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UNIT 2/11 Bn.

WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

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Jan MONTH
1942 YEAR

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
DJEIDE	1	Lt Negus left for Egypt weather is very cold looks as though snow may fall within few days. Ground very wet underfoot owing to thawing of snow that fell Xmas day.		<div data-bbox="2051 362 2672 745" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 150px; height: 150px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> R05 </div> <div data-bbox="2859 1431 3014 1612" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 20px auto;"> 91 </div> <div data-bbox="2362 1753 3014 1874" style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Signature <i>R. Handson</i></p> </div>
	2	Bn has provided Sgt Straughan as instr at 6 Aust Div in L M & Heavy falls of snow were registered at Bn H.Q. overnight & during day approx 18 inches fell. M/T was temporarily disorganised because of frozen rds.		
	3	Lt Col. MacArthur-Onslow gave a lecture in officers mess on recent Ops in Syria. All leave in Beirut & Damascus cancelled.		
	4	Snow very thick no M/T communication with hill camps.		
	5	9 & 10 pls returned to main body from hill camps. They report 9 ft of snow in places.		
	6	11 pl returned today leaving 10 pfc & 1 sec as guard over stores. Reinf to be delayed owing to breakdown in railway & leave party returning to Bn is also delayed owing to frozen roads. Capt Jackson left for M.E. & C.		
	7	Weather very cold & windy looks like more snow or rain		
	8	Ski-school movement cancelled because of impassable rds. Clearing of roads to take priority over defence work.		
	9	Work on defences resumed. Coy church parades voluntary owing to limited space in Y.M.C.A. heavy fogs.		
	10	Snow clearing away. Sgt Bradbourne replaces pl Francis at 1st Pan Centre. Slight rain during day.		
	11	Voluntary church parade well attended. A Coy has 1 sec returned from Wadi Fara. area fine but very cold weather.		
	12	2/11 Bn supplying one pl to R.A.F. as working party. Increase in oil for heaters to 3 pints per day. Capt Jackson rejoined unit.		

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DJEIDE	13	concert in Baalbeck was well patronised by 2/11 BN.		
		the weather has warmed up.		
	14	concert party have extended stay for two days Sgt Negro rejoined unit		
	15	This unit handed over to 20 Bde 4 15-cwt trucks.		
		Strong winds are starting again but everything is anchored down		
	16	Strong winds continue also sleet no roofs off as yet.		
	17	Sigs cannot obtain batteries so telephones cut down to a minimum More applications called for mortar M/T, M/C personnel under new W.E. heavy rain during the day.		
	18	Church Parades as usual squally winds & rain during day		
	19	Weather fine all rifle coys on intensive trng.		
	20	All concrete slabs have now been collected from RAE		
	21	50 of 50 ORs went to Baalbeck to have publicity photo taken weather stormy once again.		
	22	Hot showers are in action once again		
	23	CO addressed Bn parade re rumours of move & discipline while on leave advance party of returning bn arrived in late afternoon		
	24	H.Q. Coy Commenced one weeks intensive trng.		
	25	All unit lines being cleaned up. weather fine		
	26	General trng continued rations & amn issued to coys		

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Signature R. Anderson

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DJEDEI	27	Advance party moved out in heavy fog & wind. 60 addressed Bn re move. 7 th Green Howards mounted Guard at retreat secs returned from hills.	Attached	
HILL 69	28	Bn left Djedei at 0730 hrs arrived at destination SAMAKH at 1800 hrs. weather warm.	Movement	
	29	Departed Samakh at 0615 hrs arrived at Hill 69 at 1500 hrs discipline throughout move was excellent.	Order	
	30	Bn settled down & resumed Eng. & Reinf Officers Lts Black & hance Wyers ^{BYERS} & Murphy & 262 ORs joined unit. Capt Biddells Lts Hickey Mortimer Lyall & Ribb also R.M.O. Capt Cairns	Hay market.	
	31	New Reinf Co formed coy known as 'E' Coy Bn now at full strength.		

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Signature.....

W. H. Brown
L. H. B. C.

STANDING ORDERS

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER Commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

REVISED 1 JAN 1942

SECTION 1

1. Application of Standing Orders

- (a) These orders apply both during training and operations, except where modified by Operation Orders and Instructions.
- (b) Amendments and additions to these orders will be issued from time to time.
- (c) Officers are responsible that all ranks under their command are familiar with these orders.
- (d) Separate Camp S.O. and PAD Orders will be issued for each Standing Camp.

SECTION 2 - SECURITY

2. General

- (a) All ranks will exercise constant care to prevent leakage of information through indiscreet conversation in public places, or in the presence of any strangers, whether in uniform or not, on topics directly or indirectly connected with operations. Disclosure, even amongst relatives and friends while home on leave, of impending movements of themselves or their units, is forbidden.
- (b) Orders, official documents and marked maps, will not be carried into action, except such as are indispensable to the operation in hand. Any such papers or maps taken into action will be destroyed and any markings on Talc Coverings to maps rubbed out, when there is risk of capture. The same applies to any private papers which may give indications of the locations of the unit or of the state of affairs at home.
- (c) Documents, maps and secret and confidential papers will not be left lying about in offices, tents or billets. Those in charge of offices will ensure that all drafts of orders, stencils, waste paper etc. are destroyed by burning.
- (d) All documents, maps etc taken from enemy PW or enemy dead, or documents, maps etc captured in any other way, will be immediately sent to Bn I.O.
- (e) Cameras and personal diaries will not be taken into the field.
- (f) Officers are responsible that all ranks under their Comd are familiar with FSPB Pam No.3, 1939 Sec 16 to 26.
- (g) During tng periods Senior Major will act as Security Officer. In battle Bn I.O. will act as Security Officer.

3. Correspondence

- (a) Unit Censor Stamp will be held by I.O.
- (b) Postal address - i. Outgoing letters of ALL ranks MUST bear at the head, the FULL postal address of the writer.
The correct postal address is:- Army No. (in case of O/Rs)
Rank, Name
Unit
AIF ABROAD
ii. No sender's address at all will be put on postcards. They should only be signed.
iii. The name and address of the sender will NOT be shown on the back of the envelope.
- (c) Stationery - The use of Hotel Stationery is prohibited.

- (d) **Franking of Correspondence** - i. The franking of all outgoing correspondence will be carried out by officers of the Coy etc. to which the writer belongs or is attached.
 ii. Correspondence must be left open by the writer and will be closed by the franking officer.
 iii. Registered correspondence will be franked in the presence of the sender.
 iv. Parcels will be examined and franked in the same manner. They must bear on the outside a declaration of contents.
 v. After being franked, correspondence will be passed to I.O. for impressing with the unit stamp.
 vi. No mail will be despatched to Australia other than through the authorised channels. This includes correspondence handed to personnel returning to Australia on medical or other grounds, for despatch or delivery on arrival in Australia or intermediate places of call.
- (e) **Green envelopes** - see FSPB pam 3, para 21 also
 Where air mail transmission is desired, each of the enclosures must be fully prepaid at air mail postage rates.
 If the Green Envelope requires air mail transmission to reach the censor, it shall also carry the air mail fee in postage stamps. In all other cases no postage is required.

4. Photography

- (a) All cameras will be registered and the register will be kept by I.O.
 (b) One official photographer will be appointed and notified in BROs
 (c) Photography of military objects is forbidden, except by official photographer. All photographs are subject to censorship.

5. Security Documents

A Register of Security Documents will be kept by I.O.

6. Security of Arms and Ammunition

- (a) Each individual officer and soldier is personally responsible for the safeguarding of such arms and ammunition as may be issued to him or placed in his charge.
 (b) All losses will be reported immediately to Bn HQ.
 (c) Rifles, LMGs and ammunition will be stored at night under Coy arrangements in a guarded tent or building. If possible they will be secured in locked boxes or chained to some immovable objects. Bolts will be removed and stored separately.
 (d) By day when rifles are piled, an armed guard will be posted.
 (e) The arms on issue to all officers and O/Rs will be checked daily and report rendered to Bn HQ.
 (f) The above paragraphs refer to conditions in standing camps.

SECTION 3 - COMMAND AND CONTROL

7. Battle Procedure

- (a) The following terms will be used:-
 R Group (R Gp) - The Commanders Group.
 O Group (O Gp) - The Subordinate Commanders and Staff.
 F Group (F Gp) - The main (fighting) body of the unit.
 T Group (T Gp) - The Transport and Staff not required with F Group.

(b) The composition of the above Groups will be:-

R Group - CO

Adjt or I.O.

Sig Offr

DRs 2

O Group - R Group plus

OsC Rifle Coys

OC HQ Coy

OC 3, 4 & 5 Pls

TO

Orderlies as required

Mechanical tpt will always be reduced to a minimum.

(c) When verbal orders are being given, any offrs not required, and the orderlies and drivers, will remain out of hearing under cover.

(d) When R and O Groups are called for, to reconnoitre a new position in a withdrawal, units and sub-units will not send Comds but their representatives. It will also generally be advisable to send larger parties. Unless otherwise ordered the party will consist of:-

Bn 2 i/c

2 i/cs of Coys

P1 Sgts

One man per Sec

2 Int Sec personnel

Sig Sgt and 2 Signmn

8. Marking and Layout of HQ

Provost Sgt will mark Bn HQ with a distinguishing sign both at nearest road turnoff and at Signals Office. RSM is responsible for layout of HQ.

9. Traffic Control

Provost Sgt will make arrangements for dispersal and parking of vehicles at Bn HQ.

10. Duty Officer

An Officer will be on duty at all times at Bn HQ.

11. Reporting of Coy HQ

Coys will send two Orderlies to Bn HQ when halting to report the position of their HQ. One will return, the other will remain at Sig Office until released by S.O.

SECTION 4 - COMMUNICATIONS

12. Delivery of Messages

- (a) All ranks must assist Orderlies or Don Rs to find the HQ of individual Officer to whom their message is to be delivered.
- (b) Officers leaving their HQ will always advise their destination and on arrival at HQ other than their own, will report their presence to Signals.
- (c) Acknowledgement - where a message delivered by hand requires acknowledgement, Orderly will wait.

13. Franking of Messages

Priority prefixes will be used in accordance with FSPB Pam 2 para 8.

14. Daily Time Signals

Time will be synchronised through Signals daily at 0800 and 2000 hrs and immediately before an operation.

15. S.O.S. Signal

- (a) Unless other orders are issued, the S.O.S. Signal may be put up on the authority of a Coy Comdr. It will only be put up when enemy infantry or tanks are advancing to the attack. The S.O.S. Signal will be answered by all weapons on fixed lines, the fire of which falls in the area in which the signal has gone up.
- (b) Unless otherwise ordered fire will be:-
- i. LMGs, 1 minute rapid, 1 minute normal
 - ii. Mortars, five rounds HE per minute for 3 minutes

SECTION 5 - UNIT TRANSPORT16. Command of Transport

Comd of transport is vested in the TO. If "A" and "B" Echelons are separated, either the TO or the T Sgt will be in Comd of "A" Echelon when grouped, and the QM in charge of "B" Echelon tpt.

17. Licences

No driver will drive alone unless licensed. A licensed driver will always accompany learners. Personnel learning to ride M/Cs will not go out alone.

18. Speed Limits

Local rules as to speed limits will be adhered to. Maximum speed will always be shown by a notice posted inside the cab. This will not be exceeded unless operationally necessary.

19. Safeguarding of Vehicles

No vehicle will be left unattended unless for urgent necessity or for operational reasons.

20. Accidents

All accidents will be reported at once to Bn HQ. All drivers will carry on their vehicles, a copy of inner sheet A, A3676.

SECTION 6 - UNIT FUNDS21. P.R.I.

Senior Major to act as P.R.I.

22. Audit Boards

Auditors for regimental funds, Officers and Sgts Mess accounts will be notified in BROs.

23. Accounts

Audited accounts will be submitted to Bn HQ by 8th day of each month. Balance of Regimental Funds will be published monthly in BROs.

24. Security of Cash

- (a) PRI is responsible for security of monies held by him.
- (b) Adjt is responsible for proper safeguarding of petty cash and advances held against pay.
- (c) Mess Secretaries are responsible for monies in their hands.

25. Canteen

Where a canteen is operated by the unit, all transactions with it will be for cash only. Officers and Sgts Messes may open credit accounts with AACS which will be settled monthly and fortnightly respectively.

26. Trust Funds

Signatories for purpose of operating on Regtl Funds will be C.O., P.R.I. or Adjt.

SECTION 7 - ADMINISTRATIVE27. Kit Inspections

- (a) A kit inspection of all personnel will be held during the last week, bi-monthly or as ordered, and LDRs submitted to QM immediately.
- (b) A Kit inspection of reinforcements and "X" List personnel will be held immediately on their arrival at unit. Returns of same are to be forwarded to the QM immediately.

SECTION 8 - DRESS28. Order of Dress

- (a) Dress will be as laid down in AIF (ME) Order No.296. Amendments will be promulgated in BROs.
- (b) Hats will not be worn turned up unless ordered.
- (c) All ranks will wear their identity discs at all times.

SECTION 9 - P.A.D.29. Hostile Planes

- (a) Unless orders to do so are given, enemy aircraft will not be engaged by fire unless they are attacking.
- (b) Separate instructions are contained in Camp Standing Orders.

SECTION 10 - DISCIPLINE30. Bounds

No man may leave camp unless on duty or in possession of a leave pass. Bounds for each camp will be published in BROs. or Camp SOs.

31. Duties of Orderly Officers, Guards etc

Separate instructions will be issued for each camp.

32. Compliments

Correct compliments will be paid in Standing Camps.
No compliments will be paid during Field Exercises or when in Action.

SECTION 11 - CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL**33. Loot**

The possession of loot by any member of the Bn is forbidden. Loot consists of any property or money which has not been received by issue, free gift on the part of the lawful owner or fair purchase.

