

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/2/24

24 Infantry Brigade  
January - February 1942

B. M. 24 Aust Inf Bde

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Khassa.	1 Jan		Very wet & windy day. Brig. Godfrey returned from Hospital. He will proceed to Cairo for convalescent leave on Sat.	
	2		During the night several tents blown down, conditions very uncomfortable with heavy rain & wind.	
	2		Lt Col J. E. Cairns Bde D.O. left for Cairo to attend a course in Aerial photograph reading.	
	4		Weather conditions much improved & Bde able to proceed with exercises.	
	8		Warning order for the movement of 9 Aust Div to SYRIA received. Description of movement given in appendix A.	Appendix A.
			Bde movement order Appendix B.	B.
	13		Capt. D. R. Jackson, marched in as B.M. in place of Maj. W.W. Wearne who has been chosen for duty in Aust. Capt Jackson has just attended the Gen. Staff School at HAIFA.	
Madaya Syria.	16	1800	Training showing dispositions of Bde Appendix C. Bde Command. Brig Godfrey arrived at H.Q. & took over Command from Col J. E. Lloyd D.S.O. M.C. Bde H.Q. personnel camped & billeted at Madaya, a village approx three miles S.E. of Tripoli. Officers quarters in two storied stone villa whilst officers are in another house approx 160 yards away. Troops in huts & tents. Conditions very comfortable.	Appendix C.

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DR Jackson Major. B. M. 24 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Madaya	16		Bde. camp site looks into the Lebanon ranges & is the same as that occupied by 21 Bde. Brig. Godfrey & Col Lloyd inspect defenses. Bus. at present are occupying winter quarters with mus. of Coys. forward in the actual defensive positions.	
	17		Further inspection of fwd positions by Bde. Comdr (Brig Godfrey) Weather conditions have been very unpleasant over the last few days. Almost constant rain making the camp sites of Bus. very muddy.	
	18		Still wet & cold. All personnel to be issued with another uniform S.D. 2/28 & 2/43 Bus. have moved Coys. fwd from winter quarters & are now occupying bivouac sites in the fwd Bus areas. Maj. W.W. Wearne left for 1 Aust Corps S.D.	
	20.		Capt. K.C. Sowden Bde. A.S.C. officer left for 9 Aust Div. He has been replaced by Capt. N. Weekley.	
	23.		Conditions remain wet & cold. Troops in fwd areas having difficulty in drying clothing. Further issue of uniforms not yet available.	
	24.		Defensive works in progress in fwd areas. Communication trenches to pill boxes & section ports being dug.	

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<i>Madaya</i>	<i>Jan 25</i>		<i>Weather much clearer. Troops able to dry off.</i>	
	27.		<i>Inspection of 2/43 Bu + C Coy 2/28 Bu by Div. Comd. (Gen Sir Leslie Morshead) + Bde Comd. Brig Godfrey.</i>	
	27.		<i>Lieut R. Langster. (S.C. learner) returned from junior staff school. Lieut D. Wallace (L.O.) also returned.</i>	
	29.		<i>Brig. Comd. visited 2/28 Bu + advised Col. Lloyd re siting inf. positions in 2/28 Bu area.</i>	
	29		<i>Training instruction No 4 issued as appendix D.</i>	<i>Appendix D.</i>
	30		<i>9 Div. Comd. (Gen Sir Leslie Morshead) inspected outpost posn. held by 2/28 Bu.</i>	
	31		<i>2/28 Bu now engaged in preparing defensive posns. as arranged by Bde. Comd. (Brig. Godfrey) + Col. Lloyd). Fine day.</i>	<i>Da</i>
			<i>Routine orders + field returns attached</i>	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESROUTINE ORDERSBYBRIG. A. H. L. GODFREY D. S. O., M. C., E. D.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDENo. 9IN THE FIELD30 JAN 4233. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Offrs will assemble at 2/28 Bn at 0900 hrs on Sunday, 1 Feb 42, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine, to investigate and report on the loss of one Rifle (less bolt and magazine) No. 85464, one Bayonet, one Respirator and haversack, one complete set of web equipment, forty two rounds of .303 S.A.A., all belonging to WX13288 Pte LOCKETT K. of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

All evidence will be taken on oath and completed proceedings will be forwarded to H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 5 Feb 42.

President

Maj. H. J. WILLIAMSON - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut J. A. FLEMING - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut J. F. WORNER - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

34. LOSSES AND THEFTS.

In all cases of losses of Arms, Amn or other Military equipment, an immediate report will be made to this H.Q. by the fastest possible means. If a report does not arrive until some days after the loss has occurred, it is then usually too late for an investigation to have much chance of success.

35. DISCIPLINE - BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS ON LEAVE.

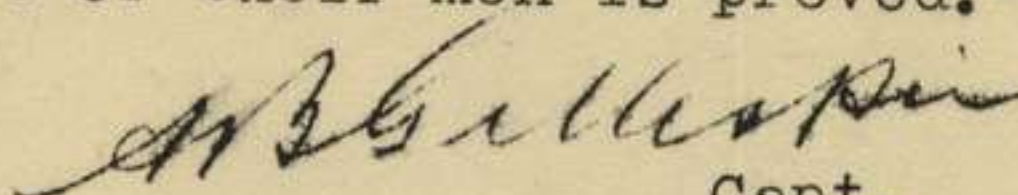
The following instruction received from Ninth Army is repeated and will again be repeated in Unit Orders:-

"1. It has been reported to the G.O.C.-in-C. that Commanding Officers are not always giving adequate punishment to men of their units who are charged by the Military Police - and are to this extent abetting the laxity of behaviour and indiscipline of their men.

This applies particularly to cases of rowdyism and drunkenness in leave centres which are an abuse of leave privileges and cause the imposition of restrictions, which inevitably hit the majority of well-behaved men because of the selfish and unsoldierly behaviour of the few.

2. The G.O.C.-in-C. directs that Commanding Officers will take severe disciplinary measures in cases where the drunkenness or disorderly conduct of their men is proved."

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No. 8

IN THE FIELD

29 JAN 42

28. PUNCTUALITY - RETURNS.

Attention is drawn to H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 4 dated 17 Jan 42.

In many cases units are still late with returns.

Comds will ensure that every effort is made to have returns prepared and delivered at the time specified. Where this is impossible, this H.Q. will be advised well before the due time.

29. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Offrs will assemble at 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs on Saturday, 31st day of January 1942, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine, to investigate and report on the stealing of and damage to Fd Car D.S. number M262 on night 16/17 Jan 42. Particular reference will be made to measures taken to ensure security of vehicles when not in use.

All evidence will be taken on oath and completed proceedings will be forwarded to H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 4 Feb 42.

President

Maj J.G. BRENNAN - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Lieut H.J. FREEDMAN - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut L.O. NEUMANN - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

30. QUALIFIED GAS INSTRUCTORS.

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 50, returns will reach this H.Q. not later than 1800 hrs 1 Feb 42.

31. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS - PETROL.

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 56, returns will reach this HQs not later than 1800 hrs 1 Feb 42.

32. PROVISION OF OILS AND GREASES.

1. Oil M.225 and Grease HC, have been eliminated and will no longer be used.

2. Demands for these grades will in future be met by :-

- (a) Oil M.220 in substitution of Oil M.225
- (b) Grease GS in substitution of Grease HC

3. Oil M.220 and Grease GS will be demanded through normal R.A.S.C. channels.

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IN THE FIELD

27 JAN 42

SPECIAL ORDER

The following Special Order by Commander-in-Chief Middle East Forces is republished:-

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

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

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

I hold Commanding and other officers responsible that they are constantly on their guard to check careless and irregular practices on the part of those under their command.

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

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

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

(sgd) G. J. LUCHINLECK General.  
Commander-in-Chief."

(To be repeated in Unit orders).

26. DISCIPLINE - TRIPOLI TOWN.

Attention is drawn to the necessity for maintaining our reputation amongst the people of this country.

The present state of discipline has become noticeably lax.

It is necessary that every endeavour be made to ensure that tips are well turned out and that attention is paid to saluting and smart bearing at all times.

27. RETURNS ON PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS.

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

German	Russian
Italian	Turkish
Persian	Arabic

Returns are required in duplicate to reach this H.Q. by 1 Feb.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 42)

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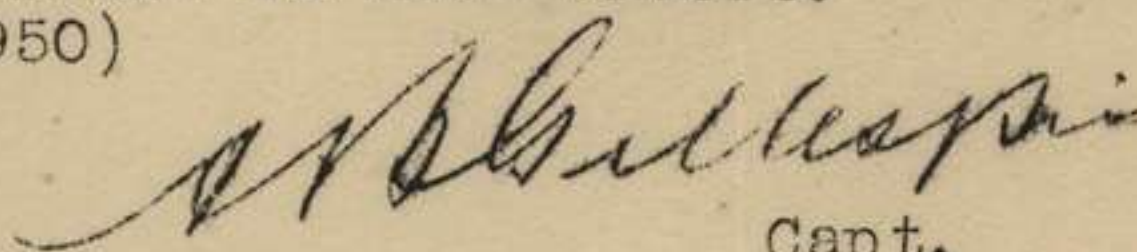
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25. POWERS OF MEMBERS OF PROVOST CORPS.

The effect of A.A. 6(3)(c) and A.M.R. & O. 386 is republished for information.

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

This Order is to be repeated in unit orders.  
(Ref AIF(ME) Order No. 950)

  
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NOTICES

LOST

A Kodak 616 Junior Folding Camera (in leather case)  
at staging camp near Syrian frontier on 14 Jan 42.  
Owner - WX5419 L/Cpl BEATSON W.A., 2/28 Bn.

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Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 34, results of the vote will be notified to H Q 24 Aust Inf Bde by 1800 hrs 28 Jan 42.

20. DENTAL TREATMENT

Dental treatment will be provided for 24 Aust Inf Bde at No 3 Special Dental Unit. ACHACHE, (with 2/3 Aust Fd Amb Coy)

Each R.M.O. should make arrangements for attendance with the Dental Officer of his area.

To ensure efficient use of dental treatment personnel appointments must be kept.

(ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 35)

21. DRESS

Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs have purchased and are wearing caps S.D., Officers pattern.

This is an offence and will be treated accordingly.

(ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 37)

22. ILLEGAL FISHING

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

(ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 38.)

23. TREE CUTTING

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

(ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 39.)

24. RATIONS - OVERDRAWAL OF

All Units will prepare daily form W 3810 (Comparison of ration strength with rations drawn). This form will be lodged at the end of each week with the O.C. D.I.D. from which each Unit draws its rations. It is pointed out that the form in question must be signed by C.O's or Os.C. units.

(ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 41.)

*A. H. L. Godfrey*  
for Capt. *Lead*  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES :-

It is notified that a canteen has been opened at KINGSWAY, HAIFA, comprising of Men's canteen and Restaurant, and Officers and Nurses Restaurant and Bar.

FOUND :- S. and W. .450 Pistol Reg. No. 131281, found in TRIPOLI, is held at 9 Aust Div H.Q.

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

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

To be repeated in Unit Orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No.14)

13. THROWING OF SNOW.

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

To be repeated in Unit Orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 18)

14. P.O.L. - ISSUE OF.

1. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for P.O.L. being made upon D.I.Ds., and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.

2. Os.C. D.I.Ds., and F.S.Ds., etc., holding stocks of P.O.L. will ensure that requirements of units and of individuals vehicles are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-

(a) for replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump:-  
the driver's A.B.412 and (other than in a forward area), A.F. G.3518 (transport work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

(b) for packed P.O.L. to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle :-  
A.B. 55 or similar indent signed by an officer of the demanding unit.

3. All officers or other responsible persons demanding P.O.L. should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para 2 above.

To be repeated in Unit Orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 24)

15. STACKING AND HANDLING OF P.O.L. CONTAINERS.

1. Leakage is more liable to occur from caps or screw bungs of P.O.L. containers than from any other portion of the container.
2. All P.O.L. containers, including cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps and bungs of the containers uppermost.
3. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on P.O.L. containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the containers which must always be uppermost. (General Order 219 of 1941, para 2 refers).
4. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling P.O.L. containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

To be repeated in Unit Orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 25)

16. MOUNTING TRIPOD BREN .303 in Mk 1.

An undue proportion of A.A. Brackets are being broken in certain formations and units. Training in mounting and dismounting the gun on the A.A. bracket is necessary to ensure that :-

- (a) When mounting and dismounting for A.A. 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 A.A. bracket.
- (c) No undue force is used, nor is the gun allowed to swing down under its own weight.

Disregard of any of these instructions may result in a broken A.A. bracket.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 29).

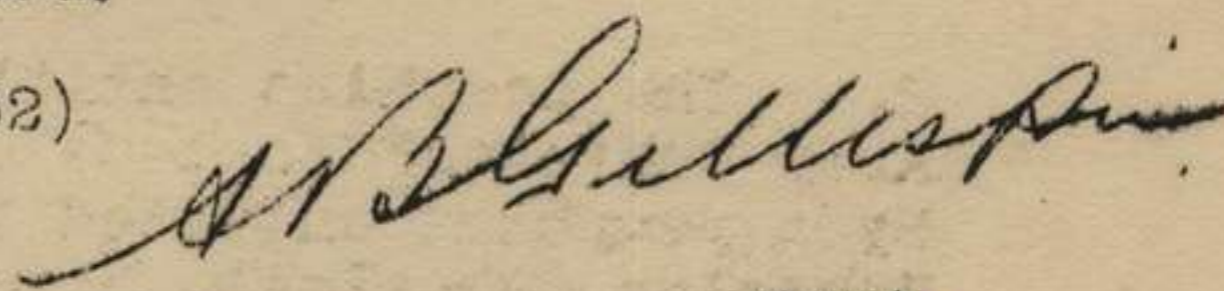
17. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES(WHEELED).

1. General Order 1080 and General Order 1185 are cancelled.
2. The pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles(Wheeled)", dated 11 Nov 40, has been superseded by a pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled), based on the Task System", dated 13 Jun 41.
3. All units having vehicles on charge will ensure that :-
  - (i) All Officers;
  - (ii) All N.C.Os i/c M.T. Supervision;
  - (iii) All drivers i/c vehicles,are in possession of this latter pamphlet, and that it is carried in the pocket.
4. All pamphlets at present held by units will be checked, and sufficient copies demanded from No. 3 Publications Depot to make up deficiencies or to replace the obsolete pamphlets.
5. In this connection, a further pamphlet entitled "Vehicle Maintenance Record, Enclosure to Army Book 412" is available for issue and should be demanded from No. 3 Publications Depot on the scale of one per A.B. 412.
6. The "Task System" will be brought into use forthwith and a record kept in the appropriate date spaces provided in the "Record" pamphlet.

7. The issue to drivers of these publications will be recorded in A.B. 412, under Vehicle Outfit List, and they will be produced at all Vehicle Kit Inspections.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 31)

18. USE OF M.T. PETROL IN FOUR-GALLON RETURNABLE CONTAINERS.

1. M.T. Petrol is now available in four-gallon round returnable drums and in four-gallon returnable cans.
2. The following now becomes the order of preference in which units will obtain their M.T. Petrol requirements :-
  - (a) In bulk into vehicle tanks ex WD pumps;
  - (b) By filling returnable containers ex WD pumps, other than those at RASC and AASC issuing depots;
  - (c) In returnable containers, drawn full from RASC and AASC depots for local use and returned to the issuing depot for refilling.
3. Returnable containers will not be held on charge other than by RASC and AASC Petrol Depots, Bulk Petroleum Storage Companies, DID's, FSD's, and Road Staging Posts: the containers required by other units under headings 2(b) and (c) will be issued to these units on loan. Any containers already issued on charge will be vouchered back to the charge of the issuing depot which will re-issue them on loan.
4. The greatest care will be taken in conserving and accounting for these valuable containers. Issuing Depots will keep a close check on returnable container accounts, to ensure that units do not take on loan more containers than their consumption warrants and that containers issued under para 2(c) are promptly returned.
5. Existing instructions regarding the handling and conservation of four-gallon "non-returnable" tins remain unchanged.
6. G.O. 530 is hereby cancelled.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 32)



Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE.

1. It has been reported that an Aust Military Truck, Chevrolet type, number unknown, painted yellow, collided with a civilian truck containing workmen at a point on the main road, GAZA-TEL AVIV, about two kilos South of JULIS Camp. The accident occurred at approx 0830 hrs on the 29 Dec 41.
2. Twentyone of the workmen were injured, eleven of them seriously, the army vehicle did not stop.
3. Enquiries will be made in all units to ascertain whether any vehicle under their comd was involved in such an accident on the date mentioned.
4. Any information will be forwarded to this H.Q. immediately.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.Os. 13-33)

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COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 3

IN THE FIELD

20 JAN 42

8. DUTY OFFICERS.

Units will ensure that an Officer is, at all times, available to the telephone at Bn H.Q. in order to handle official messages.

9. USE OF APPOINTMENT CODE.

The use of the appointment code should be confined to conversations and should NOT be used in written messages of any kind.

It has been noticed that there is a tendency for units to address written communications to individuals. All such communications, when of an official nature, should be addressed to the unit and NOT to the individual.

