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MADJLAYA 1/19. BECHMEZZINE 20/31	2/4	24 Aust Inf Bde TEWT No. 1. During the absence of Brig A.H.L.GODFREY, Maj C.FRITH, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, acted as Adm Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.	Appx'A'	
	2	Amendment No. 1 to 24 Aust Inf Bde O.O.No.1 issued	Appx'B'	
	5	Brig A.H.L.GODFREY attended a conference at H.Q. 9 Aust Div in connection with 9 Aust Div TEWT 6/9 May.	see Appx'G' Apr War Diary	
	6	At 0800 hrs 24 Aust Inf Bde Syndicate for the 9 Aust Div MERDJAYOUN-LITANI River TEWT left. The syndicate was comprised of the following-	Appx 'G' Apr War Diary.	

1. Bde Comd
2. B.M.(L)
3. C.O. 2/8 Fd Regt
4. O.C. 12 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt
5. C.C. 2/7 Fd Coy
6. O.C. D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn
7. C.O. 2/3 Fd Amb

Solutions to the following problems were asked for.

Problem 1.

(a) To select a defensive line for delaying an enemy adv, Southwards from the line MERDJAYOUN(incl) - LITANI River to the sea.

(b) To dispose our forces consisting of a complete Infantry Division.

Problem 11.

Plan for the layout of a Bde within the MERDJAYOUN Fortress.

This problem was omitted.

The solution was given by the D.S.

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MADJLAYA 1/19 BECHMEZZINE 20/31		Problem 111. (a) To plan a defensive line for the holding of an enemy adv along the line MERDJAYOUN(excl) LITANI River to the sea. (b) To dispose our forces consisting of a complete division. Problem 1V. To plan a layout of a Res Bde Gp occupation of the LITANI River Coastal Sector. The variance of solutions put forward by each syndicate brought out many lessons and a great deal of rough country was covered during the four days. The syndicates were addressed by the 10 British Corps Comd, Lt.Gen.HOLMES at the conclusion of the TEWT.		
10/11		Bde Comd and B.M. attended a NINTH ARMY conference at SOFAR.		
12		H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde "Orders for Duty Officers" issued	Appx 'C'	
13		Warning order received for the relief of 24 Aust Inf Bde in Sector B TRIPOLI FORTRESS by 26 Aust Inf Bde. Conference of Bn Comds to discuss future moves to BECHMEZZINE(sq 156264 - ref map TRIPOLI 1:50,000) and FORQLOSS (sq 2729 - ref map QARIATEINE 1:200,000). Brig A.H.L.GODFREY discussed generally the plan for the change over and the type of training to be carried on at FORQLOSS.		

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MADJLAYA 1/19 BECHMEZZINE 20/31	15	24 Aust Inf Bde Standing Orders for Defence Sector B TRIPOLI FORTRESS issued. Historical survey Sector B TRIPOLI FORTRESS issued.	Appx 'D' Appx'D(a)	
	16	24 Aust Inf Bde Instructions for the parade to be held in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of GLOUCESTER issued.	Appx 'E'	
	18	Conference of Bde H.Q. officers held to discuss details of the move from SECTOR B to vicinity BECHMEZZINE. O.O. No. 2 issued. Recce parties from Bde H.Q. and the Bns left for the new sites to be taken over by 24 Aust Inf Bde. Adm Instn No. 1 issued H.R.H. the Duke of GLOUCESTER inspected a parade of 4000 tps from 9 Aust Div, congratulating them on their physical fitness and fine bearing. Maj.Gen.Sir Leslie MORSHEAD accompanied the Duke during his inspection.	Appx 'F' Appx 'G'	
	19	Adv parties from 24 Aust Inf Bde went to new area vicinity BECHMEZZINE while the adv parties from 26 Aust Inf Bde arrived at their respective units in Sector 'B'. Lecture on 'RUSSIA' by Maj DEWHURST GSO 11 "AIR" NINTH ARMY, was attended by all available H.Q. Staff officers.		
	20	Main body of 24 Aust Inf Bde in camp vicinity BECHMEZZINE. Bde H.Q. is situated at the foot of the LEBANON Ranges among olive groves and barley fields.	Appx 'H'	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 May 42 *To* 31 May 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADJLAYA 1/19			All personnel are quartered in tents with huts for HQs.	
BECHMEZZINE 20/31			The Convent ST.JEAN (15592639 - ref map TRIPOLI 1:50,000) has been utilised for the Officers' Mess, and is both unique and suitable. The men have all settled down well, and are quite content with their new country home. They are extremely fit and only a few cases of sandfly fever have been contracted during the Bde's occupation in the TRIPOLI area.	
			Security Instns for the new camp issued.	Appx 'I'
			24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No. 1 issued. Maj.D.R.JACKSON marched out to hospital.	Appx 'I'(a)
	21		Conference at Convent ST JEAN	Appx 'J'
	22		Officers of 24 Aust Inf Bde attended a lecture delivered by Maj EDWARDS Senior ALO 208 Army Co-operation Sqn on "Air Recce and Air Support".	
	23		Capt K.MACKAY marched in as acting B.M. in the absence of Maj D.R.JACKSON who has not yet returned from hospital. Capt MACKAY immediately left with a Div recce party to recce the proposed Bde trg area at FORQLOSS. Capt K.E.BISHOP marched in as B.M. Learner to replace Capt I.H.LOWEN, who has been selected to attend the Senior Staff School starting on 15 Jun.	
			Capt J.L.ALLEN marched out after having been attached for duty since his return from the Junior Staff School. He resumed regimental duties. Capt ALLEN was B.M(L) until he attended the Junior Staff School.	

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MADJLAYA 1/19	24		Suspected enemy landing and naval activity vicinity ARAB	Appx K
BECHMEZZINE 20/31			EL MOULK (sq 1736 - ref map LEVANT 1:200,000 LATTAKIA - HAMA sheet)	
	26		Brig A.H.L.GODFREY and Capt H.E.BISHOP on recce of FORQLOSS area in preparation for 24 Aust Inf Bde exercise in that area.	
			Lt.Col.D.A.WHITEHEAD acted as Adm Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde during absence of Brig A.H.L.GODFREY.	
			A.D. Scheme for 24 Aust Inf Bde issued	Appx L
	27		Brig A.H.L.GODFREY returned from recce of desert trg area in vicinity of FORQLOSS. At night a conference was held at which the Bn Comds attended.	
	28		Maj D.R.JACKSON returned from hospital. Bde HQ now has one B.M., one acting B.M. and two B.M. Learners. The services of Capt MACKAY(acting B.M.) are being retained for the present for planning of Bde trg whilst Bde is in FORQLOSS trg area. Bde Comd has instructed Maj JACKSON to take four days convalescent leave.	
	29		During the period in this sector, the bns, besides practising their allotted defensive roles, have been engaged in Coy exercises and 'hardening up' drill.	
	30		Maj JACKSON left HQ to take four days convalescent leave. Preparations for trg exercise continue.	
				D R Jackson Maj Bm. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appx A
May W/D

SECRET W/D

Opening Situation.

Owing to its Most Secret nature, the situation will be issued verbally.

Problem 1.

Give an appreciation of the situation for the defence of the delaying line MASSIAF - NAHR ES SENE, taking into consideration the two cases - MASSIAF incl and excl.

Tps available - one bn
one fd bty
one A.tk tp
one M.G. pl
one engr det

Problem 11.

Give (a) An outline plan for defence of MASSIAF with tps allotted. (Get-away) ? mechanised Turks. field ground not prepared
(b) Layout of proposed minefield and requirements in A.Tk mines.

Problem 111.

Give (a) An outline plan for defence of the NAHR ES SENE line with tps allotted.
(b) Layout of proposed minefields and requirements in A.Tk mines.

Problem 1V.