34. Captured Weapons and Equipment

- (a) All captured weapons and equipment will be passed to Bn HQ as soon as possible.
- (b) Captured documents must be sent to Bn HQ immediately

R. B. Dowling Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

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2/11 Aust Inf Bn

3 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER Commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No.48

1. DUTIES

Duties for period to 10 Jan 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer supplied by</u>
3/4 Jan 42	D HQ Coy to relieve Camp Guard 0645 hrs 4 Jan 42	D
4/5 " 42	B	B
5/6 " 42	HQ	HQ
6/7 " 42	B	HQ
7/8 " 42	HQ	HQ
8/9 " 42	B	B
9/10 " 42	HQ	HQ

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0730 hrs YICA Hut
- (b) Bn Church Parade
1030 hrs YICA Hut (Voluntary)
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YICA Hut
- (d) R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJEDDINE

Lt. R. ... Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

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6 Jan 42.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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No.49

1. DUTIES.

Duties for period to 10 Jan 42 have been amended as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer supplied by</u>
5/6 Jan 42	B	HQ
6/7 " 42	D	D
7/8 " 42	HQ	HQ
8/9 " 42	B	HQ
9/10 " 42	C	C

2. DRESS.

Attention has been directed to the fact that O/Rs have purchased and are wearing caps S.D., Officer's pattern. This is an offence and will be treated accordingly. (DRO No.628)

3. AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA.

Owing to the limited plane space at present available for the conveyance of air mails to Australia, it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible.

So far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

It is desired as far as possible to avoid having to hold mails over for later despatch, and the co-operation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction. (DRO No.633)

R.L. Sandover
Adjt *2/11* Capt
Inf Bn

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10 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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No. 50

1. DUTIES.

Duties for period to 17 Jan 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer supplied by</u>
10/11 Jan 42	B	D
11/12 " 42	HQ	HQ
12/13 " 42	B	D
13/14 " 42	HQ	HQ
14/15 " 42	HQ	HQ
15/16 " 42	HQ	HQ
16/17 " 42	HQ	HQ

Bde Duties: D Coy will provide the following:-

1 Pl G Dump RE 0830 to 1600 hrs)
1 Pl Cypriot Camp 0830 to 1600 hrs) Sunday to Tuesday incl.
1 Pl FSD NEBI OTHMANE 0900 to 1600 hrs)

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0730 hrs YMCA Hut
- (b) Bn Church Parade
1030 hrs - RSM will marshal parade
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (d) R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJELDEIDE

3. BOUNDS.

All villages are out of bounds to troops after 2130 hrs daily.
Private houses are out of bounds to troops at all times.

4. CIVILIANS ENTERING CAMP

Civilians are not permitted to enter Bn Camp Area unless in possession of authorised pass. Guards, Picquets and Regtl Police will question any civilian that enters Camp Area, and if not in possession of pass or on official business with the unit, they will be searched and removed.

The practice of having civilians enter unit lines to collect or deliver washing will cease.

5. PROMOTIONS

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX4128	L/Sgt	RYAN	D.A.	to be Sgt from 5 Jan 42
WX6666	A/Sgt	WILKINSON	N.	" " " " " "
WX506	L/Sgt	McLENNAN	C.E.	" " " " " "
WX8593	A/Cpl	RAMSHAW	J.	to be Cpl from 5 Jan 42
WX8598	"	MILNE	R.D.	" " " " " "
WX7342	"	SIFORD	A.T.	" " " " " "
WX6808	"	McLARTY	J.E.	" " " " " "
WX6405	"	ROYALL	J.G.	" " " " " "
WX8109	"	LINDSAY	R.T.	" " " " " "
WX13659	L/Cpl	WILLIAMS	J.F.	" " " " " "
WX9192	Pte	WILLOUGHBY	G.E.	to be L/Cpl from 9 Jan 42
WX11239	"	KENT	W.N.	" " " " " "

(OVER)

F. E. Dowling Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

10 Jan 45

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NOTICES

LOST: PACK belonging to WX11303 Pte FIDERSBY, H.A.

Contents marked with name or number.
Coys will check stores and make enquiries.
If found, to be returned to owner and Bn HQ notified.

PAY

Pay for Palestinian Leave Personnel will be drawn at Staging Camps NOT from unit Pay Sgt.

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12 JAN 45
2. Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.

(iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence, but attention must be paid to the background which must not include anything, the photographing of which is prohibited.

(iv) All ranks are forbidden to join civilian (photographic) clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or submit for exhibition photographs taken by them.

3. When a unit proceeds to any zone of active operations, all cameras, with the exception of those referred to below, will be withdrawn by the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, AIF (ME). The Officer-in-Charge of Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of a camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more authorised unit photographers per unit, as laid down by Commands, permitted to retain cameras with the object of increasing the supply of photographs of value for record and publicity purposes. The Officer-in-Charge of Photography will be ^{only} strictly responsible that, in zone of operations, cameras are used by these authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under Command arrangements. On the back of this pass, will appear directions on the following lines:-

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

Hessrs Kodak (Egypt) S.A., 20 Sharia Adly Pasha, Cairo.

On no account will security films or unit record films be despatched to any other dealer than the above".

4. Films will on no account be sent by personnel for developing and printing to any other than an approved and authorised dealer. Commands will ensure that lists of authorised dealers in their areas are distributed in sufficient scale; and each authorised dealer should be supplied with a notice board to be hung in a prominent place stating that this dealer has been officially authorised by the British military authorities. It will be the duty of unit Officers-in-Charge of Photography to ensure that all ranks are fully acquainted with this list and do not deal with any dealers or sub-agents other than those on the list. Films belonging to military personnel found in any unauthorised dealers possession will be confiscated and destroyed and disciplinary action taken against the owner. The number of authorised dealers should and will be increased as and when more censorship personnel are available.

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

6. GHQ (MEF) retains the right to take copies of any photograph and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. The cost of developing films containing photographs of which use is made by GHQ (MEF) will be defrayed by GHQ (MEF).

7. There have been cases of interference by local police with Service personnel using cameras in prohibited areas or taking photographs of prohibited objects. Commands will ensure that lists of prohibited objects and prohibited areas are published at frequent intervals and that disciplinary action is taken against military photographers failing to comply with the legitimate instructions of the police concerned.

8. Films found developed or stored in any manner in contravention of this Order are liable to confiscation and destruction; and in view of the extremely serious results to security of non-compliance with the above instructions, strict disciplinary action will in all cases be taken against offenders. (AIF Order No.904)

6. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIALS

WX2157 Pte SCOTT H.G. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

The above mentioned soldier was convicted by District Court-Martial held at BAALBECK 30 Dec 41.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
Using insubordinate language to a superior officer (2 charges)	Guilty	90 days detention

WX1812 Pte IIECTAN J. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

The above mentioned soldier was convicted by District Court-Martial held at BAALBECK 30 Dec 41.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
A.V.L. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, being improperly in possession of property belonging to a person subject to Military Law (3 charges)	Guilty Guilty	120 days detention

Edging Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

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

LOST 1 GREATCOAT - between LABOUE - LL AINE on 9th Jan 42.
Finder return to Pte OSBORNE H.T. WX12996

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17 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 52

1 DUTIES

Duties for period to 24 Jan 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer supplied by</u>
17/18 Jan 42	C	Duty Coy
18/19 " 42	D	" "
19/20 " 42	A	" "
20/21 " 42	B	" "
21/22 " 42	C	" "
22/23 " 42	D	" "
23/24 " 42	A	" "

Bde Duties: Duty Coy will supply Bde Duties. (Duties as per para 15 of this order)

2. CHURCH PARADES

- Holy Communion C of E
0730 hrs YMCA Hut
- Bn Church Parade (Voluntary)
0940 hrs
- Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Hut
- R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJEDEIDE

3. PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF ACTING RANK

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX6221	Pte	COOK	F.A.	to be	A/Cpl	as from	12	Jan	42
WX6824	"	McGLINN	E.G.	"	"	"	"	"	"
WX7274	"	THOMPSON	S.C.	"	"	"	13	Jan	42
WX2230	Cpl	SUMMERS	W.A.	"	A/Sgt	"	"	"	"
WX546	Cpl	EYRE	E.	Apptd	L/Sgt	"	"	"	"

Confirmation of Acting Rank of the following NCO has been approved:-

WX544 A/Sgt BOYLE J. confirmed as Sgt from 13 Jan 42.

4. G(R) SCHOOL REPORT

The following personnel having completed the first G(R) School, are competent to handle service explosives and are suitable for Unit G(R) work:-

WX 348	Lieut	STONEHAM	
WX 546	Cpl	EYRES	E.
WX 370	Pte	BAIRD	R.
WX920	"	JARVIS	W.
WX 863	"	VILLIAMS	L.F.
WX 530	"	McEWAN	R.

5. LEAVE PERSONNEL RETURNING TO UNITS

Should any personnel returning from leave find there is no accommodation available on the train on which they should travel, they will immediately report this fact to the RTO. (DRO No.655)

6. EVACUATION OF CAPTURED MATERIAL FROM FORWARD AREAS

Experience has shown that the value to Intelligence, and therefore to the prosecution of the war, of captured material of every type is not realised by all ranks. This lack of understanding has resulted in delay in handing over or reporting captured stores. It has also resulted in souvenir hunting.

After 30 Dec 41, whenever a unit or formation captures and retains any enemy material, a report will be rendered as soon as possible to the higher formation concerned with copies direct to GS I, GHQ MEF, in triplicate.

Wherever practicable and necessary A GUARD WILL BE MOUNTED OVER any articles obviously of special value from an Intelligence point of view immediately it is captured.

If a unit or formation wishes to retain an articles, this fact and the reasons for wishing to retain it should be noted on the report of capture for GHQ consideration. Disposal instns will be given by GHQ.

After 30 Dec 41, disciplinary action will be taken in any case of stealing, tampering with, failing to report possession of, or being in unauthorised possession of, captured enemy material. The term "enemy material" covers any and every store or article of equipment, including documents and food known to have been in the possession of the enemy at any time; it thus includes re-captured British material. (DRO No.658)

7. AIR MAIL SERVICE - AUSTRALIA

The Air Mail Service between Australia and the ME has been restored and mails are going through in both directions. During the next few weeks it is probable that air posting to Australia will take three or four days longer en route than formerly.

It is still necessary to limit the weight of Air Mail postings, and the restrictions set out in DRO 633 of 4 Jan 42 are to continue in force. (DRO No.660)

8. LABOUE - OUT OF BOUNDS

The village of LABOUE is out of bounds to all tps after 2000 hrs. (DRO No.661)

9. E.F.M. CABLES

It is probable that the great bulk of Xmas traffic from Australia will be distributed to the field within a few days. There is prospect of the present restriction on outward EFM traffic being relaxed shortly. (DRO No.662)

10. MOUNTAIN TRAFFIC - WINTER MONTHS

Owing to the increasingly unsafe conditions on mountain roads caused by snow, fog, and the formation of ice on road surfaces, units will ensure that all military traffic over roads liable to be affected takes place and is completed within the hours of daylight. (DRO No.668)

11. RIFLES NO.1 Mk 111 - USE OF PULL-THROUGH

(a) No material other than issue flannelette 4" x 2" should be used in the cleaning of the rifle bore.

(b) Flannelette larger than 4" x 2" or foreign material such as cotton or calico torn from U/S shirts must not be used.

(c) Rusty barrels should only be cleaned under the supervision of a qualified armourer.

(d) O.Cs will ensure that pullthroughs are inspected at regular intervals and that worn and frayed cords which are liable to break are replaced. (DRO No.671)

12. WASTAGE OF 2-GALLON CANS USED FOR CARRIAGE OF PETROL AND WATER

The following is published in amplification of General Order 1218 of 1941:-

All consignments of water carried in 2-gal cans will be dunnaged in the same way as petrol consignments.

All 2-gal cans carried in the racks of cars containing petrol or water will be made "tight". Reed matting or rubber cut from unserviceable inner tubes will normally be the best dunnage to use for this purpose. (DRO No.674)

13. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS

(a) In the event of any accident, premature explosion, serious misfire or hangfire occurring with any type of arm in any weapon, a signal will be sent by the OC concerned immediately to General Headquarters, Middle East, vide para 759, Sec 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 arm, 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 pro-forma at Appx "A" to this General Order, together with a brief report of the accident.

(c) Fragments of arm 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 DADOS 6 Aust Div, 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 arm or explosives in store on their charge. (DRO No.676)

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

14. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

Travelling allowance will not be paid for towns or places in which Leave of Transit Camps or Reception Camps are situated unless a certificate is included on the claim to the effect that application was made for accommodation at the Transit etc., Camp and none was available.

In the case of ORs the application for Travelling Allowance is to be supported by a signed certificate from the OC of Transit etc., Camp. In the case of Officers under field rank, the certificate will be included in the body of the claim and signed by the Officer.

Accommodation is not normally available at Leave or Transit Camps for Officers of field rank or above, and no certificate is therefore required from such Officers.

This Order will not apply to claims for subsistence whilst on leave or for claims for Travelling Allowance during short duty in a town. (DRO No.680)

15. DUTIES

Bde Duties - Duty Coy will be responsible for providing the following Guards for week-ending 24 Jan 42:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Strength of Guard</u>	<u>Time of Duty</u>
GoDunb LABOUE	1 NCO, 6 O/Rs	1700 - 0730
Res Ration Dump LABI OTHIANE	1 NCO, 90/Rs	1700 - 0730
Res Ration Dump LL AINE	1 NCO, 6 O/Rs	1700 - 0730
DJEDEIDE Village Picquet	1 Offr, 6 O/Rs	1730 - 2200

or later until village cleared of tps. Offr i/c to report to Adjt prior to taking over duty.

16. BOUNDS - EL AINE VILLAGE

The village of EL AINE is out of bounds after 1800 hrs. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders who infringe this instruction.

17. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS

Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British prisoners of war. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy. (AIF Order No. 890)

**18. MILITARY PAMPHLETS, NOTEBOOKS, PAPERS, etc.,
DESPATCHED IN UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE**

Pamphlets, notebooks, papers, etc., concerning military subjects are being despatched in unaccompanied baggage. It is appreciated that it is not always possible for officers to carry such documents with them when travelling, and that their duties may be interfered with if the ordinary censorship rules are applied in these cases.

Officers who wish to send such documents in their unaccompanied baggage will place them together in one package with a certificate from their C.O. listing the documents and stating that they are required by the officer for his service duties. The documents will then be released by the censorship authorities.

In no circumstances will documents of a higher classification than "Not to be Published" be sent in unaccompanied baggage.

