

396. PETROL

The following extract from a GHQ publication, which stresses the vital necessity for conservation and care of pet stocks, is published for promulgation to all ranks.

a. The increase in mechanical tpt in modern armies is such that approx 70% of the total maintenance requirements of an Arm'd Div consists of POL whilst the POL requirements of an Inf Div are some 33% of the total of all commodities required for maintenance in the fd. These figures show the extent of the Army's dependence on POL.

Unfortunately POL is a most difficult commodity to handle and tpt because :

- i. it is highly inflammable,
- ii. it spills easily
- iii. it evaporates rapidly, and
- iv. it leaks and evaporates from damaged containers very quickly.

b. The following are the main causes of waste -- eliminate them :

- i. Rough handling of containers causes leakage and thus evaporation.
- ii. Never allow a leaking container to leak away.

/iii.

- iii. Packing containers badly on vehs -- use plenty of dunnage to reduce jolting during movement.
 - iv. Standing on containers during loading makes them leak.
 - v. Spilling when filling vehs from containers or pumps.
 - vi. Failure to switch off engines during halts however short.
 - vii. Damage or loss of containers - always open containers carefully and preserve the bungs or caps.
- c. If every four men in a Div were responsible for saving one pint of pet per day, there would be a saving of over 35,000 gals per Div per month, or sufficient to move the whole of the Div tpt 50 miles. The conservation of POL, the Army's most essential commodity, is the responsibility of every individual who wears his country's uniform. Finally, be observant and helpful in this matter of pet wastage and make yourself and others Petrol minded."

Johnathan Capt
for SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

FOUND

In shower house - LEGGULET Barracks, signet ring.

Owner may have same on application to Bde HQ Orderly Room.

Distribn :

"A" Ech (2)

"B" Ech

Offrs Mess

Sgts Mess

Mens Mess

78 LAD

L Sec Sigs

Gd Pl

CSM

War Diary (2) ✓

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BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by
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No 84
9 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

397. ARMS - RETENTION OF NON-SERVICE TYPES

AIF (ME) Order No 1046 is rptd :

- "a. All members of AIF are forbidden to have any arms, weapons or amm other than WD Service types unless they are in possession of a certificate signed by the CO of the unit, authorising the retention of such weapons :-
- b. COs are authorised to sign such certificates only when :-
 - i. exigencies of the service require that the member should be armed with a weapon not of service type,
 - ii. the weapon is personal property obtained from a legitimate source, or
 - iii. is unserviceable and its only value is as a souvenir.
- c. In the case of sub-para (ij), these arms are to be held only in addition to, and not in lieu of WD issue.
- d. All ranks will hand in all arms and weapons for which a certificate is not granted. Units will be responsible for returning these to nearest Ordnance Depot.
- e. The certificate will be in the following form :-

No....Rank....Name.....Unit.....

is authorised to be in possession of (full description of weapon) as (Private property / A Souvenir / a Weapon)
- f. Certificates as in para (e) above may be obtained on application to the Staff Captain.

398. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS

- a. Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div RO No 60, para 3, which states -

"Commencing Sat 31 Jan 42 and each alternate Sat thereafter all ranks will wear respirator from 0900 hrs till 0930 hrs whilst performing normal duties."
- b. All ranks will therefore wear their respirators at the times stated above on Sat 11 Apr 42.
- c. This instn is applicable to all troops att to these HQ.

W. H. H. H. H.
Capt
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn as per RO No 83.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEBDE ROUTINE ORDERSPART 1

by

BRIG R W TOVILL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDENo 42
9 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

116. LEAVE - BEIRUT

- a. Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, the following leave allotment for 26 Bde Gp for period 13 - 15 Apr is made :

Bde HQ and att	9
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	37
2/24 " "	37
2/48 " "	37
	<u>120</u>

- b. Buses of Co 1/c unit parties will reach these HQ by 0900 hrs 12 Apr. These offrs will be included in unit totals.
- c. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will include TWO offrs 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 1/c bde leave party.
- e. Nominal rolls of leave personnel will be fwded in duplicate to reach these HQ by 1200 hrs, 12 Apr. O 1/c bde leave party will collect nominal rolls from Bde HQ prior to his departure to BEIRUT on 12 Apr.
- f. Unit tpt will be used.
- g. Name of OC convoy will be notified later. OC convoy will ensure that, once tps have debussed at BEIRUT, unit vehs will return empty to unit areas in convoy.
- h. Unit vehs will form up, facing WEST, outside main entrance LINGOULT Barracks by 0745 hrs. Convoy will leave at 0800 hrs 13 Apr.
- i. Picquet - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will supply leave picquet in accordance with DRO 61.
- j. Reports called for in 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, para 7, will reach these HQ by 0900 hrs 16 Apr.
- k. Unit comd will ensure that strict adherence is effected to the provisions of the above Div Adm Instn.
- l. RETURN JOURNEY - Tpt of 24 Bde Gp will be responsible for returning all tps of this bde to unit areas.

M. Athare Capt
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn as per HQ 41

Apr 13

SECRET

26 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN No.5.

COPY No. 10

10 Apr 42.

Ref Map : TRIPOLI 1/50,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

As per 9 Aust Div Int Summaries to date.

2. Own Tps

26 Aust Inf Bde will be relieved in present posns by 20 Aust Inf Bde during period 20-22 Apr.

INTENTION

3. 26 Aust Inf Bde will move into previously reced res areas vicinity BECH MEZZINE.

METHOD

4. 20 Apr - 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will take over 2/23 Aust Inf Bn area.

21 Apr - 2/17 " " " " " " 2/24 " " " "

22 Apr - 2/15 " " " " " " 2/48 " " " "

5. 19 Apr - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will move to area 157264

20 Apr - 2/24 " " " " " " 157263

21 Apr - 2/48 " " " " " " 156264

6. 21 Apr - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will move to area 15592639

7. In all cases will units of 26 Aust Inf Bde have vacated present posns 24 hrs in adv of incoming units of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

8. 20 Aust Inf Bde adv parties may be expected to arrive 19/20 Apr.

ADMINISTRATION

9. Adm Instn to be issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

10. Comd sector changes at 1800 hrs 21 Apr.

11. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde closes present location at 1600 hrs 21 Apr and opens new location same time.

12. Units 26 Aust Inf Bde will report by sig to these HQ immediately on reaching new location.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1620 hrs.

Issued to Sigs

P. Gebhardt Maj
Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBN

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No. 1
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	3
9 Aust Div (for infm)	4
20 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)	5
24 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)	6
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	7
Comd	8
SC	9
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20. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will be relieved in present posts by 20th Aust Inf Bde during period 20-22 Apr.

21. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will move into previously vacated posts vacated by 20th Aust Inf Bde.

22. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will take over 2/23 Aust Inf Bn area.

23. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will take over 2/24 Aust Inf Bn area.

24. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will take over 2/48 Aust Inf Bn area.

25. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will move to area 152504.

26. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will move to area 152503.

27. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will move to area 152504.

28. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will move to area 152504.

29. In all cases will ensure that 24th Aust Inf Bde vacates previous posts 24 hrs in advance of 20th Aust Inf Bde.

30. 20th Aust Inf Bde any parties may be expected to arrive 19/20 Apr.

31. The 24th Aust Inf Bde will move to area 152504.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 11 Apr 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig		TOVELL R W	Comd	No		Det for Duty 9 Aust Div
2		Capt		GEBHARDT P	BM (L)	Yes		
3		Lieut	T/Capt	COCHRANE J G	SC	"		
4		Lieut	"	NATHAN G E	SC (L)	"		
5		Capt		AUSTIN G	TC	"		
6		Capt		TIVY B P	LC (1)	"		
7		Lieut		BISSE K J T	LC (2)	"		
8		Lieut		PABCH I G	LC (3)	"		
9		Lieut		SHATTOCK R J	TC	"		
10		Lieut		McMASTER M E	AC	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt-Col		EVANS B	2/23 Aust Bn		Att for Duty
Capt		LEVINSON A E	AASC 9 Aust Div		Bde ASC Offr
Capt		RICHARDS I S	AASC		CC 78 LAD
Lieut		McDONALD C M	Aust HQ Gd Bn		CC 4 Pl (Prot Pl)
Lieut		RUSSELL W P	Sigs 9 Aust Div		OC L Sec Sigs
Lieut		LYTHE K	"		2 i/c L Sec Sigs
Chap		HORNER P	A A Ch D		Det 2/23 Bn (Padre)
Chap		HORNER J F	A A Ch D		" 2/24 Bn "
Chap		McDONALD R G	A A Ch D		" 2/23 Bn "

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
11 Apr 42
(Date of Despatch.)

M. H. H. H. H.
M/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Signature of Commander.)
Capt

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). **11 Apr** 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	56		
TOTALS	65		

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 L/Sgt	AASC - 9 Aust Div	2 ORs	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2 ORs	" " " "	1 OR	2/24 " " "
1 Cpl	AAMC - 2/11 Fd Amb	2 ORs	9 Aust Div Salvage
1 Cpl	Int Corps (Cipher)	1 Sgt	9 Aust Div Postal
1 OR	" " "	1 Cpl	" " " "
1 WO (1)	AOC 9 Ord Conductor	1 OR	" " " "
1 Cpl	" - Armourer	3 Cpls	Aust HQ Gd Bn (4 Pl)
3 ORs	" - "	37 ORs	" " " "
1 OR	" - Fitter MT	2 Sgts	Sigs 9 Aust Div (L Sec)
1 OR	" - Mech MT	1 Cpl	" " " " "
1 WO (11)	" - 78 LAD	38 ORs	" " " " "
1 Sgt	" - 78 LAD	2 ORs	A A Ch D (Detached)
1 Cpl	" - 78 LAD		
12 ORs	" - 78 LAD		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 43169	Pte	BARBER H S F	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evacuated 7 AGH

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

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

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

Date of Despatch 11 Apr 42

M. H. H. H. H.

Capt

Signature of Commander.

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Div

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PART 1.

by

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No. 85
13 Apr 42.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

399. DUTY OFFR

Poster for week ending 19 Apr 42 .

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon	13	Apr 42	Lieut N McMASTERS
Tue	14	Apr 42	Lieut I G PAECH
Wed	15	Apr 42	Capt A E LEVINSON
Thu	16	Apr 42	Capt E P TIVEY
Fri	17	Apr 42	Lieut K J T BIERI
Sat	18	Apr 42	Capt J G OCHILTREE
Sun	19	Apr 42	Lieut E J SHATTOCK

400. DUTY NCO

Roster for week ending 19 Apr 42 .

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon	13	Apr 42	L/Cpl KIMBER G G S
Tue	14	Apr 42	Cpl KIMBER J P
Wed	15	Apr 42	Cpl HOLMES S B
Thu	16	Apr 42	Pte GLEESON J M
Fri	17	Apr 42	Sgt FARQUHAR M F
Sat	18	Apr 42	L/Cpl WATSON A R
Sun	19	Apr 42	L/Sgt TAVERNER J L

401. CAFES - TRIPOLI TOWN

Further to Bde HQ RO 394 the following cafes are also "IN BOUNDS" to tps.

Alex Bar
Bar Marie Crothcelet
Red Hen Bar

402. WASTAGE OF PETROL

DRO 232 is rptd

- " 1. Considerable wastage of pet is incurred through :
- a. Filling veh tks from pumps at a rate which causes air locks and overflowing.
 - b. Drs of vehs insisting upon their veh tks being filled to overflowing both at pumps and from containers.
2. The dr is responsible for supervising the refuelling of his veh. A reasonable degree of care will obviate all losses from too rapid filling from pumps. Filling veh tks to overflowing is deliberate waste.

3. Notices to this effect will be posted up at all pts at which pet is issued and at pet pumps in unit lines."

403. INCORRECT USE OF MT

The practice of tps both overloading and sitting incorrectly in vehs will cease immediately. At all times tps must sit on the floor and NOT on the side walls of the veh in which they are travelling. Injuries resulting from disobedience of this instn will be considered as negligence and the appropriate disciplinary action taken.

M. H. H. H.
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

The AIF Offrs Clothing Shop TRIPOLI is open daily from 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs and 1400 hrs to 1730 hrs.

It will be noticed that the trading hrs now include Sunday mornings.

FOUND

In LEGOULT Barracks - One Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia Depositors Pass Book (BUNBURY, W.A.) No.2622, belonging to E S J DUDLEY.

Owner may claim same from these HQ.

Distribn

- "A" Ech (2)
- "B" Ech
- Offrs Mess
- Sgts Mess
- Mens Mess
- 78 LAD
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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

15 Apr 42

WAR DIARY

for period 1 Apr to 15 Apr 42

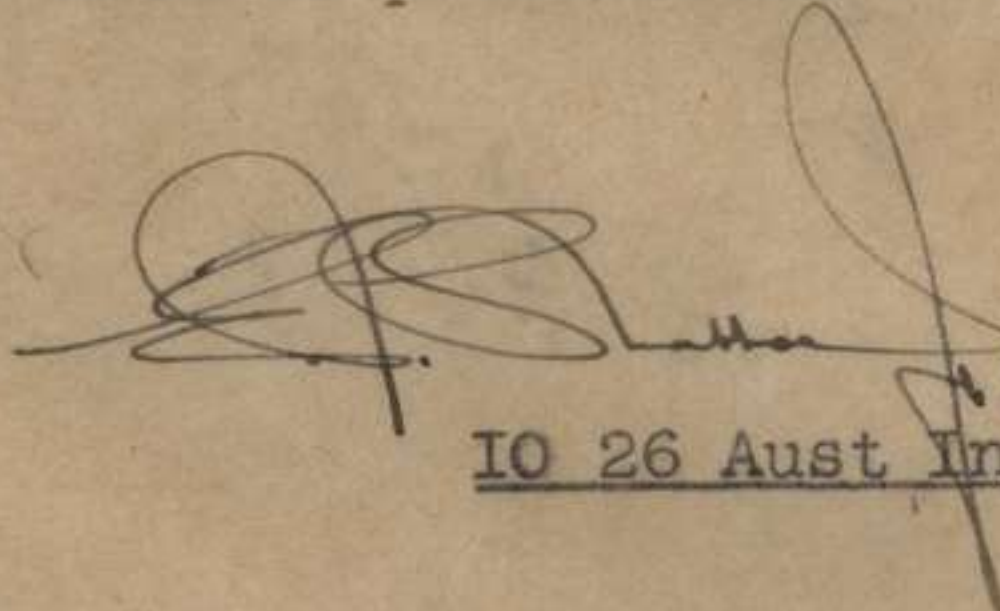
- 1/2 Apr The second bn exercise, in the series of three being conducted by Bde in AZIZIEH area, took place. 2/23 Bn were in the role of British tps with 2/48 Bn less two coys as enemy. Supporting arms co-operating were MGs, Arty and A Tk, in addition 451 Sqn RAF acted in the role of own and enemy aircraft providing invaluable experience for our tps as this was the first occasion that the Bde has had the benefit of this tng. The complete ground to air recognition signal system and message dropping were practised. R/T comm with the planes was maintained by the RAF wireless tender att to Bde HQ. Numerous lessons providing valuable material for further tng were learnt by all arms.
- 3 Apr A demonstration of overhead and flanking fire in support of advancing inf was conducted by 2/2 MG Bn, 50 ORs from each bn in the bde attending as spectators. A coy of guns were employed together with approx one coy of MG personnel acting as inf. The demonstration was the first of its kind witnessed by Bde tps and proved very instructive as it presented a clear picture of the valuable support which can be provided to attacking inf with this weapon, the overhead fire ceasing when tps were only 200x from objective and flanking fire maintained until tps were within 35x.
- 4 Apr Fd firing exercise carried out by two coys of 2/24 Bn was somewhat marred by the prevailing high winds resulting in inaccurate mortar fire.
- 6/7 Apr The final bn in attack exercise and the best in the series, took place with the 2/24 Bn in the role of own tps and 2/23 Bn less two coys as enemy. Air co-operation was again made available by 451 Sqn RAF and tng as in previous exercise repeated together with calls for direct air support, targets being indicated by recce aircraft and infm passed to Bde HQ by message dropping and R/T.
- 9 and 11 Apr Fd firing exercise carried out by two coys of 2/48 Bn and 2/24 Bn respectively, the latter being the most successful shoot of the series. The complete series of these exercises have proved of considerable value both in practical weapon tng for reinfts in conjunction with the "sounds of battle", and the lessons learnt by the more seasoned tps and junior comds.
- CW During this period further anti Gas tng stores have been made available to the Bde and intensive tng in this type of warfare is proceeding.

BDE RELIEF

26 Aust Inf Bde is being relieved by 20 Aust Inf Bde and moving to the Div res, the comd passing at 1800 hrs 21 Apr 42. 26 Bde will be occupying an area in vicinity of BECHMEZZINE, KFAR-HAZIR, AMIOUNE, (ref Map TRIPOLI 1:50000). Recce has been carried out by all comds and staffs and the erection of huts for adm offices is in progress.

WEATHER

For the past few weeks the Bde has been enjoying Syrian spring-time, summer dress having been adopted and the malaria precautions are in operation.