Consider ~~the~~ a proposed alternative delaying line SOUTH of BANIAS and report -

(a) Its advantages and disadvantages over the NAHR ES SENE as a delaying line.
(b) Minimum number of tps to hold. ✓
(c) An outline plan for its defence.

Timetable

2 May	1000 hrs	RV at NAHR ES SENE 17433677
		Description of ground
		Opening situation.
	1030 hrs	Receive Problem 1.
3 May	1200 hrs	RV at MASSIAF 20773480
		Conf on Problem 1
	1330 hrs	Receive Problem 11
	1700 hrs	RV at MASSIAF 20773480
		Conf on Problem 11.
	1900 hrs	RV at 18933520. Quadmove.
4 May	0800 hrs	Receive Problem 111.
	1230 hrs	RV at 17233695. Mound on Naha Cone
		Conf on Problem 111
	1400 hrs	Receive Problem 1V
	1630 hrs	RV at 17003567.
		Conf on Problem 1V
	1700 hrs	Disperse

Security. All papers relative to problems in the exercise will be returned to the DS on conclusion of the TEWT. Special care must be taken in disposal of scrap paper and rough working during the exercise.

D.R.J.

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Appx B
MAY W/D

~~Appx A~~

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24 AUST INF BDE O.O. No. 1.

Amendment No. 1.

Ref 24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 1 Appx A para 1, make the following amendment :-

in sub para (a) - The Southern limit of NORTHERN Sector is altered from "excl NAHR EL KEBIR 161395" to "all excl landing point of submarine cable 15733952 to rd junc 15863981".

in sub para (b) - the Northern limit of DJEBLE Sector is altered from "excl NAHR EL KEBIR" to "all incl landing point of submarine cable 15733952 to rd junc 15863981".

Ack.

DK Jacinson Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

2/28 Bn
2/32 Bn
2/43 Bn
2/8 Fd Regt
3 A.Tk Regt
2/7 Fd Coy
K Sec Sigs
2/2 M.G. Bn
2/3 Fd Amb
76 L.A.D.
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Appx 'C' MAY W/D

(8)

H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

ORDERS FOR DUTY OFFICER

1. Duty Officer will mount daily at 0830 hrs for a tour of 24 hrs duty notified from time to time in a roster.

2. He will sleep in the G Office and take meals at times other than those for Bde H.Q. staff.

3. He will not leave the H.Q. building, except when relieved by a member of the G Staff, between the following times (except for tattoo roll call) :-

1230 - 1330 hrs
1800 - 1930 "
2030 - 0830 "

4. During the day he may leave the Bde H.Q. area only on the permission of the B.M. or S.C.

5. He will take action on any instruction, request, or information requiring immediate attention in the absence of the responsible S.O., and use his discretion in awakening offrs to deal with those matters.

Matters not requiring immediate action will be placed before the responsible S.O. at the earliest opportunity.

6. All matters received by the Duty Offr in absence of the S.O. to deal with it, will be recorded in the Duty Offrs log. This log will be tendered personally to the G, I and AQ offices for noting at 0830 hrs. If a nil report applies, this will be left in writing in the B.M's tray.

7. Bde H.Q. Duty Offr will ring Unit Duty Offrs once by day during normal meal hrs, and once by night, to test their availability, and include in his log a report on time taken to raise.

8. Duty Offr will inspect Bde H.Q. lines during the morning, rectify any matters within his jurisdiction at the time, report Security matters to the H.Q. Security Offr, and all other matters to theCamp Comdt.

9. He will supervise the Tattoo Roll Call and inspect security of the H.Q. building at lights out.

D.R. Jack Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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W/D

Appx "D" May W/D

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STANDING ORDERS FOR DEFENCE -SECTOR B -TRIPOLI FORTRESS

Ref Maps : LEVANT 1/50,000 Sheets HOMS, TRIPOLI.

TRIPOLI 1/25,000 Sheets 1 & 2

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STANDING ORDERS FOR DEFENCE - SECTOR B - TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

DEFINITION OF SECTOR B.

1. Sector B, TRIPOLI Fortress, is the right sector on the Northern face of the Fortress, planned for occupation by a bde gp. The line of FDLs generally conform to the SOUTH bank of the NAHR BARID, with an outpost NORTH of the river and an alternative posn for the res bn on the right flank, facing EAST.

The inter-bde boundary incl to Sector B is 16972769 - track 17172768 - 17222780 - MERKEBTA 17282790 - track junc 17332811.

EXPECTED FORMS OF ATTACK.

2. Any combination of assaults by land and from sea and air can be expected against the Fortress as a whole. Sector B is to be prepared to meet attack of any of the following :-

(a) Combined assault by inf and tanks

(b) Inf attack without tank support

(c) Infiltration and attack by mountain tps, probably co-ordinated with (a) and (b).

Air attack will be the natural accompaniment. Assault by parachute tps and airborne tps on the rear of the sector is possible.

RESISTANCE.

3. The main posn will be held to the last man.

4. The outpost posn will be held until an order to withdraw is given by Bde HQ, when sub units in outpost will move to the areas allotted in the main defences.

TPS AVAILABLE.

5. The sector will be held by 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, at present constituted for the task, by -

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde
K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div
2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn
76 L.A.D.
2/28 Bn
2/32 Bn
2/43 Bn
2/8 Fd Regt & 64 L.A.D.
12 Bty and two tps 11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt
2/7 Fd Coy
D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn
Animal tpt units as required
2/3 Fd Amb

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OCCUPATION OF DEFENCES.

6. Sector B will be held with two bns fwd and one in res.

7. Bns will complete plans to man their areas on a battle footing at 48 hrs notice. Accommodation and non-essential constructions and stores will be dismantled and initially dumped at 16462748 in the vicinity Bde B Echn area. Non-essential tpt will be withdrawn to the Bde Res Tpt area at 165267.

RES.

8. Res bn will prepare for tasks in the following priority:-

(a) To hold prepared posns in area EL AYOUN.

(b) Occupy the alternative bn posn on the right of the sector.

(c) Counter attack on JEBEL TOURBOL.

(d) Counter attack on any point in Sector B.

CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENCES.

Field Works.

9. Fd wks will be constructed to the following policy :-

(a) No attempt will be made to construct the defences on a continuous trench trace. The basis of inf defence will be the weapon pit. Weapon pits, if necessary, will be connected to form sec posts, and comm trenches will otherwise be dug only when cover required outweighs the desire for concealment of the defensive layout.

(b) Sec posns will be sited for all round defence and will incl alternative weapon pits.

(c) All localities will be sited for mutual support where ground permits.

(d) When concrete pill boxes are incl in a sec locality, fire posns will be sited to cover blind spots of the pill box.

(e) All trenches will be built to a minimum width and with short traverses, as protection against enfilade fire, and air attack.

(f) No shelter in FDLs will be built to accommodate more than 2 men. No deep shelters will be dug.

(g) A.Tk ditches and minefds will be covered by observation and fire.

(h) Dummy posns will be constructed in such places that enemy action against them will not endanger battle posns.

(i) Fd wks will be camouflaged as they are constructed.

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(j) Revetment and drainage is essential before the wet season opens. Sandbags will be used only for upper revetment of trenches, and pending availability of other materials, stone should be used for lower revetment.

Wire.

10. Wire obstacles will be erected to unit plans on the following priority. Their extent, depth and type depending on the availability of wiring stores. The types shown are for initial erections.

(i) fwd pl localities and in rear of fwd A.Tk ditch - double DA fence with concertina wiring secured between aprons.

(ii) sec localities - DA or concertina fence.

(iii) complete wiring round coy localities and rear pl localities.

(iv) extensions in wiring to cover whole front and rear of the Sector.

Wire must be kept under constant observation and damage done by enemy action repaired at first opportunity.