10. FAST DRIVING.

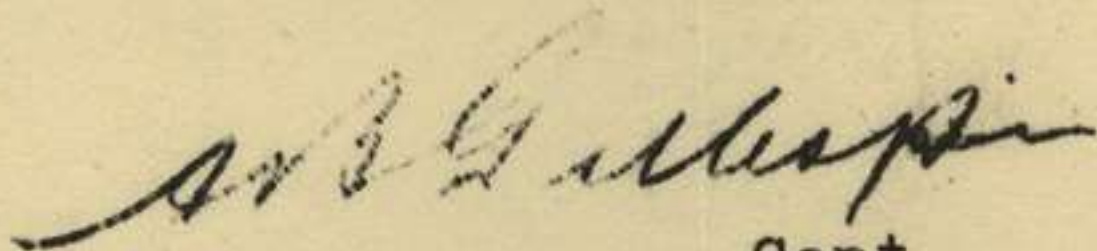
A number of instances have occurred recently of accidents to vehicles due to fast or negligent driving on slippery roads.

Units are warned that all such instances are viewed very seriously and disciplinary action will be taken in any case where there is evidence of negligence of any form.

11. CIVILIAN POPULATION AT UNIT COOK HOUSES.

Immediate steps must be taken to keep civilians away from unit lines and particularly from cookhouses.

The practice of giving food to civilians must cease and units will ensure that all cookhouse personnel are warned in this regard.

  
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COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 2.

IN THE FIELD

19 JAN 42

5. CENSORSHIP.

No reference may be made in correspondence or verbally to Tp movements. A soldier may say "I am in Syria" and comment on topography generally and the people, but must avoid reference to anything which may suggest a movement of any other tps or suggest that his own unit is now in Syria. 7 Aust Div shall NOT be referred to.

(Ref 9 Aust Div Security Instruction No. 4)

6. PHOTOGRAPHY.

It is of particular importance that tps have dealings only with approved Photographers.

The authorised Photographers in TRIPOLI are -

A. K. ANOUCHIAN of EL MINA Rd.

H. D. HERNANDIAN of Photo HERMAND, Tell St.

K. A. TOTONGYAN of Photo Sport, EL MINA Rd.

7. SALVAGE.

The attention of units is drawn to 1 Aust Corps Adm Instn No. 14 being distributed under separate cover. Immediate steps will be taken to carry out the instructions contained therein.

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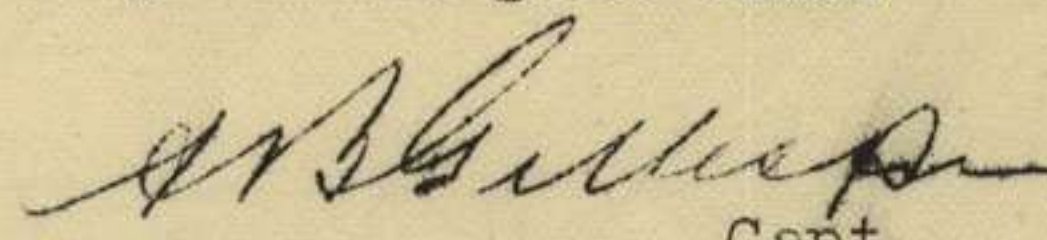
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No. 1. IN THE FIELD 17 JAN 42

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1. REPORTING OUT.  
All Offrs will, before going out, report to Signals Office and give particulars of destination and time of return.
2. LEAVE.  
Until further notice, no leave will be granted to units of this Bde.
3. VILLAGES - OUT OF BOUNDS.  
Units are reminded that all Villages are Out of Bounds except where special advice is given.  
Particular attention will be paid to preventing tps from entering MADJLAYA.
4. PUNCTUALITY.  
On several occasions recently, it has been noticed that where instructions have been issued to be carried out by a certain time, no effort has apparently been made to ensure punctuality.  
This may often mean disorganisation of H.Q. and other unit arrangements.  
It is therefore essential that particular attention be paid to punctuality at all times, and if it is found that it is not possible to carry out instructions, advice must be given in good time.

  
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COMMANDING 24 MUST INF BDE.

No 98.

KHASSA

12 JAN 42.

311. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA.

Mounting Retreat  
12 Jan 42:

Unit  
2/43 Bn

Fd Offr  
Capt R...  
WEGENER

Fd Med Offr  
Capt J.D.  
RICE

Next for Duty:

2/32 Bn

Lieut J.N.  
LIDDELL

Capt W.H.  
CAMPBELL

Theatre Picquet:

2/32 Bn - Mounting 1830 hrs 13 Jan 42.

*J. ...*  
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11 JAN 42

309. CAMP DUTIES - KHASHA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
<u>11 Jan 42:</u>	2/32 Bn	Lieut B.G. GREEN	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/43 Bn	Capt R.A. WEGENER	Capt J.D. RICE
<u>Cinema Picquet:</u>	2/32 Bn - 11 Jan 42.		

310. FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY.

A.I.F. (M.E.) Order No. 904 is repeated :-

"A.I.F. (M.E.) Order No. 369 of 7 June 1941, is cancelled and the following substituted :-

1. The indiscriminate use of cameras and, in particular, the sending of films to unauthorised photographic dealers, have become most prejudicial to security. The following regulations are issued for immediate enforcement.

2. Every unit will keep a register showing the rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras. An Officer-in-Charge of Photography will be appointed within each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring that each member of the unit in possession of a camera is fully acquainted with the provisions of G.H.Q. (M.E.F.) Field Censorship, Regulations, 1940 Part ii, Paragraph 10 (published hereunder) and with the list of authorised dealers.

"G.H.Q. (M.E.F.) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940 Part ii Paragraph 10 Photography.

(i) Photography of the following is prohibited :-

Military vehicles of all sorts	Aerial views
Tanks	Aerodromes
Signal equipment	Fortifications
Artillery weapons	Camps
Defences	Military operations
Aircraft	Diagrams of weapons
Ships of any kind	

(ii) Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.

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

310. FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY (Contd).

(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 of Photography, and forwarded for safe custody to Officer -in-Charge 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. (M.E.) The Officer - in- Charge Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of the camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more unit 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 Photography will be held strictly responsible that, in zone of operations, cameras are used only by these authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under 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 :-

Messrs 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 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 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 A.I.F. (M.E.), 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. G.H.Q. (M.E.F.) retains the right to take copies of any photographs and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. The cost of developing the films containing photographs

310 FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY (Contd)

of which use is made by G.H.Q. (A.B.F.) will be defrayed by G.H.Q. (A.B.F.).

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.

This order is to be reprinted in formation and unit orders.

Rf 9 Aust Div R.O. No 2.

*W. H. Hill*

Capt. *W. H. Hill*  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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KHASSA

10 JAN 42

303. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
10 Jan 42:	2/43 Bn	Capt J.C. HODGETTS	Capt J.D. WICE
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/32 Bn	Lieut B.G. GREEN	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL

304. APPLICATIONS FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS.

In future all such applications will be accompanied by AF B103 (Statement of Service) in triplicate.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 4.)

305. VENTILATION OF TENTS.

To ensure drying and ventilation of interior of tents, tentwalls on at least two sides of all tents will be rolled up or folded back (in the case of tents R.D. and E.P.I.P. respectively) for at least three hours daily, whenever weather permits.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 7)

306. DRESS-BADGES OF RANK AND TITLES AUSTRALIA.

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

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

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 8).

307. AIRMAIL SERVICE : AUSTRALIA.

- (a) The airmail service between AUSTRALIA and the MIDDLE EAST has been temporarily interrupted.
- (b) It is hoped to restore communications in the near future, but in the meantime no mails are being received by air.
- (c) Airmails are being despatched in the direction of the MIDDLE EAST - AUSTRALIA, but these are also being held up at an intermediate point, en route, awaiting the full or partial restoration of the through service.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 9.)

308. BLOOD GROUPING.

- (a) Personnel whose blood group is not noted in their paybooks or on their identity discs will be typed on Wednesday 14 Jan 42.
- (b) Personnel from KHASA will report to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb, LEANE LINES, JULIS at 0930 hrs with nominal roll, double spaced, in duplicate.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 10.)

*W. Buckley*  
Capt. Lieut  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

LOST in Camp Showers on 9 Jan 42, two sets of identity discs belonging to the following:-

QX 2746 Pte HANSEN J.E.  
QX 3133 Pte SCHEINPFLUG H.C.

Finders please return to Bde Orderly Room.

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301. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
9 Jan 42:	2/32 Bn	Capt W. STARGATT	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/43 Bn	Capt J.C. HODGETTS	Capt J.D. RICE

302. CHURCH PDES - SUNDAY 11Jan 42.

Church Pdes for Sunday 11 Jan 42 will be held as follows:-

Cof E & Other Protestant Denominations.

0930 hrs - Bde Pde - Camp Cinema  
1000 hrs - Holy Communion - Camp Cinema

R.C.

0715 hrs - Mass - Recreation Hut - 2/43 Bn Lines  
0830 hrs - Mass - Camp Cinema  
0930 hrs - Mass - Recreation Hut - 2/28 Bn Lines.

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297. CAMP DUTIES + KHASSA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
8 Jan 42:	2/43 Bn	Capt J.C. HODGETTS	Capt J.D. RICE
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/32 Bn	Capt W. STARGATT	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL

298. A.F. W. 3809 - DAILY RATION STRENGTH.

One copy of A.F. W. 3809 will be forwarded to this H.Q. daily, attached to units Indent for supplies A.B. 55.

299. RESERVE RATIONS.

Commodities of reserve rations held by units will be turned over periodically with similar items received in the daily rations.

300. INTER-CAMP LEAVE - NEW BUS SERVICE.

It is proposed to institute a free inter-camp bus service, for the use of personnel wishing to visit other camps, commencing on Sat 10 Jan 42.

This service is experimental. The only M.T. available in the initial stages are six 3 tonners with a carrying capacity of 15 persons each. The only places at which buses will pick up and set down passengers are as indicated on the timetable. Only O/R passengers who are in possession of leave passes will be picked up.

While the service is a novelty, and until normal running requirements are determined it is desired that there be a strict control of the number of leave passes issued, having due regard to the carrying capacity of the service. Care will be taken that standing orders for leave in GAZA are not compromised.

Reports on the operation of the service, with suggestions for improvements, should be forwarded to the Camp Staff Office.

*W. J. Warkley*  
for Capt. Lieut

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296. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
7 Jan 42:	2/32 Bn	Capt P.R. JACOBY	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/43 Bn	Capt J.C. HODGETTS	Capt J.D. RICE
<u>Cinema Picquet:</u>	2/43 Bn	-	7 Jan 42.

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289. CAMP DUTIES - KHASHA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
6 Jan 42:	2/43 Bn	Capt M.R. JEANES	Capt J.D. RICE
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/32 Bn	Capt P.R. JACOBY	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
<u>Cinema Picquet:</u>	2/32 Bn - 6 Jan 42. 2/43 Bn - 7 Jan 42.		

290. CAMP CINEMA.

Arrangements have been made for 60 mil seats for the late performance (2000 hrs) to be reserved, commencing Wed 7 Jan.

The only times for booking will be as follows:-  
1100 to 1200 hrs  
and  
1500 to 1600 hrs

In future, 20 and 40 mil tickets will be only available for the day and performance of issue. It has been found that this is necessary to avoid overcrowding the theatre.

291. SECURITY - SPREADING OF RUMOURS.

Some concern is felt at the persistent rumours of a startling nature that have recently gained currency in the GAZA Military Area.

It would appear that some irresponsible or subversive elements are deliberately instigating and fostering these.

All ranks will be warned NOT to circulate information unless they have reason to know that it is reliable and that it is NOT concerning a forbidden subject. They will ask their informants where they obtained the information passed to them and endeavour to trace the source of mischievous rumours.

Another aspect of this rumour mongering is the annoyance caused to the ABC Field Unit which whilst engaged in receiving the news frequently receives telephone calls from persons who desire confirmation or otherwise of rumours heard.

It will be understood that the duty of the ABC Field Unit is to pass information received to authorised persons only for censorship and requests for news by telephone from other parties is to cease forthwith.

(Ref AIF(ME)Base Area R.O. No. 658).

292. M. T. - ACCIDENTS TO,

It has been found that delays are occurring in reporting road accidents and that as a result of such delays it is not always possible to make full enquiry into the causes thereof.

This applies particularly to those accidents in which civilians are involved. It should be realised that in many cases these civilians are only too willing to make claims against the Army and that unless the circumstances are fully investigated it is not possible to decide the question of liability and assess the amount of compensation payable, if any.

In future, any accidents whether or not civilians are involved, will be reported to H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde either by signal or letter within 12 hrs of their occurrence.

(Ref AIF(ME)Base Area R.O. 661).

293. TWO DAY LEAVE - PAY.

It is desirable that as many men as possible be paid in camp before proceeding on two day leave.

(Ref AIF(ME)Base Area R.O.662)

294. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS.

The containers in which sausages are being supplied are not being return to DID's for onward transmission to the manufacturer.

In order to maintain the supply of sausages, it is essential that units return these cases to the DID's immediately the contents have been distributed. Care must be taken to ensure that cases are not damaged by careless opening or in transit.

(Ref AIF(ME)Base Area R.O. 664).

295. STANDING ORDERS - KILO 89.

The following amendments are to be made to "Standing Orders - Kilo 89", issued to units of 24 Aust Inf Bde when in that Camp.

Cover: Delete "Kilo 89" and substitute "KHALSSA".

ORDER No. 2

Para 4

Line 3: Strength of Cinema Picquet to be altered from  
1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl & 12 ORs.

to 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 3 Cpls & 12 ORs.

Line 5: Delete from "The Officer of the Picquet....to  
the end of Para.

ORDER No. 3

Line 2: Delete Para commencing "Dress for Parades....."  
and substitute -

"Dress for Parades will normally be Uniform  
SD and Gaiters. Felt hats will be worn turned  
down."

Line 11: Delete Para commencing "For evening meal....."  
and substitute -

"Dress for evening meal will be uniform SD".

ORDER No. 8 is cancelled.

ORDER No. 12 is amended to read "Lieut I. G. LEONARD is C.G.O.  
for Khassa Area.

ORDER No. 15

Line 3: Delete "GAZA" and substitute "EL MAJDAL".

ORDER No. 17

Line 1: Delete "Latrine" and substitute "Urine".

Line 2: Delete from "Seats.....to end of line and substitute "and to remove Wet & Dry refuse".

ORDER No. 19

Line 11: After "1700 hrs" add "and will only be granted where proper tpt arrangements are made. Hitch-hiking will not be permitted."

ORDER No. 21

Line 7: Delete from "Civilians may pass" to end of para.

*A. S. Archley*  
for Capt. *lieut*  
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5 JAN 42

285. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
5 Jan 42:	2/32 Bn	Capt N.M. CAHILL	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/43 Bn	Capt M.R. JEANES	Capt J.D. RICE
<u>Cinema Picquet:</u>	2/32 Bn	-	6 Jan 42.
	2/43 Bn	-	7 Jan 42.

286. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA - LIMITATION OF WEIGHT.

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

To this end, immediate action is to be taken through formation and unit Orders to inform all ranks of the position. 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 cooperation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction. (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 538).

287. E.F.M. Cables.

It is found that, at present, normal cable channels are unable to provide adequate accommodation for private E.F.M. Cables.

In view of this fact, the service should only be used when the matter is considered essential.

288. LEAVE - GAZA TOWN.

Attention of all units is drawn to 24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. 188 dated 2 Dec 41.

A number of cases have occurred recently where leave passes have been issued to GAZA in contravention of the abovementioned order.

Units will ensure that the order will be observed in future.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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FOUND A watch was found in Camp Showers on 30 Dec 41. Owner may obtain from Bde Orderly Room.

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KHASSA

4 JAN 42

284. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA

Mounting Retreat  
4 Jan 42:

Unit  
2/32 Bn

Fd Offr  
Capt W.  
STARGATT

Fd Med Offr  
Capt W.H.  
CAMPBELL

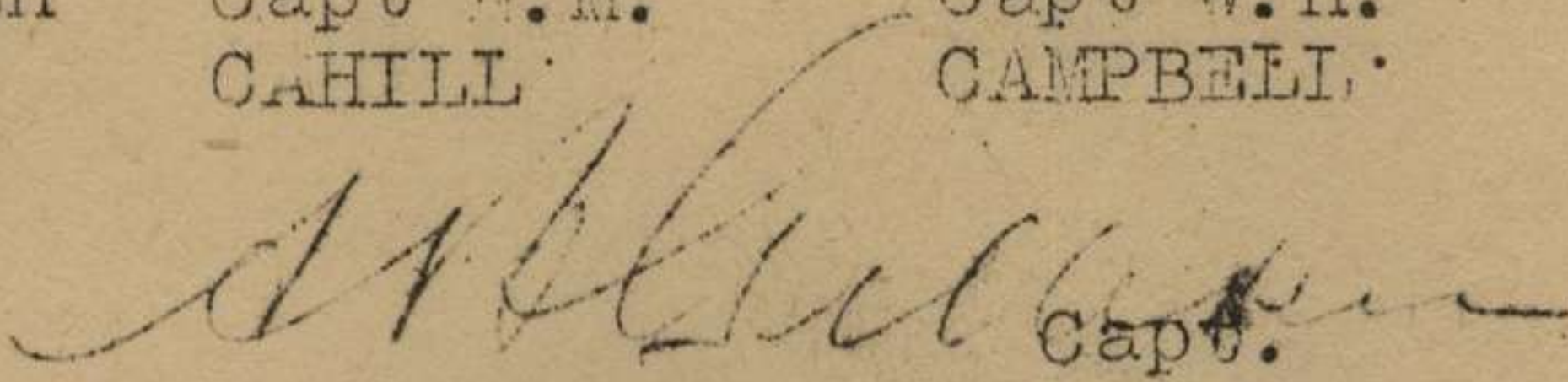
Next for Duty:

2/32 Bn

Capt N.M.  
CAHILL

Capt W.H.  
CAMPBELL

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No. 89

KHASHA

3 JAN 42

277. CAMP DUTIES - KHASHA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
3 Jan 42:	2/32 Bn	Capt P. R. JACOBY	Capt W. H. CAMPBELL
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/32 Bn	Capt W. STARGATT	Capt W. H. CAMPBELL

278. ROAD ACCIDENTS.

Units are advised that <sup>in</sup> any road accident, whether serious or not, any case of damage to vehicles will be reported to this H.Q. as soon as possible after the occurrence.