Lieut
IO 26 Aust Inf Bde

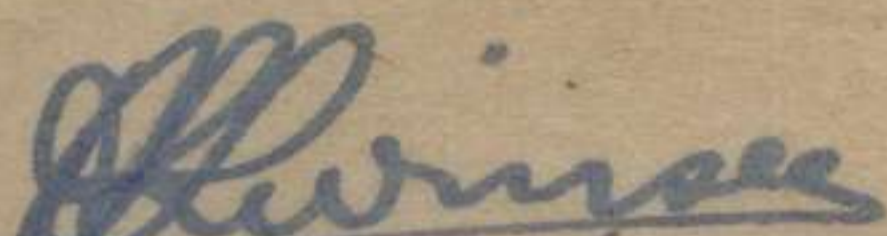
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

15 Apr 42

WAR DIARY

Supplies

1. On 11 Apr 42 a recommendation for an alteration of the issue of Flour, Oatmeal and Rice was made to HQ AASC 9 Aust Div.
2. Copy of recommendation att as Appx A.


AASC Offr 26 Aust Inf Bde Capt

AASC 9 Aust DivISSUE OF FLOUR OATMEAL AND RICE

1. Ref your S Sup O 618 of 7 Apr att is report requested.

2. In connection with this report I wish to make the following observations :

- (a) It is apparent that most units use less Oatmeal during hot weather.
- (b) More Flour would be useful to all units.
- (c) I have ascertained that the present "rice issue is in excess of unit requirements as $2\frac{1}{2}$ ozs is issued daily in lieu of potatoes fresh in addition to normal issue.

3. In furtherance to para 2, I wish to recommend :

- (a) That the issue of Flour to AIF units be increased by 100%.
- (b) That the normal issue of Oatmeal and Rice be decreased by 50%. Total weekly issues would then be -

Flour	9	$\frac{1}{3}$	ozs
Oatmeal	2	$\frac{1}{3}$	ozs
Rice	2	$\frac{1}{3}$	ozs

a total of 14 ozs which is in accordance with AIF ration scale.

4. The Rice issue although still in excess (see para 2 (c)) has not been wholly replaced by Flour as this would probably result in an excess of the latter with consequent waste. Excess rice can still be deleted daily by units.

5. I also recommend that to British units the issue of Flour be increased by 50% and that the issue of Oatmeal be decreased by 50% - i.e. Flour increase from $5\frac{1}{2}$ ozs weekly to $7\frac{7}{8}$ ozs. Oatmeal decrease from $3\frac{1}{2}$ ozs weekly to $1\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.

Capt
AASC Offr 26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON UNIT REQUIREMENTS OF FLOUR AND OATMEAL

The following units suggest a decrease of 50% Oatmeal and an increase of flour :

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	9 Div Mob Laundry and F Decn Unit
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	9 Div Saly Unit
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/1 Aust Fd Wkshops
2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE	2/1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 2 Corps Sec
24 Fd Pk Coy RAE	A/M Coast Bty
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	2/2 Aust MG Bn
37 Lt AA Regt RASC Sec	4 CMVS
1 Rec Sec 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshops	

These units suggest deletion of Oatmeal altogether :

2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE	2/1 Aust Ord Fd Pk 4 Div Sec
2/13 " " "	8 Sub Depot 3 Adv Amn Depot

These units suggest no change :

2/24 Aust Inf Bn 12 Coy AASC

56/260

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,
AIF (ME),
14 Apr 42.

Brig	P. (L)
B.M.	(L)
S.C.	(L) X

HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde

WEEKLY TNG REPORT

RIFLE COYS

1. (a) Wpn Tng -

Chief need in wpn tng still is for firing practice with all inf wpns, particularly machine carbine and A Tk rifle. Knowledge of wpns is good.

(b) Fd Tng -

Fd craft standard is fair to good, and sec drill has shown further improvement, but the standard of collective coy tng remains intermediate. Two coys co-operated, as a skeleton defending force, with 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in a Bde-directed exercise at AZIZIEH, and sound lessons were learnt. The standard of pl tng is satisfactory.

2. General -

Further instn and practice in use of maps and compass are still required. Knowledge of unarmed combat, and of camflg, is still elementary, and will be concentrated on during the tng period 15-30 Apr; good results are expected, as every pl now has at least one trained instr in each of these subjects.

Tng was interrupted in the past week by move from Behjatt Ghanen Barracks, to new camp site vicinity tk farm, where a bare site had to be developed with normal camp facilities. Since completion of the move on night 8/9 Apr 42, all available personnel have been engaged in camflg wk on FDLs on Sector A.

INT SEC

3. Bde-directed exercise gave experience in the manning and management of OPs for mobile ops, control rm operation, maintenance of log and action diary. Instn has been given in map enlargement, preparation of traces, fd sketching, recognition of ground, message writing and semaphore. Wk is proceeding at a very fair standard.

HQ COY

4. No 1 (Sig) Pl -

Regular periods of semaphore, buzzer and procedure. Sig office wk has continued. Comn has been established in the new area. The pl took part in the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn exercise, gaining practical experience in line laying, procedure and messages.

5. No 2 (A.A) Pl -

LMG revision is being continued with good results. Bayonet tng and route marches are keeping physical fitness up to a high standard.

6. No 3 (Mor) Pl -

The digging of mortar posns at the defence area has occupied the greater part of the period. Two days were taken up by 2/24 Aust Inf Bn exercise. Route marches are maintaining physical fitness.

7. No 4 (Car) Pl -

Wpn tng, route marches, and PT have comprised the syllabus. Carrier maintenance has continued. Pl co-operated with No 3 (Mor) Pl in the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn exercise.

8. No 5 (Pnr) Pl -

Fd wks and camp duties filled the syllabus. Wk was continued at defence area, and pnr duties carried out at both the present and new camp sites.

9. No 6 (Adm) Pl -

Car pk and water duties are now keeping all men fully occupied. New drivers are being given constant instn in driving and maintenance, with good results.

A. W. Birch Major
for Lt-Col

Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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H. Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

Date 13 Apr. 42.

Time 1400.

No. 200/664/W.D.

Brig

B. M.

S. C.

(H)
(H)

2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
13 April 42.

26 AUST INF BDE.

REPORT ON TRAINING Period 5 - 12 APR 42.

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On 11 Apr a two coy fd firing exercise, provided tng for pl and sec comds in fire and movement and mutual support.

Good progress was made during the three day's digging on pl works and sleeping quarters are now in course of construction.

2. I Sec :

Maps and records are being prepared for handing over and are nearly complete.

3. 1 Pl :

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4. 2 Pl :

LMG tng, work on Battle HQ and the Bn exercise gave this pl satisfactory tng.

5. 3 Pl :

This pl took part in the two day bn exercise and also fired live amm during the fd firing exercise and the tng was most satisfactory.

6. 4 Pl :

Guard duties in addition to taking part in the two day exercise fully occupied this pl.

7. 5 Pl :

Camp maintenance fully occupied this pl.

8. 6 Pl :

Routine driving and driving and maintenance

(2)

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Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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Roberts, Capt

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Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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H.Q. 28 / AUST. INF. BDE.

SECRET

Our Ref G/1/66

Date 13 Apr. 42.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
12 Apr 42

Time 1100.

No. 200/663/W.D.

26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON TNG AS AT 12 Apr 42

Brig	
B.M.	(M) (L)
S.C.	(L)

1. RIFLE COYS:

(a) The whole Bn was mainly on defensive works during the week with the following exceptions:-

- (i) Two Coys - Bde Fd Firing exercise.. This was a very useful tng day.
- (ii) Recce by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Offrs of defensive area.
- (iii) Several Offrs and 50 ORs attended a MMG demonstration.
- (iv) Eighteen NCOs attended a weeks course on JU JITSU.

(b) NIGHT TNG.

All Coys lived out during the week with the exception of CD duty Coy. Normal protective and security gds were performed. Each Coy held two Coy exercises - Night digging, Fighting patrols etc.

(c) CLASSES AND CADRES.

Offr and NCO lecture given on JAPANESE and JAPANESE tactics. Carrier D&M cadres continue for carrier and Mortar personnel. Preparations are being made for a Bn Weapon Tng Course for all NCOs under instructors who have completed the MEWTS course.

2. INT SEC.

- (a) Most of the work this week has consisted of preparation for handing over to 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. This has involved preparation of maps, document files and vetting files.
- (b) Recces have been made of new Bn area and maps have been drawn.
- (c) Three days were spent in digging in Bn defensive area.
- (d) Various methods of finding NORTH were taught and compass variations checked.

3. 1 Pl - SIGS.

Bn
Pl tng and digging in/defensive area has been carried out on bull - ring system. Tng has covered weapon tng. V/T, R/T, semaphore and Buzzer reading.

4. 2 Pl - AA.

Digging and tng in Bn defensive area has been carried out on bull - ring system. Tng covered has been, LMG, 2" Mortar, Map reading.

5. 3 Pl - MORTARS.

Pl has lived out and trained in Bn area. Mortar posns have been sited and digging commenced. 2 Dets took part in Bn Fd Firing Exercise and much valuable experience was gained. Tng included a day with a carrier and much was learnt about the use of the Mortar in conjunction with carriers.

6. 4 Pl - CARRIERS

Digging and tng was carried out in Bn defensive area on bull-ring system. Tng covered incl - carrier drill, semaphore, LMG, map reading, 2" Mortar compass and carrier sigs.

6 drs are attending course of instn with 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop.

More practice is needed in carrier drill.

7. 5 Pl - PIONEERS

First half of week was spent digging and tng in Bn defensive area.

Tng incl laying a minefield.

During second half of week Pl bivouaced in new Bn area, erecting huts and making a rd.

8. 6 Pl - TPT

Tpt duties have fully occupied most of the Pl. Remainder have been digging in Bn defensive posn.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Lectures: NCOs of HQ Coy received lectures in:

(a) Ju Jitsu

(b) Drill for forming up by night.

Amenities: Coy attended YMCA concert in Bn defensive area.

Night tng: Night occupation and silent coy assembly was carried out.

10. Bn HQ

Routine duties have fully occupied Bn HQ.

RP persomel continued with tng in map reading and traffic control.

A. H. Hammer

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

AMENITIES

WAR DIARY

1. Sport Sunday 5th :

- (a) 2/23 and 2/24 Bns Aust Rules Football.
- (b) 2/48 Bn and 2/3 Fd Coy Aust Rules Football. Match was won by 2/48 Bn, and was well supported by both units.
- (c) 2/23 and 2/48 Bns played inter coy matches of football and cricket.

2. Comforts

An ACF issue took place Monday 6th as listed below. 6 sets of boxing gloves were also obtained from ACF for issue to units.

3. Leave

2 Convoys were sent on Sun 5 Apr to -

- (a) BEIRUT - strength 200 men
- (b) BECHARRE - " 15 vehs

Both Convoy Comds report that the trips were very popular, and behaviour excellent.

J.W.M.
Lieut
AO 26 Aust Inf Bde

Appx

ACF Issue

- 1 Pkt razor blades perman
- 2 " PKs
- 1 Cake soap
- 2 Handkerchiefs
- 1/3 lb cake and/or
- 1/2 tin fruit perman

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

7 Apr 42

WAR DIARY

MT SECTION

Increase in veh strength - Strength now is as follows

DS 4. ^PCU 1. 15 cwt 4. 1 Ton 4. 30 cwt 3. M/C 1

Dr L GRAETZ returned from Hospital

Movement usual Bde Routes and supplying tpt for BN exercises

Vehs still arriving from PALESTINE for distribution to 9

Aust Div.

G. Austin Capt
TO 26 Aust Inf Bde

AQ WAR DIARY (Period 1-8 Apr 42.)

Nothing to report.

M. J. H. H. H.
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde. Capt.

56/249

1 Coy Recd.
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,
AIF (ME),
7 Mar 42.

Brig	
B. M.	8 2/30
S. C.	4/4 (L) M

HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde

WEEKLY TNG REPORT

H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.	
Date	6 Apr 42.
Time	1800.
No.	200/63 6/209

RIFLE COYS

1. (a) Wpn Tng -

Wpn tng standard has been maintained, but need still exists for firing practice with rifle, LMG, TSMG, and A Tk rifle.

(b) Fd Tng -

Two days of the tng period were spent on a Bn exercise directed by Bde HQ. Sec control showed improvement and the fd craft generally was good. Special attention however, in all exercises is being devoted to control. The intermediate standard of coy tng has shown slight improvement, while pl tng has been maintained at an advanced stage.

2. General -

Tps are fit and, from all outward signs, in good heart. The Bn bivouac, as a change from Barracks life, especially appealed to them, and it is felt that they will re-act in similar fashion to the forthcoming move from Barracks to an open camp under canvas. Another aspect of tng which appealed to all ranks was instn in loading and unloading of animal tpt, each rifle coy spending one morning of the past week at the lines of 8 Mule Coy RIASC. Map reading and compass work have shown a slight improvement, but more practice is still required. Unarmed combat instn is at the elementary stage, but progress is satisfactory; standard will improve, now that each rifle pl has a trained instr. Camflg knowledge is elementary, but considerably more emphasis is being laid on this in the tng programme for 15 - 30 Apr 42.

INT SEC

3. Because personnel were unfamiliar with the performance of their rifles after receiving armourer's attention, one days practice on the 30 yd range was of great value. The Bn two day exercise afforded experience of Int problems in mobile attack, and gave the sec valuable practice in semaphore, syllabic cipher, and air recce code.

HQ COY

4. No 1 (Sig) Pl -

The past week was devoted to lectures and practical demonstrations on the following subjects :- Procedure, instruments, map reading, semaphore, elementary electricity, line laying, and station work. The Bn exercise provided excellent opportunity for practical work on these subjects, and also for verbal message carrying.

5. No 2 (A.A) Pl -

Intensive tng and instn have been given in bren, bayonet, TSMG, and map reading. Regular periods of PT and route marches maintain physical fitness.

6. No 3 (Mor) Pl -

Det drill is still of a high standard. Instn in carrier driving continued. The Bn exercise provided good practical work in the tng of det comds, who are becoming very capable. PT and route marches continue to improve the physical fitness of the pl.

7. No 4 (Car) Pl -

Regular periods were devoted to bren, TSMG, 2" Mortar and bayonet tng. Carrier driving and maintenance were carried out by all personnel. One day was spent at the rifle range. NCOs took part in Bn bivouac and tactical exercise, using carriers in co-operation with inf.

8. No 5 (Pnr) Pl -

Fd wks and camp duties filled the syllabus. The construction of sleeping and amn bays at the defence area continued.

9. No 6 (Adm) Pl -

Driving and maintenance instn has been continued, with good results. With continued practice, congoy work is satisfactory. Route marches are carried out by coy arrangement.

H. H. Finch major
for

Lt-Col

Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.
 Date: 6 Apr. 42
 Time: 1630.
 No. 200/633/W.D.

Brig. *8 RB*
 B.M. *R/10*
 S.C. *(2)*

T.G/34/876

2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
6 April 42.

26 AUST INF BDE.

WEEKLY TNG REPORT.

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Work on coy areas was continued and satisfactory progress made in wiring and camouflaging.

Two coys were engaged in a two day exercise in conjunction with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn, all personnel showed keen interest and much valuable experience in the occupation and holding of a defensive posn gained.

A two coy fd firing exercise on 4 Apr, though not entirely true to the scredd, in its later stages also created keen interest and taught lessons both to sec and pl comds. Additional weapons, if available could be used in future exercises with profit.

Reasons wanted RB

2. I Sec :

In addition to taking part in Bn exercise on 30/31 Mar this sec continued tng with satisfactory results.

3. No 1 Pl :

This pl took part in both Bn exercises in addition to normal routine duties and tng.

4. No 2 Pl :

Camouflage, fd works and picquet duties fully occupied this pl.

5. No 3 Pl :

A most successful mortar shoot at fd firing exercise completed a satisfactory week.

6. No 4 Pl :

Gd duties and driving and maintenance fully occupied this pl. It is desirable that more carriers be made available to enable adv tng to be undertaken.

7. No 5 Pl :

Camp maintenance and some A/Gas tng fully occupied this pl.

Robear Capt

.....*for*.....Maj for Lt.Col.,
AOD. Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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Our Ref: 9/1/62.

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B.M.	(A) 40
S.C.	(2)

SECRET

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
6 Apr 42

26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON TNG AS AT 5 Apr 42

M.O. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.

Date 6 Apr 42

Time 1130

No. 220/630/W.D.

1. RIFLE COYS:

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

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

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

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

2. INT SEC:

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

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

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

3. 1 Pl - SIGS:

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

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

4. 2 Pl - AA:

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

5. 3 Pl - MORTARS:

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

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

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

6. 4 Pl - CARRIERS:

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

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

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

7. 5 Pl - PIONEERS:

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

8. 6 Pl - TPT:

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

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

Lectures: NCOs of HQ Coy received lectures on:

- (a) Amn supply in the fd.
- (b) 68 Gren
- (c) Methods of instn.

Sports:

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

10. Bn HQ:

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

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

A. H. Hammer

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Appx 2.

SECRET

26 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No.1.

COPY No. //

(To be read in conjunction with 26 Aust
Inf Bde Op Instn No.5.)

14 Apr 42

Ref Map : TRIPOLI 1/50,000

1. GENERAL

This order deals with the move of 26 Aust Inf Bde from areas NORTH of TRIPOLI Town to a res area SOUTH of BECHMEZZINE.

2. METHOD OF MOVE

- a. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will march to previously recced areas, carrying full marching order.
- b. Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn may move to new area by the most suitable method. These HQ to be notified by 17 Apr 42 of the method adopted.