Comn gaps in wiring will be closed when defences are manned and new comn and sally gaps opened where required.

A.Tk Ditches.

11. It is considered that risk of frontal penetration of the sector by enemy AFV is restricted by the ground to a line between 17452784 - 17312790. The vulnerable area will be blocked by a fwd and rear A.Tk ditch, both continuous. The fwd ditch forked to block the reentrant running EAST towards EL YAOUDIYEH 174278; and sited 3/4 mile SOUTH, the rear ditch, produced SE to the steep slopes of the AZGA valley. Both ditches will be under continuous observation and covered by A.Tk and SA weapons. Revetment will be used only where necessary to maintain the walls, and the ditches inspected regularly for maintenance.

Minefields.

12. (a) A.Tk minefds will be laid only to the approved Bde plan (Appx D).

(b) Limits of, and tracks through, minefds will be marked with stone cairns 1'6" high and safe tracks will be further delineated by single wire fence and indicator boards, showing direction of gaps and distance away. These indications will be removed when the enemy is in close contact, and gaps changed from time to time on instns from this HQ - old gaps when closed, will be reinforced with anti-personnel mines.

(c) A supply of mines will be held at gaps to facilitate a quick block.

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(d) Minefds will be covered by fire and observation - when necessary by patrols.

Roads and Tracks.

13. Rd maintenance will be continuous, and once operations begin it is intended to restrict rd traffic in areas NORTH of an E-W line through JDAIDE 165268 to bare operational requirements.

Movement on foot in fwd areas will as far as possible be restricted to established tracks, and any new tracks made should follow natural features and not lead directly to any fortified posn.

A track plan will be prepared and held at HQs down to pl etc.

FIRE PLAN.

General.

14. Fire discipline will be rigidly enforced, and fire withheld until the greatest destruction can be inflicted on the enemy. In order to conceal dispositions and strength until that moment, a proportion of weapons will be nominated to remain silent until the enemy attacks in force.

Every prior preparation will be made to ensure co-ordination of the fire plan and registration of weapons. Range cards and panorama sketches will be held in each post. Pill boxes will be manned only by the gun team allotted.

Arty.

15. 2/3 Fd Regt is to support 24 Aust Inf Bde. 2/12 Fd Regt in support 20 Aust Inf Bde. 2/7 Fd Regt in Div res is to be superimposed on sectors covered by 2/8 Fd Regt and 2/12 Fd Regt, and be prepared to support Div res in counter attacks or other roles within the fortress.

Each fwd tp has prepared two battle posns, one to be occupied initially when the battle starts, and the second to be an alternative posn - the latter to be used for tasks requiring only one or two guns, and to avoid disclosing the battle posn prematurely. Dummy posns will be provided with flash simulators, probably on the basis of nine flashes per dummy gun pit per day.

16. DF plans have been arranged for the following alternatives :-

Plan A. To meet an enemy attack on the whole front WEST of NAHR BARID or when the place at which the enemy is making his main attack cannot be decided. This plan will be put into force after the outposts in Sector B have been withdrawn.

Plan B. To meet a similar situation before outposts in Sector B have been withdrawn.

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Plan C. To meet an attack on the right half of the front WEST of NAHR BARID.

Plan D. To meet an attack on the left half of the front WEST of NAHR BARID.

Plan E. To meet an attack on the outposts of Sector B. This plan is in two stages. Stage 1 to be fired before withdrawal and Stage 11 to cover the later stages of the withdrawal.

Plan F. To meet an attack on the JEBAL TOURBOL feature.

Plans A & B will be fired on light signal from Coys, or when asked for by telephone.

Bde HQ will inform HQ RAA when outposts are withdrawn to sufficient depth to permit Plan A.

Plans C, D or E will be fired only on orders from HQ RAA when the request from HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde has been approved by 9 Aust Div. Rate of fire - see para 23.

17. C.P. Plans are designed to bring hy fire on the most likely enemy assembly areas for short periods.

2/8 Fd Regt is to engage CP tasks on request 24 Aust Inf Bde, and if either fwd bde requires, in addition, the fire of 2/12 Fd Regt on its sector, the order to engage will be given by HQ RAA.

Tasks as requested will be engaged in turn - each for two mins at rapid rate.

18. C.B. A silent CB policy is to be adopted, but HBs causing damage to our defences, or casualties, may be engaged on permission of HQ RAA.

C.B. Infm. Units will report CB infm as follows:-

(a) phone urgent infm regarding HBs and OPs direct to the CB office at HQ RAA 9 Aust Div immediately.

(b) collate other infm and despatch it by DR twice daily at 0600 and 1800 hrs to CB office. "Hostile shelling report" forms will be used.

In either case, infm will be repeated to Bde HQ.

19. A. Tk. Every expedient will be used to destroy AFVs that have broken through.

(a) Allotment A. Tk guns.

(i) One bty plus two tps 3 A. Tk Regt will support 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(ii) One bty 3 A. Tk Regt is in Div res, and prepared to support either bde sector or the Div res.

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(b) Policy in allotment. The allotment of A.Tk guns is arranged to provide for :-

(i) The maximum protection of the fwd ditch and inf in fwd areas.

(ii) The protection of the rear ditch by one tp of A.Tk guns plus fd guns in a purely A.Tk role, if available.

(iii) A sector res of one tp 2 prs (portee).

(iv) A Fortress Res of one bty 2 prs.

(c) Policy in fighting A.tk guns.

(i) All guns must have alternative posns.

(ii) A limited number of fwd guns in their alternative posns will be used to prevent enemy AFVs recce the fwd defences.

(d) Guns must remain silent in battle posns until a definite attack in strength is disclosed, and until enemy AFVs are within effective range.

(e) If battle posn is disclosed prematurely, guns must move to an alternative posn at the earliest opportunity.

(f) Guns should be disposed so as to obtain a density of fire of three guns on all parts of the area. As far as possible, consistent with the above, guns should be covered from view beyond their effective range, and should be sited for enfilade fire.

20. Mortar. Mortar DF tasks are shown in Appx B. Battle posns and alternative posns will be prepared but that will in no way restrict mobility of the weapon. Mortars will be laid on fixed lines by night.

21. M.M.G. D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn increased in strength to seven secs is allotted to the Sector. Normally, except in the outpost posn, MMGs will fight from concrete emplacements with the fixed lines and arcs of fire shown in Appx C. Alternative posns will be sited. Mobility of guns, consonant with maintenance of fire plan, will not, in necessity, be affected by their original siting in emplacements.

22. A.A.

(a) Except under any special conditions notified, A.A. policy is active.

(b) EA will be engaged with controlled fire by all weapons within range.

(c) A proportion of LMG in unit areas will be mounted by day for an initial role of A.A. defence.

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(d) In event of availability of Lt A.A. guns, they will be given the following priority of tasks in the Sector :-

(i) rear A.Tk defences and gun areas.

(ii) Bde H.Q.

(iii) F.S.D. and A.P. areas.

(iv) rea dumps.

23. Rates of Fire and Amn Expenditure on DF Tasks.

	Rate of Fire	Expenditure
Fd Arty	1 min intense 3 min rapid 2 min slow if light sigs continue fire will be continued for a further 3 mins at normal rate.	32 r.p.g.
Mortars HE	5 rds/min for four mins 2 rds/min for two mins	24 r.p.mortar
MMG	2 mins rapid 4 mins normal	4 belts per gun
LMG	1 min rapid 1 min normal repeated according to circumstances.	

PATROLS.

24. (a) The Brigade's policy of vigorous patrolling will be maintained, and patrolling initiative gained from first contact.

(b) Each bn remains reponsible for its own protection by patrols.

(c) Task patrols and special OPs and listening posts will be ordered by Bde H.Q. as the situation demands.