279. TENTAGE.

Considerable damage to tentage has been caused by recent high winds.

Whereas, in a great many cases, this damage is unavoidable, it is considered that it could be to some extent avoided by greater care in keeping tent ropes firmly secured.

It is the responsibility of all ranks to prevent damage where possible.

280. 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.

This Order is to be repeated in unit orders.  
(Ref AIF(ME) Order no. 890).

281. CENSORSHIP - UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES.

Units will ensure that unit mail is censored within the units and not passed uncensored to the Base Censor, except in the following cases :-

- (a) Green Envelopes;
- (b) Letters written in a foreign language with which no officer in the unit is conversant.

The practice of forwarding bundles of uncensored letters to the Base Censor will cease forthwith.

Men going on leave must not save up correspondence for censorship at leave establishments.  
(Ref AIF(ME)Order No. 893).

282. PAYBOOKS - ENTERING PLACE OF PAYMENT.

Approval is given for the insertion of a pay cipher and pay period number in the third column of paybooks after the words "On Service".

Details of cipher will be obtained from the paymaster from whom the sub imprest monies are drawn.  
A.L.F.(M.E.)Order No. 493 of 19 Jul 41 is amended accordingly.

(Ref AIF(ME)Order No. 894).

283. 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.

This Order is to be repeated in unit orders.  
(Ref AIF(ME)Order No. 895).

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2 JAN 42.

274. CAMP DUTIES - KHASSA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>
2 Jan 42:	2/43 Bn	Maj. H.J. WILLIAMSON	Capt J.D. RICE
<u>Next for Duty:</u>	2/33 Bn	Capt P.R. JACOBY	Capt W.H. CAMPBELL

275. UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION OF ARMS OR AMN.

AS from this date, any members of any unit found in possession of unauthorised weapon/s or amn will be severely dealt with and the charge treated as a Court Martial offence.

This order is to be repeated in unit orders, and read to all ranks at least three times during the next ten days.

276. CHURCH PDES - SUNDAY 4 Jan 42.

Church Pdes for Sunday 4 Jan 42 will be held as follows:-

C of E & Other Protestant Denominations.

0930 hrs - Bde Pde - Camp Cinema  
1000 hrs - Holy Communion - Camp Cinema

R.C.  
0715 hrs - Mass - Recreation Hut - 2/43 Bn Lines  
0830 hrs - Mass - Camp Cinema.

*A. H. L. Godfrey*  
Lieut  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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No. 87.

KHASHA

1 Jan 42.

268. CAMP DUTIES - KHASHA.

<u>Mounting Retreat</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Fd Offr</u>	<u>Fd Med Offr</u>	<u>Cinema Picquet</u>
<u>1 Jan 42:</u>	2/43 Bn	Capt W.R.V. TUCKER	Capt J.D. RICE	2/43 Bn

Next for Duty: 2/43 Bn Maj.H.J. WILLIAMSON Capt J.D. RICE

Bathhouse & C.R.S. Fatigue - 2/43 Bn - 2 Jan 42.

269. S.I.B. PROVOST SERVICE - VACANCY.

A vacancy exists for a W.O.11 in the Special Investigation Branch Provost Service, to be attached for duty with H.Q. 9 Aust Div.

Applications are called for from units of and under comd 9 Aust Div to fill this vacancy, and are to reach this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 4 Jan 42. They will include particulars of service and qualifications.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 531).

270. JEWISH DIVINE SERVICE.

Jewish Divine Service will be held at the Cinema BEIT JIRJA at 1000 hrs Saturday 3 Jan 42.

Units are requested to provide, as far as possible, transport for men desirous of attending the service.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 532).

271. CONTAMINATION - PETROL WITH WATER.

Any unit tracing water in petrol obtained from W.D. sources will immediately submit samples of water actually in benzine tin or tank to H.Q. A.A.S.C. 9 Aust Div. At the same time, units will report place and date of drawing of petrol.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 533)

272. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCES.

Ref A.I.F. ORDER (M.E.) Nos 738 and 812.

(a) The interpretation of the sentence in para 4 of A.I.F. Order(M.E.)738 reading as follows:-

"Undrawn entitlements as at 30 Jun 1941 will therefore lapse as from date of promulgation."

is given below.

(b) The effect will be that at 31 Oct 41 the entitlement for four months 1 Jul 41 to 31 Oct 41 will be taken

and compared with the actual expenditure for the same four months.

(c) If the expenditure is in excess of entitlement, the amount in excess will be deducted from the undrawn entitlement at 30 Jun, and the remaining balance will lapse.

Should the expenditure for the four months be less than the entitlement for the four months, the whole of the undrawn entitlement at 30 Jun will lapse, but the unexpended portion of entitlement for the period 1 Jul to 31 Oct will be carried forward.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 534).

273. PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCES.

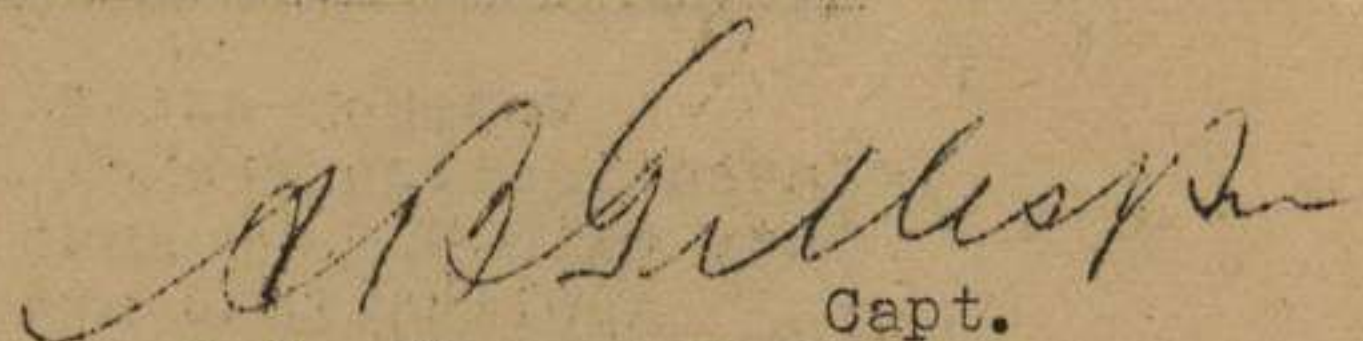
Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 407.

Units will only purchase Supplementary Rations outside the A.A.C.S. or NAAFI when requirements are not available through these sources, or where they do not operate.

These organisations normally provide for the supply of commodities required but do not always carry stock.

Before ordering from other authorised contractors, units will ensure that every opportunity has been given A.A.C.S. and NAAFI to purchase and supply their requirements.

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Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution.

List 'A'

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*11th 24 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*			
<i>Brigadier</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>3</i>		
Lieutenants...	<i>5</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>

\* 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.
<i>Brig</i>	<i>Godfrey A.H.L.</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>2/1/42</i>	<i>From 7 AGH.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Jellebrand T.G.</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>3/1/42</i>	<i>Detached - 2/43 Bm</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Court G.P.</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>2/1/42</i>	<i>1013 Course - Intep of Air Photographs Course</i>
<i>Maj</i>	<i>Wearne W.W.</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>1/1/42</i>	<i>Classes to be seconded &amp; is placed upon the P.S. List.</i>

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	NO	Leave.
Major		Wheeler W.W.	✓	yes	B.M.
Lieut	T/capt	Allen J.R.	✓	✓	B.M.(L)
Captain		Gillespie F.B.	✓	-	S.C.
Lieut		Sangster R.W.	✓	NO	S.C.(L) Attending AIF
Lieut		Jellibrand T.G.	✓	NO	(ME) Junior Staff School
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	NO	Detached to 2/43 Bn
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	yes	L.O. Attending AIF (ME)
Lieut		Court J.E.	✓	NO	Junior Staff School
Lieut	T/capt	Hallifax J.L.	✓	yes	L.O. Attending Interp of Air Photographs Course
					T.O.
(ii) Officers Attached from Other Corps					
Lt-Col		Lloyd J.E.	2/28 Bn		Att for duty (Adm Comd)
Maj		Buntine M.A.	2/28 Bn		✓ ✓ ✓
Lieut		Wootley M.G.	2/43 Bn		✓ ✓ ✓
Capt		Sowden K.C.	AASC		B.A.S.C.O.
Lieut		Donnelly A.	HQ 28 Bn		O.C. 2nd Att for duty
Maj		Wheeler W.W.	P.S.L.		Att for duty prior to recall to Australia

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**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		Good T	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Mac Donald G.G.A.	✓		2/28 Bn
✓		Baskin J.E.B.A.	✓		2/32 Bn

100 24 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

3/1/42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Lt Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
9 Aust Bn  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



AR 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. ..																				
Butchers .. ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks .. ..																				
Cooks .. ..																				
Despatch Riders .. ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
"  " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics .. ..																				
Drivers-Operators .. ..																				
Electricians .. ..																				
Equipment Repairers .. ..																				
Farriers .. ..																				
Fitters .. ..																				
Machine Gunners .. ..																				
Masons .. ..																				
Motor Mechanics .. ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) .. ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers .. ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers .. ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers .. ..																				
Storemen technical .. ..																				
Tailors .. ..																				
Wheelers .. ..																				
C.S.M											1									1
General duty personnel ..																			6	6
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1								6	7

AR 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch

3/1/42

Signature of Commander  
 9 Aust Bde  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*AB24 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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<i>Bugonia</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>3</i>		
Lieutenants...	<i>5</i>		<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>9</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	NO	Leave
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.L.	✓	yes	B.M.(L).
Captain		Gallagher A.D.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut		Sangster R.W.	✓	NO	S.C.(L) Attending AIF (ME) Junior Staff School
Lieut		Gallibrand T.J.	✓	NO	L.O. Detached to 2/43 Bn.
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	NO	L.O. Attending AIF (ME) Junior Staff School.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	yes	L.O.
Lieut		Coart J.E.	-	NO	L.O. Attending Inters of Air Photography Course
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax J.L.	✓	yes	T.O.
<u>(ii) Officers Attached from Other Corps.</u>					
Lt Col		Lloyd J.E.	2/28 Bn		Att for duty (Adm/land)
Major		Bunting M.A.	2/28 Bn		- - -
Lieut		Worthley M.G.	2/43 Bn		- - -
Capt		Sawden K.C.	FA SC		BASCO
Lieut		Donnelly A.	180 Gd Bn		O.C. HQ RPL Att for duty
Major		Wearne W.W.	P.S.L.		Att for duty prior to recall to Aust
Capt		Jackson D.R.	2/1 Bn		Att for duty pending appt.

**(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.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AACKD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Mac Donald G.A.	✓		2/28 Bn
✓		Baskin J.E. A.A.	✓		2/32 Bn

NO 24 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

10/1/42.

(Date of Despatch.)

Dr Jackson  
Capt - Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

J. Jackson  
Adm Comd

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

A.O.D.



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde*  
(Unit).

*10/11* 19 *42* (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	39		6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 R/Sgt	R.A.S.C.	1 cpl	R.A.M.C.
2 Ptes	✓	3 Ptes	R.A.C.D.
1 cpl	Corps Intell	2 Ptes	2/43 Bn All for duty
1 R/cpl	✓	2 Ptes	2/28 Bn - - -
1 WO I	R.A.O.C.	1 Sgt	2/28 Bn - - -
1 Sgt	✓	1 Sgt	} HQ 2 PL HQ 2d Bn } All for duty.
4 Ptes	✓	3 cpls 35 Ptes.	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. ..																				
Butchers .. ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks .. ..																				
Cooks .. ..																				
Despatch Riders .. ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
"    "    (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics .. ..																				
Drivers-Operators .. ..																				
Electricians .. ..																				
Equipment Repairers .. ..																				
Farriers .. ..																				
Fitters .. ..																				
Machine Gunners .. ..																				
Masons .. ..																				
Motor Mechanics .. ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) .. ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers .. ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers .. ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers .. ..																				
Storemen technical .. ..																				
Tailors .. ..																				
Wheelers .. ..																				
<i>C.S.M.</i>																				
General duty personnel ..																				6 6
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				6 7

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

Date of Despatch 10/1/42

*[Signature]* Capt. Col

Signature of Commander.

*[Signature]*

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*1124 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*			
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			1
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants...	5		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	9	-	2

\* 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.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Court J.E.</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>13/1/42</i>	<i>Rejoined unit from No 13 Course Intrep of an Photographs Course.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	yes	Colonel
Lieut	T/capt	Allen G.L.	✓	✓	B.M.(L)
Captain		Gillespie A.B.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut		Langster R.W.	✓	NO	S.C.(L) Attending AIF (ME) Junior Staff School
Lieut		Jellicord T.G.	✓	NO	L.O. Detached to 2/43 Bn
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	NO	L.O. Attending AIF (ME) Junior Staff School
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	yes	L.O.
Lieut		Coote J.E.	✓	yes	I.O.
Lieut	T/capt	Balfour J.R.	✓	✓	T.O.
(ii) Officers Attached from Other Corps.					
Lt-col		Lloyd J.E.	2/28 Bn		Att for duty (Adm Cond)
Major		Bentley M.A.	2/28 Bn		✓ ✓ ✓
Lieut		Wootley M.E.	2/43 Bn		✓ ✓ ✓
Capt		Sowden K.C.	AASC		BASCO
Lieut		Donnelly A.	48/43 Bn		O.C. 102 pl Att for duty
Capt		Jackson D.R.	2/1 Bn		Att for duty pending app't
Major		Wearne W.W.	P.S.L.		Att for duty prior to recall to Aust.

**(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.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		MacDonald G.G.A.	✓		2/28 Bn
		Bashin J.E.O.A.	✓		2/32 Bn

NO 24 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

17/1/42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
9 Aust Bn  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

24th Dist Inf Bde (Unit)

17/11 1942 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	42		3
TOTALS	50	*	4

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 R/Sgt	AASC	1 cpl	AAMC
3 Ptes	✓	3 Ptes	AACHD
1 cpl	Corps Intell	1 Sgt	2/28 Bn att for duty
1 H/cpl	✓	6 Ptes	2/28 Bn ✓
1 WO I	AADC	4 Ptes	2/32 Bn ✓
1 Sgt	✓	3 Ptes	2/43 Bn ✓
4 Ptes	✓	1 Sgt	} 9 Amib Bn Postal unit
		1 cpl	
		2 Ptes	
		1 Sgt	} HQ 2 PL HQ Gal Bn att for duty
		3 cpls	
		40 Ptes	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

HR 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

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

HR 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 17/1/42

Signature of Commander  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*A B 2nd Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut. Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	<i>4</i>		
Lieutenants...	<i>5</i>		<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>10</i>		<i>1</i>

\* 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.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>28/12/52</i>	<i>appointed BM 2nd Aust Inf Bde AIF post No 63 dated 12/1/52.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		Godfrey A.H.	AIF	yes	Command
Capt		Jackson R.R.	-	-	B.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.H.	-	-	B.M. (L)
Capt		Gillespie A.B.	-	-	S.C.
Lieut		Sangster R.W.	-	No	SC (L) attending AIF (M.E) Junior Staff School
Lieut.		Bellebrand T.J.	-	No	L.O. Detached to 2/43 Bn
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	-	No	L.O. attending AIF (M.E) Junior Staff School
Lieut		Coak J.H.	-	yes	L.O.
Lieut		Court J.H.	-	yes	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax J.H.	-	yes	T.O.
(ii) Officers attached from other Corps.					
Major	Montone	Montone M.A.	2/28 Bn		att for duty
Lieut		Worthley M.S.	2/43 Bn		
Lieut		Donnelly A.	2/43 Bn		OC No 2 Pl. Att for duty
Capt		Weekley N.V.	AFSC		BASCO.

**(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.
Chaplain		Card T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
		Macdonald G.H.	-		2/28 -
		Basham J.B.	-		2/32 -

24 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)  
24-1-42  
(Date of Despatch.)

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



FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HO 24 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 24/1/19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	2.		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	40.		5
TOTALS	49.	*	5

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Lt/Sgt	AAFC	1 Cpl	AAMC
3 Ptes.		3 Ptes.	AACD.
1 Cpl	Corps Intell.	6 Ptes.	2/28 Bn All for Duty
1 Lt/Cpl		5 Ptes	2/32 " " " "
1 WO I	AAOC	2 Ptes	3/14 " " " "
1 Sgt		1 Sgt	} 9 Const Bn Postal Unit.
4 Ptes		1 Cpl	
		2 Ptes	} 2/3 7th Amb All for Duty.
		1 Pte	
		1 Sgt	} No 2 Pl. HQ 1st Bn All for Duty.
		3 Cpls	
		43 Ptes	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

*AD 24 Aust Inf Bde* Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. ..																				
Butchers .. ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks .. ..																				
Cooks .. ..																				
Despatch Riders .. ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) .. ..																				
" " (Wheeled) .. ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics .. ..																				
Drivers-Operators .. ..																				
Electricians .. ..																				
Equipment Repairers .. ..																				
Farriers .. ..																				
Fitters .. ..																				
Machine Gunners .. ..																				
Masons .. ..																				
Motor Mechanics .. ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) .. ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters .. ..																				
Range Takers .. ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers .. ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers .. ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties .. ..																				
Signallers .. ..																				
Storemen technical .. ..																				
Tailors .. ..																				
Wheelers .. ..																				
General duty personnel .. ..																		5	5	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																		5	5	

*AD 24 Aust Inf Bde*  
Unit.