This will apply only to baggage which is labelled to a military address. Documents which are directed to private addresses (hotels, pensions, etc.) will be retained by the censorship authorities in the usual way. (AIF Order No. 892)

19. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS

In many instances Commanding Officers are charging against Public Funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. This practice will cease forthwith. Unless a Commanding Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier. (AIF Order No. 895)

L. B. Bowling
Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES**FUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

A Fuchre Tournament will be held in Recreation Hut on Monday evening. Those desiring to play must put their names in to YMCA Cpl not later than midday Monday. Tournament will commence at 7.30 pm

Entry - FREE

Winner will receive - 2 Syrian Pounds

BAIRD CONCERT

A Concert will be given by Brigade Band in YMCA Hut this evening. (17 Jan 42)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

21 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 53

1. PROMOTIONS

The following promotion has been approved:-

WX627 Cpl PRATT R. to be A/Sgt as from 14 Jan 42
WX6253 Pte SILVERTON J. to be A/Cpl as from 19 Jan 42.
WX1139 " McDERMOTT J.P. " " " " 14 Jan 42

2. REVERSIONS

The following NCO has reverted to the ranks at his own
request:-

WX1909 A/Cpl LAMBIE D.

3. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIALS

WX1727 Pte LIPPIATT R.S. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

The above mentioned soldier was convicted by District Court-
Martial held at DJEBELIDE on 12 Jan 42.

Offence
A/L

Finding
Guilty

Sentence
60 days detention

WX13074 Pte HENDERSON W.R. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

The above mentioned soldier was found "NOT GUILTY" by District
Court-Martial held at DJEBELIDE on 12 Jan 42, on the following charge:-
"Losing by neglect his rifle"

(SIGNED) L.E. Dowling Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
per ch.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

24 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 54

1. DUTIES

Duties for period to 3 Feb 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer & NCO supplied by</u>
24/25 Jan 42	B	Duty Coy
25/26 " 42	C	" "
26/27 " 42	D	" "
27/28 " 42	HQ	" "
28/29 " 42	A	" "
29/30 " 42	B	" "
30/31 " 42	C	" "
31/1 Feb 42	D	" "
1/2 " 42	HQ	" "
2/3 " 42	A	" "

Bde Duties: Unit responsibility extended to include the night of 25/26 Jan 42.
RAYAK and QUOSSAIR Guards will be relieved 0900 hrs 26 Jan 42.

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0745 hrs YMCA Hut
- (b) Bn Church Service
0930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (d) R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJEDEIDE

3. PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF ACTING RANK

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX6272	L/Cpl	LIVESLEY F.J.	to be A/Cpl as from 19 Jan 42
WX11288	Pte	TINMS R.T.S.	apptd L/Cpl " " " " "
WX13844	"	CAPELLI J.	" " " " "
WX370	"	BAIRD R.J.	to be A/Cpl " " 24 Jan 42
WX5538	"	ROBINSON J.	Apptd L/Cpl " " " " "

Confirmation of Acting Rank of the following NCOs has been approved:-

WX377	A/Sgt	O'DOWD B.S.	confirmed as Sgts from 19 Jan 42
WX1704	A/Cpl	HADDOCK J.E.J.	" " Cpl " " " "

E. M. King Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 55

1. DUTIES

Duties for period to 7 Feb 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer & NCO supplied by</u>
2/3 Feb 42	Reinfs	Duty Coy
3/4 " 42	A	" "
4/5 " 42	B	" "
5/6 " 42	C	" "
6/7 " 42	D	" "

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0745 hrs YMCA Tent
- (b) Bn Church Parade
0900 hrs Bn Parade Ground. RSM to marshal parade
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Tent
- (d) R.C. Service
0830 hrs Combined Service Cinema Hill 69.
(Parade will assemble on road in front of Tpt Lines
at 0815 hrs. Senior Officer present will march
parade to Cinema).

3. PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX6309 Pte TURNBULL J.D. Apptd L/Cpl from 31 Jan 42.

Confirmation of Acting Rank of the following NCOs has been approved:-

WX3720 A/S/Sgt TELFER F.W. confirmed as S/Sgt from 25 Jan 42
WX8524 A/Sgt CANT E.G. " " Sgt " 31 Jan 42

4. MOUNTING TRIPOD, BREN, .303-INCH Mk 1

An undue proportion of AA brackets are being broken in certain units. Tng in mounting and dismounting the gun of the AA bracket is necessary to ensure that:-

- (a) When mounting and dismounting for AA fire, the gun is held horizontally or preferably slightly raised at the butt.
- (b) Before the butt is lowered, the front mounting pin of the gun is fully engaged in the AA bracket.
- (c) No undue force is used, nor is the gun allowed to swing down under its own weight.

Disregard of any of these instns may result in a broken AA bracket. (DRO No.695)

5. THEFTS FROM MILITARY VEHICLES - PRECAUTIONS

When a military vehicle is carrying stores, and two men, including the driver, accompany it, one man will invariably travel in the body of the vehicle to safeguard the stores. He will not sit in the front seat with the driver. (AIF Order 930)

R.L. Sandover Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

STANDING ORDERS

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER Commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

REVISED 1 JAN 1942

SECTION 1

1. Application of Standing Orders

- (a) These orders apply both during training and operations, except where modified by Operation Orders and Instructions.
- (b) Amendments and additions to these orders will be issued from time to time.
- (c) Officers are responsible that all ranks under their command are familiar with these orders.
- (d) Separate Camp S.O. and PAD Orders will be issued for each Standing Camp.

SECTION 2 - SECURITY

2. General

- (a) All ranks will exercise constant care to prevent leakage of information through indiscreet conversation in public places, or in the presence of any strangers, whether in uniform or not, on topics directly or indirectly connected with operations. Disclosure, even amongst relatives and friends while home on leave, of impending movements of themselves or their units, is forbidden.
- (b) Orders, official documents and marked maps, will not be carried into action, except such as are indispensable to the operation in hand. Any such papers or maps taken into action will be destroyed and any markings on Talc Coverings to maps rubbed out, when there is risk of capture. The same applies to any private papers which may give indications of the locations of the unit or of the state of affairs at home.
- (c) Documents, maps and secret and confidential papers will not be left lying about in offices, tents or billets. Those in charge of offices will ensure that all drafts of orders, stencils, waste paper etc. are destroyed by burning.
- (d) All documents, maps etc taken from enemy PW or enemy dead, or documents, maps etc captured in any other way, will be immediately sent to Bn I.O.
- (e) Cameras and personal diaries will not be taken into the field.
- (f) Officers are responsible that all ranks under their Comd are familiar with FSPB Pam No.3, 1939 Sec 16 to 26.
- (g) During tng periods Senior Major will act as Security Officer. In battle Bn I.O. will act as Security Officer.

3. Correspondence

- (a) Unit Censor Stamp will be held by I.O.
- (b) Postal address - i. Outgoing letters of ALL ranks MUST bear at the head, the FULL postal address of the writer.
The correct postal address is:- Army No. (in case of O/Rs)
Rank, Name
Unit
AIF ABROAD
ii. No sender's address at all will be put on postcards. They should only be signed.
iii. The name and address of the sender will NOT be shown on the back of the envelope.
- (c) Stationery - The use of Hotel Stationery is prohibited.

- (d) Franking of Correspondence - i. The franking of all outgoing correspondence will be carried out by officers of the Coy etc. to which the writer belongs or is attached.
- ii. Correspondence must be left open by the writer and will be closed by the franking officer.
- iii. Registered correspondence will be franked in the presence of the sender.
- iv. Parcels will be examined and franked in the same manner. They must bear on the outside a declaration of contents.
- v. After being franked, correspondence will be passed to I.O. for impressing with the unit stamp.
- vi. No mail will be despatched to Australia other than through the authorised channels. This includes correspondence handed to personnel returning to Australia on medical or other grounds, for despatch or delivery on arrival in Australia or intermediate places of call.
- (e) Green envelopes - see FSPB pam 3, para 21 also
Where air mail transmission is desired, each of the enclosures must be fully prepaid at air mail postage rates.
If the Green Envelope requires air mail transmission to reach the censor, it shall also carry the air mail fee in postage stamps. In all other cases no postage is required.

4. Photography

- (a) All cameras will be registered and the register will be kept by I.O.
- (b) One official photographer will be appointed and notified in BROs
- (c) Photography of military objects is forbidden, except by official photographer. All photographs are subject to censorship.

5. Security Documents

A Register of Security Documents will be kept by I.O.

6. Security of Arms and Ammunition

- (a) Each individual officer and soldier is personally responsible for the safeguarding of such arms and ammunition as may be issued to him or placed in his charge.
- (b) All losses will be reported immediately to Bn HQ.
- (c) Rifles, LMGs and ammunition will be stored at night under Coy arrangements in a guarded tent or building. If possible they will be secured in locked boxes or chained to some immovable objects. Bolts will be removed and stored separately.
- (d) By day when rifles are piled, an armed guard will be posted.
- (e) The arms on issue to all officers and O/Rs will be checked daily and report rendered to Bn HQ.
- (f) The above paragraphs refer to conditions in standing camps.

SECTION 3 - COMMAND AND CONTROL

7. Battle Procedure

- (a) The following terms will be used:-
- R Group (R Gp) - The Commanders Group.
- O Group (O Gp) - The Subordinate Commanders and Staff.
- F Group (F Gp) - The main (fighting) body of the unit.
- T Group (T Gp) - The Transport and Staff not required with F Group.

(b) The composition of the above Groups will be:-

R Group - CO

Adjt or I.O.

Sig Offr

DRs 2

O Group - R Group plus

OsC Rifle Coys

OC HQ Coy

OC 3, 4 & 5 Pls

TO

Orderlies as required

Mechanical tpt will always be reduced to a minimum.

(c) When verbal orders are being given, any offrs not required, and the orderlies and drivers, will remain out of hearing under cover.

(d) When R and O Groups are called for, to reconnoitre a new position in a withdrawal, units and sub-units will not send Comds but their representatives. It will also generally be advisable to send larger parties. Unless otherwise ordered the party will consist of:-

Bn 2 i/c

2 i/cs of Coys

P1 Sgts

One man per Sec

2 Int Sec personnel

Sig Sgt and 2 Sigmn

8. Marking and Layout of HQ

Provost Sgt will mark Bn HQ with a distinguishing sign both at nearest road turnoff and at Signals Office. RSM is responsible for layout of HQ.

9. Traffic Control

Provost Sgt will make arrangements for dispersal and parking of vehicles at Bn HQ.

10. Duty Officer

An Officer will be on duty at all times at Bn HQ.

11. Reporting of Coy HQ

Coys will send two Orderlies to Bn HQ when halting to report the position of their HQ. One will return, the other will remain at Sig Office until released by S.O.

SECTION 4 - COMMUNICATIONS

12. Delivery of Messages

- (a) All ranks must assist Orderlies or Don Rs to find the HQ of individual Officer to whom their message is to be delivered.
- (b) Officers leaving their HQ will always advise their destination and on arrival at HQ other than their own, will report their presence to Signals.
- (c) Acknowledgement - where a message delivered by hand requires acknowledgement, Orderly will wait.

13. Franking of Messages

Priority prefixes will be used in accordance with FSPB Pam 2 para 8.

14. Daily Time Signals

Time will be synchronised through Signals daily at 0800 and 2000 hrs and immediately before an operation.

15. S.O.S. Signal

- (a) Unless other orders are issued, the S.O.S. Signal may be put up on the authority of a Coy Comdr. It will only be up when enemy infantry or tanks are advancing to the attack. The S.O.S. Signal will be answered by all weapons on fixed lines, the fire of which falls in the area in which the signal has gone up.
- (b) Unless otherwise ordered fire will be:-
- i. LMGs, 1 minute rapid, 1 minute normal
 - ii. Mortars, five rounds HE per minute for 3 minutes

SECTION 5 - UNIT TRANSPORT16. Command of Transport

Comd of transport is vested in the TO. If "A" and "B" Echelons are separated, either the TO or the T Sgt will be in Comd of "A" Echelon when grouped, and the QM in charge of "B" Echelon tpt.

17. Licences

No driver will drive alone unless licensed. A licensed driver will always accompany learners. Personnel learning to ride M/Cs will not go out alone.

18. Speed Limits

Local rules as to speed limits will be adhered to. Maximum speed will always be shown by a notice posted inside the cab. This will not be exceeded unless operationally necessary.

19. Safeguarding of Vehicles

No vehicle will be left unattended unless for urgent necessity or for operational reasons.

20. Accidents

All accidents will be reported at once to Bn HQ. All drivers will carry on their vehicles, a copy of inner sheet A, A3676.

SECTION 6 - UNIT FUNDS21. P.R.I.

Senior Major to act as P.R.I.

22. Audit Boards

Auditors for regimental funds, Officers and Sgts Mess accounts will be notified in BROs.

23. Accounts

Audited accounts will be submitted to Bn HQ by 8th day of each month. Balance of Regimental Funds will be published monthly in BROs.

24. Security of Cash

- (a) PRI is responsible for security of monies held by him.
- (b) Adjt is responsible for proper safeguarding of petty cash and advances held against pay.
- (c) Mess Secretaries are responsible for monies in their hands.

25. Canteen

Where a canteen is operated by the unit, all transactions with it will be for cash only. Officers and Sgts Messes may open credit accounts with AACS which will be settled monthly and fortnightly respectively.

26 Trust Funds

Signatories for purpose of operating on Regtl Funds will be C.O., P.R.I. or Adjt.

SECTION 7 - ADMINISTRATIVE27. Kit Inspections

- (a) A kit inspection of all personnel will be held during the last week, bi-monthly or as ordered, and LDRs submitted to QM immediately.
- (b) A Kit inspection of reinforcements and "X" List personnel will be held immediately on their arrival at unit. Returns of same are to be forwarded to the QM immediately.

SECTION 8 - DRESS28. Order of Dress

- (a) Dress will be as laid down in AIF (ME) Order No.296. Amendments will be promulgated in BROs.
- (b) Hats will not be worn turned up unless ordered.
- (c) All ranks will wear their identity discs at all times.

SECTION 9 - P.A.D.29. Hostile Planes

- (a) Unless orders to do so are given, enemy aircraft will not be engaged by fire unless they are attacking.
- (b) Separate instructions are contained in Camp Standing Orders.

SECTION 10 - DISCIPLINE30. Bounds

No man may leave camp unless on duty or in possession of a leave pass. Bounds for each camp will be published in BROs. or Camp SOs.

31. Duties of Orderly Officers, Guards etc

Separate instructions will be issued for each camp.

32. Compliments

Correct compliments will be paid in Standing Camps.
No compliments will be paid during Field Exercises or
when in Action.

SECTION 11 - CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL

33. Loot

The possession of loot by any member of the Bn is forbidden. Loot consists of any property or money which has not been received by issue, free gift on the part of the lawful owner or fair purchase.