(d) Patrol programmes and passwords will be passed to flanking units in time for them to advise their own patrols and fwd sub-units.

(e) Patrol reports will be transmitted immediately to Bde H.Q. on their collation.

G(R) OPERATIONS.

25. G(R) personnel will be given tasks only on authority of Bde H.Q.

Sorties will be planned and supervised by the Bde G(R) Offr in accordance with the Bde Comd's plan.

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OUTPOST.

26. A Bde outpost will be manned in the DAHR EL HOUSSAIN feature (177279 - 176278) by one coy and one pl of the right fwd bn, with under comd two mortar dets and two MMG secs.

By holding the DAHR EL HOUSSAIN feature as far fwd as high ground pt 571 (17772797) it is possible to maintain observation over probable enemy lines of approach and concentration areas SOUTH of the rd HALBA - EL ABDE, and at the same time deny the enemy observation of our fwd defences from the feature.

To this end the outpost will be held to delay and harass the enemy advance to our FDLs, and to maintain observation until an attack of heavy enough scale is mounted to render it untenable. The outpost will be withdrawn ONLY on orders of Bde HQ.

Method of withdrawal to positions in the main defences and for the destruction of footbridges in the NAHR BARID GORGE 17652775 will be planned by the right fwd bn.

OBSERVATION.

27. No detail of enemy movement or routine will be considered too small to record.

OPs will be manned continuously by day.

ENGRS.

28. Engr responsibility will include :-

(a) Construction or supervision of construction of HQs, OPs, concrete emplacements, A.Tk ditches, reservoirs, new rds and brs; and their maintenace.

(b) Issue of engr stores and advice on their employment.

(c) Advice on construction of fd works.

(d) Laying, marking and taking up minefds with inf assistance as required.

(e) Demolitions.

ROUTINE IN DEFENCE.

29. (a) All tps will stand to arms an hour before daylight and an hour before dark, and will remain so until ordered to stand down.

(b) Time for "Stand to" will be advised periodically by Bde H.Q. and units will await orders to "Stand down" from bn H.Q.

(c) Sentries will be mounted at all HQ to watch for -

(i) Hostile aircraft.

(ii) Gas attack

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(iii) Recognition calls from friendly aircraft.

(d) All HQ down to Coys will mount air sentries who will display ground strips when called by friendly aircraft. These sentries will be armed with a revolver in place of a rifle.

(e) Routine in sec posns will conform to Inf Sec Ldg 1939 paras 80 and 81.

(f) A minimum of movement will be permitted by day in areas under enemy observation.

CAMOUFLAGE.

30. Each unit is responsible for the complete and continuous camouflage of defensive works, incl alternative posns, in its own area.

Camouflage should be of such a standard as to :-

(a) defeat air recce both by observer and camera.

(b) conceal fd works to ground observation up to close effective range of the weapon within them.

To this purpose, full use must be made of WD camouflage stores and every possible expedient. Sub soil from excavations will either be carried away and distributed where it will pass unnoticed among natural features, or used in the construction of dummy posns.

Camouflage requires continuous labour in maintenace and inspection by Comds responsible.

Bde and Unit Camouflage Offrs will give advice where required, and be in a posn to report state of camouflage in their areas at any time.

MOVEMENT.

31. When the enemy is in close contact, movement in fwd areas will as far as possible be confined to hrs of darkness.

Strict track discipline will be imposed and no movement off approved tracks be permitted.

DEFENCE AGAINST GAS.

32. AG defence will conform with "24 Aust Inf Bde S.Os. for Defence Against Gas".

The following alarms only will apply :-

(i) Rattle or Gong: (warning will be spread between HQ by telephone).

(ii) Shout "Gas Spray": a verbal warning, only for gas spray from aircraft.

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Immediate report will be made to Bde H.Q. of enemy use of gas, giving the particulars :-

(i) Date, time and map reference.

(ii) Probable type of gas. Method of employment (spray, shell, bomb or projector).

(iii) Effect on personnel if any.

(iv) Further remarks.

G RETURNS.

33. The following reports will be made to Bde H.Q. during operations :-

Immediately:	Change location of H.Q. Fire opened on call for DF Crashed aircraft Use of gas by enemy
Hourly:	Brief situation report.
As necessary:	Shelling report Action by hostile aircraft Patrol reports Wireless intercepts
Weekly by 2200 hrs Sat:	Progress report - Fd wks.
Monthly on 1st month	War Diary AF C2188

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E

MAINTENANCE SYSTEM.

34. Units will hold 4 days res of sup of all natures (or larger res where necessary) dispersed in sub unit localities, rifle pls, MMG Sec, Arty tps.

In isolated localities or posns likely to be cut off from their parent unit or sub unit, res will be larger and may require dispersion to smaller sub units(rifle secs, MMG or A.Tk gun pits etc).

Further res will be held under Div control incl 20 days res in FSDs and APs.

All res of ASC commodities incl those in unit and sub unit dumps will remain on charge to C.A.S.C.

When Fortress supply comes into operation units will draw from FSD and AP RAMLIEH 168274. This will continue as long as possible. As the situation develops, fwd sub units will draw from pl, coy, bn etc res and will utilise their own res only when circumstances render the former method impossible. Drawing and distribution will be by M.T., Pack tpt or man carriage under unit arrangements.

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STORAGE OF RES.

35. (a) Dumps will contain a proportion of all natures of commodities.

(b) However small the res, it will not be stacked in one dump.

(c) Storage will give maximum possible protection against shellfire or air bombing, by means of caves, pits and sangars. These will be prepared and maintained by units as part of their defence work programme.

(d) All res dumps will be camouflaged.

AMN.

36. (a) 4 days res of amn will be held in pl localities, further distributed or increased in localities isolated or in which replenishment will be difficult.

(b) Arty dumping programme is given in RAA 9 Aust Div Arty Defence Scheme.

(c) Calculation of res on a daily expenditure basis will be made on the following figures :-

Weapon	Rds or bombs per day
Pistol	4
Rifle	6
TSMG	20
LMG	50
MMG	1000
A. Tk. Rifle	5
2" Mortar	25 Smoke
	75 HE
3" Mortar	25 Smoke
	75 HE
Sig Carts	
Illum	2
Red	1
Green	1
Grenades	
36	100 per bn/day
68	20 " "
73	5 " "
74(ST)	15 " "
69	120 " "
hand incend	5 " "

P. O. L.

37. (a) P. O. L. for 20 days supply calculated on 2 gals per veh/day (incl M/Cs) for the Bde Gp, will be held at F. S. D. RAMLIEH.

(b) Res will be held within the Bde Gp as follows :-

Bde B Ech area	1 day
Bde Res Tpt area	3 days

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RATIONS.

38. (a) 4 days res rations will be held at all inf sec and HQ localities of the right fwd bn, with the exception of the outpost posn, where 7 days res will be held.

(b) All other localities down to pl, tp etc posns and HQ will hold 4 days res.

(c) MMG posts at 17612790, 17682784 and 17362787 will hold 10 days res and that at 17582762, 7 days res.

(d) 20 days rations for the Bde Gp will be stocked in F.S.D. RAMLIEH.

WATER.

39. (a) 4 days water supply will be held in 100 gal tanks in coy etc areas - 6 days res in outpost posn. The basis of calculation is ½ gal per man per day.

(b) A bulk storage will be held in 20,000 gal concrete reservoirs located as follows :-

Serial	Ref	To supply
A	17502758	area generally SE of line 17602770 - 17402760.
B	17472762	to supplement A, and supply fwd elements of right fwd bn via gorge 17602770 - 17502765.(by pipeline to 17492764).
C	17432772	Sqs 175277, 174276, 174277, especially in event of enemy penetration on the left.
D	17262779	left of left fwd bn (sqs 174278, 174277, 173277, 173278).
E	17212778	to supplement D, and for use especially in event of enemy penetration right of gorge 17252785 - 17242781.
M	17042756	Res bn, and emergency supply.