Date of Despatch *24/1/42.*

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

*9 Aust Div.*  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HR 24 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants...	5		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	10	-	1

\* 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	Sangster R.W.	A.I.F.	27/1/42	From AIF/ME General Staff School was Course No 2.
Lieut	Wallace A.D.	✓	-	-

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	yes	Comd
Capt		Jackson D.R.	-	-	B.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen G.R.	-	-	B.M/L)
Capt		Lillesku A.B.	-	-	S.C.
Lieut		Sangster R.W.	-	-	S.C/L)
Lieut		Gillibrand T.G.	-	NO	L.O. Detached to 2/43 Bn
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	-	yes	L.O.
Lieut		Cook G.T.	-	-	L.O.
Lieut		Court G.E.	-	-	IO
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax G.R.	-	-	T.O.
<u>iii) Officers Attached from other Corps</u>					
Major		Buntine M.A.	2/200 Bn		Att for duty
Lieut		Wraithley M.G.	2/43 Bn		-
Lieut		Donnelly A.	WA 51 Bn		O.C. to 2nd Plt Att for duty
Capt		Wesley N.V.	AASC		B.A.S.C.O.

**(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.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
-		Mac Donald J.G.A.	-		2/28 Bn
-		Baskin J.E.B.A.	-		2/32 Bn

WB 24 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

31/1/42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Brig

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*100th Ant. & P. Coy* (Unit). *31/1/1942* (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.	1		1
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	40		3
TOTALS	50	2	4

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Lt/Sgt	AA SC	3 Ptes	AACHD
2 Ptes	✓	6 Ptes	2/38 Bn Att for duty
1 cpl	Corps Intell.	4 Ptes	2/32 Bn
1 R/cpl	✓	2 Ptes	2/43 Bn
1 W.O.I.	AADC	1 Sgt	} 9th Div Signal Unit
1 Sgt	✓	1 cpl	
4 Ptes	✓	2 Ptes	2/374 Bn Att for duty
1 cpl	AAMC	1 Pte	} No 2 Pl HQ 32 Bn Att for duty.
		1 Sgt	
		3 cpls	
		43 Ptes	} 9th Div Signal Unit Att for duty
		2 Ptes	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

HR 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers .. .. .																					
Butchers .. .. .																					
Carpenters and Joiners ..																					
Clerks .. .. .																					
Cooks .. .. .																					
Despatch Riders .. .. .																					
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																					
"  "  (Wheeled) .. .. .																					
Drivers-Mechanics .. .. .																					
Drivers-Operators .. .. .																					
Electricians .. .. .																					
Equipment Repairers .. ..																					
Farriers .. .. .																					
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Machine Gunners .. .. .																					
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Motor Mechanics .. .. .																					
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) .. .. .																					
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																					
Range Takers .. .. .																					
Saddlers and Harness Makers																					
Saddle Tree Makers .. .. .																					
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																					
Signallers .. .. .																					
Storemen technical .. .. .																					
Tailors .. .. .																					
Wheelers .. .. .																					
<u>CSM</u>																					1
General duty personnel ..						2	1		2										3	3	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						2	1		2										3	4	

HR 24 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

*[Signature]* Brig.  
Signature of Commander.  
9 Aust Div.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 31/1/42

## Appendix A

Movement of 24 Aust Inf Bde from PALESTINE to SYRIA.

Warning order for movement of 9 Aust Div to SYRIA to relieve 7 Aust Div was given at Div H.Q. on 8 Jan. This was conveyed to units later in the day at a conference at Bde H.Q. and adv party under Lt.Col. J.E. LLOYD D.S.O., M.C. (Adm Bde Comd), consisting of S.C., Bde Sig Offr, 9 OR, and C.O., I.O., Q.M., Sig Offr, two Coy Comds, two Coy 2 i/cs, 16 ORs from each Bn, left KHASSA Camp and arrived 1700 hrs 10 Jan 42 in 21 Aust Inf Bde area, and then proceeded with the take-over.

In the meantime, the Bde was prepared for movement pending announcement of date of departure.

The equipment situation at this stage was still not good, each Bn having 10 LMGs, 23 TSMG, 4-2" mortars, 6-3" mortars, 1/5 scale of tpt and 4/5 scale of Sig equipment. The 6 Carriers allotted to the Bde for tng purposes in PALESTINE were to be handed over to 25 Aust Inf Bde on hand-over.

The inter-Bde relief could be described as triangular - 24 Aust Inf Bde to relieve 21 Aust Inf Bde in TRIPOLI area, and 25 Aust Inf Bde to relieve this Bde at KHASSA.

9 Aust Div movement order No.1. was received on evening 12 Jan, and 24 Aust Inf Bde movement order No. 1. issued to Bn Comds in conference at 1130 hrs 13 Jan.

The movement plan was to send rd and rail parties from each unit.

(a) The rd party to stage overnight at EZ ZIB, PALESTINE(16052700) in the YORKS DRAGOONS Camp, and to carry the maximum possible loading of unit stores in 1st line vehs, with tight loading of the allotted tp carrying tpt to 20 men per 3 ton lorry.

(b) the rail party to breakfast on HAIFA Ry Sta, then transfer to tp carrying tpt for the day's stage to TRIPOLI.

As the first train, to carry Bde H.Q., 2/28 Bn and 2/32 Bn parties had total accommodation for 700 personnel and 20 tons of stores, and the second for 2/43 Bn and 2/8 Fd Regt carried 800 personnel and same weight of stores, it was necessary to leave some stores with unit rear parties. This balance, however, was reduced to a percentage of A.G. and spare clothing and was brought fwd with rear parties.

The move was carried out without incident in good weather, rd and rail parties arriving in unit areas at about 1700/1800 hrs and 2400/0100 hrs respectively, on the night 15/16 Jan 42.

Units remained in winter quarters areas on 16 Jan, but sent secs to fwd areas to relieve similar parties left by 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Making use of tp carrying tpt of 1 Aust Corps Res M.T. Coy which remained under comd, on 17 Jan 42 2/28 Bn and 2/43 Bn each sent two coys to fwd coy areas and 2/32 Bn commenced manning security duties left by 21 Aust Inf Bde and 25 Aust Inf Bde - the latter pending arrival of 26 Aust Inf Bde.

By 1800 hrs 18 Jan all coy areas and security duties were manned and hand-over completed.

Rear parties with balance of stores arrived 1800 hrs 16 Jan.

The method of relief was dictated by the speedy withdrawal of 7 Aust Div, which gave time only for hand-over between adv and rear parties.

*B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde*  
Capt.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

13 Jan 42.

24 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER - NO 1.

Ref Maps : LEVANT 1/200000 TRIPOLI & HOMS Sheets  
 PALESTINE 1/250000 NORTH Sheet  
 Rd Diagram of SYRIA 1/500000 Sheets 1, 4.

INFORMATION

1. 9 Aust Div is to relieve 7 Aust Div in SYRIA and 7 Aust Div moves to GAZA area for tng.
2. 24 Aust Inf Bde is to be relieved in GAZA area by 25 Aust Inf Bde.

INTENTION

3. 24 Aust InfBde will relieve 21 Aust InfBde in the area MADJLAYA--164276

METHOD4. Reliefs

Units will relieve in SYRIA as shown below :

		<u>LOCATION</u>
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	- HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	- MADJLAYA
Sig Sec, 76 L.A.D. Gd Pl.	Sig Sec, L.A.D., Gd Pl	164276
2/28 Bn	- 2/14 Bn	- SRAR AREA
		17512756
2/32 Bn	- 2/16 Bn	- EL AYOUM
		171276
2/43 Bn	- 2/27 Bn	- ARBE AREA
(Less A,B,C,D Coys)	(Less A,B,C,D Coys)	168275
A,B,C,D Coys 2/43 Bn	- A,B,C,D Coys 2/27 Bn	- KAFR AYA AREA
		173278

5. Move

- (a) Units will move in accordance with attached appendices :

Appendix A - Adm Instructions - Rail and Rd move  
 Appendix B - Movement Table - Rail  
 Appendix C - Movement Table - Road

- (b) The move other than by all-rd route will be in the stages :

(i) MAJDAL - HAIFA by rail  
 (ii) HAIFA - TRIPOLI by rd

6. Staging

Rail and rd parties will stage at EZ ZIB Camp under arrangements YORKS DRAGOONS

7. Rear Parties

- (a) Each Bn will leave a rear party of 1 Offr 30 O.Rs. to safeguard stores for handing over to incoming units. Acquittances will be obtained on hand-over.



Rear Parties (Continued)

(h) Major H.J. Williamson 2/43 Bn will comd Bde Rear Parties.

8. Security

(a) Each Bn will carry 2 L.M.Gs. and 4 magazines in train.

(b) Balance of L.M.Gs. and Tommy Guns will be distributed throughout the rd convoy. 4 magazines each weapon.

(c) 50 rds S.A.A. in bandolier with each man armed with a rifle

(d) Gds will be maintained on stores dumped or in transit.

9. Loading of MT

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

ADMINISTRATION

10. P O L

All vehs will carry POL for 250 miles from Camp area. Refuelling points are available, if necessary at ACRE and TRIPOLI.

11. Stores.

(a) Units will move with G1098 equipment on issue and will take Offrs and Sgts Mess gear.

(b) Tentage and all Camp accomodation stores will be handed over between corresponding units.

(c) If it is not possible to carry all stores in tpt available, these will be left under guard in unit lines and brought forward at earliest opportunity.

12. Equipment and Kits.

(a) In addition to personal equipment, the following will be carried by personnel :-  
4 Blankets and ground sheet  
Kit bag.

(b) Unessential Kits to A.I.F. Kit Store before departure.

13. Rations.

Rail parties	-	3 days res rations.
Rd parties	-	4 days res rations.

Reserve rations now held by units will be handed over complete to incoming units.

14. Medical.

Three Amb Cars will accompany Rd Convoy.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- 15. Bde HQ will move with Rd Party.
- 16. Codeword for operation "TROPICS"

ACK.

Issued at Conference

Time of Signature 1045 hrs.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION :-

	<u>Copy No.</u>
2/28 Bn	1
2/32 Bn	2
2/43 Bn	3
Comd	4
S.C.	5
T.O.	6
File	7 - 8
War Diary	9 - 10
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2/8 Fd Regt (for information)	11

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APPENDIX A

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION FOR RAIL MOVEMENT

issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 1  
13 Jan 42.

1. Movement of the rail party will be effected in two stages
  - (a) MAJDAL- HAIFA by rail
  - (b) HAIFA - TRIPOLI area by rd.
2. Schedule of movements is given in Appendix B
3. Officer i/c Train will be responsible for entraining, detraining, embussing and debussing arrangements. Preliminary marking of compartments should be completed before arrival of troops.
4. Departure times shown are those for movement of train or head of MT column.
5. Units will arrive at entrainment points if possible, two hours before time of departure, and at embussing points one hour before departure.
6. MT for move of Rail parties and stores from camps to MAJDAL Station is being arranged by Div HQ. Vehs will report to unit lines as follows :-

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

6 3-ton lorries 2330 hrs 14 Jan.

2/28 Bn

9 3-ton lorries(stores) 2230 hrs "

19 3-ton lorries  
(personnel) 2300 hrs "

2/32 Bn

9 3-ton lorries(stores) 2300 hrs "

19 3-ton lorries  
(personnel) 2330 hrs "

2/43 Bn

9 3-ton lorries(stores) 0100 hrs 15 Jan

21 3-ton lorries  
(personnel) 0130 hrs "

2/8 Fd Regt

3 3-ton lorries(stores) 0030 hrs "

22 3-ton lorries  
(personnel) 0100 hrs "

Units are responsible that vehs arrive MAJDAL Station two hours before train.

7. Stores not carried in Rd convoy will be loaded in train under unit arrangements - these will not exceed weight given in Appendix B. Light baggage and Kit Bags may be loaded in carriages

8. Adequate Gds, loading and unloading parties must accompany stores.

9. Meals

- (a) 3 days dry rations will be carried
- (b) Hot meal will be provided at HAIFA Railway Station.

(a) MAJAL - HAIFA  
(b) HAIFA - MAJAL

Schedule of movements is given in Appendix 2

Officer in Train will be responsible for maintaining, embarking and disembarking, and for marking of compartments should be completed before departure of troops.

Departure times shown are those for movement of train at MAJAL.

Trains will arrive at destination before 17.00 hours, and before time of departure, and at departure points and before departure.

At MAJAL, the loading of all parties and stores for the train is being arranged by the HQ. The following is the list of stores to be carried:

List of stores to be carried

3-ton lorries	3
10-ton lorries	1
5-ton lorries (stores)	2
10-ton lorries	1
(Personnel)	1
3-ton lorries	3
10-ton lorries	1
(Personnel)	1
3-ton lorries	3
10-ton lorries	1
(Personnel)	1

Units are responsible for the stores and for the loading of the train before departure.

Stores not carried in 3-ton lorries will be loaded in train order with arrangements - these will not be carried in 10-ton lorries. Light baggage and 10-ton lorries will be loaded in 3-ton lorries.

MOVEMENT TABLE - RAIL

issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 1 of 13 Jan 42.

Ser No.	Unit	Personnel		Baggage Tons	Entrain MAJDAL hrs	Depart MAJDAL hrs	Detrain HAIFA hrs	Depart HAIFA hrs	Debus Destination Hrs(Approx)	REMARKS.
		Offrs	O.Rs.							
<u>TRAIN E</u> (700 personnel)										
1.	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde K Sec Sigs 76 L.A.D. Gd Pl.	3	35	10	0100	0300	0800	0930	2215	1. Train timings all for 15 Jan 42  2. Weight of baggage includes Kit-bags which should be loaded with personnel in carriages.
2.	2/28 Bn	18	305	25	0100	0300	0800	0933	2300	
3.	2/32 Bn	15	315	25	0100	0300	0800	0945	2300	
<u>TRAIN F</u> (800 personnel)										
4.	2/43 Bn	15	354	25	0300	0500	1000	1130	0030	3. Half Break-van also available for stores.
5.	2/8 Fd Regt	15	386	9	0300	0500	1000	1142	0045	

Notes :-

## (a) Composition of Train -

- 1 Compo (1st & 2nd Class) carriage
- 10-11 3rd Class Carriages each capable of carrying approx. 75 personnel
- 1 Break Van - Small stores capacity
- 1 Shabak - 18-20 tons stores.

## (b) Trains will be loaded from EAST platform.

MOVEMENT TABLE - ROAD

issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 1 of 13 Jan 42

ROUTE ISDUD - SUKREIR - GEDERA - AQIR - LYDDA - WILHELMA - HADERA - BINYAMINA - HAIFA- EZ ZIB thence Coast  
rd to TRIPOLI

Ser No.	Unit	Strength		Veh	S.P.	Starting Times	Arrive EZ ZIB	Depart EZ ZIB	Remarks
		Offrs	C.Rs						
1	H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde. K Sec Sigs 76 L.A.D. Gd Pl. Details 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	9	57	21	MP Post on ISDUD rd near Hill 69 Camp	0630	1510	0630	(a) <u>Staging</u> EZ ZIB  (b) <u>Halts</u> each day, 10 mins at end of first two, four, and nine hrs. One hr at end of five hrs.
2	2/32 Bn	18	412	30		0636	1516	0636	Density at halts-vehs no closer than 80 yds.
3	2/43 Bn	20	419	32		0645	1525	0645	Veh pulled off rd as far as possible at halts.
4	2/28 Bn	19	418	31		0654	1534	0654	(c) <u>Speed</u> 15 m.i.h.
5	2/8 Fd Regt 64 L.A.D.	14	269	75	2/8 Fd Regt will join convoy at junc SUKREIR -GEDERA and GAZA-JAFFA rds	0748	1559	0703	(d) <u>Density</u> 20 v.t.m. (e) <u>Recovery</u> 64 LAD will move at rear of coln.  (f) <u>MEDICAL</u> One Amb car in rear 2/32 Bn. One Amb car in rear 2/28 Bn. One Amb car in rear 2/8 Fd Regt.

# LOCATIONS 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

as at 1200 hrs 19 Jan 42

Ref Maps TRIPOLI Special (Sheets 182) 1/25000

## OTHER LOCALITIES

Bde HQ - K Sec Sigs - One PI

HQ Guard Coy - 76 L.A.D.

- Madaya 16422752

2/28 Bn - HQ

- 16492746

2/32 Bn - A. Coy.

130/R's - Petrol Dump Bournatign

16052694

130/R's - D.I.D. Dnareline

16182714

60/R's - Bnchouse Zgorta

16622729

- B. Coy.

- El Minn Port

- C. Coy.