34. Captured Weapons and Equipment

- (a) All captured weapons and equipment will be passed to Bn HQ as soon as possible.
- (b) Captured documents must be sent to Bn HQ immediately

R. G. Dawling Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

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2/11 Aust Inf Bn

3 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER Commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No.48

1. DUTIES

Duties for period to 10 Jan 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer supplied by</u>
3/4 Jan 42	D HQ Coy to relieve Camp Guard 0645 hrs 4 Jan 42	D
4/5 " 42	B	B
5/6 " 42	HQ	HQ
6/7 " 42	B	HQ
7/8 " 42	HQ	HQ
8/9 " 42	B	B
9/10 " 42	HQ	HQ

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0730 hrs YMCA Hut
- (b) Bn Church Parade
1030 hrs YMCA Hut (Voluntary)
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (d) R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJLDLIDE

E.P. Rowling Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

17 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 52

1 DUTIES

Duties for period to 24 Jan 42:-

Date	Duty Coy	Bn Orderly Officer supplied by	
		Duty Coy	
17/18 Jan 42	C		
18/19 " 42	D	"	"
19/20 " 42	A	"	"
20/21 " 42	B	"	"
21/22 " 42	C	"	"
22/23 " 42	D	"	"
23/24 " 42	A	"	"

Bde Duties: Duty Coy will supply Bde Duties. (Duties as per para 15 of this order)

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0730 hrs YMCA Hut
- (b) Bn Church Parade (Voluntary)
0940 hrs
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (d) R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJEDEIDE

3. PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF ACTING RANK

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX6221	Pte	COOK	F.A.	to be	A/Cpl	as from	12 Jan 42
WX6824	"	McGLINN	E.G.	"	"	"	" " "
WX7274	"	THOMPSON	S.C.	"	"	"	13 Jan 42
WX2230	Cpl	SUMMERS	W.A.	"	A/Sgt	"	" " "
WX546	Cpl	EYRE	E.	Apptd	L/Sgt	"	" " "

Confirmation of Acting Rank of the following NCO has been approved:-

WX544 A/Sgt. BOYLE J. confirmed as Sgt from 13 Jan 42.

4. G(R) SCHOOL REPORT

The following personnel having completed the first G(R) School, are competent to handle service explosives and are suitable for Unit G(R) work:-

WX 348	Lieut	STONEHAM	
WX 546	Cpl	EYRES	E.
WX 370	Pte	BAIRD	R.
WX920	"	JARVIS	W.
WX 863	"	WILLIAMS	L.F.
WX 530	"	McEWAN	R.

5. LEAVE PERSONNEL RETURNING TO UNITS

Should any personnel returning from leave find there is no accommodation available on the train on which they should travel, they will immediately report this fact to the RTO. (DRO No.655)

6. EVACUATION OF CAPTURED MATERIAL FROM FORWARD AREAS

Experience has shown that the value to Intelligence, and therefore to the prosecution of the war, of captured material of every type is not realised by all ranks. This lack of understanding has resulted in delay in handing over or reporting captured stores. It has also resulted in souvenir hunting.

After 30 Dec 41, whenever a unit or formation captures and retains any enemy material, a report will be rendered as soon as possible to the higher formation concerned with copies direct to GS I, GHQ MEF, in triplicate.

Wherever practicable and necessary A GUARD WILL BE MOUNTED OVER any articles obviously of special value from an Intelligence point of view immediately it is captured.

If a unit or formation wishes to retain an articles, this fact and the reasons for wishing to retain it should be noted on the report of capture for GHQ consideration. Disposal instns will be given by GHQ.

After 30 Dec 41, disciplinary action will be taken in any case of stealing, tampering with, failing to report possession of, or being in unauthorised possession of, captured enemy material. The term "enemy material" covers any and every store or article of equipment, including documents and food known to have been in the possession of the enemy at any time; it thus includes re-captured British material. (DRO No.658)

7. AIR MAIL SERVICE - AUSTRALIA

The Air Mail Service between Australia and the ME has been restored and mails are going through in both directions. During the next few weeks it is probable that air posting to Australia will take three or four days longer en route than formerly.

It is still necessary to limit the weight of Air Mail postings, and the restrictions set out in DRO 633 of 4 Jan 42 are to continue in force. (DRO No.660)

8. LABOUE - OUT OF BOUNDS

The village of LABOUE is out of bounds to all tps after 2000 hrs. (DRO No.661)

9. E.F.M. CABLES

It is probable that the great bulk of Xmas traffic from Australia will be distributed to the field within a few days. There is prospect of the present restriction on outward EFM traffic being relaxed shortly. (DRO No.662)

10. MOUNTAIN TRAFFIC - WINTER MONTHS

Owing to the increasingly unsafe conditions on mountain roads caused by snow, fog, and the formation of ice on road surfaces, units will ensure that all military traffic over roads liable to be affected takes place and is completed within the hours of daylight. (DRO No.668)

11. RIFLES NO.1 Mk 111 - USE OF PULL-THROUGH

(a) No material other than issue flannelette 4" x 2" should be used in the cleaning of the rifle bore.

(b) Flannelette larger than 4" x 2" or foreign material such as cotton or calico torn from U/S shirts must not be used.

(c) Rusty barrels should only be cleaned under the supervision of a qualified armourer.

(d) O.Cs will ensure that pullthroughs are inspected at regular intervals and that worn and frayed cords which are liable to break are replaced. (DRO No.671)

12. WASTAGE OF 2-GALLON CANS USED FOR CARRIAGE OF PETROL AND WATER

The following is published in amplification of General Order 1218 of 1941:-

All consignments of water carried in 2-gal cans will be dunnaged in the same way as petrol consignments.

All 2-gal cans carried in the racks of cars containing petrol or water will be made "tight". Reed matting or rubber cut from unserviceable inner tubes will normally be the best dunnage to use for this purpose. (DRO No.674)

13. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS

(a) In the event of any accident, premature explosion, serious misfire or hangfire occurring with any type of arm in any weapon, a signal will be sent by the OC concerned immediately to General Headquarters, Middle East, vide para 759, Sec 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 arm, 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 pro-forma at Appx "A" to this General Order, together with a brief report of the accident.

(c) Fragments of arm 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 DADOS 6 Aust Div, 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 arm or explosives in store on their charge. (DRO No.676)

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

14. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

Travelling allowance will not be paid for towns or places in which Leave of Transit Camps or Reception Camps are situated unless a certificate is included on the claim to the effect that application was made for accommodation at the Transit etc., Camp and none was available.

In the case of ORs the application for Travelling Allowance is to be supported by a signed certificate from the OC of Transit etc., Camp. In the case of Officers under field rank, the certificate will be included in the body of the claim and signed by the Officer.

Accommodation is not normally available at Leave or Transit Camps for Officers of field rank or above, and no certificate is therefore required from such Officers.

This Order will not apply to claims for subsistence whilst on leave or for claims for Travelling Allowance during short duty in a town. (DRO No.680)

15. DUTIES

Bde Duties - Duty Coy will be responsible for providing the following Guards for week-ending 24 Jan 42:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Strength of Guard</u>	<u>Time of Duty</u>
GoDamp LABOUE Res Ration Dump	1 NCO, 6 O/Rs	1700 - 0730
LABI OTHIANE Res Ration Dump EL AINE	1 NCO, 90/Rs 1 NCO, 6 O/Rs	1700 - 0730 1700 - 0730
DJEDEIDE Village Picquet	1 Offr, 6 O/Rs	1730 - 2200 or later until village cleared of tps. Offr i/c to report to Adjt prior to taking over duty.

16. BOUNDS - EL AINE VILLAGE

The village of EL AINE is out of bounds after 1800 hrs. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders who infringe this instruction.

17. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS

Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British prisoners of war. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy. (AIF Order No.890)

18. MILITARY PAMPHLETS, NOTEBOOKS, PAPERS, etc., DESPATCHED IN UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

Pamphlets, notebooks, papers, etc., concerning military subjects are being despatched in unaccompanied baggage. It is appreciated that it is not always possible for officers to carry such documents with them when travelling, and that their duties may be interfered with if the ordinary censorship rules are applied in these cases.

Officers who wish to send such documents in their unaccompanied baggage will place them together in one package with a certificate from their C.O. listing the documents and stating that they are required by the officer for his service duties. The documents will then be released by the censorship authorities.

In no circumstances will documents of a higher classification than "Not to be Published" be sent in unaccompanied baggage.

This will apply only to baggage which is labelled to a military address. Documents which are directed to private addresses (hotels, pensions, etc.) will be retained by the censorship authorities in the usual way. (AIF Order No.892)

19. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS

In many instances Commanding Officers are charging against Public Funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. This practice will cease forthwith. Unless a Commanding Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier. (AIF Order No.895)

L. B. Rowling Capt
Adj. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

A Euchre Tournament will be held in Recreation Hut on Monday evening. Those desiring to play must put their names in to YMCA Cpl not later than midday Monday. Tournament will commence at 7.30 pm.
Entry - FREE
Winner will receive - 2 Syrian Pounds

BAND CONCERT

A Concert will be given by Brigade Band in YMCA Hut this evening. (17 Jan 42)

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AMR & O 1587

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

24 Jan 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

Lt-Col R. L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 54

1. DUTIES

Duties for period to 3 Feb 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Bn Orderly Officer & NCO supplied by</u>	
		<u>Duty Coy</u>	
24/25 Jan 42	B	"	"
25/26 " 42	C	"	"
26/27 " 42	D	"	"
27/28 " 42	HQ	"	"
28/29 " 42	A	"	"
29/30 " 42	B	"	"
30/31 " 42	C	"	"
31/1 Feb 42	D	"	"
1/2 " 42	HQ	"	"
2/3 " 42	A	"	"

Bde Duties: Unit responsibility extended to include the
night of 25/26 Jan 42.
RAYAN and QUOSSAIR Guards will be relieved
0900 hrs 26 Jan 42.

2. CHURCH PARADES

- (a) Holy Communion C of E
0745 hrs YMCA Hut
- (b) Bn Church Service
0930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (c) Service of Song
1930 hrs YMCA Hut
- (d) R.C. Mass
1000 hrs Village Church DJEDEIDE

3. PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS OF ACTING RANK

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX6272	L/Cpl	LIVESLEY F.J.	to be A/Cpl as from 19 Jan 42
WX11288	Pte	TIMMS R.T.S.	apptd L/Cpl " " " " "
WX13844	"	CAPELLI J.	" " " " "
WX370	"	BAIRD R.J.	to be A/Cpl " " 24 Jan 42
WX5538	"	ROBINSON J.	Apptd L/Cpl " " " " "

Confirmation of Acting Rank of the following NCOs has been
approved:-

WX377	A/Sgt	O'DOWD B.S.	confirmed as Sgt. from 19 Jan 42
WX1704	A/Cpl	HADDOCK J.E.J.	" " Cpl " " " "

E. M. King Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary

APPENDIX "C" CAMBIUM

SECRET
Copy No. 5
25 Jan 42

2/11 An Movement Order - Daymarket

MOVEMENT TABLE

Serial	Offr	Strength ONS	Total	Carriers	Leave Camp	Entrain at	Date	Time	Train Departs	Halts	Detrain at	Train	Stock	O.C. Party
2	1	24(a)	25	12(b)		RAYAK Kilo 1	27	1200	1613	DAMASCUS 2033-2129 DERRA 0232- 0420 28 JARAHA 0752-0815	HAIPA 1130 hrs 28 Jan	0	1 AB & 6 Plats	Lieut TIMMS

NOTES (a) To include 2 RCOs.

(b) Includes 5 Carriers at Pd Workshops which will be towed to entraining point and thence on to trucks under own power.

(a) 26 Jan draw rations and amm - pack kit bags.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Reveille 0600. Return 5th blanket and bedboards to Cq Store. Empty palliasses and return to Cq Store.

(b) 27 Jan

Breakfast 0700
0730 Load personnel gear on Carriers.
0800 Move off.

R. Bowling Capt
Adj 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- C.O.
- Adj 2
- CC Bq Coy
- Lieut TIMMS
- QM
- War Diary (2)

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War Diary

2/11 AUST INF BN

SECRET

Copy No. 11
26 Jan 42

Appendix "D"
(replaces
Wkg Parties)

Order of move - Haymarket

Recco Party Adjnt (with 3 M/C Orderlies)
 C.O. (with 1 M/C Orderly)
 Sig. Van
 HQ Coy - O.C.
 Troop Carrying Vehicles
 Coy Stores Vehicles
 Coy Kit Bag "

D Coy - O.C.
 Troop Carrying vehicles
 B & D Stores Vehicles
 1 Water Cart

B Coy - O.C.
 Troop Carrying Vehicles
 B & D Kit Bags Vehicles

A Coy - O.C.
 Troop Carrying Vehicles
 A & C Stores Vehicles
 1 Water Cart

C Coy - O.C.
 Troop Carrying Vehicles
 A & C Kit Bags Vehicles

Offrs & Sgts Mess Vehicles
 YMCA Vehicles
 QM "
 AMB "
 RAP "
 Ambulance
 T.O. (with 3 M/C Orderlies)
 Mechs Vehicle

NOTE. T.O. will arrange for the numbering of each vehicle as they move into convoy. The order of move will be maintained as closely as possible. If a vehicle drops out, the driver will attempt to regain position during a halt period, NOT while convoy is on the move.

B. Bowling Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

C.O.
Adjnt
Coy Comdrs
QM
TO
War Diary (2)

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issued for move - Haymarket

1. <u>Strength</u>	5 Offrs, 50 O/Rs OC Capt H.L.L. ALLNUTT		
2. <u>Rifle Coys Parties each -</u>			<u>Total</u>
	Coy 2 i/c or rep.	=	1
	Batmen	=	1
	Coy HQ rep.	=	1
	Pl 2 i/cs	=	3
			20
			4 offrs, 27 O/Rs
3. <u>Bn HQ</u>	'I' Sec 1 Offr	=	1
	1 Batman	=	1
	Pro Sgt	=	1
	Clerk	=	1
			1 offr, 3 O/Rs
4. <u>HQ Coy</u>	Sigs 1 Sgt, 2 O/Rs	=	3
	A/A 1 "	=	1
	Mortars 1 Sgt, 1 O/R	=	2
	Carriers 1 "	=	1
	Pioneers 1 " 2 "	=	3
	Admin Pl 1 Clerk	=	1
	1 Storeman (Nations)	=	1
	1 Storeman (Tech)	=	1
	1 Armourer	=	1
	2 Cooks	=	2
	1 Tpt Sgt	=	1
	2 Hygiene Duties	=	2
	1 Water Duties	=	1
	1 Med Sgt with Kit	=	1
	6 Drivers MT	=	6
			27 O/Rs
			5 off 50 O/Rs

L. Bowship Capt
Adj 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- C.O.
- Adj
- Coy Comdrs
- QM
- T.O.
- War Diary (2)

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War Diary

2/11 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER
issued for move Haymarket

SECRET
Copy No. 10
25 Jan 42

MOVEMENT TABLE

Route: BAALBECK - RAYAK - DAMASCUS - QUENBITRA - SAMAKH.