(c) After contact is gained, it should still be possible to fill reservoirs from vehs by day, but water to units fwd of them may have to be packed at night.

(d) Water issues from reservoirs will be strictly controlled and bns are responsible for policing issues at the following WPs -

right fwd bn	A, B, C.
left fwd bn	D, E.
res bn	M.

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B ECH.

40. (a) A minimum of tpt for operational requirements will be held in the fwd area.

(b) A Ech tpt for possible short notice tasks, and B Ech tpt essential for sup maintenance will be based on the Bde B Ech area in 164274.

(c) Balance of tpt will be held in the Bde Res Tpt area SOUTH of JDAIDE 16572688.

(d) Establishment of tpt fwd and in the Bde B Ech area is subject to Bde H.Q. approval.

RECOVERY.

41. (a) Minor repairs will be done within units by their att AAOC fitters.

(b) If repairs are beyond scope of these fitters, 76 L.A.D. (or 64 L.A.D. in the case of arty units) will be notified as much detail as possible regarding type of repair required. The L.A.D. may then repair veh on the spot or evacuate it to the Bde Res Tpt area - the latter procedure will be normal once battle has commenced.

(c) Repairs beyond scope of L.A.Ds. will be done by 3 Rec Sec at 16512670.

(d) Liaison will be carried out by Os.C. L.A.Ds. with Rec Sec and Main Shop 2/1 A.Fd Wkshop to ensure early return of veh to their units when repaired.

(e) Veh remain on unit strength until evacuated beyond Main Shop A.Fd Wkshop, or written off by O.C. L.A.D.

SALVAGE.

42. Salvage will be passed by units to Bde B Ech area and from there to Div Salvage Depot 16332772 by O i/c Bde B Ech.

MEDICAL.

43. (a) Normal evacuation to RAP and from RAP to CP.

(b) CPs will be established as follows :-

for right fwd bn - WEST of and in vicinity of BEIT LARA 175276
evacuation direct to MDS.

for left fwd bn - at 17372776. Evacuation to ADS.

(c) ADS EAST of and in vicinity of HELYL 172276.
MDS at 16572726.
CCS at AMIOUNE 157262.

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HYGIENE.

44. (a) Trenches and posts will be maintained scrupulously clean, and latrines constructed and covered in accordance with designs given in Man of Hyg and Sanitation.

(b) Every effort must be made to enforce mosquito and fly control and thus reduce risk of malaria, dengue fever, sandfly fever, typhoid, dysentery and diarrhoea, all of which appear on increase in the warm months.

(c) Responsibility for malaria control rests as follows:-

Right fwd bn	Spraying of EL QUATIE, BAKHOUN, BEIT LARA, MAR ESSIRAJE, EL HAMRA, AZGA, JDAIDE(177280), AYOUN, EL AHAZIANE, ES SOUFAINE, HARET JEDIDE. Control of streams in JDAIDE area, below BEIT LARA and in AZGA area.
Left fwd bn	Spraying of EL YAOUDIYEH. Control of stream flowing towards MERKEBTA and stream from spring in centre fwd coy area.
Res bn	Spraying of RAMLIEH, ARDE and portion of ZGHORTA. Maintenance of streams in area after original work done by A.M.C.U.

(d) Advice on hygiene and sanitation will be given by 2/4 Hyg Sec which is to visit units regularly.

PW.

45. PW will be evacuated to Bde Collecting Point at Rear Bde H.Q. and thence to Div Cage at FIH 156267.

BURIALS.

46.

ADM RETURNS.

47. The following adm returns will be maintained during operations :-

Daily	0900 hrs	W3006 Daily Strength State
Weekly	0900 hrs Sunday	W3008 Field Return(Offrs)

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Weekly	0900 hrs Sunday	W3009 Field Return(ORs)
	1000 hrs Saturday	Weekly Expenditure of Amn & Explosives
	1800 hrs Thursday	Audit Certificate
As necessary		W3010 Casualty Returns(Offrs)
		W3011 Casualty Returns(ORs)
		W3012 Casualty Returns(att personnel)
		W3314 Burial Return (own tps and enemy)
		B2069 Offence Report
		Amn Expenditure
Monthly	1200 hrs 15th and last days each month	Wastage Warlike Stores
	1800 hrs last day each month	Census of Warlike Stores
	1000 hrs last day of month	Vehicle Strength Return
	1800 hrs 6th of each month	Offrs Recommended for Staff Appointments
	1800 hrs 26th each month	Personnel nominated for OCTU.

INTERCOMN

LOCATION OF HQs.

48. According to situation

Bde Main HQ	1724527672
Bde Rear HQ	1642227527
Right fwd bn	1746327680
Left fwd bn	1730027805

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Rear bn	1705927563
Fd Regt	1726727681
A. Tk Bty	1723327670
Fd Coy	1691227558
M.G. Coy	1714427555
Fd Amb	1673427325

CALL FOR DF

49. By verey light signal fired by inf coys.

Signal will be issued and changed periodically by Bde H.Q.

SIG PLAN.

50. (a) Sig diagram is att as Appx E.

(b) Primary form of comn will be L/T, with W/T and R/T as alternative means between Bde HQ and units.

A DRLS will be run twice daily within the Bde Gp.

WIRELESS SECURITY.

51. Wireless is a prolific source of infm for the enemy if carelessly used. Plain language messages sent during a static period are of greatest help to the enemy in identifying units and code words.

(a) Wireless will not normally be used where L/T will bear the traffic, and R/T will be used only in emergency.

(b) All W/T messages must be in cipher. The only exception to this is a short simple point to point VE message.

(c) R/T messages will make maximum use of appointments, map and R/T codes, and code names.

L/T SECURITY.

52. Under static conditions the telephone is most insecure, and no line in the sector can be guaranteed against tapping or enemy interference. Therefore, exactly the same precautions as with R/T will be taken.

CODES & CIPHERS.

53. (a) Code names will be used in front of bn etc HQ. The allotment of code names will be passed to Bde HQ for infm.

(b) Three letter code calls will be used in rear of bn etc HQ for all comms except in correspondence passed by hand.

(c) R/T code, map ref code, appointments code will be used for all comms by L/T (except when cipher is used), and R/T.

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(d) Messages by key, except those of NO security value, will be enciphered.

PASSWORDS.

54. A sector password will be issued and changed daily by Bde H.Q. when operations commence, and should be known by every man.

GROUND - AIR COMNS.

55. (a) Ground indicators will be held by Bde and Unit HQ. Ground strips will be held by inf coy HQ.

(b) If available R.A.F Sig Manual Pt V(Ground Signal codes) with strips and discs will also be employed.

(c) Drill for comn will follow method set out in METP No. 3Direct Air Support, paras 59, 63, 64, 66-71 and Appx J.

SYNCHRONISATION OF TIME.

56. (a) BBC time signals will be adopted by the Bde Sig Offr for the synchronisation of time throughout the Bde Gp.

(b) Bde Sig Offr will synchronise time with units at 0730 and 1930 hrs daily. Units will also be responsible that time has been synchronised immediately before an operation in addition to the daily time signals.