3. TENTAGE, ACCOMMODATION STORES and G1098 EQPT

- a. Mutual arrangements may be made with relieving units for the exchange of tentage on the basis of 100 EPIP tents or equivalents per bn to be taken to new areas (Note 1 EPIP = 2 180 lb).
- b. Hutments, erected by members of unit pnr pls, will be supplied as listed in Appx "A".
- c. All accommodation, other than mentioned in Appx "A", will be in tents.
- d. All G1098 eqpt to be taken to new areas.

4. CAMFLG

- a. Hutments and tentage will be completely camouflaged by 25 Apr 42.
- b. Paint for hutments may be obtained from camflg wkshops, ALMA.

5. WATER

Arrangements have already been made with CRE 9 Aust Div for showers, water points and water storage tks to be placed in the new area and to be completed by 16 Apr 42.

6. LATRINES

- a. The immediate preparation of deep trench latrines will be a unit responsibility.
- b. All latrine seats, screens etc will be moved from present locations to new areas.
- c. 2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec will deliver a proportionate number of latrines, wooden to all units as soon as possible.

7. SUPS and POL

- a. Present unit res will be maintained, and will be taken to new areas.
- b. Daily maintenance requirements on conclusion of the moves will be drawn in unit's first line tpt from DID SOUTH of DAHR EL AIN (161272).

8. TPT

- a. Additional vehs will be made available to each bn as shown in Appx "B".

b. Vehs to report at place and time to be arranged mutually between units.

9. HORSES

a. Eight horses at present with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will be taken over by Bde TO at 1000 hrs 19 Apr 42.

b. Personnel at present engaged in looking after these horses will be relieved by two experienced men per bn, who will report to Bde TO at horse lines, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn at 1000 hrs, 19 Apr 42. These men will be temporarily det for duty to these HQ from this time and date.

c. Bde TO will sup one veh to move saddlery, forage etc to new area on 19 Apr 42.

10. ENGRS

2/3 Aust Fd Coy will continue to be in support of this bde. Requirements should be submitted through these HQ.

11. REC

a. 78 LAD will be situated in the vicinity of Bde HQ (15592639).

b. 2 Rec Sec, 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshops situated NORTH of DAHR EL AIN at 16122730.

12. MEDICAL

Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb at KFAR HAZIR (155263), working as an ADS only, will evacuate all personnel either to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb (TRIPOLI Town) or 2/3 Aust Fd Amb (BARRACKS Area).

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1500 hrs

Issued by *Hand*

[Signature] Capt
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn

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2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3
9 Aust Div (for infm)	4	4	4
20 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)	5	-	-
2/3 Aust Fd Coy	6	-	-
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	7	-	-
Comd	8	5	5
BM	9	6	6
Bde TO	10	7	7
✓ War Diary	11-12	8-9	8-9
File	13	10	10

Serial	Unit	HUTMENTS			Remarks
		LARGE 82'X18'	MEDIUM 27'X18'	SMALL 25'X15'	
1	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	2	1	1	From FIH area
2	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	2	1	-	From FIH area. One large and one small hut connected by passageway.
3	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2(x)	-	1 (y)(z)	(x) From unit's present B Ech area. (y) From FIH area.
4	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2(x)	-	1 (y)(z)	(x) From 2/24 Aust Inf Bn's present B Ech Area. (y) From FIH area.

(z) It is intended that these Hutments will be used as recreational rooms.

Serial	Date	REPORT		VEHICLES	
		To	From	Type	No.
1	19 Apr	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	Lorry-3 Ton	Two
			2/48 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"
2	20 Apr	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"
			2/48 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"
3	21 Apr	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"
			2/24 Aust Inf Bn	" "	"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG R V TOVILL, BEO., BR., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No. 43
16 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

117. COURT OF INQUIRY

A C of I consisting of the undermentioned offrs :

PRESIDENT

MAJ W F BUDGE 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

MEMBER

Capt F A G TUCKER 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Capt J S CHRISTIE 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 upon the circumstances of the loss of six rifles from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn lines during night 13/14 Apr 42.

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

118. DAILY ROUTINE

a. The following times will be adhered to immediately units move to new areas SOUTH of RECHMESSINE :

i. Monday - Saturday incl

REVEILLE	-	0600 hrs
MORNING PARADE	-	0830-1230 hrs
AFTERNOON PARADE	-	1400-1630 hrs
RETREAT	-	1800 hrs
FIRST POST	-	2130 hrs
LAST POST (TATTOO)	-	2200 hrs
LIGHTS OUT	-	2215 hrs

ii. Sunday

REVEILLE	-	0630 hrs
CHURCH SERVICES	-	As near to 0900 hrs as possible.

RETREAT and other times as in para (i) above.

b. Meal times will be at the discretion of unit comds.

c. In order to obviate successive bugle calls at RETREAT, one bugle call will be sounded from Bde HQ area.

i. One Bugler from each bn will report to WO II RAMAGE, Bde HQ CSM, at 1745 hrs daily.

/11.

- ii. All personnel will observe the normal "attention" procedure during the sounding of RETREAT.

119. ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES

Attention is again drawn to AIF(ME) Order 229 and 9 Aust Div RO 194 on this subject. Further to these orders, the following will apply with immediate effect to units of this bde, incl att tps.

- a. Summer dress (i.e. shirts, shorts etc) will be worn from 0600 hrs to 1800 hrs daily.
- b. Between RETREAT (1800 hrs) and REVEILLE (0600 hrs, Sun 0630 hrs):
 - i. All personnel will wear long trousers (ORS-Trousers, KD) and shirt sleeves rolled down.
 - ii. Personnel necessarily on duty (e.g. Gds, Sentries etc) will wear veils, mosquito and gloves. If necessary, these personnel will also use mosquito ointment.
 - iii. Whilst in bed, all personnel will be covered by sandfly nets.

All comds will take steps to enforce these anti malarial measures. Breaches of the above instns will be treated as serious offences and the appropriate disciplinary action taken.

120. DEFICIENCIES IN MT EQPT

Units are required to submit to these HQ by 1200 hrs 18 Apr 42, their deficiencies in spare wheels, tyres and tubes. Spare wheels will be described by stating the make and type of veh. Sizes of tyres and tubes only need be stated.

121. INCORRECT USE OF MT

The practice of tps both overloading and sitting incorrectly in vehs will cease immediately. At all times tps must sit on the floor and NOT on the side walls of the veh in which they are travelling. Injuries resulting from disobedience of this instn will be considered as negligence and the appropriate disciplinary action taken.

122. RE STORES REQUISITION

Further to 9 Aust Div RO 229 on this subject, units will submit all requisitions for RE Stores on 2/3 Aust Fd Coy through these HQ. Requisitions will not be sent by letter service but will be accompanied by a unit representative, who, once the requisitions have been approved by the SC, may proceed to 2/3 Aust Fd Coy immediately.

123. PROVISION OF ENGR PERSONNEL FOR ERECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REFRIGERATING AND ICE MAKING PLANT AND COLD STORES.

The return called for in DRG 225 must reach these HQ by 1600 hrs, 20 Apr 42.
NIL returns are required.

Distribn

As per RO 41.

M. H. H. H.
A/ SC 26 Aust Inf Bde Capt

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NOTICE

FOUND

In LEBOULT Barracks - One Commonwealth Savings
Bank of Australia Depositors Pass Book (BURBURY, W.A.)
No. 2622, belonging to DUNLEY EDWARD STANLEY JARVIS.

Owner may claim same from these HQ.

(Unit to which personnel are attached)

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

4 Apr 1942 Number of sheets attached to this return 1

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). Attachment, 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 the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>							
VX 33939	Pte	BROWN B C	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	Ceased to be attached	13 Apr 42		
			HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde				

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) 17 Apr 1942

(Signature and appointment of Officer)

A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

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

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26 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN No.6.

COPY No. //

19 Apr 42.

COASTAL DEFENCE

Ref Maps : TRIPOLI 1/50,000
 LEVANT Series 1/200,000

INFM

(26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No.2 of 24 Feb 42 will be cancelled wef 1800 hrs 22 Apr 42).

1. Enemy

- a. It is considered probable that enemy activity of all kinds in SYRIA and PALESTINE will be co-ordinated with enemy action in LIBYA with the increased possibility of enemy landings on SYRIAN coast.
- b. The threats considered likely consist of :
 - i. Agents and small sabotage parties landed from submarines.
 - ii. Commandos and raiding parties of varying strengths from fast motor craft.
- c. A further threat, that of attack by a force of all arms combined with (b) above having the object of seizing and holding tactical features, is the subject of a separate instn.

2. Own Tps

- a. Coast Watching dets are provided in accordance with Appx"A"
- b. There is a security gd of one pl at CHEKKA Tunnel 14672639.
- c. Units located near the coast are responsible for the defence of the beaches in their vicinity as allotted in Appx"B".
- d. 9 Aust Div is responsible for additional defence of the SYRIAN coast from excl NAHR EL KEBIR 170369 to excl TABARJA 141233.
- e. Of this area 26 Aust Inf Bde has been allotted the Southern Sector - excl CARACOL 159274 to excl TABARJA 141233.

3. Ground

- a. On calm nights landings are possible at most pts.
- b. Installations forming likely enemy objectives are :
 - i. CEMENT FACTORY 149253
 - ii. CHEKKA TUNNEL 14672639
 - iii. Military HQs (as in Location Statement)

METHOD4. Provision of Tps

Units of 26 Aust Inf Bde will provide a Mob Det as follows :

- a. Comd - OC Coy)
 One rifle coy)
 Two carriers) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 Three carrier crews)
 One MC DR)

 Ø One carrier (with dr))
 Ø One MC DR) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

 One wireless van L Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div

b. Other tps are being supplied as follows :

- One pl MMGs 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- Ø One MF sec (seven 3 ton vehs or equivalent) 10 Coy AASC

Ø These will bivouac nightly at 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Lines, reporting at 1830 hrs.

c. The above det will be maintained DURING HRS OF DARKNESS at 30 mins notice to move.

5. Order to Assemble

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde will issue the following order, by telephone, to

- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- L Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div
- 10 Coy AASC

"TURN OUT CD MOB COY"

6. Assembly of Det

- a. Comd will report immediately to Bde HQ for further orders.
- b. Concurrently, the det (less pl MMGs) will assemble in the unit area, vehs being in posn within 15 mins of receipt of the order.
- c. Pl MMGs will report to Comd at a RV which is to be ordered by HQ 9 Aust Div.

7. Tasks

Mob Coy may be ordered to

- a. Reinforce positional tps, vide para 2 (b)
- b. Oppose attempted enemy landings.

8. Res

When Mob Coy is called out, remainder of Bn will be held ready to move ONE HR after Mob Coy has left. Restriction of normal leave facilities for tps other than the Mob Coy is not intended.

9. Preliminary Recce

- a. OC Mob Coy will recce forthwith
 - i. Security gd at CHEKKA Tunnel
 - ii. BLUE beach NORTH of EL KALMOUNE

/iii.

iii. RED beach NORTH of BATROUNE

b. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will ensure that coys are NOT relieved before OC of Coy taking over has completed his recce.

10. Bn Recce

Bn recce party will move out with Mob Coy.

ADM

11. Amn

Normal "on man" and "with gun" amn will accompany Mob Coy and Bn. Bn res amn will will accompany Bn.

12. Sups

- a. When emergency rations are available, these and one days res rations will be carried on the man.
- b. Until then an extra days res ration will be carried in unit vehs.

13. POL

For 100 miles will be carried for all vehs in addition to full tks.

14. Tpt

As far as practicable, the correct type of first line vehs will be used.

INTERCOMN

15. Reports

- a. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will report progress by telephone as follows :
 - a. 25 mins after receipt of order - present state of det.
 - b. On departure of det - time of departure.

16. DRs

On arrival in area of ops one DR will return and will report location of det to Bn and Bde HQ.

17. Wireless Silence

Will be maintained until contact with enemy.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1700 hrs

Issued to Sigs

[Signature]
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendices

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1	
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTING ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG R W TOVELL, DSO, ED., CMDR 26 AUST INF BDE

No 44
18 Apr 48

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

124. VILLAGES - OUT OF BOUNDS

- (a) Immediately units move to new areas south of BECHMEZZINE all villages will be considered "out of bounds" to all ranks.
- (b) This particularly applies to AMICUNE, BECHMEZZINE and KPAR HAZIR.

125. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS

NINTH ARMY RD 133 is rptd :

- "(a) In the event of any accident, premature explosion, serious misfire or hangfire occurring with any type of amn in any weapon, a signal will be sent by the OC concerned immediately to General Headquarters, Middle East, vide para 788, Section VII of Kings Regulations 1935, stating :-
 - (i) Location of Unit
 - (ii) Nature of Accident
 - (iii) Calibre, type of weapon, registered number of piece
 - (iv) Type of amn lot and date of manufacture
 - (v) Fuse, Primer, etc., as applicable. Also Lot Number, Date of Filling, etc.
- (b) The signal will be followed as soon as possible by full details as per proforma at Appx "A" to this Order, together with a brief report on the accident.
- (c) Fragments of amn found after a premature explosion will be sent with the report.
- (d) If a court of inquiry is ordered to assemble to investigate the occurrence, the time and place of assembly will also be notified to DEOS of the nearest Corps or to the ADOS or DADOS of Formation, who will arrange for an Ordnance Technical Officer to attend the court.
- (e) Similar action will be taken by COs in the event of any explosion or fire affecting amn or explosives in store on their charge.

(f) General Order No 96 of 1940 is hereby cancelled.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)

Appendix "A" to SO 133 of 1942.

REPORT ON ACCIDENT OR PREMATURE EXPLOSION WITH AMMUNITION

Station..... Unit.....

Nature of Accident
(i.e., premature, misfire, etc.).....

Type of Weapon.....

Reg. No of Piece.....

Calibre
(where applicable).....

AMMUNITION

Type.....

Lot No.....

Date of Manufacture.....

Fuze No.....Mk.....Lot No.....

Date of Filling.....

Primer No.....Mk.....Lot No.....
(as applicable)

Date of Filling.....

Type of Tube (P.S.A., etc.).....Mk.....Lot No.....
(as applicable)

Date of Filling.....

REMARKS."

A. P. H. Hall
Capt
A/SG 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn :

As per SO 41.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 13 Apr 42

No 26 Aust Inf Bde

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut. Colonels ...	1		
	Brigadier ...			
	Majors ...			
	Captains ...	1		
	Lieutenants ...	5		
	2nd Lieutenants ...	4		
	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.
Maj	SPEND P W	No 26 Aust Inf Bde	13 Apr 42	Rejoined Unit from 2/3 Aust CCS. Struck off 'X' List.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	RUSSELL W P	Sigs 9 Aust Div	11 Apr 42	Evacuated 7 AGH - NYD - 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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1								
2		Brig		TOVELL R W	Comd	No		Det for Duty
3								9 Aust Div
4		Maj		SMED F W	BM	Yes		
5		Capt		GERHARDT P	BM (L)	"		
6		Capt		OCHILTREE J G	SC	"		
7		Lieut	1/Capt	NATHAN G E	SC (L)	"		
8		Capt		AUSTIN G	TO	"		
9		Capt		TIVY E P	LO (1)	"		
10		Lieut		BIERI K J T	LO (2)	"		
11		Lieut		PARCH I G	LO (3)	"		
12		Lieut		SHATTOCK E J	IO	"		
13		Lieut		McMASTER N E	AO	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt-Col		EVANS B		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Adm Comd 26 Bde
Capt		LEVINSON A E		AASC 9 Aust Div	Bde ASC Offr
Capt		RICHARDS I S		AASC	OC 78 LAD
Lieut		MCDONALD G H		Aust HQ Cd Bn	OC 4 P1 (Prot P1)
Lieut		LYTHE K		Sigs 9 Aust Div	2 i/c L Sec Sigs
Chap		HONNER J P		A A Ch D	Det 2/23 Bn (Padre)
Chap		ARCHBOLD R G		A A Ch D	" 2/24 " "
				A A Ch D	" 2/48 " "

(Signature of Commander.)
Capt

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

18 Apr 42 (Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 18 Apr 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.	2		
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	57		
TOTALS	65		

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 L/Sgt	AASC - 9 Aust Div	1 Cpl	AAOC - 78 LAD
2 ORs	" " " "	12 ORs	" " " "
1 Cpl	AAMC - 2/11 Fd Amb	2 ORs	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
1 Cpl	Int Corps (Cipher)	2 ORs	Salvage Unit 9 Aust Div
1 OR	" " " "	1 Sgt	9 Aust Div Postal Unit
1 WO (I)	AAOC - Ord Conductor	1 Cpl	" " " " " "
1 Cpl	" - Armourer	1 OR	" " " " " "
3 ORs	" - " "	3 Cpls	Aust HQ Gd Bn (4 Pl)
1 OR	" - Fitter MT	37 ORs	" " " " " "
1 OR	" - Mech MT	2 Sgts	Sigs 9 Aust Div (L Sec)
1 WO (II)	" - 78 LAD	1 Cpl	" " " " " "
1 Sgt	" - " "	40 ORs	" " " " " "
		2 ORs	A A Ch D (Detached)

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 26255	Sgt	SILVESTER R W	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evac 2/3 Aust CCS BEIRUT
VX 43169	Pte	BARBER H S F	" "	" " " " " "

26 AUST INF BDE

FD FIRING EXERCISE - TEL KALAKH

Ref Maps : HOMS 1/200,000. TEL KALAKH 1/50,000.