Speed and Density: (a) Density NOT to exceed 15 vtm
(b) Speed 20 mih

Halts (a) 10 mins at ten (10) mins to each third clock hour.
(b) Midday meal 1230 hrs - Convoy moves off again 1315 hrs.

Dispersion Guides detailed by 6 Div Pro Coy will contact convoys near Police Post SAMAKH.

Serial	Date	Formation	OC Convoy	Place		Starting Point	Time past SP		Remarks
				From	To		Head	Tail	
5	D-1	Adv Parties 2/11 Bn - 2/2 Aust Field Coy	Capt ALLNUTT	DJEDDEIDE ZABOUD	SAMAKH "	2/11 Bn lines	0830	-	1 RP will assist with forming up and moving off of convoy under directions Capt ALLNUTT.
6	D1	2/11 Bn 1 Sec 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	Major EGAN "	DJEDDEIDE SAMAKH ZABOUD SAMAKH		Junction Camp Rd - Main Rd DJEDDEIDE	0730 0743	0742 0745	1 RP Posted at Stg Point with control XXXXXX moving off & Density, also traffic on Main Rd.

Admin Inst.	Appendix "A"	Working Parties	Appendix "D"
Tpt Allocation	" "B"	Adv Party	" "E"
Carriers	" "C"		

B. Bowling Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

C.O. Adjnt
Coy Comdrs
QM T.O.
War Diary (2)

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

DISTRIBUTION

Appx "A"

Issued for move - Haymarket

D - 3 AM Normal Tng.
PM Cleaning of lines - filling and slabbing.

D - 2 0645 Coys withdraw 1 blanket per man.
0830 Kit bags packed and stored in Coy Stores (men retain - change of underclothing, 2 pr socks, spare SD uniform & boots, toilet gear, handkerchiefs - to be carried in pack).
1000 Blankets checked, folded and returned to QM
1015 Kit inspection.
1100 Coys draw amn from RSM -
50 rds .303 per man (Bandolier)
50 " " " Bren LMG (Carton)
RSM to have amn prepared for issue.

Trainign will be continued throughout morning.

PM Duty Coy erect tents for relieving unit.
Remainder Bn route march 3 hrs.

D - 1 0810 Advance Party Pde.
0815 Tpt report to Bn HQ for Advance Party.
0820 Advance Party embus.
0830 Convoy moves off.
0830 Coy Pdes. Clean lines and area, disposal of all salvage, filling of Bren mags, withdrawal of leather jerkins to QM. Empty Palliasses ret to CQ.
1100 Coys draw rations from QM.
1400 Officers kits packed. Accommodation stores less bedboards checked and handed over.
1500 Issue of rations and amn.
Bn HQ close down.
1530 Tpt reports Q Store, Bn HQ, Coys, Amn Dump, YMCA. Duty Coy provide loading parties except for Coys.
1730 Evening meal, Officers & Sgts
1830 Offrs & Sgts Messes close down. Tpt report for loading of Mess Gear. Batmen to report Offrs Mess as loading party.
Duty Coy provide loading party for Sgts Mess.
1830 Offrs & Sgts Messes close down. Tpt report for loading of mess gear. Batmen to report Offrs Mess as loading party.
Duty Coy provide loading party for Sgts Mess.
1830 Personnel carrying vehicles plus remainder of stores vehicles report to Coy lines. Coys responsible for vehicles picquets.

Notes (a) When store carrying vehicles are loaded they will assemble in HQ Coy Area. HQ Coy will provide double prowler picquet for safeguarding vehicles and stores.
(b) If necessary Coys will be prepared to evacuate certain huts for relieving unit.

D1 0515 Reveille. Bed rolls made up, bedboards to be stacked in huts for convenient checking by 0545.
0600 Breakfast.
0630 ~~XXXX~~ Loading of kitchen gear.
0700 Coy Parades - embussing.
0730 First vehicle crosses start line. T.O. will be responsible for the moving off of groups. M/C Orderlies, Sigs, MPs etc will be detailed for convoy duties. 1 will report to C.O., 2 to Adj, remainder to T.O.

General (a) Coys will take full G1098 scale on issue.
(b) Full water bottles will be carried *Blowby* Capt
Adj 2/11 Aust Inf En

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

DISTRIBUTION

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Normal Tng. AM
 Cleaning of lines - filling and slapping. PM
 Coy Comdrs
 C.O. Adjts
 0645
 0830
 1000
 1015
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Time of Signature
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 ACK
 TO
 War Diary (2)

Training will be continued throughout morning.

PM
 Duty Coy erect tents for relieving unit.
 Remainder Bn route march 3 hrs.

D - 1

0810 Advance Party Pde.
 0815 Tpt report to Bn HQ for Advance Party.
 0820 Advance Party embus.
 0830 Convoy moves off.
 0830 Coy Pdes. Clean lines and area, disposal of all salvage, filling of Bren mags, withdrawal of leather jerkins to QM. Empty Pallasas ret to CO.
 1100 Coys draw rations from QM.
 1400 Officers kits packed. Accommodation stores less bedboards checked and handed over.
 1500 Issue of rations and amm.
 Bn HQ close down.
 1730 Tpt reports Q Store, Bn HQ, Coys, Amn Dump, YMCA. Duty Coy provide loading parties except for Coys.
 1730 Evening meal, Officers & Sgts
 1830 Officers & Sgts Messes close down. Tpt report for loading of Mess Gear. Batmen to report Officers Mess as loading party.
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Notes

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 (b) If necessary Coys will be prepared to evacuate certain huts for relieving unit.

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0515 Reveille. Bed rolls made up, bedboards to be stacked in huts for convenient checking by 0545.
 0600 Breakfast.
 0630-0700 KKK Loading of kitchen gear.
 0700 Coy Parades - embussing.
 0730 First vehicle crosses start line. T.O. will be responsible for the moving off of groups. M/C
 0730 Orderlies, Sigs, Mps etc will be detailed for convoy duties. I will report to C.O., S to Adjts, remainder to T.O.

General

(a) Coys will take full G1008 scale on issue
 (b) Full water bottles will be carried

Appendix "B"

Issued for move - Haymarket

ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORT

Total Transport 49 3-ton, 9 15-cwt, 2 PUs

1. Stores Carrying Vehicles

			Personnel
Ann	2 x 15-cwt	2 men each	4 (incl 2 drivers)
Mechs	1 x 3-ton	Lighting set, M/C- Tools, 30 tins petrol.	4 (1 driver, 3 mechs)
Kitbags	3 x 3-ton	1 - A & C 1 - B & D 1 - HQ Coy	6 (3 Dvrs, 1 A Coy, 1 B " , 1 HQ ")
Coy Stores	3 x 3-ton	HQ Coy to Coy Stores, A & C Coys, B & D ") Cooker, Rations (unconsumed)	2 Dvrs 3 Cooks C, D & HQ
Offrs & Sgts			
Mess	1 x 3-ton	Mess Stores	3 (Dvr, 2 Gen Duties)
YMCA	1 x 3-ton	Stores	2 (Dvr, YMCA Rep)
Coys	4 x 15-cwt	A, C, HQ Coy Comdrs Officers Gear	8 (4 Offrs, 4 Dvrs)
	1 PU	B Coy Comd Officers Gear	2 (OC, Dvr)
QM	4 x 3-ton	Q Stores & spare (QM to use only his requirement)	8 (4 Dvrs, 4 Q Personnel)
Totals	13 x 3-ton, 6 x 15-cwt, 1 x PU		43

2. Personnel Carrying Vehicles

A Coy	6 x 3-ton		103 (3 Offr, 92 O/Rs, 6 Dvrs, 2 cooks)
B "	5 x 3-ton		87 (81 O/Rs, 5 Dvrs, 1 cook)
C "	6 x 3-ton		101 (2 Offr, 91 O/Rs, 6 Dvrs, 2 cooks)
D "	6 x 3-ton		105 (3 Offr, 95 O/Rs, 6 Dvrs, 1 cook)
HQ Coy & Bn HQ	10 x 3-ton		237 (5 Offr, 222 O/Rs, 10 Dvrs)
G.O.	1 x 15-cwt		3 (1 Offr, 1 Batman, 1 Dvr)
Adjt	1 x 15-cwt		3 (1 Offr, 1 Batman, 1 Dvr)
T.O.	1 x PU		3 (1 Offr, 1 Batman, 1 Dvr)
Motor Cycles	6		6 (M/C Orderlies incl 1 MP)
Water Carts	2		4 (2 Dvrs, 2 HQ personnel)
<u>Advance Party</u>			
O.C. Party	1 x 15-cwt	1 Coy's Cooking Gear Offrs baggage. Res Rations	3 (1 Offr, 1 Dvr, 1 cook)
	3 x 3-ton		52 (4 Offr, 45 O/Rs, 3 Dvrs)
Total Personnel			750

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2. ALL UNIT IN THE

Total Trucks 25

3-ton 49
15-cwt 9
PUS 2
Water carts 2
M/Cycles 6

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Appendix

1. Stores

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Personnel (incl 2 drivers) 4

DISTRIBUTION

1 x 3-ton truck
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2. Personnel

6 x 3-ton

A Coy

2 x 3-ton

B "

6 x 3-ton

C "

6 x 3-ton

D "

10 x 3-ton

H Coy

1 x 15-cwt

Motor Cycles

1 x 15-cwt

Water Carts

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1015
1100

Blankets checked, folded and returned to QM
Kit inspection.
Coys draw amn from RSM -
50 rds .303 per man (Bandolier)
50 " " " Bren LMG (Carton)
RSM to have amn prepared for issue.

Trainign will be continued throughout morning.

PM

Duty Coy erect tents for relieving unit.
Remainder Bn route march 3 hrs.

D - 1

0810
0815
0820
0830
0830

Advance Party Pde.
Tpt report to Bn HQ for Advance Party.
Advance Party embus.
Convoy moves off.
Coy Pdes. Clean lines and area, disposal of all salvage, filling of Bren mags, withdrawal of leather jerkins to QM. Empty Palliasses ret to CQ.

1100
1400
1500

Coys draw rations from QM.
Officers kits packed. Accommodation stores less bedboards checked and handed over.
Issue of rations and amn.
Bn HQ close down.

1530

Tpt reports Q Store, Bn HQ, Coys, Amn Dump, YMCA. Duty Coy provide loading parties except for Coys.

1730
1830

Evening meal, Officers & Sgts
Offrs & Sgts Messes close down. Tpt report for loading of Mess Gear. Batmen to report Offrs Mess as loading party.
Duty Coy provide loading party for Sgts Mess.

1830

Offrs & Sgts Messes close down. Tpt report for loading of mess gear. Batmen to report Offrs Mess as loading party.
Duty Coy provide loading party for Sgts Mess.

1830

Personnel carrying vehicles plus remainder of stores vehicles report to Coy lines. Coys responsible for vehicles picquets.

Notes

- (a) When store carrying vehicles are loaded they will assemble in HQ Coy Area. HQ Coy will provide double prowler picquet cor safeguarding vehicles and stores.
- (b) If necessary Coys will be prepared to evacuate certain huts for relieving unit.

D1

0515
0600
0630
0700
0730

Reveille. Bed rolls made up, bedboards to be stacked in huts for convenient checking by 0545.
Breakfast.

0630

~~0630~~ Loading of kitchen gear.

Coy Parades - embussing.
First vehicle crosses start line. T.O. will be responsible for the moving off of groups. M/C

Orderlies, Sigs, MPs etc will be detailed for convoy duties. 1 will report to C.O., 2 to Adjt, remainder to T.O.

General

- (a) Coys will take full G1098 scale on issue
- (b) Full water bottles will be carried

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Bowling Cap

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S.V.I. Unit
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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Water Dump
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Normal time.
Cleaning of lines - filling and aligning.
Coy with 1 blanket per man.
Kit bags packed and stored in Coy stores (see
Total - change of underclothing, 2 blankets, 2
Ketchikets - to be carried in pack).
Blankets checked, folded and returned to
Kit inspection.
Coy's draw from RSM -
50 lbs. 300 per man (handroller)
50 " " " " " " (Carton)
RSM to have unit prepared for issue.

C.O.
Adj. Comdr
Coy Comdr
QM
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Training will be continued throughout morning.
Duty Coy erect tents for relieving unit.
Remainder in route march 3 hrs.

Advance Party Pde.
Tpt report to HQ for Advance Party.
Advance Party empty.
Convoy moves off.
Coy Rtds. Clean lines and area, disposal of all
salvage, filling of Bren mags, withdrawal of
leather jerkins to QM. Empty Paillasses ret to CO.
Coy's draw rations from QM.
Officers kits packed. Accommodation stores
less bedboards checked and handed over.
Issue of rations and amm.
HQ close down.
The reports of store, HQ, Coy, Am Dump,
YMCA. Duty Coy provide loading parties except
for Coy.
Evening meal, Officers & Gys.
Officers & Gys Messes close down. Tpt report for
loading of Mess Gear. Batmen to report Officers Mess
as loading party.
Duty Coy provide loading party for Gys Mess.
Officers & Gys Messes close down. Tpt report for
loading of mess gear. Batmen to report Officers Mess
as loading party.
Duty Coy provide loading party for Gys Mess.
Personnel carrying vehicles plus remainder of
stores vehicles report to Coy lines. Coy
responsible for vehicles picnics.

(a) When store carrying vehicles are loaded they
will assemble in HQ Coy area. HQ Coy will
provide double prowler pickup for escorting
vehicles and stores.
(b) If necessary Coy will be prepared to evacuate
certain units for relieving unit.

Reveille. Bed rolls made up, bedboards to be
stacked in huts for convenient checking by QMS.
Breakfast.
KAX loading of kitchen gear.
Coy Parade - embarking.
First vehicle crosses start line. T.O. will be
responsible for the moving off of groups. HQ
Orderlies, Gys, etc will be detailed for convoy
duties. I will report to C.O., S to Adj, remainder
to T.O.