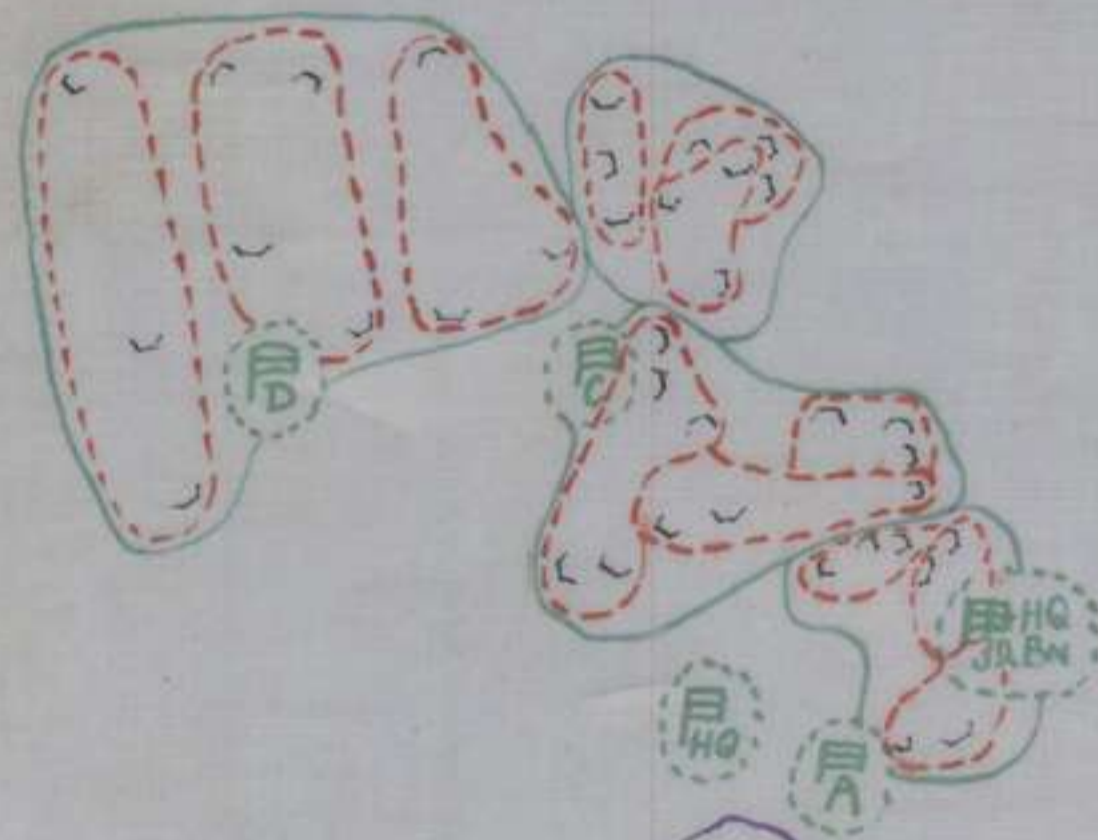
- One PI Cherkra Tunnel

- D. Coy.

- One PI El Minn Port

2/43 Bn - HQ

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## LEGEND

2/28 Bn

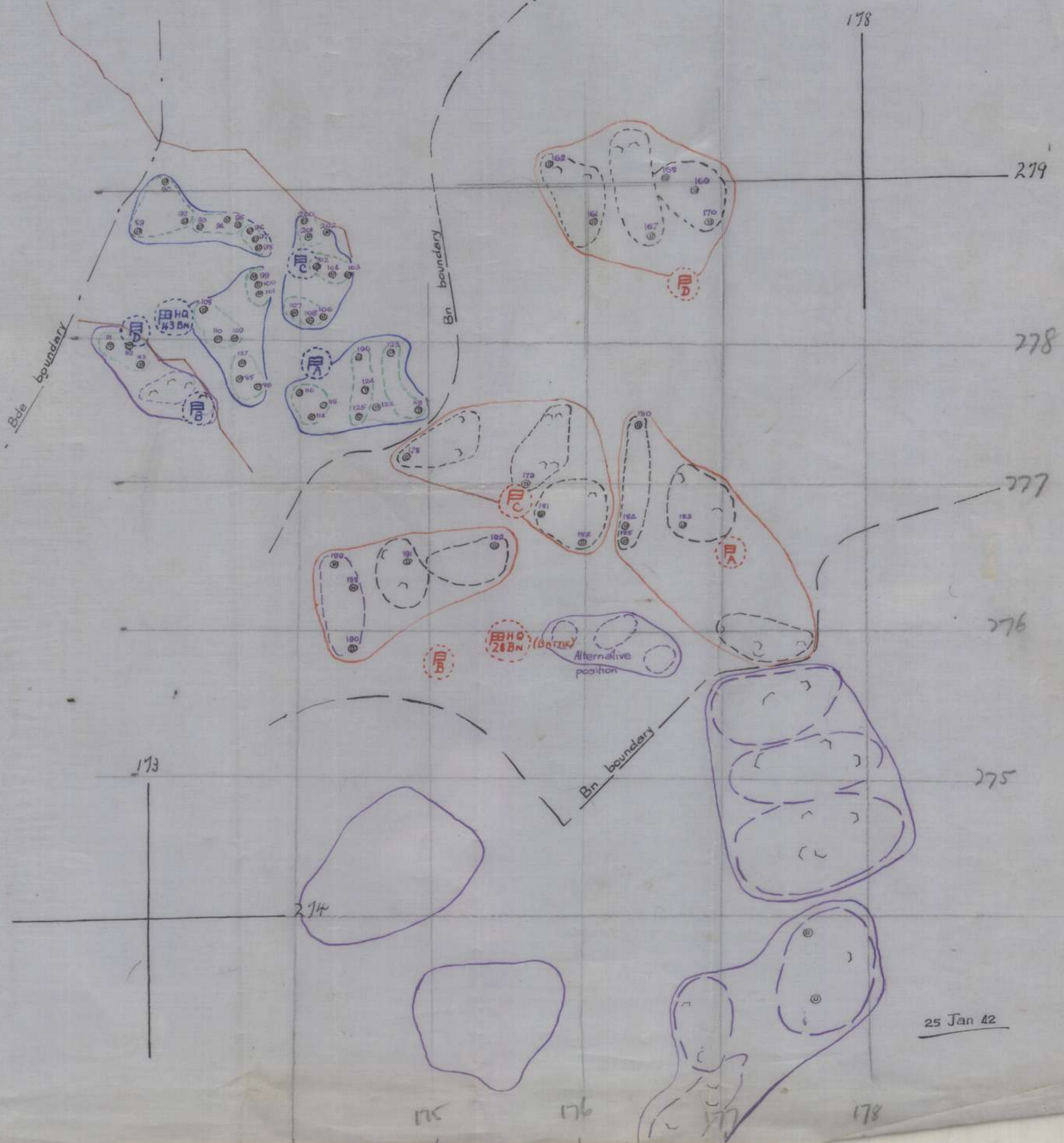
2/32 Bn

2/43 Bn

ATK Ditch (under construction)

Pill Boxes

Alternative position



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24 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN NO. 4.  
Covering period 2 Feb-17 Mar 42.

PART 1.

1. The present lull in operations in this area has provided a further opportunity to prepare for the next stage of operations. Experience has shown that lulls in active operations tend to be short lived and that they come to an end with little warning. The efforts of this Bde must be now turned to -
  - (a) making maximum use of the opportunity for continued tng so that when operations commence, the Bde will take its place in the Div as an effective fighting force.
  - (b) completion of the defence works in this area to the greatest extent possible in the time available.
  - (c) maintenance of security within the operational area.
2. Allotment of Time.

In each week, 3 days will be allotted to tng and 3 days to work on the defences.  
Bad weather conditions and any shortage of equipment will not be allowed to interfere unduly with these tasks.
3. Tng Programme.

Tng will continue with a view to completing the tng detailed in 24 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No. 3.  
Some improvement in Bn tng has been noted, following the last series of exercises. Nevertheless, the faults outlined in that instn continue to appear, and until these are corrected and battle procedure becomes automatic through practice, every Comd will find his attention absorbed in a mobile battle by detail that should be a matter of drill.  
The 6 weeks covered by this instn will be divided as follows -

Coy tng	2 Feb - 28 Feb 42
Bn tng	1 Mar - 17 Mar 42
4. Tactical Tng of Leaders.

The tactical tng of leaders is to be accelerated during the present period.  
It is considered that Offrs are available for exercises such as war games and indoor exercises during the evenings, and that during the time spent on defensive works many Offrs can be made available for tactical tng.  
In the first instance, tng will be directed to study the following operations by means of T.E.W.Ts. under unit arrangement:-

The attack;  
Operational tasks for which Bns are at present responsible incl counter attack roles;  
Coy T.E.W.Ts. - Defence of EL MINA;  
                  - Defence of CHEKKA Tunnel area;  
Bn T.E.W.Ts. - Beach defence.
5. Tng of Comds and Staffs.

Tng of Comds and staffs must continue consecutively with that of sub-units. To this effect, exercises should be constructed to practice operation in mobile warfare of Bn and Coy HQs and Sig Secs, with a view to further practice in a similar Bde skeleton exercise.



PART II.

6. Coy Tng.

Coy battle drill has been generally found at fault in Bn exercises. For this reason, it is imperative that procedure be perfected in the four weeks available before Bn tng is rebegun.

Exercises including day and night patrols and counter attacks should be planned to familiarise all ranks with their own and neighbouring coy fronts.

Pl Comds will be trained to take over comd of the Coy at any stage of a battle.

The following arrangements will apply to the Coy T.E.W.Ts. specified in Part I :-

Bns are allotted periods of four days in which to carry out T.E.W.Ts. in each of EL MINA port area and CHEKKA Tunnel area. These T.E.W.Ts. should form a basis for the Bn T.E.W.T. on beach defence.

(a) EL MINA.

The exercise is designed to study the defence, in conjunction with present Naval and C.D. dispositions, of EL MINA port area.

Information regarding these dispositions, and outline instructions for the exercise will be provided by this H.Q., to be held as a SECRET file and not permitted forward of Bn H.Q.

Bn Comds will summarise the results of the T.E.W.Ts. and at completion of the series, discuss them with Station Comd, TRIPOLI Port.

(b) CHEKKA Tunnel Area.

The T.E.W.T. will be designed to study the defence of CHEKKA Tunnel against any likely form of attack, on the basis of one Pl on site, and one Coy (less one Pl) mobile and at immediate notice in 2/32 Bn area.

On completion of the series, a summarised solution will be forwarded to this H.Q.

7. Bn Tng.

Bn tng will develop the principles laid down for Coy tng and be designed to lead up to Outdoor Exercise No. 4.

(a) Outdoor Exercise No. 4, under Bde control, will be carried out without previous preparation or recon, with complete mule tpt.

Its phases will practice -

- (i) Attack by day and night;
- (ii) Opposed river crossing;
- (iii) Protection on the move;
- (iv) Consolidation.

(b) Outline instructions for a T.E.W.T. on beach defence will be issued from this H.Q. and the exercise carried out under Bn control.

8. Tng of Comds and Staffs.

Tng under Bn control will be planned to lead up to Outdoor Exercise No. 3.

The exercise is designed to practice H.Q. and Sigs in a mobile operation, in which situations will demand extensive use of R/T by Comds and Staff. Air support has been requested.

9. Mule Tpt.

Tng for units operating on a reduced scale of G1098 eqpt on pack basis will continue

(a) 10 Inf Mule Coy R.A.S.C. is to hold a school on 2 Feb to 5 Feb incl for inf personnel, incl instn in -

- Mule mastership
- Mule loading
- Employment of a pack coy.

(b) The following allotment is made :-

- Bde H.Q.      1 Offr or N.C.O.
- Each Bn      2 Offrs, 2 Sgts, to incl one representative from each 1 Pl and 5 Pl, owing to special manner of packing Sig and Pnr Stores.

Joining instns are issued separately.

(c) On completion of cadre instn, tng will commence within units, and 10 Ind Mule Coy R.A.S.C. is to be attached to this Bde.

10. Lectures and Discussions.

Lectures and discussions should be arranged as opportunity allows, to develop general knowledge on military matters, and make the most of lessons learned in exercises.

Bde H.Q. will arrange lecturers on subjects to incl the following :-

- (a) Co-operation with tanks;
- (b) Direct Air Support;
- (c) Combined operations;
- (d) Crossing of obstacles;
- (e) Traffic control.

11. Rifle Ranges.

(a) Ranges are available at 15952747 (except between 4/11 Feb) - 10 targets, and at EL ABDE - 8 targets. Allotment will be made by this H.Q.

(b) Units may construct miniature ranges after sites have been approved.

12. Relief of Security Duties.

Arrangements will be made within the Bde for temporary reliefs of 2/32 Bn Security tasks when necessary.

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Appendix "A" to 24 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instrn No. 4

TRAINING PROGRAMME.

All dates inclusive.

	<u>Coy Tng</u>				<u>Bn Tng</u>	
	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week	6th week
Bde H.Q.		HQ Exercise (Ex 1) 13/14 Feb	HQ & Sig Exercise (Ex 3) 20/21 Feb			
2/28 Bn	Coy TEWTS CHEKKA Tunnel 4/7 Feb	Coy TEWTS EL MINA 9/12 Feb	Bn TEWT (Ex 2) Beach Defence 17 Feb  HQ & Sig Exercise (Ex 3) 20/21 Feb		Bn Exercise (Ex 4) 4/6 Mar	
2/32 Bn	Coy TEWT EL MINA 4/7 Feb		Coy TEWTS CHEKKA Tunnel 14/18 Feb  HQ & Sig Exercise (Ex 3) 20/21 Feb		Bn TEWT (Ex 2) Beach Defence 2 Mar	Bn Exercise (Ex 4) 9/11 Mar
2/43 Bn		Coy TEWTS CHEKKA Tunnel 9/12 Feb	Coy TEWTS EL MINA 14/18 Feb  HQ & Sig Exercise (Ex 3) 20/21 Feb		Bn TEWT (Ex 2) Beach defence 2 Mar	Bn Exercise (Ex 4) 13/15 Mar

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UNIT INF BDE

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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.)
MADJLAYA, SYRIA	1	First anniversary of 24 Aust Inf Bde arriving in the Middle East.		A six weeks bde tng programme was commenced on 4 Feb with the object of using to the best all time not reserved for construction of the TRIPOLI Fortress defences.
	3	Bde Comd(Brig GODFREY) inspected A Coy 2/28 Bn also 2/32 Bn area. Site tentatively selected for fwd Bde HQ ref map TRIPOLI Special 1:25,000 Sheet 1 - 16992759. Tps fwd all quite happy in spite of indifferent cold weather. Conference at Bde HQ for COs of Bns on formation of unit G(R) parties.		The first 4 days of the month were spent during bad weather, high winds and heavy rain, in maintenance of camp sites and fd works. Throughout the month, work has been carried out on the basis of 3 days training incl one bn exercise and 3 days work on defences per week. Considerable pressure has been maintained in both phases of work, and improvement during tng in battle procedure is noticeable.
	4	Tng Instn No. 5 issued	Appx 'A'	During the same period, Bde HQ has taken part in two outdoor exercises from which much benefit was derived.
	5	Bns 2/28 and 2/32 engaged in Coy T.E.W.Ts. in wet weather.		The equipment situation has not improved during the month and the Bde has operated on a much reduced scale of vehicles and weapons.
	6.	Bns 2/28 and 2/32 engaged in Coy T.E.W.Ts. in dry weather. HQ exercise No. 1 issued	Appx 'B'	This has not made tng easy, and except for TEWTs and skeleton exercises, all exercises have had to be carried out in close proximity to bn areas. Tpt of skeleton exercises has been borrowed all over the Div.
	7	A.D. Scheme HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde issued	Appx 'C'	Despite cold and wet weather, health has been generally good. The weather has improved noticeably towards the end of the month, and is now spring weather.
	9	9 Army Comd(Gen Sir Henry Maitland Wilson) 9 Div Comd(Maj.Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead) and 24 Bde Comd inspected Bde defences. The two Generals lunched at Bde.		Scale of leave has not been generous, but spirits of the men are high - those in the fwd defences, despite the lack of amenities, say "This is better than TOBRUK".
	10.	Instns from 9 Div to effect that Bns to undergo more intensive tng. No further equipment or tpt is available immediately, and units have been instructed to do the best they can under the circumstances.		They have also been following developments in the Far East with much interest, but anxiety is not great at the moment. However, a common
	11	Demonstration shoot (Spigot Mortar)		

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MADJLAYA, SYRIA	12	Conference of Bde HQ offrs called by B.M. to discuss procedure during HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde exercise for 13/14 Feb.		question to the Brigadier on his visits has been "Are you sure we are not wasting our time here? it's a good spot, but they might be needing us at home soon".
	13	Capt J.L.ALLEN left unit to attend Junion Staff School at SARAFAND(PALESTINE) and Lieut J.E.COURT to attend Air Liaison Officers School at AQIR (PALESTINE).		
	14	1400 hrs 13) 24 Aust Inf Bde HQ, K Sec Sigs 9 Div, 76 L.A.D. to ) and 2 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn on Exercise No. 1 which	Appx 'A'	
	14	1200 hrs 14) took place in vicinity AZIZIEH(186290) Ref map HALBA 1:50,000		
	14/	2/32 Bn and 2/43 Bn engaged in Coy T.E.W.Ts. for		
	18	the defence of CHEKKA tunnel and EL MINA respectively.		
	15	Lieut M. SYKES and one Sgt from 32 Army Tk Bde reported at Bde HQ for temporary attachment to lecture and advice on handling of and co-operation with Army Tks.		
	17.	Lieut J.E.WALKER(2/32 Bn) attached for duty to Bde HQ to participate in WAR GAME arranged by 9 Aust Div.		
	Maj D.R. JACKSON(B.M.) and Lieut SYKES, 32 Army Tk Bde lectured 2/43 Bn on Air Co-operation and Co-operation of Army Tks with other arms respectively.			
	2/28 Bn engaged in Bn T.E.W.T. on Beach Defence.			
18.	Capt I.H.LOWEN marched in and took over duties of B.M.(L.) in place of Capt J.L.ALLEN.			
	Instns for 24 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No. 3 issued	Appx 'D'		

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MADJLAYA, SYRIA	19	Conference of representatives of units in 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp held in connection with Exercise No. 3	Appx A & D	
	1100hrs 20) to 1300hrs 21)	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp on Exercise No. 3 which took place during wet weather in the vicinity of AZIZIEH(186290) Ref map HALBA 1:50,000		
	21	9 Aust Div Comd(Maj.Gen. Sir Leslie MORSHEAD) visited Brig GODFREY at MADJLAYA.		
	23	Lieut J.T. COOK resumed duties at Bde H.Q. Conference of representatives of units in 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp held in connection with Exercise No. 3.	Appx A & D	
	26/28	Brig GODFREY, Maj D.R.JACKSON, Capt A.B.GILLESPIE and Lieut J.E.WALKER worked at 26 Aust Inf Bde HQ and HQ 9 Aust Div representing Comd and Staff of a German Panzer corps for 9 Aust Div War Game.		