1. OBJECT

- a. To practice the Attack, with live amm.
- b. In particular, to teach the support, with the weapons available to Inf, of an attack against uncoordinated resistance.
- c. To accustom reinfts to the "sounds of battle".

2. LESSONS

IT 1937 Sec 66 (4) -

"In attacks against uncoordinated resistance knowledge of enemy disposns is likely to be vague and coys will depend more on manoeuvre and quick organization of fire support to deal with resistance which is checking the adv.

The frontal attack is generally the more easily and rapidly organized, particularly when supporting fire is provided. The attack frontally, however, entails an adv from the direction in which the enemy is most prepared to offer resistance and its success will often depend on how nearly the objective may be reached by a covered approach; suitable fire posns on the flanks will also be necessary if support of small arms fire is required."

3. GENERAL SITUATION

On the morning of 23 Mar 42, 2/ Aust Inf Bn was bivouaced near SANDINE 184294 and had att one pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

At 0905 hrs, a message arrived from Bde HQ. It contained the infm that paratps, estimated at one coy, had landed in the vicinity of CHINE 215315 and instructed the CO to despatch two rifle coys with supporting weapons, in available MT, to destroy them.

At 1100 hrs, the det arrived at TELL KHECHOUF 214304 where it was met by two members of the Gendarmerie. These reported, in a mixture of French and broken English, that more paratps had attempted to land but had been badly mauled by a considerable no of British aircraft and that those who had landed appeared to have gone to ground in the foothills about 3 kilos NORTH of ZNABILE 215308.

PHASE I

4. NARRATIVE

OC Det decided to continue on to a pt just EAST of RIHANIYE 214306.

There he debussed the tps and moved them fwd with one pl as adv gd. The leading sec passed ZNABILE without incident but soon after the head of the main gd gained the bend in the track they were met by MG fire from the centre and right fronts. Two men in the pt sec were hit and of those following, one L/Cpl and three ORs were wounded. The adv gd pl went to ground.

5. CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

The exercise will commence at a pt to be indicated on the track to CHINE. OC Det will debus the tps as in para 4 and will adv the det in a suitable tactical formation with one pl as adv gd. The safety offrs, acting as umpires, will bring about the desired situation.

PHASE II

6. NARRATIVE

OC Det went fwd to the adv gd pl comd. Some exchange of SA fire was taking place. The paratps appeared to be somewhat rattled and he was able to locate three of their posns. In due course he issued the following verbal orders :

- a. That long feature on the right of the track is 647. The knoll is TELL SILI. Call that ridge on the right flank YELLOW RIDGE and the wadi over on the left WADI CUF.
- b. X Pl is held up on the fwd edge of this knoll. The secs are located (indicated).
- c. The enemy are holding 647 and TELL SILI. There has been some movement on the high ground beyond. I have located three posns (indicated).
- d. You will attack and capture 647, TELL SILI, and the high ground beyond.
- e. Fwd tps - A Coy right, B Coy left.
Bdy - Incl to B Coy, the track.
Objectives - 1st : 647 and TELL SILI.
 2nd : the high ground.

Res - B Coy will leave 11 Pl as Res in rear of this (ZNABILE) knoll.

MGs - From area YELLOW RIDGE, tasks as follows

Z	to Z + 3	Posns on 647.	Rapid
Z + 3	to Z + 34	Opportunity Targets on right of track.	Normal Ø
Z + 40	to Z + 52	Opportunity Targets on high ground beyond.	Normal Ø

(Ø For purposes of exercise - total 3 belts p.g.)

Mortars - One det - From area (indicated)

Z	to Z + 3	MG on TELL SILI.	Normal
Z + 3		On opportunity targets.	Normal

One det under comd B Coy for close support.

Starting Line - (indicated)

Start Time - hrs

- f. SAA res ZNABILE village.
Walking Wounded. Pink and White House.
- g. Det HQ - ZNABILE knoll till Z + 40, thence to TELL SILI.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

APPX A

Serial	Scheme Time	Actual Time	Summary of Events	Remarks
			<u>PHASE II</u>	
1	Z - 45		Det Comd issues orders for attack	
2	Z - 35		Sub-unit comds recce and issue orders	
			<u>PHASE III</u>	
3	Z - 25		First M Det moves off	
4	Z - 5		MMG secs occupy posns	
5	Z - 3		Pls form up in rear of SL	
6	Z		MMG secs open fire and leading secs adv	
7	Z + 5		M det opens fire	
			<u>PHASE IV</u>	
8	Z + 18		Leading secs fired on from Z and X	Safety Offrs "paint picture"
9	Z + 19		Leading secs engage Z and X	
10	Z + 20		Other secs of leading pls close up	
11	Z + 22		LEFT secs of leading pls adv	
12	Z + 26		LEFT secs take covering posns	
13	Z + 27		Remainder adv	
14	Z + 31		Leading secs fired on from Y and X	Safety Offrs "paint picture"
15	Z + 32		Leading secs engage Y and X	
16	Z + 34		RIGHT secs of leading pls adv	
17	Z + 36		Remainder adv	
18	Z + 38		Leading secs assault 647 and TELL SILI	
19	Z + 39		Leading pls reach first objective	
			<u>PHASE V</u>	
20	Z + 41		Rear pls pass through, and adv towards second objective	
21	Z + 42		Leading secs fired on from MGs and W	Safety Offrs "paint picture"
22	Z + 43		Leading secs engage MGs and W	Intention is for M Det to be used. No adv to be permitted until it fires three rds.
23	Z + 44		Other secs of leading pls close up	
24	Z + 50		LEFT secs of leading pls adv	
25	Z + 52		LEFT secs take covering posns	
26	Z + 53		Remainder adv	
27	Z + 55		Leading pls assault	
			<u>PHASE VI</u>	
28	Z + 57		Consolidation commences	

Fd Firing Exercise - TEL KELAKHADM INSTNS1. Tps Involved

Two rifle coys.
Two dets, 3 (M) Pl.
One pl, MMGs.

2. Staff

Director - Lt-Col B EVANS DSO.

Safety Offrs - Lieut K BIERI Bde HQ
" J W HIPSLEY 23 Bn
" E J JONES 23 Bn
" J W SMITH 48 Bn

Safety NCOs - Ten (incl one mortar) from Bn carrying out the exercise.
One from 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

Range Offr - Capt E P TIVEY Bde HQ

Asst " - Lieut I G PAECH "

Picquets - Fourteen from Bn carrying out the exercise.

Note : As picquets will be returning to unit lines later than other tps, arrangements will require to be made for a late meal.

3. Approx Timings

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

4. Tpt

- a. Details have been advised separately.
- b. It will be necessary to load the max possible number of tps into each veh. In order to make the most use of all vehs, stores should be distributed over the whole convoy and not confined to the usual pl vehs.
- c. Tps will debus at Track crossing 21473063. Tp carrying tpt will remain at this pt until 1400 hrs when it will move NORTH along the same track to the assembly area at TELL SILI 215310.

5. Amn

- a. The following amn will be carried for each weapon

Rifle 10 rds.
LMG 12 mags.
MMGs 6 belts

- 2 Mor B 20 rds)
- 3 Mor B 20 ") if available
- 3 Mor C 10 ")

b. Fatiguemen will be detailed to collect ALL cartridge cases and other salvage.

6. Targets

Will be provided under Ede arrangements.

7. Rations

Haversack rations will be carried. Tea may be provided if desired.

8. Dress

Battle order, according to unit SOs.

Fd Firing Exercise - TEL KELAKHSAFETY ARRANGEMENTS1. Safety Personnel

Range offr)
 Asst RO) As detailed in Appx B.
 Safety offr)

Picquets : Seven posts each of two men.

2. Location of Picquets

Picquets will be stationed as follows :-

- i. NORTH side of rd at ZNABILE 21523085
- ii. On rd NORTH of ZAAFRANE 21853078
(covering all tracks to range area).
- iii. On rd NW of SOUERE 21853115
- iv. On rd SE of CHINE 21573144
- v. On rd SOUTH of CHINE 21543144
- vi. At track junc EAST of SAFSAFI 21323103
- vii. On track junc NE of TELL JARDON 21243084

3. Duties of Picquets

Picquets will warn all persons attempting to enter the range area and will use their best endeavours, short of physical action, to prevent their doing so.

4. Loading with Live Amn

- a. The following precautions will be observed until permission to fire is given by the safety offr with each sec or det.

Rifles - Safety catches applied.
 LMGs - Not cocked.
 MMGs - Belts in, but not loaded.
 Mortars - Not loaded.

- b. At the conclusion of each stage, safety offr will personally ensure that rifles have safety catches applied and guns are cleared.

5. Special Instn for MMGs

- a. To prevent complete collapse of the tripod should a leg slip, sandbags will be placed under the socket to within two inches of the latter's base.
- b. Jamming handles will be checked at frequent intervals.

6. Safety Angles

- a. Weapons will NOT be fired when the angle between the line of fire and the line to the foremost tps is less than

SA Weapons	15°
MMGs	10°
Mortars	20° (or danger area of burst, whichever is the less).

- b. NO OVER HEAD FIRE WILL BE PERMITTED.
- c. The responsibility of preventing the fire of a sec or det will rest finally with the safety offr concerned.

7. Comms

Regtl sigs of the unit concerned will provide line from ZNABILE knoll to the MG pl area by 1130 hrs on each day. Detailed locations will be provided by the Range Offr.

8. Safety Sigs

"Go on"	-	one GREEN sig light
"Stop"	-	" RED " "
"Cease Fire and assemble at RV	-	one WHITE " "

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

by

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

No 86
20 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

404. DUTY OFFR

Roster for week ending 26 Apr 42 :

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon 20 Apr 42	Capt P GEBHARDT
Tue 21 Apr 42	Capt G AUSTIN
Wed 22 Apr 42	Lieut N McMASTER
Thu 23 Apr 42	Lieut I PAECH
Fri 24 Apr 42	Capt A E LEVINSON
Sat 25 Apr 42	Capt P TIVEY
Sun 26 Apr 42	Lieut K J T BIERI

405. DUTY NCO

Roster for week ending 26 Apr 42 :

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon 20 Apr 42	Sgt STEWART S G
Tue 21 Apr 42	L/Cpl SHANNON G W
Wed 22 Apr 42	Pte WILCOX B
Thu 23 Apr 42	L/Cpl KIMBER G G S
Fri 24 Apr 42	Cpl KIMBER J P
Sat 25 Apr 42	Cpl HOLMES S B
Sun 26 Apr 42	Pte GLEESON J M

406. DAILY ROUTINE

a. WEF 22 Apr 42 the following daily routine will be adhered to by these HQ, incl att tps :

(i) MONDAY - SATURDAY INCL

REVEILLE	-	0600 hrs
MORNING PARADE	-	0830 - 1230 hrs
AFTERNOON PARADE	-	1400 - 1630 hrs
RETREAT	-	1800 hrs
FIRST POST	-	2130 hrs
LAST POST (TATTOO)	-	2200 hrs
LIGHTS OUT		2215 hrs

Mess times will be as follows :

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Sgts</u>	<u>ORs</u>
BREAKFAST	0700 hrs	0700 hrs	0700 hrs
LUNCH	1300 hrs	1300 hrs	1230 hrs
DINNER	1900 hrs	1830 hrs	1730 hrs

/(ii) SUNDAY

(ii) SUNDAY

- REVEILLE - 0630 hrs
- CHURCH SERVICES - As near to 0900 hrs as possible
- RETREAT and other times as in para (i) above

Mess times will be as follows :

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Sgts</u>	<u>ORs</u>
BREAKFAST	0730 hrs	0730 hrs	0730 hrs
LUNCH	1300 hrs	1300 hrs	1230 hrs
DINNER	1900 hrs	1830 hrs	1730 hrs

- b. RETREAT will be sounded by massed buglers in Bde HQ area. All personnel will observe the normal "attention" procedure during the sounding of RETREAT.

407. ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES

With immediate effect, the following will apply to these HQ, incl att tps :

- a. Summer dress (i.e. shirts, shorts etc) will be worn from 0600 hrs to 1800 hrs daily.
- b. Between RETREAT (1800 hrs) and REVEILLE (0600 hrs, Sun 0630 hrs) :
 - i. All personnel will wear long trousers (ORs - Trousers KD) and shirt sleeves rolled down.
 - ii. Personnel necessarily on duty (e.g. Gds, Sentries etc) will wear veils, mosquito and gloves. If necessary, these personnel will also use mosquito ointment.
 - iii. Whilst in bed, all personnel will be covered by sandfly nets.

Breaches of the above instns will be treated as serious offences and the appropriate disciplinary action taken.

408. COURTS MARTIAL

9 Aust Div RO 238 is rptd :

"All offrs attending Courts Martial will wear authorised summer dress only. Pistols will be worn."

409. PUNISHMENTS BY COURT MARTIAL

9 Aust Div RO 239 is rptd :

"The following punishments awarded by Courts Martial recently held under direction of HQ, 9 Aust Div are published for infm."

- a. A private soldier convicted of AWL, striking another soldier, striking a superior offr, resisting an escort and discharging his rifle without sufficient cause was sentenced to 120 days detention.
- b. A private soldier convicted of leaving his post before he was regularly relieved was sentenced to 40 days detention.
- c. A private soldier convicted of striking his superior offr and resisting an escort was sentenced to 60 days detention.

.....d.

- d. A warrant Offr (class 11) convicted of being found out of bounds was sentenced to be reduced to the rank of sgt and to be severely reprimanded.
- e. A cpl convicted of AWL and when in open arrest escaping was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 60 days detention.
- f. A private soldier convicted of AWL, failing to appear at a place of parade and losing by neglect his clothing was sentenced to 60 days detention.
- g. A private soldier convicted of striking his superior offr was sentenced to 50 days detention.
- h. Two private soldiers each convicted of receiving public property (one motor tyre) knowing it to have been stolen were each sentenced to 90 days detention.
- i. A private soldier convicted of SIW was sentenced to 90 days detention.
- j. A private soldier convicted of striking his superior offr was sentenced to 60 days detention.
- k. A private soldier convicted of striking his superior offr and resisting an escort was sentenced to 160 days detention.
- l. A private soldier convicted of leaving his post before he was regularly relieved was sentenced to 60 days detention."

410. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS


9 Aust Div RO 240 is rptd :

- "a. Army Form A 3676 (Road Accident Report) as revised 1940 must be accompanied by statements from all witnesses.
- b. Particulars of cost of repairs to WD vehs must be divided into :-
 - i. Labour
 - ii. Materials
 - iii. Overhead."

411. CHECK POSTS

9 Aust Div RO 241 is rptd :

- "1. The Lebanese Govt are erecting a number of check posts on the principal rds of the Lebanon in order to enable them to control the movement of wheat.
2. They undertake that WD traffic shall not be held up at these posts, but request that drs of WD vehs may be instructed to produce proofs of identity when required to do so in order to prevent the possibility of unauthorised drs escaping control by representing themselves to be travelling on WD service.
3. This request has been agreed to, and all drs will be instructed accordingly.


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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 the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
ATTACHMENTS:							
VX 49940	Pte	COUCH H	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	19 Apr 42		
VX 26080	"	SMITH L	" " " "	" " " "	19 Apr 42		
VX 51599	"	MATTHEWS J E	2/24 " " " "	" " " "	19 Apr 42		
VX 25904	"	DRAPER T R	" " " "	" " " "	19 Apr 42		
SX 2470	"	HOARE G	2/42 " " " "	" " " "	19 Apr 42		
SX 5466	"	STODDARD J R	" " " "	" " " "	19 Apr 42		

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) 20 Apr 19 42

[Signature] Capt
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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20 Apr 42

1. This instn deals with move from present location to, and occupation of, CONVENT ST JEAN area SOUTH of BECHMEZZINE on Tue 21 Apr 42.

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) All personnel, excl those mentioned in paras 2 (b) (c) and (d) below, will move from present location to new area before 1230 hrs in vehs to be detailed by Bde TO.
- (b) Bde Comd, BM and SC will move at Bde Comd's discretion sometime during the late afternoon, probably 1800 hrs.
- (c) One clerk will move with SC.
- (d) Skeleton staff from offr's Mess Kitchen will move at 1400 hrs in a veh to be detailed by Bde TO.
- (e) 78 LAD will move independently and will be out of LEGOULT Bks by 1230 hrs.

3. ACCOMMODATION STORES, EQUIPMENT, BAGGAGE, KIT etc

- (a) Any equipment in CQMS store, LEGOULT Barracks, will be packed, ready for movement, by 0930 hrs.
- (b) Other stores in "A" Ech area will be stacked in "central square" area, Bde HQ by 1000 hrs.
- (c) Kit and Baggage
 - (i) Of "B" Ech personnel (both offr's and ORs) to be stacked in front of "B" Ech building, ready for movement, by 0930 hrs.
 - (ii) Of "A" Ech Offrs to be stacked in front of Offrs Mess building, ready for movement, by 1000 hrs.
 - (iii) Of "A" Ech ORs to be stacked on NORTH side of garage building (at present occupied by Gd Pl as sleeping quarters) ready for movement, by 1000 hrs.