(a) Coy will take full kit scale on issue
(b) Full water bottles will be carried
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Appendix

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ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORT

Total Transport 49 3-ton, 9 15-cwt, 12 PUs

1. Stores Carrying Vehicles

			Personnel
Ann	2 x 15-cwt	2 men each	4 (incl 2 drivers)
Mechs	1 x 3-ton	Lighting set, M/C - tools, 30 tins petrol	4 (1 driver, 3 mechs)
Kitbags	3 x 3-ton	1 - A & C 1 - B & D 1 - HQ Coy	6 (3 dvr 1 A Coy) 1 B " 1 HQ "
Coy's Stores	3 x 3-ton	HQ Coy) Coy Stores A & C Coys) Coker, Rations B & D ") (unconsumed)	2) Dvrs 3 2) Cooks C, D & HQ
Offrs & Agts			
Mess	1 x 3-ton	Mess Stores	3 (Dvr, 2 Gen Duties)
YMCA	1 x 3-ton	Stores	2 (Dvr, YMCA Rep.)
Coys	4 x 15-cwt	A, B, D, HQ Coy Comdrs	8 (4 Off, 4 Dvrs)
	1 x PU	Officers Gear B Coy Comd	2 (OC, Dvr)
QM	4 x 3-ton	Q Stores & spare (QM to use only his requirement)	8 (4 Dvrs, 4 personnel)

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2. Personnel Carrying Vehicles

A Coy	6 x 3-ton		103 (3 offr, 92 O/Rs, 6 Dvrs, 2 cooks)
B "	5 x 3-ton		87 (81 O/Rs, 5 Dvrs, 1 cook)
C "	6 x 3-ton		101 (2 offr, 91 O/Rs, 6 Dvrs, 2 cooks)
D "	6 x 3-ton		105 (3 offr, 95 O/Rs, 6 Dvrs, 2 cooks)
HQ Coy & Bn HQ	10 x 3-ton		237 (5 offr, 222 O/Rs, 10 Dvrs)
C.O.	1 x 15-cwt		3 (1 offr, 1 Batman, 1 Dvr)
Adjt	1 x 15-cwt		3 (1 offr, 1 Batman, 1 Dvr)
T.O.	1 x PU		3 (1 offr, 1 Batman, 1 Dvr)
Motor Cycles	6		6 (M/C Orderlies incl 1 MP)
Water Carts	2		4 (2 Dvrs, 2 HQ personnel)
<u>Advance Party</u>			
C.C. Party	1 x 15-cwt	1 Coy's Cooking Gear	3 (1 offr, 1 Dvr, 1 Cook)
		Offrs baggage	
		Res Rations	
	3 x 3-ton		52 (4 offr, 45 O/Rs, 3 Dvrs)
<u>Total Personnel...</u>			<u>750</u>

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APPENDIX "C" CAMBIENH

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2/11 Bn Movement Order - Haymarket

MOVEMENT TABLE														
Serial	Offr	Strength		Carriers	Leave Camp	Entrain at	Date	Time	Train Departs	Halts	Detrain at	Train	Stock	U.C. Party
		ONS	Total											
2	1	24(a)	25	12(b)		RAFAK Kilo 1	27	1200	1613	DAMASCUS 2033-2129 DERRA 0232- 0420 28 HARAKH 0752-0815	HAIFA 1130 hrs 28 Jan	0	1 AB & 6 Flats	Lieut TIMMS

- NOTES
- (a) To include 2 HCOs.
 - (b) Includes 5 Carriers at Fd Workshops which will be towed to entraining point and thence on to trucks under own power.
 - (a) 26 Jan draw rations and use - pack kit bags.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. Reveille 0600. Return 5th blanket and bedboards to Cq Store. Empty palliasses and return to Cq store.

(b) Jan 27
Breakfast 0700
0730 Load personnel gear on Carriers.
0800 Move off.

L. B. Bowling Capt
Adj. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

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Lieut TIMMS
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1. Strength 5 Offrs, 50 O/Rs
OC Capt H.L.L. ALLNUTT

2. Rifle Coys Parties each -

Coy 2 1/c or rep.	=	1	
Batmen	=	1	
Coy HQ rep.	=	1	20
Pl 2 1/cs	=	3	4 offrs, 20 O/Rs ✓

3. Inf HQ

'I' Sec	1 Offr	=	1	
	1 Batman	=	1	
Pro Sgt		=	1	
Clerk		=	1	1 Offr, 3 O/Rs ✓

4. HQ Coy

Sigs	1 Sgt, 2 O/Rs	=	3	
A/A	1 "	=	1	
Mortars	1 Sgt, 1 O/R	=	2	
Carriers	1 "	=	1	
Pioneers	1 " 2 "	=	3	
Admin Pl	1 Clerk	=	1	
	1 Storeman (Motions)	=	1	
	1 Storeman (Tech)	=	1	
	1 Armourer	=	1	
	2 Cooks	=	2	
	1 Tpt Sgt	=	1	
	2 Hygiene Duties	=	2	
	1 Water Duties	=	1	
	1 Med Sgt with Kit	=	1	
	6 Drivers MT	=	6	27 O/Rs ✓

5 Off 50 O/Rs

L.E. Bowling Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

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MOVEMENT TABLE

Route: BAALBECK - RAYAK - DAMASCUS - QUENBITRA - SAMAKH.

Speed and Density: (a) Density NOT to exceed 15 vtm
(b) Speed 20 mih

Halts (a) 10 mins at ten (10) mins to each third clock hour.
(b) Midday meal 1230 hrs - Convoy moves off again 1315 hrs.

Dispersal Guides detailed by 6 Div Pro Coy will contact convoys near Police Post SAMAKH.

Serial	Date	Formation	OC Convoy	Place		Starting Point	Time past 3P		Remarks
				From	To		Head	Tail	
5	D-1	Adv Parties 2/11 Bn - 2/2 Aust Field Coy	Capt ALLNUTT	DJEDEIDE ZABOUD	SAMAKH "	2/11 Bn lines	0830	-	1 RP will assist with forming up and moving off of convoy under directions Capt ALLNUTT.
6	D1	2/11 Bn 1 Sec 2/2 Aust Fd Coy	Major EGAN "	DJEDEIDE SAMAKH ZABOUD SAMAKH		Junction Camp Rd - Main Rd DJEDEIDE	0730 0743	0742 0745	1 RP posted at Stg Point with control movement moving off & Density, also traffic on Main Rd.

Admin Inst.	Appendix "A"	Working Parties	Appendix "D"
Tpt Allocation	" " "B"	Adv Party	" " "E"
Carriers	" " "C"		

Bob Bowling Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

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UNIT

2/11 BN.

14 JUL. 1942

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'S REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Hill 69	1-4	Training		<p>Last few days in Palestine were devoted to Platoon & Coy Exercises. Although the Bn has now gone on to the higher establishment, lack of equipment made it impossible to train the additional carrier drivers whilst no motor cycle combinations were available. (nor is there any guidance in the Training manuals as to the use of M/C sections)</p> <p>On leaving Palestine all Bren guns (except twins for A.A. Pl) all 2" mortars (except for Carrier Pl) and all J.S.M.G's & 3" mortars had been received. A/T Rifles & Tripods were received on a reduced scale. An assortment of pistols was also received, but as the Bn is entirely without holsters these were taken in Bulk.</p> <p>Transport was on a slightly reduced scale but it was anticipated that the full number of carriers would be issued prior to sailing</p> <p>The Bn entrained at Majdal with a minimum</p> <p>Signature.....</p>
	5	Lt. Col. Sandover rejoined unit.		
		Advance carriers party under Capt Pedello moved out.		
	6	Unit transport moved out under Lieut Mott with remainder of Bde transport		
	7-9	Training		
	10	Baggage party of 10 oors with Lieut Koores entrained at Majdal Majdal with 2/8 BN at 2000 hrs.		
		B.N.G., A, B, C & D Coys entrained at Majdal at 2300 hrs.		
	11	N.G & reinforcements Coy entrained at Majdal at 0230 hrs.		
		First party arrived Staging Camp F. 1630 hrs - second party arrived at 1800 hrs.		
Suez	12	Advance party (Major Egan, Capt Dowling Gray & Allum) embarked Desha Castle.		

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Suez	12	Lieut Cribb & 40 ORs left as loading party received movement warning orders to move but move was cancelled.		of Equipment, instructions having been received that Bulk equipment was to travel packed in M.T. Kitchen gear had to be sent with the 1st sufficient to cook for 230.
	13	Capt Bedells and portion of Carrier personnel rejoined unit at Camp F.		Rail move was extremely well organised and went smoothly.
	14	Inter-camp sports programme commenced.		at Suez the Bu was rejoined by Capt Bedells and some of the Carrier Pl who had not been embarked on M.I. Ships.
	15	Inter-camp sports programme concluded received movement orders		after one false start, during which 2/4 & Bde HQ were embarked & then disembarked, but the Bu fortunately did not move (except Kit Bags), two parties were called for to fill up M.T. Ships. Capt Bayley
	16	Bu moved off from Camp F 0700 hrs embarked Durban Castle 0930 hrs Ship's Staff - O.C. Troops Lt Col Sandover Ship's Adjt. Capt Rowling, Ship's Q.M. Capt Cleary, Ship's Baggage Officer Capt. Allhurst 2/3 Gd Regt also on board. Sailed on Durban Castle 1600 hrs without escort.		730000 + 6 Bren guns & cooking gear for 230 were sent to one ship & Lieut Cribb & 40 ORs + 3 Bren guns to another. Bayley was sent back to the unit. Cribb did not embark with his men. Now we can expect to win a war if Movement Control continue to divorce Bns from their M.T and cooking gear and weapons
At Sea	17	Time spent finalising accommodation problems, also emergency stations & training areas.		Signature
	18	Census cards completed in duplicate by all A.I.F. personnel on board		
	19	Lieut Pimblett was asked to organise a concert party		
	20	Called Aden & put to sea again after 2 hrs in port.		
	21	First night concert		
	22	Church parade Deck Laminis competition (in br. company) for Officers, commenced.		

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at sea	23	Lient Lyall & Murphy (Reinforcement Coy) won final of Deck Tennis from Capt Muirland & Lient Manges of D. Coy Concert Party		and officers from their men heaven only knows. The stater S. Tpt O. was controlling the loading as for the move to Greece !!! The Embarkation on the "Durban Castle" when it finally came was a simple and easy one. The accomodation and food were excellent - a great difference from the Nevasa. Destination was unknown but it was presumed to be Java or Sumatra with a possible disembarkation at Colombo. The men were sure that Australia was the destination, but Officers thought that if N.E. became impossible Burma via Bombay. was more likely.
	24	Concert Party		
	25	Concert Party		
	27	Arrived Colombo app. 0930 hrs. anchored outer harbours -		
	28	Cpl. Comack evacuated to hospital (placed on S.I. list) moved to inner harbours 1500 hrs c.s.m. Large concentration of troops & shipping no shore leave granted.		

Strength on Embarkation.

Signature *W. Anderson*
D. Col.

2/11 AUST INF BN

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Appendix
(replace
Wkg Parties)

Order of move - Haymarket

- Recco Party Adjnt (with 3 M/C Orderlies)
- C.O. (with 1 M/C Orderly)
- Big Van
- HQ Coy - O.C.
- Troop Carrying Vehicles
- Coy Stores Vehicles
- Coy Kit Bag "

- D Coy - O.C.
- Troop Carrying vehicles
- B & D Stores Vehicles
- 1 Water Cart

- B Coy - O.C.
- Troop Carrying Vehicles
- B & D Kit Bags Vehicles

- A Coy - O.C.
- Troop Carrying Vehicles
- A & C Stores Vehicles
- 1 Water Cart

- C Coy - O.C.
- Troop Carrying Vehicles
- A & C Kit Bags Vehicles

- Offrs & Sgts Mess Vehicles
- YMCA Vehicles
- QM "
- Amn "
- RAP "
- Ambulance
- T.O. (with 3 M/C Orderlies)
- Mechs Vehicle

NOTE. T.O. will arrange for the numbering of each vehicle as they move into convoy. The order of move will be maintained as closely as possible. If a vehicle drops out, the driver will attempt to regain position during a halt period, NOT while convoy is on the move.

R. Bowling Capt
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

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- C.O.
- Adjnt
- Coy Comdrs
- QM
- TO
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APPENDIX "A" TO WAR DIARY FEB 42

EMBARKATION STATE

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>WOs</u>	<u>O/Rs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Embarked M.T. Ships	2	-	86	88
Lieut CRIBB's Party	1	-	40	41
Capt BAYLY's Party	-	-	3	3
HMT Durban Castle	32	7	691	730
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	35	7	820 ^X	862
1st Reinf's				
HMT Durban Castle	7	-	155	162
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	42	7	975	1024
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X Including 3 attached (other than under W.E.)

A.I.F. MELODY MAKERS & REVUE

Produced by Lieut W.A. PIMBLETT

Commencing Sat 21 Feb 42
at 2000 hrs Mens Mess Deck

Asst. Producer Sgt SAGE

P R O G R A M M E

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Overture & Opening Number
"All Together Now" | Whole Company |
| 2. Vocal Selection
"The Mountains of Hourne" | Pat Newham |
| 3. Dancing Feet | Jack Floyd |
| 4. Sketch
"The Wreck of the Hesperus" | Russell & Coy |
| 5. Violin Solo
"Cavaleria Rusticana" | Chris Schipp |
| 6. Vocal Selection
"At the Balaliaka" | Steve Sage |
| 7. Ballet Burlesque | The Ballet |
| 8. Sketch "Sgt Major" | Chance & Coy |
| 9. Pianoforte Duet | Robertson & Everritt |
| 10. Instrumental Interlude | Tiny Redfern |
| 11. Vocal Selection "Ave Maria" | Tibby Knight |
| 12. Mouth Organ Solo | Possun Walters |
| 13. Monologue "Dan McGrew" | V. Lyall |
| 14. The Hill Billies | Edgar, Walter & Tiny |
| 15. Piano Solo | W. Gibson |
| 16. Dancing Speciality | Jack Floyd & Ballet |
| 17. Vocal Selection
"One day when we were Young" | Geoff Pickering |
| 18. Musical Quartet | Chris, Tiny, Reg & Arthur |
| 19. Conjuring Speciality | Doug Yelverton |
| 20. Vocal Selection | Fred Gilbert |
| 21. Sketch "The Wonder Machine" | Sage & Co |
| 22. Mouth Organ Number | Loyd Videon |
| 23. Entertainer | Ted Gower |
| 24. Grand Finale | Whole Company |

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

7 Feb 42

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

Lt-Col R.L. SANDOVER commanding 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF

No. 56

1. DUTIES

Duties for period to 13 Feb 42:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>On Orderly Officer & NCO supplied by</u>
7/3 Feb 42	Inf	Duty Coy
8/9 " 42	Reinfs	" "
9/10 " 42	A	" "
10/11 " 42	B	" "
11/12 " 42	C	" "
12/13 " 42	D	" "

2. CHURCH PARADES

(a) Holy Communion C of E
0745 hrs YMCA Tent

(b) Bde Church Parade

1015 hrs Camp Cinema.