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4 Feb 42.

24 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN NO. 5.

Attention is drawn to Ninth Army Training Instruction No. 1 issued under GR/33, dated 18 Nov 41.

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1. It has/been decided by G.H.Q., M.E.F. that the platoons of Ninth Army Troops G(R) shall form part of the new Middle East Commando.

The Middle East Commando is to consist of squadrons each of three troops. Some of these squadrons are to be placed under Command of Ninth Army according to requirements. The first squadron is due to arrive early in February.

2. UNIT G(R).

Divisions are to each nominate an officer who is suitable for undergoing a short course in the handling of G(R) Special Stores and demolitions. These officers will be required to co-ordinate G(R)+ training within Brigades and the control and issue of special stores, similarly each brigade is to nominate a G(R) officer for co-ordinating G(R) operations and training within units.

3. Arrangements will be made to train all the abovementioned officers who have not already been trained, as soon as possible at the G(R) Training Centre. Rolls of officers of suitable qualifications for tng as Bde and unit G(R) officers will be submitted to this H.Q. on 4 Feb 42.

4. DUTIES OF BRIGADE G(R) OFFICERS.

The following are some of the main tasks which G(R) officers attached to Brigades should be expected to carry out:-

- (a) To co-ordinate training within units of the brigade.
- (b) The control of G(R) Special Stores.
- (c) During operations :-
  - (i) To advise the Commander on likely G(R) targets.
  - (ii) To ensure that personnel detailed for a G(R) operation are provided with all available information from Intelligence Branch.
  - (iii) To ensure that all required special stores are issued.
  - (iv) To ensure that all personnel taking part in that operation are issued with a pass word and that all units in the forward area and on either flank are aware of the pass word.
  - (v) To personally see G(R) parties through the forward troops and to be in the forward area at their expected time of return to assist in their identification.

5. STORES.

- (a) Att Appx "A" is a list of stores which are available for issue on demand through the normal channels.
- (b) Att Appx "B" is a list of G(R) Special Stores which are available for operations and training; these are controlled by G(R) Branch Ninth Army.
- (c) Att Appx "C" is a suggested list of stores required per head for G(R) training.

Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

2/28 Bn  
2/32 Bn  
2/43 Bn

Appendix 'C' to  
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Scale of Training Stores per man per G(R) Course.

Gun-cotton, wet	2 lb.
Gelignite	4 lb.
Plastic H.E.	4 ozs.
Primers, C.E. or G.C.	6
Detonators, No. 27	15
" No. 33	5
Cordtex	60 ft.
Orange fuze	12 ft.
Safety fuze	24 ft.
Kilo Candles	4
Pocket Time Incendiary (B)	1
Pencil delays (B).	4
" " (R).	2
'L' Delays, 1 hour	1
Incendiary bombs, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	2
Pull switches	3
Pressure switches	2
Release switches	2
Tyesules	2
Match ended Bickford	12
Adhesive tape	1 roll

NOTE:

Non-expendable stores (per course).

Fog signals	2
Magnets	1 pair
Primacord	12 ft.
F.I.D.	12 ft.
Limpets	1
Clams	1
Pistols spike ground	2
S.T. Grenades	1
73 " "	1
69 " "	1
36 " "	1
Electric Adaptors	1
Dry Batteries	1

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Available from Normal Issues.

Explosives

Gun-cotton, wet.  
Gelignite.  
Blasting Gelatine.  
Plastic H. E.  
Nobels 808.  
Ammonal.  
Primers G. C.  
Primers C. E.  
Detonators No. 27  
Detonators No. 33  
Detonators No. 8

Fuzes

Cordtex.  
Primacord  
F. I. D.  
Safety Fuze  
Instantaneous Orange fuze.

'Toys' etc.

'L' Delays

Incendiary bombs, 1½ lbs.  
Pistols, spike ground (A.P. Switches)  
Pressure switches.  
Pull switches  
Release switches  
Contact strips  
Miners igniters  
Fuze matches  
Fuze, long delay, dump (DD(L)8250)  
Granades, S. T.  
" No. 36  
" No. 73  
" No. 69  
" No. 96  
Anti-Tank Mines (all types)  
A.P. Shrapnel grenade.

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Appendix "B" to  
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Available only from G(R) Stores.

Kilo Candles (M.L. Flares).  
Time pocket incendiary  
Tyesules.  
Time pencils, acid  
Adhesive tape  
Match ended Bickford (M.R.B.)  
Fog signals  
Limpets  
Clams  
Magnets, small and large  
Deckers) Fire leaves  
Razzles)  
Capsules  
Incendiary arrows  
Incendiary cigarettes  
Trip wire (.014")  
Time vibrators.  
Clockwork mechanisms, explosive and incendiary  
(Special)  
Special mechanisms to order.

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HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
5 Feb 42,

EXERCISE NO. 1 - HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
13/14 Feb 42

Ref maps : LEVANT 1:50.000  
Sheets TRIPOLI & HALBA

OBJECT :- 1. To practice Battle Procedure of a Bde HQ in a battle of Movement.

OUTLINE OF SCHEME :-

2. The exercise is designed simply to familiarise and practice procedure entailed in -

- (a) Closing HQ
- (b) Recce for new HQ Site
- (c) Movement by road
- (d) Opening at new site
- (e) Protection
- (f) Subdivision of HQ for operational reasons
- (g) Issue of O.Os.

3. (a) Area

Areas adjoining rd TRIPOLI—HOMS as far as point 19173030.

(b) Duration

1400 hrs 13 Feb to 1200 hrs 14 Feb.

- 4. In the following week it should be possible to practice finer details in procedure and give less attention to routine while fighting the battle of Ex. No. 3, in which HQ of bns and supporting units will take part.
- 5. Ex. No. 1 will be preceded by a lecture with a model. It will then be carried out without a detailed narrative or represented enemy. Higher, lower and flanking HQs will be represented in theory. Equipment will be as close to G1098 scale as can be arranged.
- 6. Ex. No. 3 will have a tactical background, and is designed to practice battle procedure of HQs in a Bde gp. Higher, lower and flanking HQs will be represented by umpires.

TPS TO BE EXERCISED

- 7. HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
K Sec Sigs  
76 L.A.D.  
2 Pl. HQ Gd Bn.  
(All less details)

PREPARATION

8. The following references are quoted for study prior to the exercise :-

Inf Bde HQ S.Os.  
Inf Bde S.Os.  
F.S.P.B. Pam 13 Chapter II, Appx G  
A.T.M. No. 36 Para 14 and Eppx E  
R/T Signal Procedure

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E.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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6 Feb 42.AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEA. D. SCHEME - HQ 24 AUST INF BDEMADJLAYA1. DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

24 Bde H.Q., MADJLAYA, consists of all military buildings and tents within the H.Q. area.

2. ORGANISATION.

- (a) Area Comd is Brig. A.H.L. GODFREY D.S.O., M.C., E.D.  
Bde A.D. Officer is Lieut A.D. WALLACE.

In the absence of Area Comd, Comd will be vested in senior offr present in Bde H.Q. area.

- (b) Area Control Post will be established at Liaison Offrs office, Bde H.Q. building.

3. THE OBJECT OF THE SCHEME IS :-

- (a) To organise protection against all forms of air attack.  
(b) To lay down the services required for that purpose.

4. THE MOST LIKELY FORMS OF ATTACK ARE :-

- (a) H.E. and incendiary bombs.  
(b) Gas spray from aircraft.  
(c) Parachute Troops.

5. PROTECTION.(a) Personnel(i) Slit Trenches:

(a) These will be dug near all offices, billets and tents, in such a position that personnel they are designed to protect can reach them within 30 seconds.

(b) The trenches will be of zig-zag type, 4 ft deep with bays of not more than fifteen feet. Steps will be provided at entrance.

The trenches will be so sited as to give a field of fire outwards from the Bde H.Q. area.

(c) Existing trenches will be improved to conform with the above requirements.

(ii) Protection against splinter and blast effect will be provided on windows and doors where necessary.

(iii) Splinter and blast protection will be provided at :-

- (a) Area Control Post.  
(b) Bde H.Q. Signal Office.

(b) Until an air raid syren becomes available, warning of air attack will be given by means of gong situated at Bde H.Q. building. The warning will be taken up by voice by personnel.

(c) Types of Signals.

- (i) Series of beats on gong in quick succession-AIR ATTACK
- (ii) Two beats repeated at 5 seconds intervals - ALL CLEAR
- (iii) Three beats on gong repeated at 5 seconds intervals - GAS
- (iv) Double beats on gong with several seconds interval between - GAS CLEAR
- (v) GAS CLEAR will be sounded on gong on instructions of Area A.D. Offr, or his deputy, when area is known to be clear of gas, and also will be passed by telephone.
- (vi) Parachute Tps alarm - as for AIR ATTACK, with the shout "PARACHUTISTS".

6. FIRE FIGHTING

- (a) Fire points equipped as laid down in P.A.D. Pam 3 Appx XI will be established and maintained.
- (b) Fire parties, each consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 8 O.R. will be detailed by A.D. Offr.
- (c) All offices and billets will be equipped immediately with water and sand buckets.
- (d) Instns in dealing with incendiary bombs will be given to all personnel.
- (e) Any person discovering a fire will endeavour to put it out, call for assistance, and report outbreak to A.D. Offr.
- (f) In the event of fire in M.T., M.T. drivers will move vehicles not on fire, and deal with fire, and report outbreak immediately to A.D. Offr.
- (g) Transport Offr will be responsible that six buckets filled with sand, and six filled with water, are maintained at all times in the vicinity of the car park.

7. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) All windows of adm buildings, messes and billets, will be effectively blackened and doorways screened.
- (b) Lights in tents must be effectively screened.

8. DEMOLITION AND RESCUE PARTY.

Party consisting of 1 NCO. and 7 ORs trained in their duties.(see "Protection against Gas and Air Raids" Pam 3 Sec 22).

Equipment as follows will be stored at Q.M. store for issue when required:-

Three picks, three shovels, rope and hurricane lamp, two axes.

9. GAS DECONTAMINATION

A Gas cleansing and decontamination centre will be prepared by A.D. Offr, in the Guard Room.

10. MEDICAL.

A first aid post will be established separately from a gas cleansing centre. Personnel gassed but not wounded will be taken to gas cleansing centre and NOT to first aid post; this post will also handle gas contaminated wounded. Medical Orderly will take post at Medical Aid Post on alarm sounding.

11.

INTERCOMN

Emergency and alternative means of comm will be by the duty orderlies.

Orderlies will report to Control Post on a Raid or Gas alarm.

12.

GENERAL

All ranks will make themselves familiar with the location of Control Post, Decontamination and Medical Aid Post.

All A.D. equipment, slit trenches and blackout precautions will be inspected weekly by the A.D. Offr.

PART II.

Action to be taken on receipt of AIR RAID Warning.

1. Preliminary Precaution.

In the event of a preliminary caution only being given, the alarm will not be given, but A.D. Staff informed by word of mouth.

2. Action to be taken on "Air Raid Alarm" being sounded.

(a) On receipt of an air raid warning, the Signal Office will inform the Bde A.D. Offr.

(b) At night, all lights will be extinguished.

(c) All posts will be manned.

(d) On alarm being sounded, all personnel will put on steel helmets, respirators, and in the absence of anti-gas capes, carry ground sheets. Personnel adjacent to slit trenches will occupy them. Personnel in the open, and in buildings, should lie face downwards on the ground if bombs begin to fall. A.D. Posts will be fully manned, Q.M. and Armourer Sgt will go to their respective stores.

(e) Fire parties will draw any available equipment from the Q.M. store and be ready to deal with outbreak of fire.

(f) Vehs will be camouflaged, and M.T. drivers take cover in nearest slit trenches.

PART III.

Action to be taken after an Air Raid.

1. The ALL CLEAR signal will be sounded on the order of the A.D. Offr.

2. If gas has been used during the raid, "GAS CLEAR" will not be given until A.D. Offr is satisfied that the area is clear of gas.

The ALL CLEAR signal signifies that all those within the area may test for gas, and if satisfied that gas is not present, may remove respirators.

Contaminated areas will be tested and marked.

PART IV.

AIR RAID WARNINGS

1. Apart from a locally initiated alarm, Air Raid Warnings may be received in the following ways:-
  - (a) Direct by Signal Office from H.Q. 9 Aust Div.
  - (b) EL MINA Syren will sound the "wailing" note.
  - (c) H.Q. 9 Aust Div syren will sound the "wailing" note.
2. The ALL CLEAR signal is a constant note for one minute on the syrens or a signal from H.Q. 9 Aust Div.

PART V.

PRACTICE ALARMS

1. A practice alarm will be carried out at 1200 hrs each Saturday until further notice.
2. In order to avoid possible confusion, syrens will not sound the "wailing" note denoting the "Air Raid Alert", but will sound a constant note for one minute which is the normal "ALL CLEAR" Signal.
3. The objects of this practice will be :-
  - (a) To test the system of communications.
  - (b) To test the syrens.
  - (c) To make the action of personnel on the sounding of "Air Raid Alert" a drill.
4. The method of carrying out the practice will be :-
  - (a) Watching Post will initiate alarm at 1200 hrs by simultaneous calls to Sigs 9 Aust Div and EL MINA.
  - (b) EL MINA syren will sound.
  - (c) H.Q. 9 Aust Div syren will sound.
  - (d) Sigs 9 Aust Div will pass the message "Alarm" to civil telephone exchange by Air Raid line.
  - (e) Civil telephone exchange will notify the Citadel and Refinery.
  - (f) Citadel syren will sound.
  - (g) The Practice "Alarm" will be acted on by all ranks.

REPORTS OF AIR RAIDS

1. Following an air raid, the Bde A.D. Offr will submit an immediate report containing all the following matters applicable:-

- Place
- Date
- Time & Duration
- Numbers & type of En.
- Engaged by what type of A.A. defence
- Approx number and type of bombs dropped, or other hostile action (e.g. machine gunning, pamphlets).
- Any parachute tps dropped.
- Casualties to own tps, or civilians, if known.
- Damage to military property and important public utilities.
- En. destroyed.
- Other brief remarks (e.g. unusual events, new eqpt observed).

*B.K. Jackson*  
Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE NO. 3.

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS.

1. OBJECT.

The object of the exercise is to practice the operation of a bde gp, represented by HQ and members of supporting arms attached, in a mobile battle.

OUTLINE OF SCHEME.

2. The exercise will commence at 1230 hrs 20 Feb from areas SOUTH of rd HALBA 183289 - EL ABDE 173286, and will move through the areas adjoining the rd TRIPOLI - HOMS as far as MECHERFEH 193303, ending at 1500 hrs 21 Feb 42.
3. Situations will be developed to practice battle procedure in an advance with the object of quick destruction of an enemy force, organised and equipped to German War Establishment.
4. Bde H.Q. will be represented fully, and Bn HQs as fully as tpt available will permit. Representatives of supporting arms incl in the Exercise Order of Battle are to attend with necessary scale of tpt and sig equipment. Comms fwd of Bn HQ will be laid in theory, for scheme purposes, but a telephone D.S. will be required to link with the Bde HQ line.
5. Higher, flanking and lower HQ will be represented by umpires grouped as Higher Control and Lower Control. Instructions to Control personnel are issued separately.
6. R/T will be used whenever the situation permits.

TPS TO BE EXERCISED.

7. The following will take part:-

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde  
K Sec Sigs  
76 L.A. D.  
No. 2 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn  
H.Q. 2/28 Bn  
H.Q. 2/32 Bn  
H.Q. 2/43 Bn  
H.Q. 2/8 Fd Regt

all less details,

and representatives or skeleton staffs of :-

12 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt  
2/7 Fd Coy  
D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn  
an Army Tk Bn  
2/3 Fd Amb.

8. A neutral period will be declared from 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs 21 Feb for selected personnel to attend the demonstrations described in 9 Aust Div G887/10/1. During this period, all but those attending the demonstration will remain at least 3000 yds from point 18733009.

9. A conference will be held prior to the exercise for senior representatives of units taking part at H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde at 1945 hrs 19 Feb. Comds are requested to study points brought out in the exercise and fwd notes to this H.Q. on 22 Feb.

A final discussion will be held at the same place at 1000 hrs 23 Feb.

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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE NO. 3.

GENERAL SITUATION

Taking advantage of an early spring, late in February Germany carried out simultaneous attacks on Turkey and Cyprus. With a large proportion of the Turkish Army committed by a Bulgarian attack on Thrace, German forces were landed at points on the BLACK SEA coast and at ALEXANDRETTA. The enemy were able to isolate Turkish forces on the Syrian border which were driven SE along the RIVER EUPHRATES.