4. COOKING

- (a) Midday meal for ORs will be served in Mess Cook-house at new location - 1230 hrs.
- (b) Offrs Midday meal at new location - 1300 hrs.
- (c) Skeleton staff in Offrs Mess Kitchen will serve Midday meal for personnel mentioned in para 2 (b) (c) and (d) above at 1300 hrs, before moving to new area.

5. TPT

- (a) All available Bde HQ tpt will be detailed for specific tasks as mentioned above, by Bde TO.

/ (b)

(b) Extra vehs will be made available by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn as per arrangements with Bde TO.

(c) Offrs will be notified of their respective vehs by Bde TO.

6. CLEANLINESS

(a) It is the responsibility of all ranks to ensure that sleeping quarters are left in a clean condition.

(b) A/Bde CSM, WO (I) IRWIN, will make an inspection of all buildings and ground in the HQ area at 1215 hrs, and will report to the SC when satisfied that the whole area is clean.

(c) Adm offices will be the combined responsibility of Orderly Room and Int Sec personnel.

7. TENTAGE ALLOTMENT

(a) Offrs tentage will be allotted as follows :

<u>No 1</u>	<u>No 2</u>	<u>No 3</u>	<u>No 4</u>	<u>No 5</u>	<u>No 6</u>
Brig	BM	BM(L)	SC (L)	Sup O	Salvation Army
	SC	ABM(L)	OME	IO	
			Bde TO LO (2)	Sig O	
			LO (1) LO (3)	Gd Pl	

(NOTE : Numbers 1 - 5 EFIPs; No 6 - "180" 1b)

(b) Other tentage will be allotted by Bde HQ CSM WO (II) RAMAGE.

Signed at 1720 hrs.

Issued by hand.

[Signature]
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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

22 Apr 42

RE-ORGANIZATION OF INF BNS (AIF)

A Tk Pl

As amendment to the Establishment of an Inf Bn is shortly to be issued providing for the inclusion of an A Tk Pl of six 2-pr guns.

2. The att appx shows the proposed WE and the method by which the personnel will be found without increasing the total establishment. Although authority has not yet been given for the re-organization units will proceed, forthwith, to organise the pl so that it will be ready to commence trg immediately instns are received.

3. A directive on the method of employment of the Inf A Tk Pl will be issued in due course. For the time being, the following points will be borne in mind :

- a. In Attack the pl should be used well fwd for protection and in consolidation immediately after capture of the objective.
- b. In Defence the pl should be regarded as fwd inf weapons, to which the arty eqpt will be in depth.
- c. Upon occasion, it may be necessary to bde one or more pls for special roles.


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SUGGESTED WE FOR INF A TK PL OF 6 GUNS

2-DR A Tk

DETAIL	Pl HQ	TWO SECS EACH		Total A Tk Pl
		Sec HQ	Sec	
Capt	1			1
Lieuts		1		2
<u>Total Offrs</u>	1	1		3
Pl SM	1			1
<u>Total WOs</u>	1			1
S/Sgt	1			1
Sgt		1		2
<u>Total S/Sgts & Sgts</u>	1	1		3
Cpls - Nos 1			3	6
Batmen	1	1		3
Drs MT	2	1	3	10
Mechanic MT (Trade Gp II)	1			1
Dr Mechanic (Trade Gp III)		1		2
Gun Numbers			12	24
Storemen	1			1
Artificer (Trade Gp I)	1			1
Orderlies	1	1		3
<u>Total ORs</u>	9	5	18	55
<u>Total All Ranks</u>	10	6	18	58

METHOD OF PROVISION

	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>Total</u>
Motor Cycle Sec from 4 (Carr) Pl	1	2	17	20
One man per rifle sec			36	36
			<u>36</u>	<u>56</u>
			<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>

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26 AUST INF BDE GS INSTN NO 13

COASTAL DEFENCE

Warning of Imminent Enemy Action

1. It is considered probable that increased enemy activity (of any kind) in SYRIA will precede or be co-ordinated with enemy action in LIBYA.
2. It is therefore proposed that in the event of reliable infm as to imminent enemy action in LIBYA being received, a code word will be passed to all units under comd.
3. This code word will initiate an "Alert period" and units will take action as detailed in Appx "A" initiating any further measures considered necessary within their own areas.
4. Should alarm prove false, or the "Alert period" be no longer necessary its termination will be notified by a message cancelling the code word.
5. Code word will be notified later.


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APPENDIX "A"

1. The most probable forms of enemy action are :-
 - a. Air raids on ports and installations.
 - b. Fostering internal disturbances throughout SYRIA.
 - c. Raids on installations and vulnerable points, including HQ, by coast landing parties or airborne tps.
 - d. Isolated acts of sabotage or terrorism by enemy action.
 - e. Spreading propaganda by means of special rumours.
2. Action to be taken immediately on the institution of the "Alert period" will be :-
 - a. All frontier gds, coast watchers and sentries will be warned that special vigilance is required and that any suspicious persons or events must be reported by the quickest possible means.
 - b. The size of the gds on important installations and vulnerable pts will be reviewed, and all security measures including the checking of passes tightened up.
 - c. Special security measures will be taken and all suspected subversive agents closely watched, or detained when circumstances justify it.
 - d. All alarm schemes will be reviewed and practice alarms carried out at frequent intervals.
 - e. It will be impressed on all ranks that enemy agents may masquerade in any disguise including British uniforms, and that all strangers will be treated as suspect until they have established their indentify.
 - f. All PAD and fire fighting schemes and eqpt will be reviewed and practices held to ensure their efficacy.
 - g. All ranks will be armed with their personal weapons on all occasions. Steel helmets and respirators will be carried by all ranks, except within the area of their camp or billets.
 - h. All leave will be stopped but personnel on leave will NOT be recalled unless their presence with their units is urgently necessary.

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CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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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 No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
					Date	
EX 7574	Pte	GEORGE R S	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Attended NZ School of Cookery from 7 - 16 Nov		
				Classification: Class 3 (Non-Trade-man)		

26 Apr 44

(Date) 23 Apr 1944

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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 the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
ATTACHMENTS: NX 44791	Pte	CAINES J C	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	21 Apr 42		

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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) 23 Apr 1942

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

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
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23 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

412. SICK PARADES - RAP (near Recreational Hut)

a. Commencing Fri 24 Apr 42, Sick Parades will be held at the following times :

Morning - 0800 hrs
Afternoon - 1600 hrs

b. Only necessitous cases will visit the RAP at other times.

413. BATTERIES, GASKETS AND SPARKING PLUGS

DRO 254 is rptd

"1. Owing to the need for rigorous economy, installations have been set up for the repair and remaking of batteries, gaskets and sparking plugs.

2. All repairable and unserviceable stores of these types will be carefully packed and returned to the Ordnance Field Park or Depot from which replacements were issued.

3. Ordnance Field Parks and Ordnance Depots will return these items to 6 AOD for repair and remaking in "B" Base Ordnance Wkshops.

4. It is essential when replacements are made by the issue of serviceable stores that immediate action be taken by all units to return an equal quantity of the repairable or unserviceable stores to the Issuing Ordnance Field Park or Depot. If the stores are not available for return, a certificate will be rendered by the OC Unit concerned stating the reasons."

414. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

DRO 255 is rptd

"1. In terms of AA 175 and 176 all non-enlisted persons who are employed by, or in the service of, any tps and all persons who are followers of or accompany any tps are subject to Military Law.

2. The above will be brought to the notice of all civilians employed by the Forces in any capacity and all such civilians will be required to complete the proforma below :-

"I understand that when employed by, or in the service of, or accompanying His Majesty's Military Forces now on active service, I become subject to Military Law under the Army Act.

Place.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Witnessed by....."

415. LUBRICANTS - ISSUE OF

DRO 258 is rptd

- 1. Great delay is being experienced at RASC pet issuing depots and RASC pumps by the practice of drs demanding lubricating oil to fill their engines, thereby holding up vehs waiting to draw pet.
- 2. No issues of lubricating oil will be made from RASC depots or pumps to individual vehs. All units are responsible for maintaining an oil store from which issues to individual vehs will be made under regtl arrangements.
- 3. Issues of lubricants to units will be made in complete drums by the DID or FSD from which the unit draws rations.
- 4. In cases where individual staff cars are on long journeys, detail issues will continue to be made from pet issuing depots and pumps on demand. Other vehs should carry oil for the journey in the spare cans forming part of the veh eqpt, and issue will only be made to such vehs in case of emergency."

416. WHAT HAPPENS TO UNATTENDED VEHs

DRO 259 is rptd

"A FD Uty Car recently broke down on the ALEXANDRIA - CAIRO rd. The dr left it unattended but took the precaution of removing all loose fittings. On arrival in CAIRO he immediately reported the matter. By the time the car could be recovered the following articles had been stripped from it :-

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Radiator | 4 Body Window Glasses |
| 2 Radiator Top Hoses | 4 Windscreens |
| 1 Generator | 4 Inside Door Handles |
| 1 Carburetter | 2 Outside Door Handles |
| 1 Air Cleaner | 1 Rear Seat |
| 1 Distributor | 2 Domelights |
| 1 Coil and Condensor | 3 Window Blinds |
| 1 HT Lead Assembly | 1 Front Bumper |
| 1 Battery | 2 Headlamp Glasses |
| 2 Battery Cables | 2 Headlamp Bulbs |
| 1 Fuel Pump | 1 Wheel, Tyre & Tube, Complete |
| 1 Oil Filter Pipe | 2 Electric Horns |
| | 2 Pedal Rubbers |

DON'T IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES LEAVE A VEH UNATTENDED."

417. SALV OF WASTE OIL

DRO 260 is rptd

"1. There are three main grades of oil other than pet and AGO in general use in the Army :-

- (a) Engine Oil (M160 and M 220)
- (b) Gear and Axle Oil (C 600)
- (c) Furnace Fuel, Diesel or Pan Oil.

(a) and (b) are MT oils supplied entirely from abroad. (c) is produced locally and costs only about one-third of the present market price in EGYPT of waste MT oil.

2. It has now been decided in order to economise in shipping space, waste MT oils will be handed over to Oil Refining Coys for regeneration and re-issue for further use.

3. Therefore, the use of waste MT oils for sanitary, cooking and other purposes will cease forthwith :-

(a) In Base and L of C areas where Fuel Oil should always be available from DIDs on demand.

(b) In Fwd Areas, if Fuel Oil is obtainable.

4. The procedure for rec of waste MT oils is as follows :-

(a) All waste MT oils will be collected and handed over either direct to Salv Depots or Units via Pet Depots in empty returning tpt.

(b) Waste Engine and Gear Oil will be collected in separate containers. A mixture of the two grades cannot be successfully regenerated, and would therefore present a complete waste of effort.

(c) Waste engine oils from sumps will be collected in empty drums which have previously contained M 160 or M 220.

(d) Waste gear and axle oils will be collected together in drums which have previously contained C 600.

(e) Drums containing used oils will be securely stoppered, and the greatest care must be taken by units to distinguish between :-

- i. Drums of new MT Oils
- ii. Drums of waste MT Oil
- iii. Drums of Fuel Oil.

5. The above orders will be explained personally to all ranks handling oils for MT, sanitary, cooking and other purposes. Disciplinary action will be taken in every case where these Orders are not complied with.

6. It may be explained that if only one-tenth of the oil issued to the Army in the ME is recovered, regenerated and re-used, over a million galls of new oil will be saved in one year, resulting in a corresponding saving in shipping space and risk to sailors' lives."

418. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PET TINS

DRO 262 is rptd

"1. Pet tins are now being issued packed singly in wooden crates.

2. The tin is NOT to be withdrawn from these crates, which are to be returned with the tin.

3. Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents."

419. CLUTCH DISC FAILURE

DRO 249 is rptd

"1. The practice of coasting vehs down hill with the clutch disengaged and the transmission in gear is bad driving, and is liable to cause serious damage to the clutch. OSc Units will ensure that the attention of all MT drs under their comd is drawn to this, and that orders are issued that the practice must cease forthwith."

A. J. H. H. H.
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde
Capt

NOTICES :

WRITING PAPER - A limited number of writing pads are available at C MS Store.

Distribn :

- Offrs Mess
- Sgts Mess
- Mens Mess
- 78 LAD
- L Sec Sigs
- Gd Pls
- CSM
- Head Personnel
- MT Lines
- War Diary (2)
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 Capt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG R V TAVELL, DSO, ED, CMDR 26 AUST INF BDE

No 45
23 Apr 42

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

126. LEAVE - BEIRUT

- a. Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, the following leave allotment for 26 Bde Gp for period 27 - 29 Apr is made :

Bde Hq and att	9
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	37
2/24 " "	37
2/48 " "	37
	<u>120</u>

- b. Names of OC i/c unit parties will reach these Hq by 0800 hrs 26 Apr. These offrs will be included in unit totals.
- c. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will include TWO offrs to proceed with the unit leave party.
- d. Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, para 17, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will nominate one offr of Ed rank to be i/c Bde leave party.
- e. Nominal rolls of leave personnel will be filed in duplicate to reach these Hq by 1200 hrs, 26 Apr. O i/c Bde leave party will collect nominal rolls from Bde Hq prior to his departure to BEIRUT on 26 Apr.
- f. Unit tpt will be used.
- g. Name of OC convoy will be notified later. OC convoy will ensure that, once tps have debussed at BEIRUT, unit vchs will return empty to unit areas in convoy.
- h. Unit vchs will form up, facing NORTH, on rd BECHMEZZINE - TRIPOLI, with front veh at rd junction of rds BEARNA - TRIPOLI and BECHMEZZINE - TRIPOLI, by 0745 hrs. Convoy will leave at 0800 hrs, 27 Apr.
- i. Picquet - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will supply leave picquet in accordance with DRO 61.
- j. Reports called for in 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 65, para 7, will reach these Hq by 1800 hrs 30 Apr.

/k.

- k. Unit comds will ensure that strict adherence is effected to the provisions of the above Div Adm Instrn.
- l. RETURN JOURNEY - Tpt of 24 Bde Coy will be responsible for returning all tps of this bde to unit areas.

127. HANDLES, SHOVEL, REPLACEMENT OF

- a. The heavy programme of defence works now in hand in the Middle East is raising exceptional demands for picks and shovels. The fact that numerous demands for replacements of complete shovels are being received but none for shovel handles gives rise to the fear that shovels are being abandoned because the handles have broken.
- b. Shovels of which the handles are broken will not be abandoned by reason only of this but will be returned as soon as possible through Ordnance channels to Ordnance depots, where large stocks of shovel handles are held.

128. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Ref 9 Aust RD No 255, the following addition will be made :

Add as para 3 "This pro-forma will be kept in safe custody by units concerned".


 Capt
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

CHURCH PARADES - SUN 26 APR 42

- PROTESTANT
- a. Holy Communion - YMCA Hut "C" Coy Lines (Methodist) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - 0715 hrs (any personnel who wish to attend)
 - b. ANZAC DAY - Commemoration Morning Services -
 2/23 Aust Inf Bn - Unit arrangements
 2/24 " " " - BERRAM Cinema - 1030 hrs
 2/48 " " " - BERRAM Cinema - 0930 hrs

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- ANZAC DAY - Commemoration General Communion -
 a. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn)
 2/24 " ") BERRAM Theatre - 0830 hrs
- b. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn) Open-air service
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde) in OLIVE GROVE west
 incl att tps) of rd BECHERZINE -
 KRAR HANIR opp entrance to Bn, 2/48
 Aust Inf Bn - 1000 hrs

Distrib :

As per RD 41.

300/201/29

MOST SECRET

Apr 40

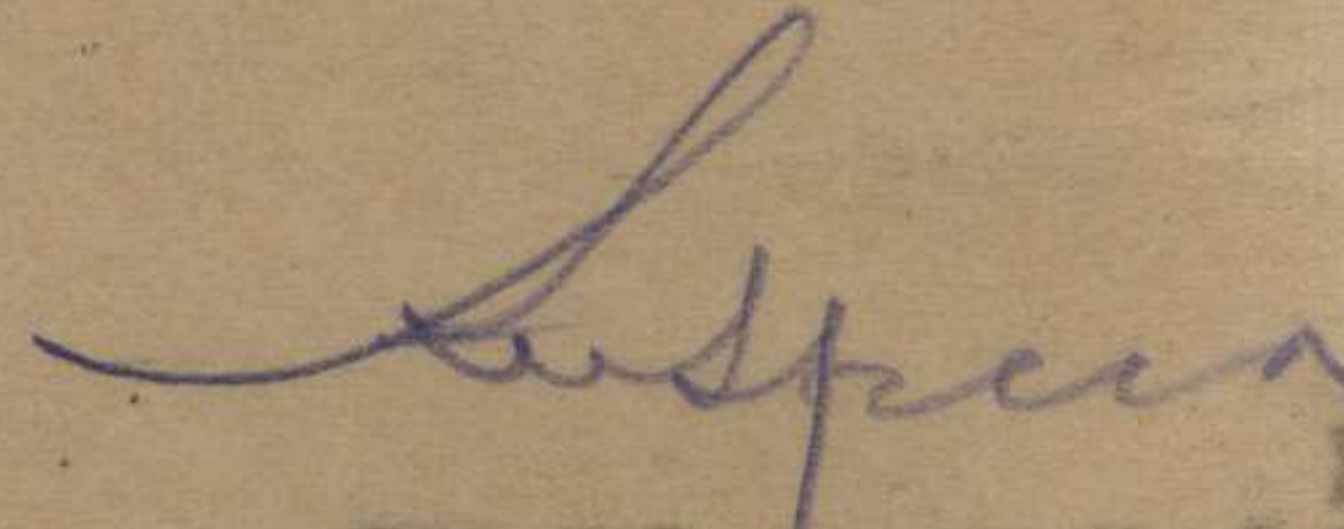
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

24 Apr 42

COAST WATCHING - WAITING OF IMMINENT ENEMY ACTION

In continuation of 26 Aust Inf Bde GS Instrn No 13 dated 22 Apr 42, code words FOR FUTURE ACTION will be :-

- (a) Para 3 CONFECTION
- (b) Para 4 REVERSION


Maj
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/24 " "
2/42 " "
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Sheet No 1.