Bn Parade 0945 hrs Bn Pde Ground.

Duty Officer to report at Cinema 0945 hrs.

(c) R.C. Service

0830 hrs Combined Service Cinema Hill 69.

(Parade will assemble on road in front of Tpt Lines
at 0815 hrs. Senior Officer present will march
parade to Cinema).

3. PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

The following promotions have been approved:-

WX722	L/Cpl	STANFORD D.J.	to be A/Cpl	as from 31 Jan 42
WX377	"	SMITH I.E.	" " " "	" " " "
WX6457	Pte	KELLY A.A.	" " Cpl	" " " "
WX11622	"	GOULDSON C. I.	to be A/Cpl	as from 30 Jan 42
WX499	Cpl	DEVINE G.W.	to be A/Sgt	as from 3 Feb 42
WX11606	L/Cpl	COLEMAN N.	to be Cpl	" " " "
WX11396	Pte	FOGARTY J.	to be A/Cpl	" " " "
WX13044	"	MURPHY J.A.	Apptd L/Cpl	" " " "
WX6356	"	WILLIAMS I.R.	to be A/Cpl	" " " "
WX6112	"	THOMAS D.F.	" " " "	" " " "
WX6293	"	DOWSON L.C.	Apptd L/Cpl	" " " "
WX12433	"	ERENAUT F.	" " " "	" " " "
WX3614	L/Sgt	BIRCH D.R.	to be Sgt	" " 4 Feb 42
WX6221	A/Cpl	COOK F.A.	" " A/Sgt	" " " "
WX8472	Pte	MUIR G.V.	" " A/Cpl	" " " "
WX8545	"	TURNBULL T.E.	" " " "	" " " "
WX5361	"	STONEHOUSE S.	" " " "	" " " "
WX2332	"	FREEMAN-SMITH C.	" " " "	" " " "
WX6138	L/Cpl	PICKERING G.L.	" " A/Cpl	" " " "
WX8876	Pte	CROLY A.E.J.	Apptd L/Cpl	" " " "
WX4639	"	CO/IE G.	to be A/Cpl	" " " "
WX630	Cpl	BURNS H.	" " L/Sgt	" " " "

Confirmation of Acting Rank of the following NCOs has been approved:-

WX1053	A/WO(11)	BROWN G.A.	Confirmed as	WO(11)	from	21/1/42
WX9494	A/Cpl	COLLINS L.E.	"	"	Cpl	3/2/42
WX11621	"	O'HALLEY E.	"	"	"	"
WX6134	"	MORRISON A.J.T.	"	"	"	"
WX821	"	CORNIACK K.	"	"	"	"
WX2233	A/S/Sgt	McLEOD M.E.	"	"	S/Sgt	"
WX7294	A/Cpl	THOMPSON G.W.	"	"	Cpl	"
WX2230	A/Sgt	SUMMERS I.A.	"	"	Sgt	"
WX2793	A/Cpl	GILLESPIE F.	"	"	Cpl	23/12/41

4. CAMP SHOWERS

As from today Camp Showers will only be available between 1600 and 1900 hrs daily. At other times both buildings will be closed to all ranks.

5. BOUNDS

GAZA town is out of bounds to ORs except on duty, and except to personnel from KILO 89 and GAZA RIDGE.

6. AIR MAIL SERVICE

The following message has been received from the A.D. Posts

AIF:-

"Following destruction plane at Koepang 30th Jan, announcement has been made in Australia, temporary suspension air mail service to troops abroad.

Acceptance air mail for transmission to Australia will continue this end until further notice, as air mail services are still operating for considerable part of the distance.

Advice will be furnished as soon as available whether through air mail service likely to be re-established in the near future!"

A.E. Rowling
Capt
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

the following promotions have been approved:-

WX1053	A/WO(11)	BROWN G.A.	Confirmed as	WO(11)	from	21/1/42
WX9494	A/Cpl	COLLINS L.E.	"	"	Cpl	3/2/42
WX11621	"	O'HALLEY E.	"	"	"	"
WX6134	"	MORRISON A.J.T.	"	"	"	"
WX821	"	CORNIACK K.	"	"	"	"
WX2233	A/S/Sgt	McLEOD M.E.	"	"	S/Sgt	"
WX7294	A/Cpl	THOMPSON G.W.	"	"	Cpl	"
WX2230	A/Sgt	SUMMERS I.A.	"	"	Sgt	"
WX2793	A/Cpl	GILLESPIE F.	"	"	Cpl	23/12/41

APRIL
1942

2/11 Bn

WAR DIARY

UNIT.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	CO.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH.
Sholing	1	H.Q. Coy v C. Coy football H.Q. won.		<p>All other events this month were entirely overshadowed by the transfer of the Bn from 6 Div AIF to 2 Bde, 4 Div AMF. This move was viewed by the unit with great regret and apprehension. It diminishes considerably our fighting value and the chances of a scrap have now become remote in the extreme. We are now Brigaded with semi-trained Militia units organised on a different establishment to our own. The Bde is not at present a fighting force and whilst no doubt our presence will strengthen them, our divorce from the rest of the AIF, from the organisation and methods on which we have grown up, and from our 2nd Line ammunition and spare parts reserve for our specialist weapons and transport will weaken the battalion immeasurably. I suppose these factors were weighed in the balance.</p> <p>Seven days leave has been granted to all ranks and the move itself was comparatively smooth smooth. The new camp is at MELVILLE - a marvel of luxury - with refrigerators and beer gardens. The previous units kept bicycles and cars in the camp and would go home after parade hours. The causes of the low standard of the AMF and the reinforcements reaching the ME is no longer a mystery.</p> <p>The future looks black indeed if we have to stay here. It is all very depressing.</p> <p>Cpts. MAITLAND & FLEAY were both left behind as T/Majors in South Australia. MAITLAND is seconded to 43 Bn AMF. FLEAY is to command New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. Sgt CONNOR was granted a first appointment and seconded to AMF.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Blair</u></p>
	4	Bn defeated 2/7 7d. Amb. football Brigadier Maartin flew to Katherine Lieut Chance, R.S.M. & NCOs bivouaced with V.O.C. for week ^{at Sholing} and instructed them in weapon training. A, B, & D. Coy rejoined unit.		
	5	Church Parade.		
	6	Rde MT moved out 1130 hrs Advance Party, Major Egan, Capt Sedells, Fleay, Lieut Luey, Capt. Allwright, Lieut Riekey, moved out for Katherine.		
	7	Capt Royce, Lieut Stoneham evacuated sick.		
	9	Lieut Craib & party rejoined unit		
	10	Lieut Brett and party of MT rejoined unit		
	*	Capt Maitland & Lieut Lyall availed to stand by for transfers to AMF. Move NORTH cancelled		

APRIL
1944

WAR DIARY

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	CO'S REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
Stirling	13	Capt Sedells & Connors, Lieut Green & Messengers moved out to SMITHFIELD for training.		<p>All other events this month were entirely over shadowed by the transfer of the Bn from 6 Div AIF to 2 Bde, 4 Div AMF. This move was viewed by the unit with great regret and apprehension. It diminishes considerably our fighting value and the chances of a scrap have now become remote in the extreme. We are now Brigaded with semi-trained Militia units organised on a different establishment to our own. The Bde is not at present a fighting force and whilst no doubt our presence will strengthen them, our divorce from the rest of the AIF, from the organisation and methods on which we have grown up, and from our 2nd Line Ammunition and spare parts reserve for our specialist weapons and transport will weaken the battalion immeasurably. I suppose these factors were weighted in the balance.</p>
	16	19 Brigade held a party at Coopers Hall as usual. Off to 4th Bn officers, - C.O. & I.O. left by car 7.00 hrs for Pt. Linie for laboratory to move to W.A.		<p>Seven days leave has been granted to all ranks and the move itself was comparatively smooth. The new camp is at MELVILLE - a marvel of luxury - with refrigerators and beer gardens. The previous units kept bicycles and cars in the camp and would go home after parade hours. The causes of the low standard of the AMF and the reinforcements reaching the ME is no longer a mystery.</p>
	17	Advance party under the C.O. entrained 10.00 hrs at Pt. Linie for PERTH and crossed SOUTH BEACH at 1.00 hrs 10, 4, 12 and moved into Melville Camp		<p>The future looks black indeed if we have to stay here. It is all very depressing.</p>
	18 6 30	Unit moved in small parties from STIRLING to MELVILLE CAMP and immediately moved out on 7 days' leave	movement orders attached	<p>Capt. MAITLAND & FLEAY were both left behind as T/Majors in South Australia. MAITLAND is seconded to 43 Bn AMF. FLEAY is to command New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. Sgt CONNOR was granted a first appointment and seconded to AMF.</p>

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INGLEBURN
CLAREMONT
MEVAVAZIA
PALESTINE
EGYPT
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GREECE
CRETE
SYRIA

2/11 BN

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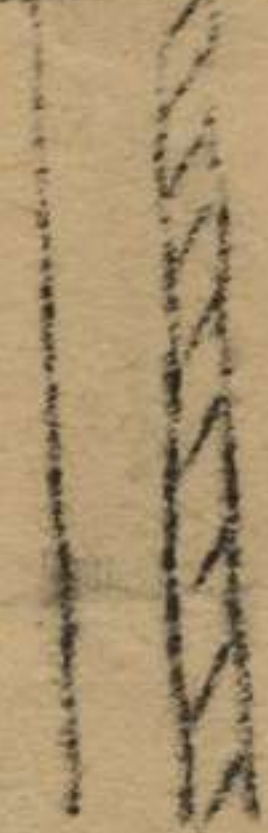
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ANNIVERSARY

DINNER



OUT OF BOUNDS



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SOUP



ROAST LAMB & MINT SAUCE



PEAS

CABBAGE

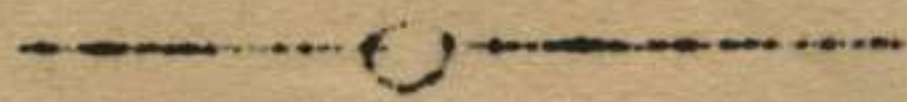
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FRUIT SALAD & CREAM

ORANGE & BANANA



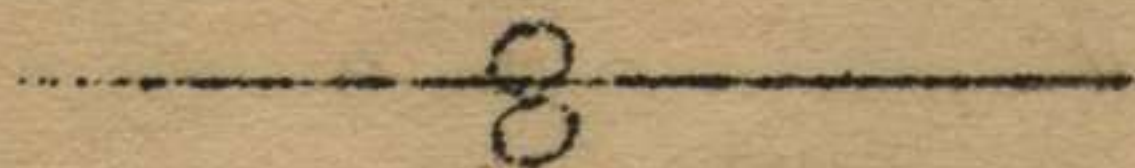
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COFFEE



BEER.



~~W. J. [unclear] Capt.~~
J. J. [unclear]

~~R. Dewar Lieut~~

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A. Cooper

H. L. [unclear]

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - WESTERN COMMAND.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FEEDING.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS EX KALGOORLIE TO PT. PIRIE.

Rations will be placed on train ex Perth as under : -

Meat, preserved.
Biscuits, service
Sugar
Tea
Milk (Ideal)
Fruit (fresh)
Tomatoes
Cheese
Celery
Salt
Pepper
Cake (block)

Each soldier's scale will be -

4 oz. Meat (12 oz. tins - (3 to tin)
4 oz. Biscuits (3 Biscuits)
1 Tomato - approx. 4 oz. cheese
1/3 stick Celery (alternate meals)
2 Pieces Fruit
4 oz. Cake (2 meals)
Tea.

also supplied 12 Camp Kettles, oval or Buckets -
6 for Tea and 6 for Hot Water for utensils.

It is suggested that a Q.M. be placed in charge of Rations and that personnel travel in Ration Truck to have rations broken down on arrival at stopping place, together with Tea Buckets ready for Hot Water.

Stopping places for meals and hot water will be advised by R.T.O., Kalgoorlie or Catering Officer - all surplus rations at Pt. Pirie will be handed over to R.T.O. for return to Supply Officer Kalgoorlie.

Movement train ex Kalgoorlie will be as under : -

No. 2 train
ex Pt. Pirie
1700 hrs.

Lunch supplied Kalgoorlie on arrival,
approximately 1300 hrs.

Early Tea 1630 hrs. to 1730 hrs.
Kalgoorlie (dry rations from train)

BELLEVAE Breakfast - Kellerberrin 0645 hrs.
Chidlow - Midday meal on arrival.

No. 1 Train ex Pt. Pirie 0900 hrs.

Kalgoorlie - Breakfast on arrival.
Take cut lunch for Midday meal.
Southern Cross night meal.

BELLEVAE Chidlow Well - Breakfast on arrival.

AUST 2.

Headquarters
2/11 Aust Inf Bn.
28 Apl. 42.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION

1. G 1098 Equipment

On return from leave Coy's will take immediate steps to check and inspect all G. 1098 equipment. All coy's must be in possession of a list of the equipment to which they are entitled. Reports in accordance with Bn S.O. 50 will be rendered to Bn H.Q.

2. Vehicles.

Each officer is responsible in conjunction with T.O., that the vehicles on issue to his Coy and Platoon are fully equipped as far as Picks, Shovels, Petrol Oil and Water Tins, Camouflage Nets, Spare tyres etc are concerned. This matter is of the utmost importance as the unit must be prepared to move at very short notice. Crates for 2 gal tins will be constructed by Pioneers.

3. Fitness.

As men return from leave the programme of Training outlined in Trng Inst. Aust I. will be continued. In addition 2 short periods of quickening exercises will be included in each days syllabus.

4. Drill.

The other Bns in the Bde have reached a high standard of smartness on parade. In the past two months there has been little opportunity to drill. At least one hour each day will be spent in close order drill and arms drill.