Two weeks ago, the Turkish forces held a defensive line at DEIR EZ ZOR, where they were joined by a British Armd Div and three Ind Divs. At the same time, two bns of 20 Aust Inf Bde were able to withdraw from the ALEPPO area to TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

Enemy forces identified to date, moving SOUTH on the rds ALEPPO - HAMA - HOMS and ALEXANDRETTA - LATTAQUIE - TRIPOLI, include one Tk Regt, one Mot Div and one Mountain Div.

However, on 14 Mar, an attack on TRIPOLI FORTRESS from the NORTH was unsuccessful, and an allied force counter-attacking along the EUPHRATES was within 80 miles of ALEPPO.

Considerable movement of troops from the force investing TRIPOLI was noted on the following two days, and one Tk Regt, one Mot Inf Regt, one Mountain Rifle Regt and a proportion of Div Tps are reliably reported to have been withdrawn to the ALEPPO area.

This is confirmed by PW, who state that there has been alarm at the considerable reduction of their forces in the area, and the reduced scale of tpt with which they are now forced to operate. Morale of PW taken in the last few days has not been high.

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24 AUST INF BDE EXERCISE NO. 3.

OPENING SITUATION

1. 24 Aust Inf Bde and 26 Aust Inf Bde Gps were ordered to attack at dawn on 18 Mar, with the object of destroying the enemy force investing TRIPOLI before larger forces in the ALEPPO area would have time to intervene.

By midday 19 Mar, the enemy had been driven into the open country NORTH of the rd HAIBA 183289 - EL ABDE 173286.

2. A mobile gp known as TOVFORCE was then formed, comprising 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp with under comd two bns 20 Aust InfBde, 4 Army Tk Bn (portee), and all available tpt, to continue the pursuit. By the evening of the same day TOVFORCE had driven the enemy back as far as the NAHR EL KEBIR crossings on the rds TRIPOLI - HOMS and TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE.

3. At 0900 hrs 20 Mar, 24 Aust Inf Bde received under comd 103 Gen Tpt Coy, and was ordered to relieve TOVFORCE on the HOMS rd and continue the pursuit with the special task of destroying the enemy before he could reach the area TEL KALAKH 199303.

4. Dispositions of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp during night 19/20 Mar are shown on the att trace.

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ORDER OF BATTLE - 24 AUST INF BDE GP.

as at 0900 hrs 20 Mar 42

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde

K Sec Sigs

76 L.A.D.

2 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn

2/28 Bn

2/32 Bn

2/43 Bn

2/8 Fd Regt

64 L.A.D.

12 Bty 3 A. Tk Regt

2/7 Fd Coy

D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn

103 Gen Tpt Coy

2/3 Fd Amb

To come under comd on relief of TOVFORCE -

A Sqn 4 Army Tk Bn

AIR SUPPORT - 9 AUST DIV.

The following air support has been allotted  
9 Aust Div from 0730 hrs 18 Mar :-

Two Fighter Sqns

One Bomber Wing (Marylands)

One A.C. Sqn

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HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.  
18 Feb 42.

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24 Aust Inf Bde Exercise No. 3.

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HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	4	4	4		
2/8 Fd Regt	1	1	1		
3 A. Tk Regt	1	1	1		
2/7 Fd Coy	1	1	1		
2/28 Bn	1	1	1		
2/32 Bn	1	1	1		
2/43 Bn	1	1	1		
2/2 M.G. Bn	1	1	1		
Rep 4 R. T. R.	1	1	1		
2/3 Fd Amb	1	1	1		
Director	1	1	1	1	1
Higher Control	1	1	1	1	1
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APPENDIX A to Instns for 24 Aust Inf Bde  
Ex. No. 3

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Notes for Control Staff

1. The exercise is without represented enemy, and has been designed to practice battle procedure of the HQs of a Bde Gp. Umpires will not therefore be used, but a control staff on the basis of one offr at Bde HQ as Higher Control, and one offr at each Bn HQ as Lower Control is appointed. They will implement the Director's measure of control by issuing situations, instructions from higher formations, or information from sub-units. In addition, they will watch events which concern the main lessons of the exercise and will assist the Director to prepare for the conference. Control staff will move in tpt provided by the HQ to which att.

HIGHER CONTROL

2. The offr allotted as Higher Control will supervise the conduct of the exercise at Bde HQ, and endeavour to create an atmosphere of war. He will at times represent Div HQ for the issue of instructions and issue and receipt of information.

LOWER CONTROL

3. Offrs allotted as Lower Control will supervise the operation at Bn HQs and will
  - (a) endeavour to create an atmosphere of war by the issue of situations and description of the effect of enemy fire in terms of casualties,
  - (b) represent Coy etc. HQs for the purpose of receipt from and issue to Bn HQ of information, and administrative returns. G.S. Publication No. 9 - Infantry Brigade Standing Orders, Appx II will be taken as a basis for infm required in returns.
  - (c) insist on the correct assumptions of the time factor in movements and issue of orders, as if all sub-unit HQs and tps were represented.

MATTERS TO BE NOTED

4. The following matters should be studied by Control Staff during the exercise for discussion before the conference on 23 Feb -

Organisation of HQs.  
Operation of R,O,F and T Gps.  
Operation of L.Os.  
Co-operation with supporting arms.  
Saving Time  
Recco  
Method of issue of orders and time taken  
Moves of HQs.  
Layout and camouflage and protection of HQs.  
Marking of HQs and track discipline  
Security and use of codes  
Proficiency in use of R/T  
Signals layout  
Methods of receiving, recording and issuing information  
Handling of adm matters such as location of B Ech  
and making returns.

5. Forecast of events should be followed as closely as possible.

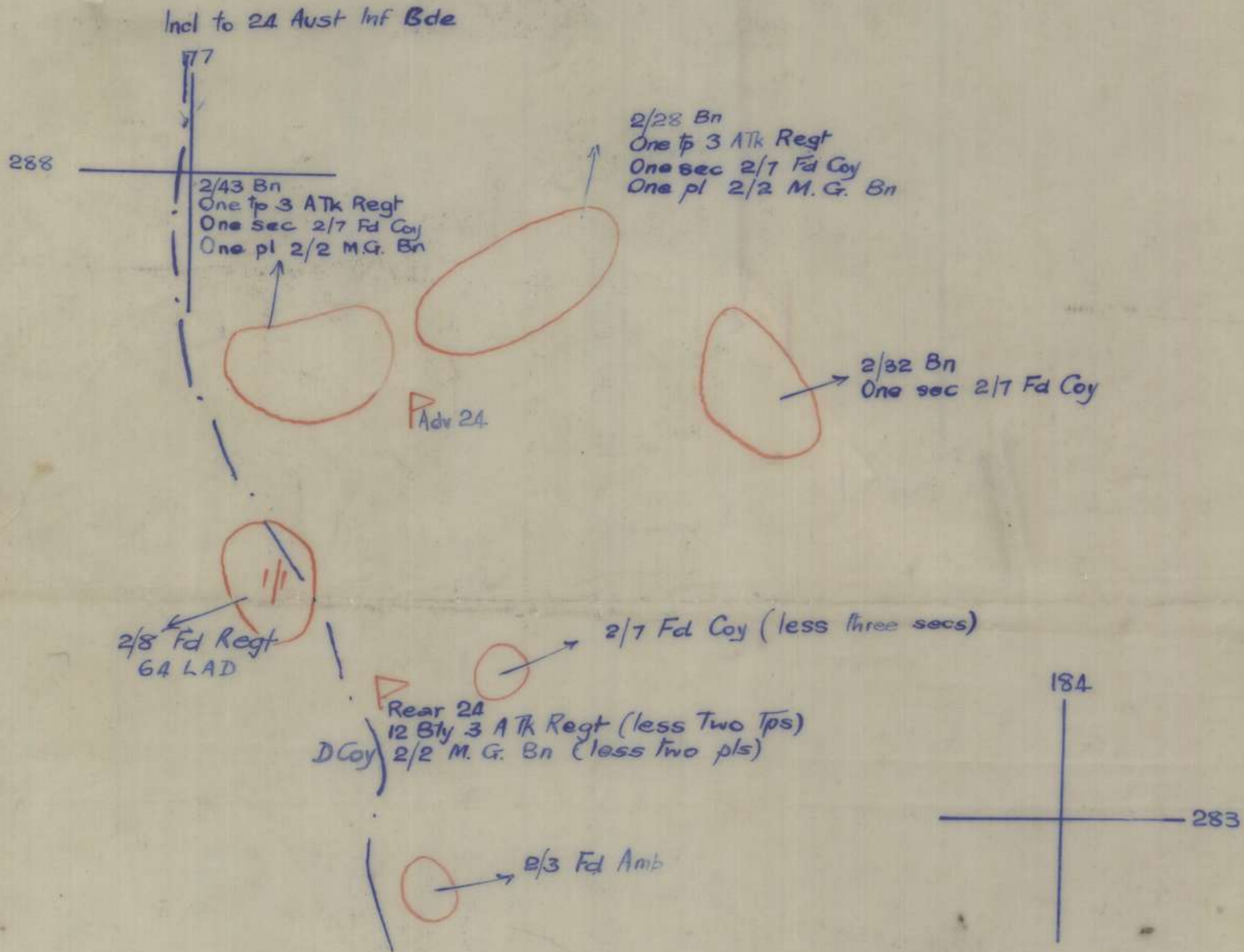
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# TRACE SHOWING DISPOSITIONS 24 AUST INF BDE GP

DURING NIGHT 19/20 MAR

TO BE ADOPTED FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES BY 1230 HRS 20 FEB

To be superimposed upon map LEVANT 1:50,000 HALBA SIR ED DANIE sheets



w/d  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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36. CENSOR SHIP

It is reported by the Base Censor that franking officers are not effectively discharging their duties; that unit correspondence of the A.I.F. in general is at present containing much censorable matter.

The G.O.C., A.I.F. has therefore directed that all officers will familiarise themselves immediately with censorship regulations and make franking effective.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O.59)

37. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS

In order to conserve material, it has been decided that the wearing of respirators will not take place for more than two periods of half an hour each per month.

The importance however of being able to don the respirator in the prescribed time and of being able to carry on normal duties whilst wearing the respirator is still emphasised, and all ranks must be competent to do this.

Commencing Saturday 31 Jan 42 and each alternate Saturday thereafter all ranks will wear respirator from 0900 hrs till 0930 hrs whilst performing normal duties.

38. DRIVING - IMPROPER USE OF CHANGE DOWN

(a) It has been noted that many drivers change to a lower gear just before entering a corner and use the engine as a brake while cornering. Cases also occur where rapid deceleration is obtained on the straight by changing down. This practice will be discontinued as it is dangerous and harmful to the vehicle for the following reasons :-

(i) The vehicle is decelerated through the friction of only two tyres on the road instead of four. If the road is wet this friction (or co-efficient of adhesion as it is called) may fall to only one-tenth of the value that applies if the road is dry. If the braking force exceeds the friction a skid occurs perhaps with fatal results. A skid is almost ALWAYS the result of bad driving. In an emergency bad driving may be excused, but only if the driver has been forced into a position from which he lacks the skill to extricate the car.

(ii) Rapid deceleration causes more strain on the engine and transmission than rapid acceleration

(iii) The clutch does not permit as "gentle" an application of the braking effort as does the foot pedal.

(iv) A vehicle reaches its maximum stability, and is most controlable only when power-driven.

(b) Changing down should be done :-

(i) Only at slow speeds except in an emergency.  
(below 20 m.p.h. for cars and vans,  
below 15 m.p.h. for lorries).

(ii) To gain acceleration or power on hills

(iii) To enable engine to be used as a brake on steep or long grades.

(c) In turning corners the vehicle should be slowed down by taking the foot gradually off the accelerator and allowing the engine to slow the vehicle down. Brakes should only be used to assist if distance is misjudged or in an emergency. Vehicle should reach its slow speed before reaching the corner then if necessary changed down to a lower gear, steadily power-driven or accelerated around the corner according to condition of road. Normal driving speeds will then be restored.

(d) Quick acceleration and sudden braking are wasteful and expensive and are usually signs of bad driving. STOP WASTE.

This order will be repeated in unit orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 64.)

39 VEHICLE MARKINGS

Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Instruction No 67.

(a) Units which have the necessary paints to give effect to the above instruction will do so forthwith.

(b) Units which have not the necessary paints will submit indents for same to D.A.D.O.S. 9 Aust Div immediately.

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40. AIR MAIL.

(a) The temporary suspension of the AIR MAIL service to troops abroad, has been announced in Australia.

(a) As the AIR MAIL service still operates for a considerable part of the distance to AUSTRALIA, AIR MAIL will still be accepted for transmission to AUSTRALIA.

(ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 77)

41. ACCIDENTS TO ANIMALS.

1. It is reported that injuries have been sustained by animals of Mule Coys through lack of care on the part of M.T. drivers.

2. When passing animals drivers must reduce the speed of their vehicles and pass very slowly, keeping as far from the animals as the circumstances will permit.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 78)

42. FORAGE SACKS - RETURN OF.

1. It is found that units drawing forage in Syria, are not returning the full number of empty sacks. A check has revealed that only approximately 50% are being returned.

2. It must be understood that sacks containing forage are themselves more valuable than the contents, as there is a shortage throughout the M.E.

3. In future, Os.C. units will ensure that all sacks are returned to the A.A.S.C. Depot with the minimum of delay.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 79).

43. ROADS.

Complaints have been received that stone and chippings stacked at the roadside for purposes of road maintenance and repair are being removed by units.

This practice will cease forthwith, and disciplinary action will be taken in every case against offenders.

To be repeated in Unit Orders.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 80).

44. REMOVAL OF HUTMENTS.

Hutments or Buildings of any kind will NOT be moved or altered in any way without the approval of H.Q. 9 Aust Div.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 81).

45. USE OF SUMP OIL.

Units will save all old sump oil, and will advise 9 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit when 12 gallons or more has accumulated. Cam Tng Unit will arrange collection.

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Capt.

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46. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Offrs will assemble at 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs on Saturday, 14 February 1942, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine, to investigate and report on the loss of three rifles as shown hereunder:-

Rifle No. A85353 on charge to WX11520 Pte SMITH E.J. 2/43 Bn  
Rifle No. 95053 on charge to SX1094 Pte SCOTT T.J. 2/43 Bn  
Rifle No. 37317 on charge to SX5790 Pte BALDWIN F.H. 2/43 Bn

The report of the Court will include:-

(i) A brief description of the circumstances in which the loss occurred.

(ii) Schedule showing:

Items Lost,  
Units or individuals on whose charge they were,  
Values of items lost.

(iii) Opinion as to whether a C.O. is relieved of his personal liability.

(iv) When C.O. is relieved of liability, opinion as to which of the conditions (a), (b) or (c) in A.M.R. & O. 693 apply, and if (a), to whose wrongful act, default or neglect is the loss due.

All evidence will be taken on oath and completed proceedings will be forwarded to H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 17 Feb 42.

President

Major H.J. WILLIAMSON - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Members

Capt G.E. DIXON - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt J.C. NEWBERY - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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47. DRESS.

The wearing of British pattern Battle Dress in A.I.F. units will be limited strictly to O.R. personnel for whom correct sizes of Australian S.D. uniform are not obtainable.

A.I.F. Officers will NOT wear British pattern Battle Dress.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 88).

48. ARMY FILM AND PHOTO UNIT.

(a) A branch of Public Relations called the Army Film and Photo Unit is about to be formed on W.E. ME/266/1.

(b) The primary object of this unit is to obtain records of the battle; material thus produced will be used both for publicity purposes and for War Office use. It is hoped by this means to obtain valuable publicity for the work and daily life of the Army, and to counteract the propaganda of the enemy.

(c) The Unit is composed of sections, each of an Officer and 6 Sgt cameramen, with certain controlling staff. Sections will be allotted to H.Q. of Formations, etc. as decided by the controlling staff. In principle, an assistant director and one section will be allotted to a Corps H.Q. and one section to each Division. Out of the Division section, personnel will be sub-allotted to Brigades as required. The sections and personnel will be administered by the Formations to which they are attached.

(d) The H.Q. Formation etc., to which sections and personnel are attached is not in any way responsible for the subjects photographed or for censorship. The responsibility for submission to censorship authorities lies with A.F.P.U., as does responsibility for delivery and collection of all photographic material.

(e) It is vital for the success of this scheme that the fullest assistance and co-operation should be given to this unit by any Formation or Unit with which it is working.

(f) The photographers are in no sense civilians, but should be regarded as military personnel armed with cameras. They will be trained in the principles of warfare and in the tactics and formation of units in action and in how to use their cameras to the best advantage.

(g) All ranks in the M.E.F. are directed to give the utmost assistance to this Unit in order to ensure the success of a scheme which can make so great a contribution to the war effort.

To be repeated in unit orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 89).

49. MEAT SUPPLY.

Instances of issues of meat or other commodities considered by units in TRIPOLI area as unfit for consumption will be reported immediately to Div H.Q.

Arrangements will then be made at once by Div H.Q. for inspection and action by the Ration Board.

Units will NOT condemn meat or other articles without reference to Div H.Q. through this H.Q.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 90)

50. PICKS AND SHOVELS.

Picks and shovels will be sharpened by 1 Aust Rec Sec.

Arrangements will be made through unit L.A.Ds.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 93).