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

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

No. of Sheets attached to this return 2

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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 absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to «X» List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties, wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DIAGNOSES OF DISEASES:</u>						
SX 7632	Pte	COTTELL J B W	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evacuated MDS (2/11 Aust Pd Amb) - Hypertrophied la g of foreskin.	24 Apr 42	- Transferred to 'X' List.
SX 4154	Pte	TIMMENS A	" " "	Evacuated MDS (2/3 Aust Pd Amb) - Fibrosis.	18 Apr 42	- Transferred to 'X' List.
<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF NEXT-OF-KIN:</u>						
SX 10774	L/Cpl	SHANNON G W	" " "	Father: Ernest Wallace Shannon New Address: "Daarema", 18 Magill Rd, Norwood, SOUTH AUST.	25 Apr 42	

(Date) 25 Apr 1942

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

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

Apr 41

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 25 Apr 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig		TOVELL R W	Comd	No		Det 9 Aust Div for Duty
2								
3		Maj		SPEED F W	BM	Yes		
4		Capt		GERHARDT P	BM (L)	"		
5		Capt		OCHILTREE J G	SC	"		
6		Lieut	T/Capt	NATHAN G E	SC (L)	"		
7		Capt		AUSTIN G	TO	"		
8		Capt		TIVEY R P	LO (I)	"		
9		Lieut		BIERE K J T	LO (2)	"		
10		Lieut		PAECH I G	LO (3)	"		
11		Lieut		SHATTOCK E J	IO	"		
12		Lieut		McMASTER N E	AO	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lt-Col		EVANS B		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Adm Comd 26 Bde
Capt		LEVINSON A E		AASC 9 Aust Div	Bde ASC Offr
Lieut		McDONALD G M		Aust Hq Gd Bn	OC 4 Pl (Prot Pl)
Capt		RICHARDS I S		A/OC	OC 78 LAD
Lieut		LYTHE K		Sigs 9 Aust Div	A/OC 1, Sec Sigs
Chap		PORTER F	A A Ch D		Det 2/23 Bn (Padre)
Chap		HONNER J F	A A Ch D		" 2/24 Bn
Chap		ARCHBOLD R G	A A Ch D		" 2/48 Bn
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde		(Unit.)	Signature of Commander A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div		
25 Apr 42		(Date of Despatch.)	(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)		

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

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

No. 46.
27 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

129. LEAVE PICQUET - TRIPOLI TOWN

- a. In accordance with 9 Aust Div Adm Instn 60, para 1 (g), leave picquet to TRIPOLI will be provided as under :
- 1 - 7 May 42 - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- b. Tour of duty will be continuous for the above period.
- c. Bedding and messing gear will be taken.
- d. In addition to the picquet, one cook and assistant are to be provided.
- e. Entions and cooking gear will be provided by 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.
- f. Tpt - By day, one 30 cwt truck only is necessary for use of the picquet. Three 30 cwt trucks, however, must be supplied each night.

130. COURTS OF INQUIRY

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

PRESIDENT

Capt F R MOROTTI - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

MEMBER

Lieut P HAYMAN - 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 upon the circumstances of the loss of one wheel, rim, tyre and tube, all from CVT 3 ton veh No. 58304, on charge 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, during night 23/24 Apr 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

Capt D BRYANT - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

MEMBER

Lieut S A B MAZZUCHELLI - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

will assemble at such time and place as the PRESIDENT may appoint for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the circumstances of the loss of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn offrs eqpt and clothing from 2/24 Aust Inf Bn lines, RAJLAYA, SYRIA during night 24/25 Jan 42.

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

131. PAYBOOKS

All ranks are again reminded that paybooks will be carried on the man at all times. Many instances have occurred recently of personnel being refused entry to certain official buildings through contradiction of this order.

(To be rptd in unit orders)

132. COLOUR PATCHES

It is realized that many personnel in this bde are without the correct colour patch entitlement. Steps have already been taken to overcome this shortage with ADOS, 9 Aust Div. However, personnel possessing colour patches will NOT accept this shortage as an excuse for not wearing same at all times.

Contradiction of this order will be treated as a serious offence and the appropriate disciplinary action taken.

(To be rptd in unit orders)

H. H. H. H. H. Capt
EC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
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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. 88

27 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

420. DUTY OFFR

a. Roster for week ending 3 May 42 :

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon 27 Apr 42	Capt J G OCHILTREE
Tue 28 Apr 42	Lieut J SHATTOCK
Wed 29 Apr 42	Capt P GEBHARDT
Thu 30 Apr 42	Capt G AUSTIN
Fri 1 May 42	Lieut N McMASTER
Sat 2 May 42	Lieut I PAECH
Sun 3 May 42	Capt A E LEVINSON

b. Commencing SUN 26 Apr, Duty offr will sleep in the "LOs" room in the Adm Hutment.

421. DUTY NCO

a. Roster for week ending 3 May 42 :

Mounting at RETREAT -

Mon 27 Apr 42	Sgt FARQUHAR M F
Tue 28 Apr 42	L/Cpl WATSON A R
Wed 29 Apr 42	L/Sgt TAVERNER J L
Thu 30 Apr 42	A/Cpl JONES M L
Fri 1 May 42	Cpl OAKLEY M W
Sat 2 May 42	A/Sgt STEWART S G
Sun 3 May 42	L/Cpl SHANNON G W

b. Commencing SUN 26 Apr, Duty NCO will sleep in the Int Sec room in the Adm Hutment.

422. DRESS - OFFICERS

9 Aust Div RO 268 is rptd

"a. 9 Aust Div RO No 107 is cancelled.

b. Pistols will be worn by offrns when on duty with tps."

423. PAYBOOKS

All ranks are again reminded that paybooks will be carried on the man at all times. Many instances have occurred recently of personnel being refused entry to certain official buildings through contradiction of this order.

424. COLOUR PATCHES

It is realised that many personnel in this bde are without the correct colour-patch entitlement. Steps have already been taken to overcome this shortage with ADOS, 9 Aust Div. However, personnel possessing colour patches will NOT accept this shortage as an excuse for not wearing same at all times.

Contradiction of this order will be treated as a serious offence and the appropriate disciplinary action taken.

425. CAR PARK - HQ, 9 AUST DIV

9 Aust Div RO 270 is rptd :

- "a. Visitors car park at HQ, 9 Aust Div is for the use of vehs conveying personnel to the HQ, on duty.
- b. Vehs conveying tps into TRIPOLI on leave will not be left on this park.

W. H. Haffan
 Capt
 A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribn :

- Offrs Mess
- Sgts Mess
- Mens Mess
- 78 LAD
- L Sec Sigs
- Gd Pl
- CSM
- Horse Personnel
- MT Lines
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EXERCISE SECRET

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
25 Apr 42.

26 AUST INF BDE

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

BN EXERCISE - AMIOUNE AREA

1. Appendices to the above exercise are issued in accordance with the scale shown below. Recipients will ensure that the infm contained therein is conveyed to only such personnel as is necessary for the conduct of the exercise.

2. Appendices

- Appx A - GENERAL
- Appx B - ADM INSTNS
- Appx C - INSTNS TO ENEMY
- Appx D - FORECAST OF EVENTS

3. Distribn of Appendices

	<u>Appx A</u>	<u>Appx B</u>	<u>Appx C</u>	<u>Appx D</u>
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	8	2	-	-
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	8	2	-	-
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	8	2	-	-
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	5	1	-	-
3 Aust A Tk Regt	5	1	-	-
2/2 Aust MG Bn	5	1	-	-
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	-	-
DS	12	12	12	12
Enemy Inf Force	-	1	1	1
Enemy Tk Force	-	1	1	1
ALO	2	2	2	2
File	8	8	8	8
Totals	62	34	24	24

- Distribn
- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
 - 3 Aust A Tk Regt
 - 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 - 2/11 Aust Fd Amb
 - ALO
 - War Diary (2) ✓
 - File (3)

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Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

BN EXERCISE - AMIOUNE AREA

GENERAL

Ref Map : TRIPOLI 1:50,000.

1. OBJECT

- a. To exercise comds in the protection (on the move and at rest) of their forces against AFVs, gas, and air attack (IT 54 - 58).
- b. To practice the movement of a coln consisting of marching personnel and MT.
- c. To practice battle procedure (IT 37 - 39).

2. OPENING SITUATION

The Axis spring offensive has begun with determined drives in the Western Desert and through the UKRAINE. At the same time, strongly armed parties have been landed at various pts along the SYRIAN coast with the object of sabotage and raiding vulnerable pts.

Fierce fighting has been going on in the Div area over the last few days, with marked success for the British tps. A considerable number of German forces, however, are still in the TRIPOLI area. 26 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for the sector SOUTH of TRIPOLI, and bn gps are operating under bde control in this sector.

3. NARRATIVE

During late afternoon of May 42, 2/ Aust Inf Bn Gp formed open leaguer in the vicinity of FIH 156267 and was to be prepared to move on the Bde Comd's orders.

BN EXERCISE - AMIOUNE AREAADM INSTNS1. DIRECTING STAFF

Director	Lt-Col B EVANS	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
Assistant Directors :		
British Force	Capt J G OCHILTREE	" "
German Force	Capt P GEBHARDT	" "
Chief Umpire	Maj F W SPEED	" "
Umpires :		
Bn HQ	Capt G H RASH	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy	Lieut P HAYMAN	" "
B Coy	Lieut P CROMPTON	2/48 Aust Inf Bn
C Coy	Lieut H J P BOAS	2/23 Aust Inf Bn
D Coy	Lieut M GOLDSTONE	" "
Fd Bty) Appointment by own units	
A Tk Tp		
MG Pl		
Tpt		Capt G AUSTIN

2. TPS TAKING PARTa. British Force

i. Bn Gp One inf bn
 One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
 One tp 3 Aust A Tk Regt
 One pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 One det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb

ii. RAF Provided by 200 Air Liaison Sec and 451 Sqn RAF.

b. German Forcei. Inf Force

OC - Capt D BRYANT - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 Tps - 23, 24, 48 Bns will each supply two complete pls. The German inf force will remain unchanged during the conduct of the exercise and will consist of the same personnel on each date on which the exercise is carried out.

ii. Tk Force

OC - Capt L C McLARN - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
 Tps - Carriers and personnel from 20 Aust Inf Bde

iii. Air Force

Provided by 200 Air Liaison Sec and 451 Sqn RAF.

3. DATES OF EXERCISE

30 Apr/1 May - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
 3/4 May - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 5/6 May - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

4. TIME TABLEa. British Force

29 Apr 1400 hrs Umpires conference. RV Bde HQ
 D 1 1500 hrs Following tps RV ABA 15982672 :

P1 3 Aust A Tk Regt
P1 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb

Bn carrying out exercise will provide guide to meet above tps and lead to leaguer area.

	1600 hrs	Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt RV ABA 15982672. Met by bn guide and led to leaguer area.
	1800 hrs (approx)	Bn gp in open leaguer FIH area
D 2	0600 hrs (approx)	Bn gp breaks leaguer
	0630 hrs	Carriers from all bns 26 Aust Inf Bde RV rd junc 15842653.
	1700 hrs	Exercise ends on rd vicinity camp area. All tps return to units.
D 3	0900 hrs	Conference at Bde HQ of following personnel who have just completed exercise : Bn Comd 2 i/c Adjt Coy Comds Osc att tps

b. German Force

Both inf and tk forces will act in accordance with Appx "B" and will return to unit areas independently.

Osc inf and tk forces will attend conference at Bde HQ at 0900 hrs D 3.

5. INTERCOMN - GROUND TO AIR

Unit carrying out exercise will move with one 101 Wireless set under arrangements made by L Sec Sigs att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Call signs - Aircraft "SALTFISH"

Ground Force "EVANS"

6. MESSAGE BAGS

RAF message bags are to be accounted for and returned to these HQ (Int Sec)

7. TPT

- a. Unit tpt will be used for A and B Ech load carrying
- b. In order to complete, as far as possible WE scale tpt, the bn carrying out the exercise will be supplied with tpt as under by units NOT taking part on that date.

		<u>15 cwt</u>	<u>1 ton</u>	<u>30 cwt</u>	<u>3 ton</u>	<u>Office</u>
i.	23 Bn	7	-	7	5	1
ii.	24 Bn	4	-	5	5	1
iii.	48 Bn	3	1	5	5	1

This will result, for example, in 24 Bn receiving vehs in (i) and (iii) on 30 Apr/1 May.

/c.

- c. Tpt as in (b) above will report at HQ of the Bn carrying out the exercise at 1400 hrs D 1. These vehs will remain under comd of that bn until the conclusion of the exercise on D 2. Drs will be rationed by the borrowing unit.

8. CARRIERS

Due to the requirements for CD Mob role, certain carriers will NOT be available on night D 1. Carriers and drs from ALL bns will RV at rd junc 15842653 at 0630 hrs, D 2, and will be under comd bn carrying out exercise.

9. ACCOMMODATION - 20 AUST INF BDE PERSONNEL

2/48 Aust Inf Bn will arrange accommodation for 1 offrs, 20 ORs, 7 carriers from 20 Aust Inf Bde from 30 Apr - 7 May.

10. DRESS

- a. Battle dress (incl Capes, AG, to be issued specially for the exercise).
- b. Enemy force will wear hats KF.
- c. Umpires will wear white armbands on both arms.

11. RATIONS

Improvised battle scale rations will be carried for lunch on D 2.

12. CD MOB ROLE

2/23 Aust Inf Bn will take over CD Mob role (26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 6 dated 19 Apr 42) for nights 3/4 and 4/5 May 42. Coy comd will recce tasks NOT later than 1 May 42.

BN EXERCISE - AMIOUNE AREAINSTNS TO ENEMY1. INFM

The Axis spring campaign has begun with determined drives in the Western Desert and through the UKRAINE. At the same time strongly armed parties of German tps have been landed at various pts along the SYRIAN coast with the object of sabotage and raiding vulnerable pts.

Although the raiding parties have met with considerable initial success, the tide has now turned in favour of the British. Energetic and prompt action by Australian tps in the TRIPOLI area has resulted in the destruction of a large number of German forces. The remaining German tps are re-organising and striving to hold out until further forces can be landed.

2. ORDERS - INF FORCE

Your force consists of one mountain inf bn.

Your orders are to hold the high ground running EAST and WEST of Pt 357 16192642 against an enemy moving SOUTH along rd BSARMA - KOUSBA. This ground must be held in order to enable German forces on the high ground SOUTH of KOUSBA to re-organise. Whatever happens and whatever the cost the British forces must be delayed as long as possible.

3. ORDERS - TK FORCE

Your force will lie up in KFAR SAROUN area and attack British forces moving along any rds in this vicinity.

4. RECCE

Osc Inf and Tk forces will recce areas prior to commencement of exercise.

5. ASSEMBLY AND DISPERSALa. Inf Force

Tps will RV rd and track junc 15842625 at 0730 hrs on D 2 and will march to defensive posn. On conclusion of the attack enemy will march back to camp along route Pt 357 - BSARMA - Pt 260 15842653.

b. Tk Force

Carriers and personnel will be accommodated by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn during the period 30 Apr - 7 May 42.

This force will move under instns issued by OC Tk force in order to be in posn by 1230 hrs D 2.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

APPX "D"

Serial	Time	Summary of Events	Action by DS	Remarks
	D 1			
1	1800	Bn gp in open leaguer FIH area 156267	Umpires note dispersion, organisation and control	<u>IMPORTANT</u> Umpires will give particular attention to -
2	1900	LO arrives at Bn HQ : Enemy located in area ARJESSE 165265. Gp to move via route BTERRAM-rd junc 15842653-ABA 15982672. Head of coln to reach rd junc 16052677 at 0830 hrs D 2. Tac R plane will possibly be available 0700-0800 hrs.		a. Painting of picture b. Speed in battle procedure c. AA protection d. A Tk protection e. Dispersion of vehs f. Control of sub-units
3	1920	CO issues orders for move		
	D 2			
4	0600	Gp breaks leaguer		
5	0700	LO arrives : Gp to turn SOUTH at rd junc 16052677 and move via BSAPMA - pt 357 16182642. Enemy force reported vicinity KOUSBA. CO may expect further orders very shortly.		In addition umpires will ensure that all comds keep tps fully informed of action taken at all times. Tps MUST be kept in the tac picture.
6	0730	British Tac R plane - calls for recognition - Tac R over KOUSBA		Tac R plane drops messages to gp
7	0745	LO arrives : Enemy contacted by sqn div cav in olive groves about 1 km NORTH of KOUSBA. R gp RV 0815 hrs beside rd 200x SOUTH rd junc 16112656. Attack by gp probable.		
8	0755	CO issues orders for O Gp RV 0900 hrs 200x SOUTH rd junc 16112656- orders bn gp move to assembly area 16102654.		