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2/2 M.G. Bn	7
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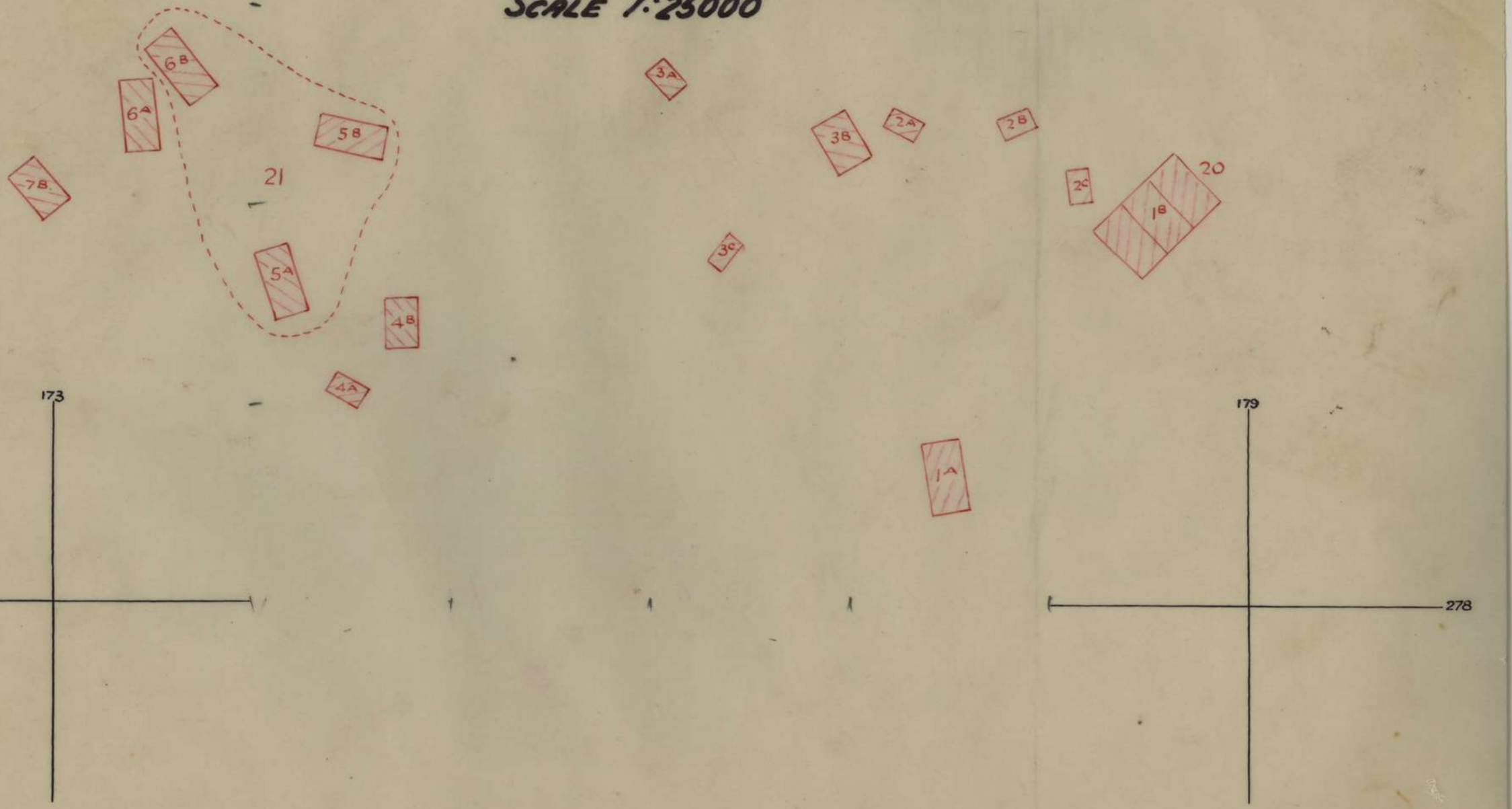
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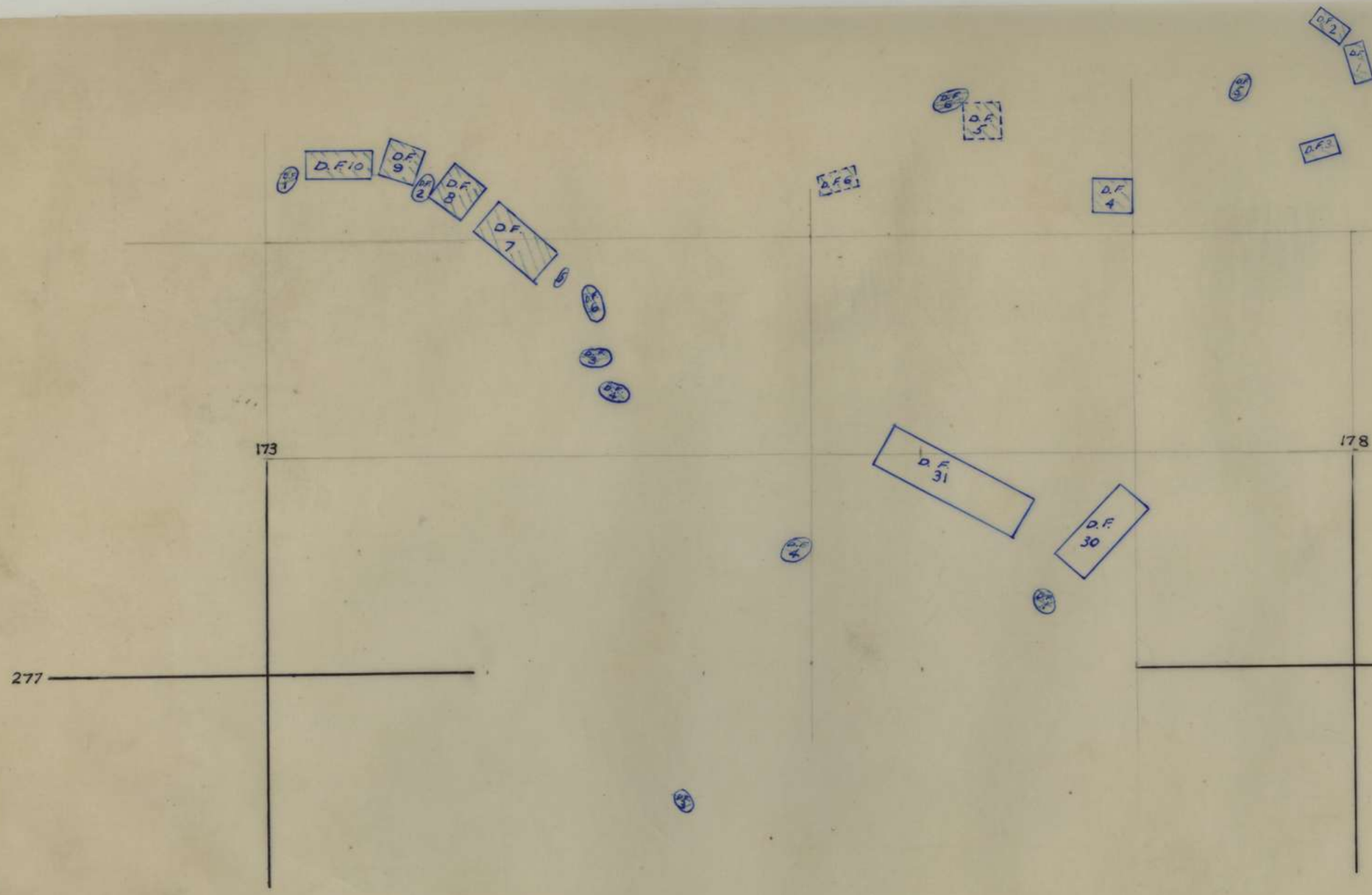
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D.F. 5&6 to be provided if guns available or as alternative D.F. tasks

D.F. 1-6 Plan B only

D.F. 30,31 Plan A only

APPENDIX 'B'