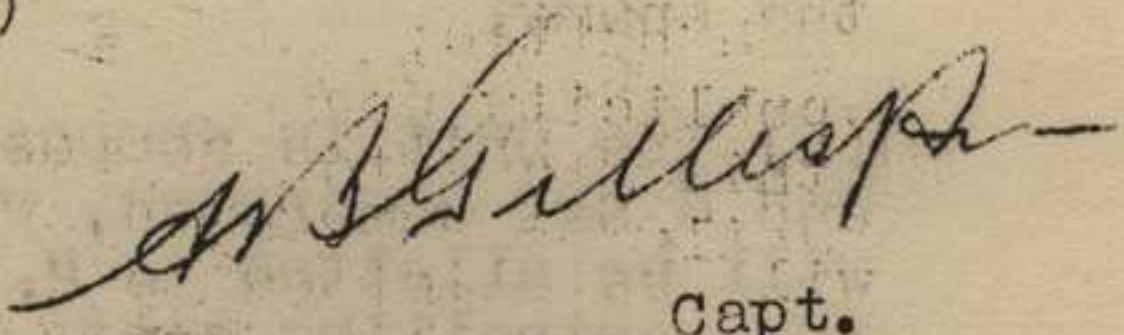
51. HOT SHOWERS.

Hot showers are now operating at the following points:-

No. 1	Legoult Bks	16262774
No. 2	Zghorta	16652725
No. 3	Amioune	15902625

Units requiring the use of these will signal times required and which showers they wish to use by 0900 hrs .83  
13 Feb.

A roster will be prepared to conform as nearly as possible to the times and places requested.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 94)



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52. PUBLICATIONS - ISSUE OF.

Reference G.O. 128 which is repeated below:-

"Under the provisions of K.R., para 547, permission has to be obtained from the W.O., or from an authority nominated by the W.O., before any publication produced by personnel subject to Military Law is issued to the public.

It has been decided, therefore, in order to ensure that this requirement is being complied with, that a census of all periodicals issued by members of the M.E.F. shall be taken.

H.Qs. of Armies and Commands, will, therefore, render to G.H.Q., M.E.F., by 9 February 1942, a complete list of all such publications issued within their commands."

1. The returns are required at this H.Q. by 1000 hrs 18 Feb 42.

2. Nil returns are required.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 108).

53. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE.

The entitlement for supplementary ration allowance for SYRIA is to be calculated at 5.5. Syrian Piastres per man per day.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 111)

54. ANTI-WASTE AND SALVAGE.

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 112, returns are to reach this H.Q. by 1800 hrs each Sunday.

55. FROST PRECAUTIONS.

Middle East G.O. 1195/41 is republished for infm and compliance :-

"1. The attention of all Commanding Officers is directed to Chapter IV of the pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles(Wheeled)", which deals with precautions to be taken against frost. All units should be conversant with the infm, in order to meet any emergency. Constant vigilance is required on the part of all ranks to prevent damage due to frost. All cases brought to notice should be the subject of investigation, and disciplinary action taken when it is shown that the cause is due to culpable neglect to comply with instns and regulations.

2. Apart from disciplinary measures, financial liability may be incurred by an officer under Section 137 of the Army Act for any loss, damage or destruction caused to Government vehicles occasioned by neglect on his part. Such negligence may be due to failure on the part of the responsible officer to publish to the unit under his Command the frost precautions to be carried out or failure to ensure by sufficient supervision that such precautions are being observed.

To be repeated in Unit Orders.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 118).

56. MISUSE OF W.D. TRANSPORT.

A.C.I. 649 is republished for urgent compliance by all tps in Middle East.

1. An increasing number of cases of misuse of W.D. transport are being brought to notice. Misuse includes not only the employment of transport for purposes which have been strictly forbidden, but also flagrant mishandling amounting practically to wilful damage, during authorised journeys.

2. In view of the imperative need of economy, both in the expenditure of petrol and oil and in resources of mechanical **vehicles**, offences of this nature are of particular gravity.

3. It is clear to all units for what journeys W.D. vehicles are not to be used and that a properly completed Transport Work Ticket (AF G 3518) must be in possession of every driver of a W.D. vehicle on an authorised journey.

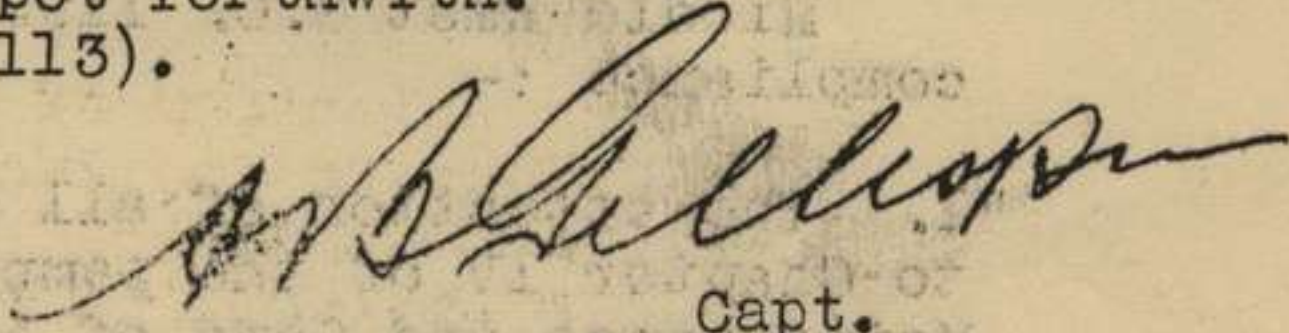
4. In addition to any other action which is taken with this object, the fullest use must be made of the Military Police for the purposes of checking up on all W.D. transport at uncertain intervals. Any breach of regulations or of instructions brought to notice as a result of these checks, or in any other manner, will be dealt with immediately from a disciplinary point of view."

Commanding Officers will be held directly responsible for the contents of the above republished A.C.I. being brought to the notice of all ranks under their command.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 120).

57. STATIONERY.

Units will indent for stationery up to full W.E. entitlement on 6 Publication Depot forthwith.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 113).



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S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

List 'A'

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG. A. H. L. GODFREY D.S.O., M.C., E.D.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 15

IN THE FIELD

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58. KIT OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO MDs.

Further to A.I.F. (M.E.) Order 378, For the present in evacuation to Fd Ambs, the procedure as in para 3 of the abovementioned Order will be followed. Blankets, rifles and web equipment will be left with unit QM. Respirators, steel helmets, clothing and necessaries will accompany the men.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 125).

59. MONTHLY CENSUS OF WAR OFFICE CONTROLLED STORES - as amended.

1. Frequent errors still occur in the completion of the monthly census returns of War Office controlled stores. Entitlements are incorrectly shown and holdings are wrongly stated and described (owing to errors in identifications etc).

2. Accuracy of these unit census returns is of vital importance, because the information derived from them is submitted to the War Cabinet, and forms the basis for assessing the state and consequent control of Army equipment.

3. C.Os. will, therefore, ensure that :-

(a) Their unit returns are completed accurately in all particulars.

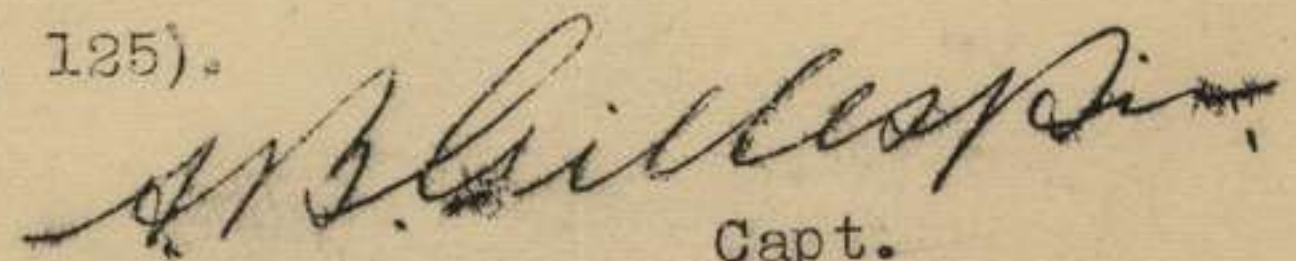
(b) Quarter-Masters avail themselves of all facilities for assistance in completing the return, e.g. Brigade Ordnance Warrant Officers.

(c) The returns are rendered promptly on the 20th of each month, and will sign each return personally.

4. C.Os. will also institute a quarterly check of unit equipment, beginning on 20 March 1942.

5. The attention of all units will be drawn to this A.C.I. down to and including Brigade Orders, once a quarter.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 125).



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List 'A'

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

1024 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants...	5		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	10	—	1

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Cook G.T	AIF	7/2/42	Attending G.R. Eng School Patrol

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		Godfrey A.H.R.	AIF	yes	Comd.
Capt		Jackson D.R.	✓	✓	B.M.
Lieut	T/capt	Allen J.L.	✓	✓	BM(L)
Capt		Gillespie A.B.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut		Langster R.W.	✓	✓	S.C(L)
Lieut		Gillibrand T.J.	✓	NO	L.O. Detached to 2/43 Bn
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	yes	L.O.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	NO	L.O. Attending
Lieut		Coventry E.	✓	yes	B.R. Ins School Liaison
Lieut	T/capt	Hallifax J.L.	✓	✓	I.O. T.O.
(ii) Officers Attached from Other Corps.					
Major		Bentley M.A.	2/28 Bn		Off for duty
Lieut		Wraithley M.G.	2/43 Bn		✓
Lieut		Donnelly A.	HQ Gd Bn		O.C. HQ 2nd AL Off for duty
Capt		Weekley N.V.	AASC		BASCO

**(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.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AACLD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Mac Donald J.G.A.	✓		2/28 Bn
✓		Baskin J.E.S.A.	✓		2/32 Bn

NR 24 Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

7/2/42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

2/43 Bn  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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### FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

*11024* (Unit) *7/4* 19 *42* (Date).

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

#### Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	42		1
TOTALS	52	2	2

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

#### Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 R/Sgt	AASC	3 Ptes	AACHD
2 Ptes	✓	6 Ptes	2/28 Bn All for duty
1 cpl	Corps Intell	5 Ptes	2/32 Bn ✓ ✓ ✓
1 R/cpl	✓	2 Ptes	2/43 Bn ✓ ✓ ✓
1 W.O.I	A.A.O.C	1 Sgt	} 9 Bw Postal Unit.
1 Sgt	✓	1 cpl	
4 Ptes	✓	1 Pte	
1 cpl	AAMC	1 Pte	} No 2 Pl HQ Sd Bn All for duty.
		1 Sgt	
		3 cpls	} 9 Bw Salvage Unit
		42 Ptes	
		2 Ptes	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. .. .																				
Butchers .. .. .																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks .. .. .																				
Cooks .. .. .																				
Despatch Riders .. .. .																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
"    " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics .. .. .																				
Drivers-Operators .. .. .																				
Electricians .. .. .																				
Equipment Repairers .. ..																				
Farriers .. .. .																				
Fitters .. .. .																				
Machine Gunners .. .. .																				
Masons .. .. .																				
Motor Mechanics .. .. .																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) .. .. .																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers .. .. .																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers .. .. .																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers .. .. .																				
Storemen technical .. .. .																				
Tailors .. .. .																				
Wheelers .. .. .																				
C.S.M.																				
General duty personnel ..						2			2										1	1
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						2			2										1	2

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

Date of Despatch

7/2/42

*[Signature]* Brig

Signature of Commander.

*[Signature]*

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*1024 Crest Inf Bde*  
(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

\* 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.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Jellebrand T.9</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>12/1/42</i>	<i>Leaves to be detached - 2/43 Bn Reformed unit.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	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.
Bugadier		Godfrey A.H.	AIF	Yes	Comd.
Capt		Jackson B.R.	✓	✓	BM
Lieut	T/capt	Allen G.L.	✓	No	BM & Attendance ME Gunnery Staff School
Capt		Lowen G.H.	✓	No	BM
Capt		Lillespie A.B.	✓	Yes	S.C.
Lieut		Sangster P.W.	✓	✓	SCH
Lieut		Lillebrand T.G.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Cook G.T.	✓	No	L.O. Attendance G.R. Ing School Liaison
Lieut		Court G.E.	✓	No	T.O. Attendance no 9
Lieut	T/capt	Hallefang G.R.	✓	Yes	Attendance Office Course T.O.
(ii) Officers attached from other Corps					
Major		Buntine M.A.	2/28 Bn		Off duty
Lieut		Wraith M.C.	2/43 Bn		✓
Lieut		Donnelly A.	10/24 Bn		✓ - - - Oct 2 PE
Capt		Weekley N.V.	AASC		10/24 Bn BASEO

**(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.
Chaplain		Card T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Masonald G.A.	✓		2/28 Bn
✓		Bashin G.E.A.	✓		2/32 Bn

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(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Brig  
(Signature of Commander.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

100th Caval Bde (Unit)

14/4

19 42 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	41		2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 cpl	AAAC	3 Ptes	AAACD
2 Ptes	-	4 Ptes	2/24 Bn Att for duty
1 cpl	Corps Milit	5 Ptes	5/33 Bn
1 R/cpl	-	2 Ptes	2/43 Bn
1 WO I	AAAC	1 Sgt	} 9 Bn Postal Unit
1 Sgt	-	1 cpl	
4 Ptes	-	1 Pte	2/3 Tol Amb Att for duty
1 cpl	AAAC	2 Ptes	9 Bn Salvage Unit
		1 Sgt	} HQ 2nd A/L Bn
		3 cpls	
		HQ Ptes	Att for duty

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

1024 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.					
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.		Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
CSM											1									1
General duty personnel ... ..						2				2									2	2
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).						2				2	1								2	3

1024 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch

14/2/42

Signature of Commander.

*[Signature]*

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)*

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

\* 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.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Lowen J.H</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>18/2/42</i>	<i>From M.E.T.S. Capt B.M.L. made A.I.F. Order post No 67 dated 9 Feb 42</i>
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### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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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.
Brigadier		Godfrey F.H.L.	AIF	Yes	band
Edso	T/Major	Jackson D.R.	✓	✓	B.M.
Sent	T/Edso	Allen J.L.	✓	No	B.M. attending NE Junior Staff School
Capt		Lewen J.H.	✓	Yes	B.M.L.
Capt		Gillespie J.B.	✓	✓	S.C.
Sent		Langster R.W.	✓	✓	S.C.L.
Sent		Gellebrand T.I.	✓	✓	L.O.
Sent		Wallace A.D.	✓	✓	L.O.
Sent		Book J.T.	✓	No	L.O. attending G(R) Inf School Sgtoun
Sent		Lawt J.E.	✓	No	L.O. attending No 9 Av Liason Offns course
Sent	T/Capt	Halligan J.L.	✓	Yes	T.O.
<u>(ii) Officers att from other Corps.</u>					
Major		Buntine M.A.	2/28 B		Att for duty
Sent		Wortley H.C.	2/43 B		✓ ✓ ✓
Sent		Donnelly A.	HQ 9d Bn		✓ ✓ ✓ O.C. No 2 Pl HQ 9d Bn
Edso		Weekley H.V.	A.A.S.C.		B.A.S.C.O.

**(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.
Challinor		Gard T.	A.A.C.D.		Class 2/23 B
✓		Macdonald S.J.A.	✓		Class 2/25 B
✓		Boskin J.C.B.A.	✓		Class 2/31 B

HQ Aust Inf Bde  
(Unit.)

21/2/44  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

148th (General) Coy (Unit). 21/1/42 1942 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	42		1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl	A.A.C.C.	3 Ptes	A.A.C.C.
2 Ptes	"	4 Ptes	2/128 Bn att for duty
1 Cpl	Corps Intell	6 Ptes	2/32 Bn " " "
1 M.C.P.	"	2 Ptes	2/43 Bn " " "
1 W.O.I.	A.A.C.C.	1 Sgt	9 Div Postal Unit
1 Sgt	"	1 Cpl	
4 Ptes	"	1 Pa	9 Div Salvage Unit
1 Cpl	A.A.C.C.	2 Ptes	
		1 Sgt	No 2 Hq Coy 9th Div Bn
		3 Cpls	
		40 Ptes	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
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Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<i>E.S.M.</i>																				
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

71624 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 21/7/42

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*1124 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit.)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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

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

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Bugadier		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	yes	Comd
Capt	T/maj	Jackson D.R.	✓	✓	B.M.
Lieut	T/capt	Allen J.L.	✓	NO	B.M.L attending ME gun staff school
Capt		Lowen J.H.	✓	yes	B.M.L.
Capt		Gillespie A.B.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut		Sangster R.W.	✓	✓	S.C.L.
Lieut		Gelibrand T.J.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Court J.E.	✓	NO	I.O. attending No 9 Air Liaison Offs Course
Lieut	T/capt	Hallifax J.L.	✓	yes	T.O.
<u>(ii) Officers Attached from Other Corps</u>					
Major		Bentley M.A.	2/28 Bn		Att for duty
Lieut		Worthley M.G.	2/43 Bn		✓ ✓ ✓
Lieut		Walker J.E.	2/32 Bn		✓ ✓ ✓
Capt		Weekley N.V.	AA SC		BA SC O
Lieut		Donnelly A.	WA 54 Bn		Att HQ 54 Bn OC HQ 2 PL

**(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.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AA CHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		MacDonald 99A	✓		2/28 Bn
✓		Bashin J.E.D.A.	✓		2/32 Bn

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(Date of Despatch.)

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Brig  
(Signature of Commander.)

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	43		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 cpl	AASC	3 Ptes	AACD
		4 Ptes	2/28 Bn att for duty
2 Ptes	"	6 Ptes	2/32 Bn - - -
1 cpl	Corps mill	2 Ptes	2/43 Bn - - -
1 R/cpl	" "	1 Sgt	9 Dist Bw Postal Unit
1 WO I	A.A.O.C	1 Pte	
1 Sgt	✓	1 Sgt	202 PL Dist Bk
4 Ptes	✓	3 cpls	
1 cpl	AAMC	38 Ptes	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
CSM																				
General duty personnel ... ..									2											2
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).									2											1

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