9	0800	R Gp departs for RV - 2 i/c moves gp to assembly area.		
10	0805	Gas spray attack by enemy aircraft.	Umpires describe spray attack- tps to take action against spray	Aircraft NOT able to spray - fly over tps while umpires paint picture.
11	0810	R gp arrives RV, met by LO, and guided to stone house WEST of rd.		
12	0815	Orders by bde comd : Recce patrol sqn div cav regt held up by enemy on ridge running EAST and WEST from Pt 357 16192642. Estimated enemy strength one GERMAN bn. Bn gp to capture ridge.	Director describes enemy posn on ground and map.	
13	0830-0930	COs recce		
14	0930	CO meets O gp and issues orders for attack.		CO may call co-ordinating conference before attack.
15	0940-1100	Recces and issue of orders by coy, pl etc comds.		
16	1115	Zero		
17	1115-1215	Attack, exploitation, consolidation	Umpires case casualties - Mark wounded with descriptive tie-on labels.	Lunch on conclusion of attack (tps not to leave posns).
18	1245	Bde comd meets CO - explains cav have reported enemy withdrawn SOUTH of KOUSBA. Gp to move via KOUSBA - KFAR SAROUN - AMIOUNE - BECHMEZZINE - clear enemy area in this region - warn CO beware of enemy tks which were reported yesterday to be operating in this area.	Director issues orders	
19	1300	CO issues orders for move	Umpires note formation of coln - should be organised to provide rapid protection against AFVs.	
20	1330	Gp moves		

21	1500	Tk attack on coln	Bn HQ umpire marks CO "killed" immediately tk attack commences. Remaining umpires cause casualties amongst tps.
22	1600	Enemy aircraft over coln	Umpires describe bombing and machine gunning to tps which must disperse off rd.
23	1700	Exercise ends	
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24	0900	Conference at Bde HQ	

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ARMY FORM W.3012 (Books of 100).

(Unit to which personnel are attached)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

23 Apr 1942 Number of sheets attached to this return 1.

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). Attachment, 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 the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>							
SX 8470	Pte	HOARE G F	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Ceased to be att	24 Apr 42		
				HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde			
SX 5466	"	STODDART J R	" " " "	Ceased to be att	24 Apr 42		
SX 8471	"	DORMAN F E	" " " "	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	26 Apr 42		
SX 8307	"	WHYTE A M	" " " "	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	26 Apr 42		

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

(Date) 28 Apr 1942

(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

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

Appendix 7

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 25 Apr 1942

No. of Sheets attached to this return 1

HQ 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 No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).	
					Date	
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DIAGNOSES OF DISEASES.</u>						
VX 24481	Pte	SMART J R	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evacuated MDS - Sand-fly Fever	26 Apr 42	- Transferred to 'X' List.
<u>REIGNED UNIT.</u>						
VX 32978	Pte	PETERE F E	" "	From 26 Aust Inf Tng) Bn)	27 Apr 42	- Struck off 'X' List.
<u>STRENGTH - TAKEN ON.</u>						
VX 41845	A/Cpl	HUTTON R C	" "	" " " " " "	27 Apr 42	
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES.</u>						
VX 32765	Pte	GORMLY G D	" "	Attended No 18 Course Driving and Maintenance (Wheeled vehs) from 22 Mar 42 to 18 Apr 42. Qualified		

Date) 28 Apr 1942

[Signature] Capt
(Signature of Commander)
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div (Unit)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTING ORDERS

PART 1

by

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

No 47
28 Apr 42

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

133. LEAVE - TRIPOLI TOWN

Bde HQ 101 is cancelled. Vacancies, as under, are allotted to units w.e.f. Tue 28 Apr 42 -

(a) MON - LEAVE 1700 - 2200 hrs

Bde HQ and att tps	7
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	51
2/24 " "	51
2/48 " "	51
	<u>160</u>

(b) TUE - LEAVE 1700 - 2200 hrs

Bde HQ and att tps	6
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	18
2/24 " "	18
2/48 " "	18
	<u>60</u>

(c) WED - PICTURES ONLY (EARLY SESSION)

Bde HQ and att tps	6
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	18
2/24 " "	18
2/48 " "	18
	<u>60</u>

(d) THU - PICTURES ONLY (EARLY SESSION)

Bde HQ and att tps	8
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	44
2/24 " "	44
2/48 " "	44
	<u>140</u>

R. P. H. H. H.
Capt
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	9 Aust Div (for infm)
2/24 " "	War Diary (2)
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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

23 Apr 42

WAR DIARY

(Period 16 - 22 Apr 42)

General

During this period 26 Aust Inf Bde were relieved of defence of Sector "A" of TRIPOLI FORTRESS by 20 Aust Inf Bde. Thus, duties have been of a twofold nature :

- (i) General completion of defences and defence plans of left fwd sector.
- (ii) Recce of new area which is now occupied by this bde in its role of div reserve.

With references to (i) a complete plan of defences with numerous appendices were handed over to the relieving bde together with an appreciation of the NORTHERN SECTOR prepared by Brig R W TOVELL.

Recce as mentioned in (ii) have included tactical consideration of the rds BATROUN - TRIPOLI, BECHARRE - TRIPOLI and other main highways leading into FORTRESS area in addition to the normal adm reces for the siting of HQ, Coy lines etc.

It is of interest to note that the entire Bde is now under canvas for the first time since arrival in SYRIA. The camp is established in the olive groves to the east and south east of the village of BECHMEZZINE. Camflg is still in progress and has been very successful.

The method of movement to new area was as follows :

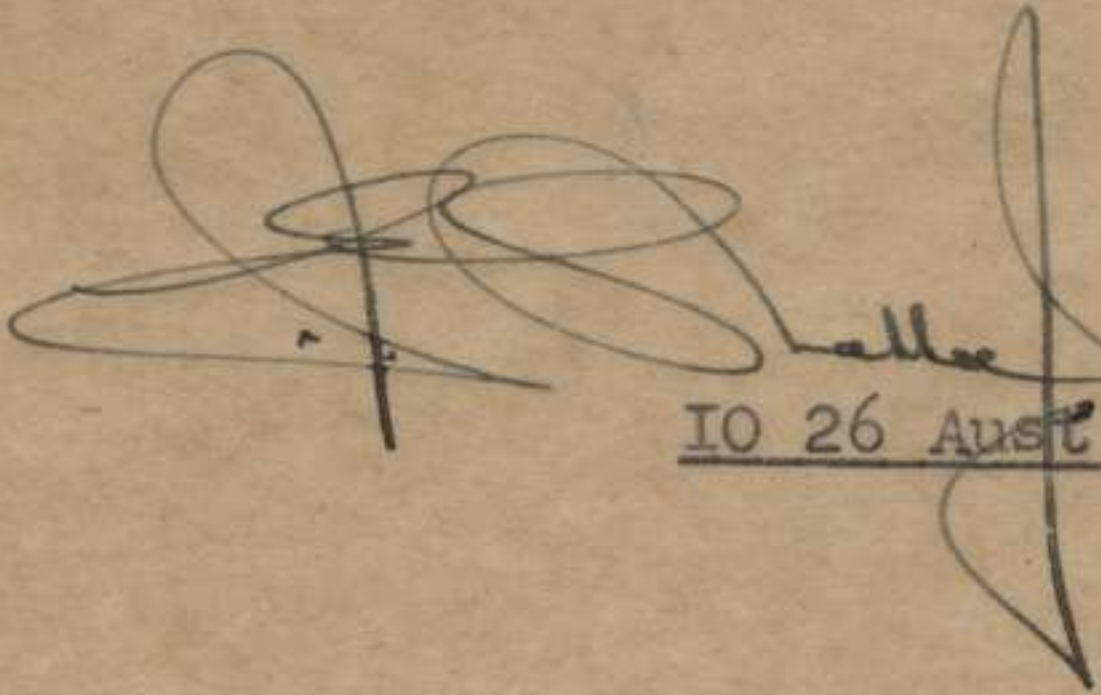
19 Apr - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn moved to area 157264
20 Apr - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn moved to area 157263
21 Apr - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn moved to area 156264

The relief of Sector A of TRIPOLI FORTRESS was completed thus:

20 Apr - 2/3 Aust Inf Bn took over left fwd Bn area.
21 Apr - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn took over right fwd Bn area.
22 Apr - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn took over res bn area.

Comd of Sector "A" changed at 1800 hrs 21 Apr 42.

Tng reports for this period are att as Appx "A"


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IO 26 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,
AIF (ME),
20 Apr 42.

HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde

M. Q. 26 AUSTR. INF. BDE.	
Date	22 Apr 42
Time	1000
No.	200/728/W.D.

WEEKLY TNG REPORT

RIFLE COYS

1. (a) Wpn Tng - No adv of note in period under review. Firing practice with all inf wps still chief need.
- (b) Fd Tng - Standard of pl tng remains satisfactory, and Coy tng intermediate. Fd craft is good, but the past tng week has given little scope for exercises that would result in improvement.

2. General -

The unit has, in the past week, been chiefly employed on firstly, the development and then the breaking of camp at Oil Tk site, and secondly, on adv party establishment of BECHMEZZINE site. At the same time, all available personnel were employed on the improvement of camflg and concealment of the diggings in Sector A, TRIPOLI defences. Useful camflg experience was thus gained, but the need is apparent for more instn in this, and appropriate provision is being made in future tng programmes. A start has been made by at least one coy on instn in unarmed combat. Progress results have been satisfactory, but the standard has not yet reached intermediate stage.

INT SEC

3. Most I Sec personnel gained useful experience in recesses of BECHMEZZINE area, and in rd recce vicinity JOUEIKH KHATE. Instn has been given in new map ref code, and a good standard of office routine maintained. Considerable time had to be spent in the preparation of traces for the Bn handover of infm on relief by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

HQ COY

4. No 1 (Sig) Pl - Semaphore, buzzer and line laying have taken up the greater part of the syllabus. Steady improvement has been shown in each. Periods have been devoted to morse and messages, with good results. Daily route marches maintain physical fitness. Sig office work continues with further instn in daily maintenance.
5. No 2 (A.A) Pl - Subjects covered incl intensive periods of Bren, bayonet, PT and route marches. A practice AA shoot was held, and provided good tng. Standard is satisfactory.
6. No 3 (Mor) Pl - The camouflaging of mortar pits in Sector A, TRIPOLI defences, has been continued. Route marches are a daily feature of pl tng, aimed at physical hardening for long "carries".
7. No 4 (Car) Pl - The pl has been engaged on work at BECHMEZZINE area.
8. No 5 (Pnr) Pl - Fd wks and camflg have been continued at Sector A TRIPOLI defences. Pnr work has been carried out at BECHMEZZINE area.
9. No 6 (Adm) Pl - Driving duties and instn, maintenance, camflg, map reading, and rifle drill have filled the week. PT and route marches have been carried out daily.

W. D. ...

Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col

2. Conner Reid.

H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.
Date 22 Apr. 42.
Time 1200.
No. 200/729/W.D.

Brig. *136*
B.M. *K. G.*
S.C. *(L)*

TG/34/48

2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
20 April 42.

26 AUST INF BDE

COMMENT ON TNG PERIOD 12 - 18 APR 42.

All Coys :

With the exception of a grenade practice on 13/15 Apr during which personnel from all coys were practiced in the handling of live 36M HAN and RIF, 63 GREN, NEU GREN, 69 GREN, 73 GREN and WRIGLEYS GREN, the whole week was taken up with completion of works on coy posts in preparation for handing over and the preparing of the new Bn area for occupation.

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.....*R*.....Lt.Col.,
Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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Our Ref: *G/72*

20 Apr, 42,

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
19 Apr 42

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26 Aust Inf Bde

Brig.	<i>AB</i>
S.M.	<i>(2) (4)</i>

REPORT ON TNG AS AT 19 APR 42

1. RIFLE COYS: All rifle coys for this week have been engaged in firstly the digging and cleaning up of defensive posns, and secondly, the establishing of the new camp site.
One coy completed one day's tng in wire crushing and weapon tng.
2. INT SEC:
 - (a) Portion of this week was spent on eye sketches, panoramas and thumbnail sketches, and much further practice is needed.
 - (b) The remainder of the week most of the Sec have been living out in the new area familiarising themselves with the tng areas and drawing fd sketches of the new camp layout.
3. 1 Pl - SIGS: During the four days Live out and Train carried out by this pl in conjunction with other pls of HQ Coy a march to bivouac area of 18 miles was made during which V/S was maintained with the fwd pl of the coy.
Whilst living out, tng incl a lecture and demonstration on the silent switchboard, lamp signalling and semaphore practice, theory of and practical superimposing and an exercise on message passing of line telegraphy and phonograms.
Night protective patrols were also carried out.
4. 2 Pl - AA: This Pl also carried out an 18 mile route march during which active and passive engagement of aircraft were practiced and protective patrols by night.
Tng whilst out covered movement by MT, occupation of defensive posns, weapon and bayonet tng, recce patrols.
AA practice with ball amn was carried out. A kite was flown at approx 40 mph and 50 ft above the ground. Each man of the Pl fired 25 rds (incl 5 tracer) - 60% of personnel obtaining hits.
Practice in firing the bren from the hip was also carried out and showed progressive improvement.
5. 3 Pl - Mortars: Following the 18 mile march out to bivouac area tng carried out during the four days comprised battle procedure, recce patrols. In addition two pl exercises of procedure in attack and of rearguard action were done.
Progress shown was very satisfactory.
6. 4 Pl - Carriers: This Pl also carried out the above route march and during the following four days continued weapon tng, JD, searching of gd, unarmed combat, map reading and occupation of fire posns.
Six dr mechs have received one week's instn from 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop.
7. 5 Pl - Pioneers: Engaged on routine duties during the whole week.

8. 6 Pl - Tpt: Engaged on routine duties during the whole week.
9. Miscellaneous:
 - (a) Lectures - All Offrs and NCOs attended a series of three lectures on "Desert Warfare", "Mobile Columns", and "Tobruk" which were very interesting and instructive.
 - (b) Air photography - Practically all Offrs made a visit to Div HQ and studied aerial photographs of TRIPOLI FORTRESS and the resultant infm possible for the enemy to obtain.
10. Bn HQ: All personnel have been fully occupied on routine matters.

L.H. Hammer

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

23 Apr 42

AQ WAR DIARY - (Period 15 - 22 Apr 42)1. PERSONNEL

- (a) The bde was advised as a result of a conference at HQ 9 Aust Div, at which the GOC AIF (ME) was present that a number of personnel from Base Areas would reinforce the bns. In addition HQ AIF (ME) in Cairo is being reduced in numbers and it is almost certain that the bde will also received a proportion of these personnel.
- (b) During this period no further reinfts have arrived from the 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn.

2. DISCIPLINE

- (a) It is apparent that the relative discipline of units in this bde is of a higher standard than other units in 9 Aust Div. This particularly applies to "the services who consistently have many men subject to DCM's, Courts of Inquiry etc. Since the arrival of this bde in SYRIA (approx 13 weeks) only eight (8) men have been subject to DCM's - a notable record.
- (b) Unfortunately poor discipline in other units of 9 Aust Div affects many offrs of this bde. A weekly average of offrs engaged on legal business excl their own unit troubles, would be ten (10).

3. MOVEMENT and ACCOMMODATION

During this period the bde moved from rather too comfortable quarters in the Barracks area above TRIPOLI town to BECHMEZZINE - AMIOUNE - KFAR HAZIR area. This means the whole bde is now under canvas, except for two large and one medium tin hutment per bn, and one large and two small hutments for these HQ. These were intended, and are generally used, as Adm buildings, "Q" Stores and Recreational rooms. The acquisition of the building known as Convent St Jean for the use of the offrs on these HQ cannot be over-emphasized. 78 LAD, with co-operation of "L" Sec Sigs att, have supplied electricity practically throughout the HQ area and also 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Adm Building and Offrs Mess. Power is supplied from a "Ruston-Hornsby" Engine, which is part of 78 LADs eqpt.

Is is desired to place on record the co-operation of 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, in support of this bde. This unit has done everything in its power to make easier the change from "barrack" life to "camp" life.

4. HORSES

Eight (8) horses are now on the strength of HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde, having been transferred from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. Two experienced men from each bn have been temporarily att to these HQ in order to look after these horses, forage, saddlery, etc.

Offshore
 Capt
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

22 Apr 42

WAR DIARY - AMENITIES1. Sport

- a. On 20 Apr 42 Bde received an issue of sporting material details see appx A.
- b. Facilities offered in BECHMEZZINE area are only fair consisting of two grounds suitable for cricket or ball games for the Bde. These have been allotted to units until another ground can be procured after the locals have reaped their crops.
- c. Boxing is being encouraged as a means to overcome lack of ground.

2. Recreation

- a. Each unit and Bde HQ has set aside 1 tin hut and 1 or 2 EPIP tents for mens recreation, under control Salvation Army and YMCA.

3. Canteens

- a. Each unit now has a canteen functioning in new location. These canteens were originally financed by Regtl Funds but repaid the loans and now run on profits made.
- b. Bde HQ personnel have been using 2/48 Aust Inf Bn canteen but a canteen will be set up for them in this area.