24 AUST INF BDE STANDING ORDERS FOR DEFENCE SECTOR 'B' TRIPOLI FORTRESS

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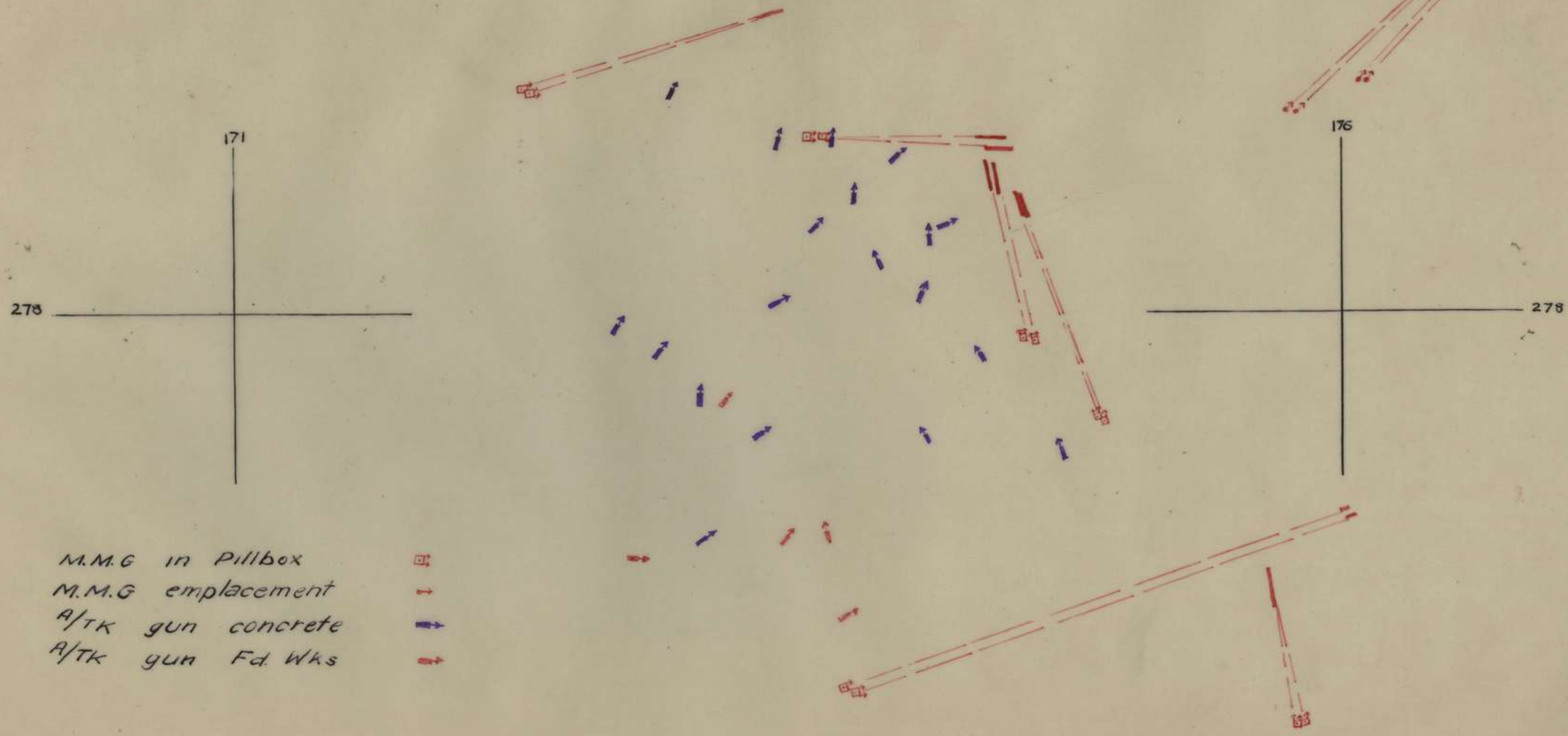
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Appendix 'C'

24 Aust Inf Bde Standing Orders For Defence Sector 'B' Tripoli Fortress

Trace Showing 9/7k Guns, M.M.G Posns & Fixed Lines

Ref Tripoli Special Sheets 1 & 2 1:25,000



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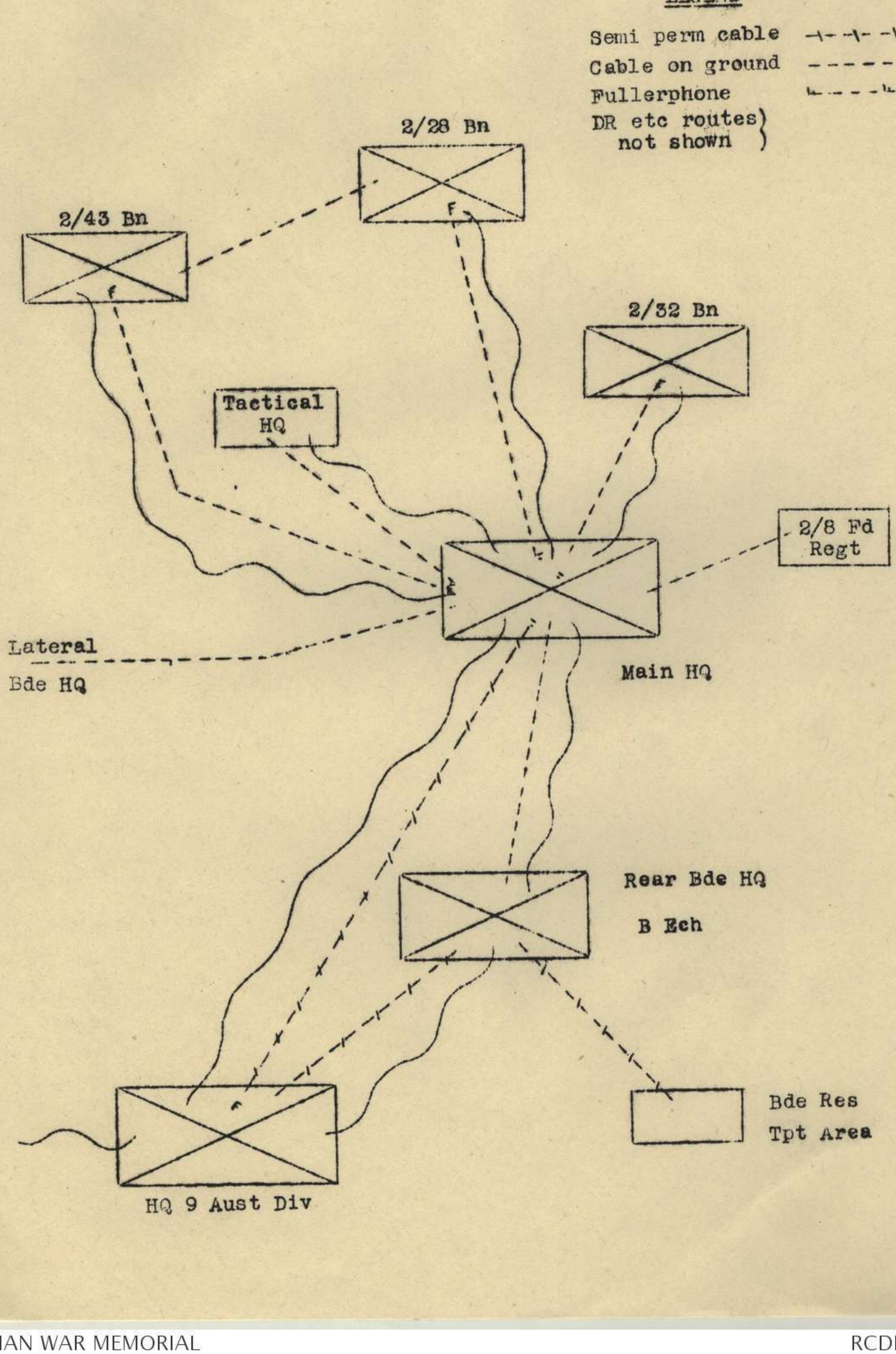
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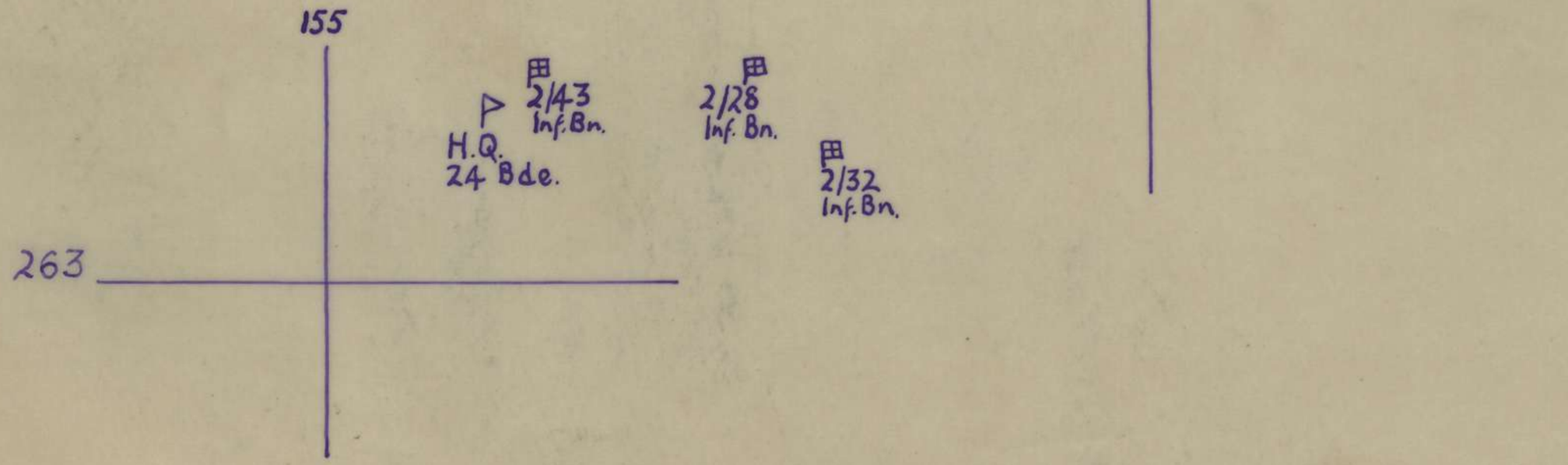
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Appendix E
to 24 Aust Inf Bde S.Os. for Defence
Sector B, TRIPOLI Fortress.