L. E. Dowling Capt.
A/Adjutant 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.

<u>Dist.</u>	
A Coy.	C.O.
B "	2 i/c
C "	Rmo
D "	TO
HQ "	RSM
Reinf.	✓ War Diary.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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..... *			
..... *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	3	Includes 1st Reinf's	
Majors	8		
Captains	28		2
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	40		2 (In Hospital)

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	HOTT J.A.	2/11 Bn	11/4/42	From MT ship
"	CRIBB C.D.	"	9/4/42	" " "
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	HONGER P.	2/11 Bn	10/4/42	7 days leave
"	NEGUS O.J.	"	8/4/42	" "
"	CHANCE G.M.	"	"	" "
Capt	ROYCE G?E.	"	7/4/42	Evac to hospital
Lieut	STONEHAM A.C.	"	"	" "
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PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col		SANDOVER R.L.	2/11 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Major		EGAN R.F.	"	"	2 1/c
"		HORLEY R.J.	"	"	Coy Comd
"		DINKS H.McL.	"	"	" "
Capt		JACKSON D.A.C.	"	"	" "
"		HAITLAND J.A.	"	"	" "
"		DEWELLS T.C.	"	"	Coy 2 1/c
"		DOWLING L.E.	"	"	Adjt
"		ALLNUTT H.L.L.	"	"	Coy 2 1/c
"		ROYCE G.E.	"	NO	Coy Comd <i>Mark</i>
"		FLEAY N.L.	"	YES	Coy 2 1/c
"		BAILY C.W.	"	"	" "
Lieut.		AKERMAN C.	"	"	Pl Comd
"		STONEHAM A.	"	NO	" " <i>Mark</i>
"		HICKEY R.J.	"	YES	Coy 2 1/c
"		GREEN V.StL.	"	"	Pl Comd
"		WYLLIE J.V.	"	"	" "
"		HOTT J.A.	"	"	PO
"		TIMMS G.H.	"	No	Pl Comd (MT Shi)
"		ABBOTT W.T.	"	Yes	Pl Comd
"		NEGUS O.J.	"	No	7 days leave
"		KORNER J.S.	"	Yes	Pl Comd
"		DEWAR R.	"	"	" "
"		CASPER A.L.	"	"	" "
"		CRIBB C.D.	"	"	" "
"		WILKINSON N.A.	"	"	" "
"		HONGER P.	"	No	7 days leave
"		MCCALLUM J.H.	"	Yes	Pl Comd
"		SNOW S.L.	"	"	" "
"		BRAY H.V.	"	"	" "
"		OAG J.McK.	"	"	" "
"		PIMBLETT W.A.	"	"	" "
"		EMERY R.W.	"	"	" "
"		MORTIMER W.A.	"	"	" "
"		BYERS E.P.	"	"	" "
"		CRANCE G.H.	"	NO	7 days leave
"		BLACK H.D.	"	YES	Pl Comd
"		ELLSON J.A.	"	"	" "
"		MURPHY W.R.	"	"	" "
"		WILSON J.H.	"	"	" "

(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.
Capt		CAINS L.J.	AAMC	29/1/42	RMO
Padre		HARFIELD W.	AACHD	4/8/41	Padre C of E

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

11 Apr 42

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

W. Anderson
(Signature of Commander.)

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

MARCH MONTH
1942 YEAR

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/11 *Qu*

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Colombo	1	Church Parade		
at sea	2	1500 hrs sailed - Orcaades, Strathalan, & Andes also in company.		
	3	Hot & sultry - sea calm.		<p>The war news gave every indication that the Bn might be engaged soon. Stores for Australia had been loaded and the men were certain that FREMANTLE would be the destination. Even when the course was changed and the ship was heading further south there were very few who thought we would fail to call in at the West - about the only ship which did fail to do so - an almost 80% West Australian ship too.</p> <p>On leaving the ship the Captain sent a message of congratulation on the behaviour of all ranks throughout the voyage.</p>
	4	1800 hrs escort wished us luck and turned back - convoy broke up and each ship moved on a separate course - Durban Castle appeared to take the more southerly course.		
	5	Concert Party recommenced rehearsals		
	6	Rough weather - few cases of seasickness learned that our destination appeared to be Adelaide.		
	7	Weather - odd showers.		<p>Billets allotted to the Bn were very comfortable. The big homes in Mount Lofty have set themselves out to feed the troops well and look after them. The Bn has created an excellent impression in the area and has no doubt raised the morale of the people here.</p>
	8	Church Parades		
	9	Concert		<p>The area is thickly wooded and very hilly; the Bn is so scattered and lacking in tpt or heavy equipment that training is almost impossible whilst fatigues to carry groceries home for householders - to cart water, clean billets and chop wood have absorbed enormous numbers of men. Long route marches have however made the men fit again and keen to get into action. The comfortable inactivity here, when we might have been playing a most vital role in saving BURMA and INDIA or at least having home leave, the red tape and lack of any real war effort even yet by the people as a whole, the "The Americans won't let us down" attitude; all these things will materially affect the morale of the Bn if we stay here long.</p>
	10	much colder		
	11	Cloudy & cold		
	12	all cabins & corridors scrubbed preparatory to leaving ship		
	13	Church Parade - admin. arrangements for disembarkation		
Pt. Adelaide	14	arrived outer harbour Pt. Adelaide 1000 hrs. Andes already docked.		<p>Signature <i>R. Mansour</i></p>
	15	advised unit to be accommodated in billets at Shikine near Mt. Lofty. Strathalan beatified 2030 hrs. Troops received great reception at Shikine <i>Shikine</i> .		

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MARCH MONTH

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1942 YEAR

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Pt. Adelaide	17	Disembarked outer harbours 1130-1230 moved by train to Mt. Lofty. Unit billeted in private homes in Stirling West district. The unit was decorated ^{given} an excellent reception by the locals.		
	18	Kits drawn and blankets. 25% of unit strength moved out on one day leave to Adelaide.		
	19 } 20 } 21 }	25% ^{one day} on leave to Adelaide		
	20	Personnel with rest of kin in S.A. moved out on seven days' leave		
	22	Church Parade 0915 Bequet 15 OKs moved out to Morris Hospital, Heathfield (9 A.C.H.) Unit took over billeting control from Major Woodall 2/6 7d Regt. Area Commandant Major Hooley, Capt Bayly, Lieut Dimblett, Rygos, Davis, and 8 OKs.		
	25	Lieut Wilkinson + 38 OKs. detached as Security Guard - Edwardstown Adelaide		
	26	A, B & D Coy's detached for wharf duties Pt. Adelaide		
	28	19 Aust Inf. Bde ^{H.Q.} moved into Aldgate area members of 11 th Bn instructed V.O.C at Stirling		
	29	Church Parade		
	31	A.R.P. Film screened at Masonic Hall Stirling		

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Signature

Herewith medical notes of interest March 1942:-

Month was divided naturally into two parts - March 1 to 16 while at sea, March 17 to 31 while in billets at STIRLING.

March 1 - 16. Health of troops was very good. New sick average 7 per day i.e. 0.8/100 men/day. No serious illnesses. No V.D. No infectious diseases. Resumed wearing of boots around March 12. Three men only evacuated to hospital on disembarkation.

March 17 - 31. Health of troops was good. Sick parades, increased probably owing to fact that parades could not be held before 0930 hrs. There have been a fair number of Epidermo Phytoses of the Inguinae region. Route marches have given men blisters on feet. Foot baths have been arranged as far as practicable. Billets have been inspected and more than half have to rely on deep trench latrines or equivalent. These have been arranged and are at present satisfactory. Water from various sources has been tested and found satisfactory. One case of acute appendicitis and one strangulated inguinae herma were evacuated and operated on at Woodside Camp Hospital. Co-operation by Woodside and Depot Medical and Veterinary Stores 4 MD has been very good.

"LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE"

Produced by Lieut J.A. FIDLETT

Commencing Monday 9 Mar 42

Asst. by Sgt SAGE

2000 hrs Mens liess Deck

NON STOP VARIETY

P R O G R A M M E

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Opening Ensemble | Chorus |
| 2. Patter Patter | Steve, Don & Russ |
| 3. Pianoforte Solo | J. Gibson |
| 4. Wouldn't It? | Steve, Don & Russ |
| 5. Dancing Speciality | Jack Floyd |
| 6. The Gripper | The Mysterious Four |
| 7. Song Selected | Steve Sage |
| 8. A moment in Sunny Spain | Chorus |
| 9. The Floating Lady | Mr Lyall & Co |
| 10. Entertainer | Ted Cower- |
| 11. Doin his best | Fox & Co |
| 12. Loves Serenade | Tom Sullivan |
| 13. Monologue Duet | Lyall & Fathers |
| 14. You Wouldn't know the Old Place now | Sage & Co |
| 15. Pianoforte Duet | Fu & Robbie |
| 16. An Apple for the Teacher | Ballett |
| 17. Song Selected | Tibby Knight |
| 18. The Land that God forgot | Fox & Sage |
| 19. Pinto Pete | And the Gang |
| 20. Double Exposure
(A Play of one act in which an
innocent photographer puts his foot
in it) | Sage & Co |
| 21. Grand Finale | Full Coy |

GOD SAVE THE KING

--O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O--

MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2.

Copy No. 10
Date. 9. Oct. 41

1. INTENTION.
2/11 Bn will move to SYRIA in accordance with Appendix "A".
2. RATIONS.
All ranks will carry 2 days preserved rations in haversack.
All water bottles will be full on entraining, and may be refilled at Staging Posts.
Hot water will be available at the following points:-
NESHUR
RAYAK.
Each company will carry one kerosene tin for purpose of making tea.
3. MEDICAL.
Position of RAP on train will be notified to all ranks by OC Train.
4. KIT AND CLOTHING.
(a). Winter clothing will be drawn prior to move.
(b). Dress:
Service Dress.
Steel helmets between pack straps.
Blankets and groundsheet in pack.
Greatcoats rolled outside packs.
Respirators slung. (One jar Ointment AG No 2 and 1 pkt 6 eyeshields will be carried).
Universal kit bags will be carried.
50 rds SAA
12 rds per revolver (if available).
5. RETURN OF ACCOMMODATION STORES AND G1098 EQUIPMENT.
Stores and equipment will be returned in accordance with Appendix "B".
6. LAUNDRY TICKETS.
Companies will prepare lists of clothing still in the hands of laundry at 1200 hrs Sunday 12th. These lists together with any money owing to the laundry will be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1500 hrs Sunday 12th.
7. GUARD.
Will dismount at "RETREAT". 12 Oct 41
8. SANITATION.
Latrine arrangements will be notified later.
9. CODEWORD.
VASELINE

L. Dowling T/Capt.
Adjt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Time of signature. 1400

<u>DISTRIBUTION.</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
A Coy	1
B "	2
C "	3
D "	4
HQ "	5
QM	6
RMO	7
OC Train	8
War Diary	9-10
File	11.
10 Aus Inf Bde	12

File

Most Secret

APPENDIX "A" TO 2/11 BN MOVEMENT ORDER No 2 OF 9 Oct 41.

SERIAL No.	UNIT	DEPART		ARRIVE		METHOD	REMARKS.
		Place	Time & Date.	Place	Time & Date		
12	2/11 Bn plus Rear parties 2/4, 2/3 Bns.	JULIS - Hobbs lines	2030 - 12 Oct.	Al Magdal	2100 - 12 Oct	M T (ASC)	MT to be drawn up on Camp Road facing 3 with head of column at Rd June N of Sgts Mess at 2000hrs Coys to assemble by 2000 hrs as follows:- A and B Coy in area between 2 and 3 kitchens, C and D Coys between 1 and 2, HQ Coy and Bn HQ between 1 kitchen and Tspt park. Enbus 2015. Order of embussing A, B, C, D, HQ Co No of trucks (personnel) 24. Approx 18 to each truck. 2 additional trucks for officers' baggage mess and office gear will report to baggage officer on arrival. 1930 1930 hrs.
		Al Magdal	2200 - 12 Oct	HAIFA (Nesher)	0500 - 13 Oct	Rail	Boiling water available Ambulance will meet train and convoy.
		NESHER	0630 - 13 Oct	RAYAK	1700 - 13 Oct	MT.	15 min 15 v.t.m.
		RAYAK	1740 - 13 Oct	HAS BAAL- BECK.	2020 - 13 Oct	Rail.	

APPENDIX "B".

SERIAL.	DATE.	TIME	ACTION	PLACE OR DUMP	FATIGUE PARTY.	REMARKS
1	10	1500	Surplus Luggage to KIT STORE	Officers M Bn HQ	4 men. Duty Coy.	2 trucks ex Unit Transport to Officers Mess.
2	11	0830	Borrowed and Training Stores to ITBn	Ammunition store.	6 men. Duty Coy.	2 trucks ex Unit Transport to QM store.
3		0830	Return cane beds.	S of Amm Store.	10 men. Duty Coy.	Native transport will be available. Coys will make own arrangements to dump by 0830 hrs.
4	12	0600 -0715	File arms and equipment out- side tents. Strike tents.	As required.		
5		0830 -1200	Stack tents in valises, pegs in bags.	S of Amm store.	20 men of HQ Coy Officers tents. 10 men HQ Coy Loading party.	Poles, pegs and tents sep- arate dumps. O Officer to control.
6		0830 -1200	Return accomodation stores except Messing stores.	S of Amm store.	20 men A Coy.	Rubbish bins will be swilled out, and returned immediately after emptying. Rubbish will be dumped in hole behind tpt shed
7		1345 -1545	Clean lines.		Coy arrangements	All salvage will be dumped at Pioneers shed by 1545. Pioneers will supervise.
8		1430	Stack Mess and Office gear.	O. Mess. Bn HQ	B Coy 4 men. O. Mess 4 men S. Mess 4 men BnHQ 10 men Q Store	Officers' baggage will be stacked with Mess gear. O. and Sgts Messes will close down after Midday meal.
9		1600	TEA. - Takeover of Bldgs, except kitchens by RE.			Cold meal only. All kitchen gear not required will be xxxx returned in Serial 6.
			(1)			

SERIAL	DATE	TIME	ACTION	PLACE OR DUMP	FATIGUE PARTY	REMARKS.
10	12	1700 -1745	Clean and return Mess tables, Kitchen equipment and trans- port.	S. of Amm store	As required. 6 men C Coy to load.	TO will arrange for drivers to be returned from 2 AOD.
11		1800	Inspection of Lines.			
12		1935	Coy parades.	Coy lines or as Appendix "A".	Lieut BAYLY 10 men C Coy.	Baggage party - will report with full kit.

DUTIES.

Embussing Officer	Lieut NEGUS
Entraining Officer	Capt MAITLAND
O.C. Train	Major EGAN
Baggage Officer	Lieut BAYLY.

All Fatigue parties will report to RSM at BHQ.

(2).