4. Betram Cinema

- a. This cinema now comes under control 26 Aust Inf Bde.
- b. Up to date this cinema has shown one session per night, This is being changed and from 22 Apr 42 onwards, will show nightly at 1745 hrs and 2015 hrs.
- c. Projection has improved 100% as since closing of ZGORTA theatre, the projector from there has been installed at Betram.
- d. Indication of attendance. Last night at the only session some 600 tps saw the show and 50 could not gain admission.

5. Bde Field Day

- a. Arrangements have been completed to hold a Bde Field Day on Sat 25 Apr 42, consisting of tng and sporting events, att programme.
- b. Ground being scarce the Muktar of AMIOUNE village was approached, and he willingly agreed to reap some lucern crop and allow the Bde free use of some 6 acres of his land.

6. Sunday Leave

- a. Owing to the moving of Bns to new area it was possible only to run 1 small convoy to BANIAS last Sunday. Reports show that behaviour was excellent and that the tps enjoyed the trip.

7. General

- a. Lt-Col LAMAIR held a meeting of all Amenities offrs at 9 Aust Div Mon 13 Apr 42.

At the meeting he took down all the Bde requirements for sporting materials, which he will fwd as soon as possible.

- b. Lt-Col LAMAIR informed the meeting that he had arranged for a ^{number} ~~number~~ of library books in case lots of 100 to be distributed and circulated under Div arrangements. There should be enough for 1 case per bn to be circulating at the one time.

W. H. Master Lieut
AO 26 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

22 Apr 42

Amenities Offr
9 Aust Div

AMENITIES

ACF Sports Issue - The following is the distribn
of the last ACF Sports Issue -

<u>Issue</u>	<u>2/23 Bn</u>	<u>2/24 Bn</u>	<u>2/48 Bn</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>HQ</u>
6 Cricket Bats	3	-	3		
12 " Balls	4	4	4		
3 " Pads	1 pr	1 pr	1 pr		
3 Bat Oil	1 tin	1 tin	1 tin		
1 set Stumps	3 stumps	-	-		3 stumps
12 Hockey Sticks	4	4	4		
12 " Balls	4	4	4		
1 pr Gloves	1	-	-		
6 Footballs	2	2	2		
6 Soccer Balls	2	2	2		
1 Pump	-	-	-		1
9 sets Boxing Gloves	3	3	3		
Writing Pads	1/2 box	1/2 box	1/2 box	1/2 box	

W. Master Lieut
AO 26 Aust Inf Bde

PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR 26 AUST INF BDE FIELD DAY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT NO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
0930	1	MORTAR	1 Sec 3" MORTAR per Bn
0945	2	CARRIER	1 CARRIER & CREW per Bn
1015	3	BREM GUN stripping & blindfold assembling	1 Team consisting of 3 men and 3 LMGs per Bn
1030	4	Relay Race in Respirator Through Smoke	1 Team of 10 men and respirators per Bn
1040	5	SIGNALS	1 Team 1 NCO and 3 ORs per Bn
1110	6	PLATOON DRILL	1 Platoon of 1 Offr, 1 Sgt 3 secs each 1 Cpl, 9 ORs per Bn
1135	7	TUG of WAR	1 Team of 9 men per Bn
1200- 1300		LUNCH	
1300	8	DRIVING SKILL	1 CARRIER and 1 3 TON per Bn
1320	9	WIRE CRUSHING	1 Sec, 1 Cpl & ORs per Bn
1345	10	AUST RULES FOOTBALL	Teams to be selected
1500		BDE PARADE	

Entries in all events are compulsory

MORTAR

1. Equipment
(per team) 1 Mule
 1 3" Mortar
2. Method
 - (a) Teams with Mortar loaded on mule 200x behind start line.
 - (b) On the signal Teams will move on to start line and come into action.
 - (c) Distance will then be judged to an object within 1000x.
 - (d) Teams will then dismount mortar and reload on to mule.
3. Points
 - (a) Speed in setting up mortar for action.
 - (b) Correct judging of distance to target.
 - (c) Correct handling of mortar.
 - (d) Speed in dismounting and correct loading on to mule.

CARRIER

1. Equipment
 1 Carrier
 Reserve Water and Rations
 LMG and mags
 A Tk Rifle and mags
 .303 amm
 .55 amm
2. Method
 - (a) Carriers and crews will be on start line. Crews lined up and all eqpt and stores spread about on ground. Carriers will have one track off.
 - (b) On signal crews will
 - i. mend track
 - ii. check and load stores
 - iii. load mags
 - iv. crew report to crew comd who gives "action"
 - (c) On "action" carriers will drive 400x to finishing line, Bren crew dismount, and fire 2 bursts at target 300x range. Carrier moves back into dead ground *of come into action*
3. Points
 - (a) Speed and efficiency in mending track.
 - (b) Correct stores.
 - (c) ~~Speed in loading mags.~~
 - (d) Speed and accuracy of Bren team at finishing line.

BLINDFOLD STRIPPING & ASSEMBLING BREN

Teams

Teams will consist of 3 Bren Gunners with 3 LMGs per Bn.

Method

- (a) On command men will strip their guns observing proper sequence
 - i. Piston
 - ii. Barrell and Butt
 - iii. Body and Bipod
- (b) Men will stand to attention whilst stewards blindfold them.
- (c) On the "command" men will assemble the weapon.
- (d) Inspection of weapons by judges.

Points

- (a) Speed and correct sequence in stripping and assembling
- (b) First team to finish will be considered the winners.

RELAY RACE IN RESPIRATOR THROUGH SMOKE

Teams

Teams to consist of 10 men, 5 at each end. Distance 150x between ends.

Method

Smoke candles will be lit somewhere on track. On word "Go" No 1 will don respirator and run through smoke to No 2, on reaching there he will pass stick to No 2 who will then don his respirator and run through to No 3 etc, etc.

SIGNALS

Equipment

Teams 1 NCO and 3 ORs.
2 D Mk V phones.
1 Reel D Mk III single cable
2 Cable layer No 2
Message forms.

Method

- (a) Teams with eqpt on start line.
- (b) On command "go" team will connect 1 D Mk V phone at start line, 2 men will lay line 200x to finish line and connect other D Mk V phone.
- (c) Stewards will hand message to be sent from finishing line.
- (d) 2 men at start will receive message, disconnect D Mk V and take up wire.

Points

- (a) Speed in cable laying.
- (b) Correctness and speed in transmitting message.
- (c) Speed in taking up cable.

PLATOON DRILL

Team

1. Platoon from each bn
Pl comd, Pl Sgt, 3 secs each 1 Cpl & ORs.

DRESS - DRILL ORDER

Method

Platoons will be inspected and ordered to perform 3 drill movements.
Platoons will, on the march, carryout 3 orders of Squad Drill.

Points

Points will be allotted for the inspection, rifle drill and squad drill.

TUG of WAR

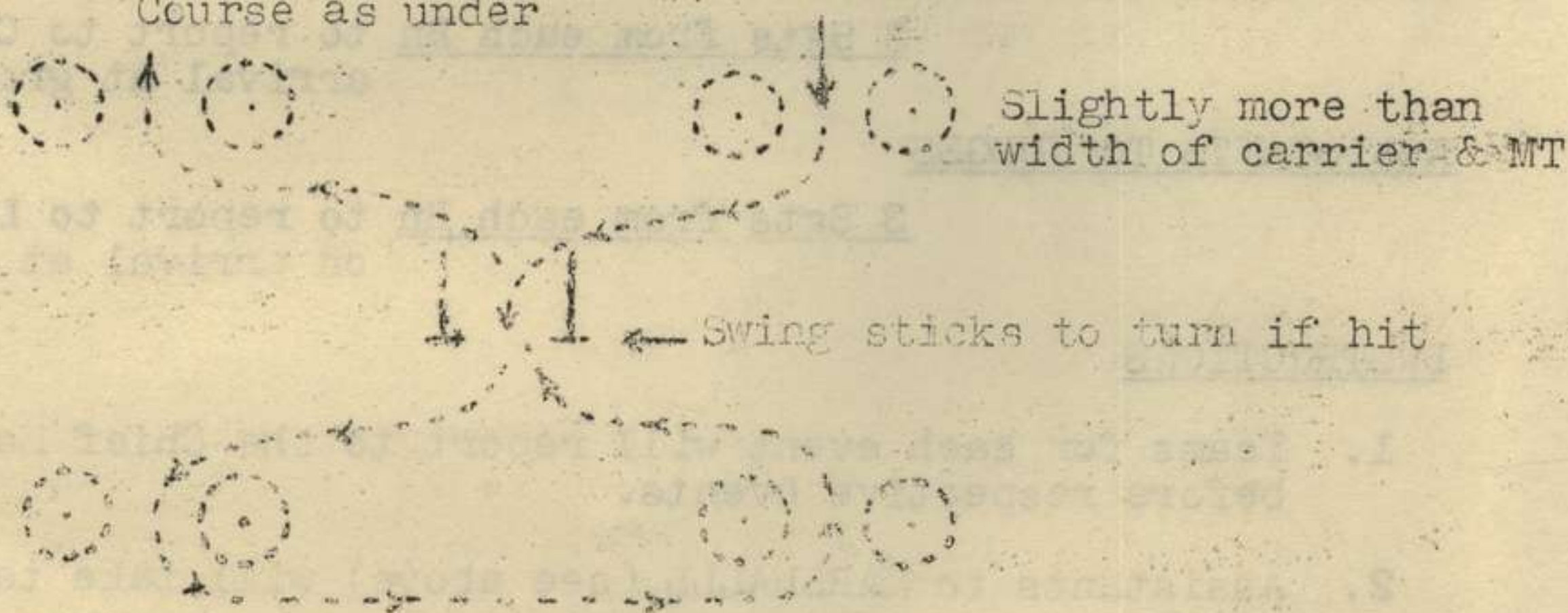
1 Team from each Bn of 9 men.

DRIVING SKILL

CARRIER & MT

Method

Course as under



- (a) Carrier will drive over course once.
- (b) MT drs will change 1 wheel then complete course forward and reverse.
- (c) MT drs will be judged on skill and speed at changing wheel, and driving.

WIRE CRUSHING

Method

3 secs of 2 panels each (DAF) have been erected.

xxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx

All secs start together.

Points allotted for (i) Correct method (ii) First sec in fire posns after coming over obstacles

ORGANIZATION

CHIEF MARSHALL MAJ WEIR 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
ASSISTANT MARSHALL CAPT URQUHART 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
ASSISTANT MARSHALL CAPT WILLIAMS C F 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>JUDGE</u>	<u>STEWARDS</u>
1	Capt SNELL 2/24 Bn	(a) Lieut DWYER (b) Lieut JONES (c) Lieut MAZZACHELLI
2	Capt BLAND 2/23 Bn	(a) Lieut RIGG (b) Lieut SINGLETON (c) Lieut LEMESSURIER
3	Maj SPIERS 2/23 Bn	(a) Lieut BOULTER (b) Lieut DOUGLAS (c) Lieut G E JOHNSON
4	Maj SCOTT 2/48 Bn	(a) Lieut DUNHAM (b) Lieut BURNABY (c) Lieut A LEWIN
5	Lieut BUSSELL L Sec Sigs	(a) Lieut JONES (b) Lieut CUNNING (c) Lieut W A BYRNE
6	Maj WALL 2/23 Bn	(a) Capt RATTRAY (b) Capt TUCKER (c) Lieut KING
7	Lieut MacNAMARA 2/24 Bn	(a) Lieut McLEOD (b) Lieut CUTLER (c) Lieut TAGGART
8	Capt G AUSTIN Bde HQ	(a) Lieut CLARKE (b) Lieut TRAVIS (c) Lieut WALLIS
9	Lieut CROMPTON 2/48 Bn	(a) Lieut GOLDSTONE (b) Lieut A C CLARE (c) Lieut MURPHY

ASSISTANTS TO MARSHALLS

3 Sgts from each Bn to report to Chief Marshall on arrival at ground.

ASSISTANTS TO JUDGES

3 Sgts from each Bn to report to Lieut McMASTER on arrival at ground.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Teams for each event will report to the Chief Marshall 10 mins before respective events.
2. Assistants to MARSHALLS (see above) will take teams to start lines.
3. Pioneer Platoon of each Bn will be responsible for erecting wire for event No 9 at direction of Lieut McMASTER.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

23 Apr 42

WAR DIARY - TPT SEC

Increase in strength - 1 DS.

During the last fortnight Bde vehs have greatly helped
2/24 Aust Inf Bn and vica versa during our move to
BECHMEZZINE..

C Austin Capt
TO 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
16 April 42

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT

1. I was Duty Officer from 1800 hrs 15 Apr 42 to 1800 hrs 16 Apr 42.
2. At 0325 hrs Duty Officer HQ 9 Aust Div reported that at 0300 hrs OC TRIPOLI PORT had reported an Alarm at Sea. No action taken.
3. At approx 0600 hrs Duty Officer HQ 9 Aust Div reported that at 0435 hrs explosions had been heard at sea to the South of TRIPOLI but that nothing further had occurred.



Capt

A.E. Levinson

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30/42

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Army Form W. 3012 (Books of 102)

Date of last A. F. W. 3012 rendered

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

28 Apr 1942..... Number of sheets.

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.

attached to this return

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required (Insert 'Yes' or 'No.')	Remarks, (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DIAGNOSES OF DISEASES:</u>							
VK 33734	Pte	GAMON H	AACS HQ HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evacuated HQ HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	28 Apr 42		Transferred to 'X' List

Appendix 51

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)..... 29 Apr 1942.....

[Signature]
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)
W/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered ^{28 Apr} 1942

No. of Sheets attached to this return 1

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
<u>STRENGTH - TAKEN ON:</u>						
SX 4154	Pte	TIMMENS A	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	From Hospital	29 Apr 42	- Struck off 'X' List.
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES:</u>						
UX 32765	Pte	GORMLY G D	" "	Rejoined Unit from D & M Course (Base Area Inf School)	30 Apr 42	

(Date) 30 Apr 1942

H. Hallan
Capt.
(Signature of Commander)
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
9 Aust Div
(Unit)

Apr 52

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEBDE ROUTINE ORDERSPART 1.

by

BRIG R W TOVELL DSO, ED, COMD 26 AUST INF BDENo. 48
30 Apr 42.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

134. TOWN PICQUET - BECHMEZZINE

Ref STANDING ORDERS for above picquet issued separately, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, commencing 1830 hrs 1 May 42, and will continue for a period of seven (7) days until 7 May 42.

135. ENGRS - FD COY

- a. wef 30 Apr 42, 2/13 Aust Fd Coy will be in support of 26 Aust Inf Bde, replacing 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
- b. Ref Bde RO 122, this order will now be amended by deleting all ref to 2/3 Aust Fd Coy and inserting 2/13 Aust Fd Coy. Units will adhere strictly to the details of this order.

136. MT - SPEEDING

- a. Attention is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 201 (plus Appendices "A" and "B") on this matter. Many vehs continue to exceed speed limits despite this order. Comds will ensure :
 - i. That all drs are continually reminded of the necessity to observe correct speeds at all times.
 - ii. That all drs are warned of the serious consequences involved should accidents result from excessive speeding.
 - iii. That strict disciplinary action be taken against offenders.
- b. With the 8 Ind Mule Coy RIASC now in the Bde area, drs should pay particular attention to "slowing down" when passing pack mules, mule carts, horses etc. Notices demanding that vehs slow down have already been placed on the rd BECHMEZZINE - AMIOUNE; drs will strictly observe the contents of these notices.

137. LOCAL LEAVE

- a. Further to Bde RO 124 and the Bde Comd's conference on 20 Apr 42, unit COs, at their own discretion, may now grant local leave nightly to the villages of BECHMEZZINE and/or AMIOUNE, provided that the total number of personnel on leave per unit per night does not exceed fifty (50) all ranks.
- b. Personnel proceeding to BERRAM CINEMA are additional to the personnel, mentioned in para (a) above.

138. TOWN PICQUET - AMIOUNE

- a. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will supply the AMIOUNE town picquet from 1 - 7 May 42.
- b. STANDING ORDERS for BECHMEZZINE TOWN PICQUET (issued separately) also apply for AMIOUNE PICQUET, with the exception of

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para 7 (LIAISON). OC PICQUET will be conversant with all details contained therein.

H. H. H. H.
Capt
A/SC/26 Aust Inf Bde

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NOTICE

1. CHURCH PARADES - SUN 3 MAY 42.

PROTESTANT (a) Holy Communion

- i. C of E - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
Recreational Hut - 0700 hrs.
(Any personnel wishing to attend).
- ii. Methodist - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn YMCA
Hut (C Coy lines) - 0715 hrs.
(Any personnel wishing to attend).

(b) Morning Service

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn - Unit arrangements.
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - BTERRAM CINEMA -
1030 hrs.
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - BTERRAM CINEMA -
0930 hrs.

RC MASS

- (a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn) BTERRAM CINEMA -
2/24 Aust Inf Bn) 0830 hrs.
- (b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn) Open air service
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde) in olive grove WEST
incl att tps) of rd BECHMEZZINE -
KFAR HAZIR opposite
entrance to Bn HQ
2/48 Aust Inf Bn -
1000 hrs.

2. The above arrangements will continue to be observed each SUNDAY unless otherwise notified.

Distribn

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