SIGNALS PLAN



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Ref. Map TRIPOLI 1:50.000

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W/D

Appx D (a) May War Diary

MOST SECRET

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HISTORICAL SURVEY - SECTOR B TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

1. ARMISTICE - HANDOVER BY VICHY AUTHORITIES.

Hostilities in SYRIA ceased at 0001 hrs on 12 Jul 41 with our forward tps in the Coastal Sector, NORTH of DAMOUR and approaching KALDE.

Honours of war were granted the Vichy French Forces and they were ordered to concentrate tps and equipment in certain areas in SYRIA and LEBANON and maintain guards on dumps and fortifications until these were taken over by the army of occupation. As relieved, all Vichy Forces who did not desire to join the Free French were to be repatriated. At this time Vichy French GHQ (Gen DENTZ) was in TRIPOLI.

2. The LEBANON, NORTH of 84 Base Sub Area to the Turkish Frontier, was placed under operational control of 7 Aust Div, and some three days after the Armistice, the forward group on the Coastal Sector, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp, was ordered forward to the area TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE. This BdeGp was split into three Sub Groups.

Stevenson Gp	(2/3 Aust Inf Bn)
Monaghan Gp	(2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn)
King Gp	(2/5 Aust Inf Bn)

The Bde HQ split into Area HQ and Bde HQ and both were sited at EL MINA, working individually. TRIPOLI, remaining Vichy GHQ, was out of bounds.

3. Gradual handover of fortifications, weapons, vehicles and dumps commenced at the following places :-

I.P.C. Aerodrome		
Coast Defence & A.A. Guns	(a)	TRIPOLE Town area
	(b)	RAMKINE ISLAND
	(c)	ROUAD ISLAND
Veh Parks	(a)	Near LEGOUT BARRACKS
	(b)	CHEKKA
Amn	(a)	ALMA
	(b)	TARTOUSS
	(c)	LATTAQUIE
	(d)	TEL KALAKH
Sup	(a)	LEGOULT BARRACKS
	(b)	LATTAQUIE

As they were taken over, our guards were mounted and Vichy tps moved to BEYROUTH by road for embarkation under their own arrangements.

By mid August Vichy tps were clear of the TRIPOLI area and FFL commenced to move in and take over dumps and installations. Handover was completed early in September, and TRIPOLI town reopened.

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4. SUBSEQUENT MOVES.

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div opened in TRIPOLI on 11 Sep, having moved forward from BROUMANA near BEYROUTH, and by 11 Sep concentration of the Div in TRIPOLI area was complete. On 24 Sep, 7 Aust Div Cav Regt relieved 2/5 Aust Inf Bn of outpost duty and responsibility for frontier control, moving to the areas LATTAQUIE and QASSAB for the purpose. Comd and Adm control of the port of EL MINA remained with 7 Aust Div.

5. PRELIMINARY RECCE TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

1 Aust Corps had laid down an outline scheme for recce and the probable role of 7 Aust Div in the event of enemy operations in SYRIA and the LEBANON. This was specified in detail in 7 Aust Div OP Instn No. 24 of 23 Aug.

6. The Plan of defence envisaged mob (incl armd) forces operating, in delaying or offensive action, from a series of "fortresses" which were to be sited and organised for all round protracted defence.

To this end the Op Instn ordered :-

(a) Establishment of a fortress in the area TRIPOLI.

(b) Recce of delaying posns, demolitions and alternative routes in the coastal area between the Turkish Frontier and TRIPOLI.

(c) Organising a mob force (total strength not to exceed the equivalent of one inf bde gp) to operate from that Fortress.

(d) Recce for siting and establishing fortresses in the area MERDJAYOUN and the LITANI R, although other tps were probably to prepare and occupy those fortresses.

7. Recce for TRIPOLI Fortress commenced on the following outline plan :-

(a) The outer limit of the zone of observation and immediate delaying action was generally - TELL HARED 175292 - HALBA 183289 - FINEDIN 192282 - junc with 6 Div about QORNETT EL ACHRA 191266 - AINATA 182249 - QARTABA 162239 - thence WEST to the coast.

(b) Fwd zone of defence on the general line - JEBAL TOURBOL 1627 (with outposts to N.E.) - KFEK BENINE 185273 - BAKAA KAFRA 177256 - thence WEST to the coast.

(c) A possible inner or alternative zone of resistance on the general line JEBAL TOURBOL - thence from the EAST end of that feature (about 175279) SW to incl the foothills of the ranges as far as KOUSBA 163262 - thence NW to the coast.

(d) The zone of observation and delaying action and the fwd zone of defence be subdivided into five inf bde gp sectors (A to E) which would be occupied according to the direction of attack. The inner or alternative zone of defence be divided into three similar sectors (W, X and Y).

N.B. This outline plan was subsequently modified and does not now apply in all phases.

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The initial recce in all sectors was to be completed by 8 Sep, and from this point the narrative will deal particularly with 21 Aust Inf Bde, which recced and occupied Sector B.

7. RECCE OF SECTOR B ON BASIS OF OUTLINE PLAN.

The following matters were made subject of report by 21 Aust Inf Bde on 31 Aug.

(a) Outline plan for defence of sector recced.

(b) A recommended plan for permanent emplacements(concrete pill boxes etc) obstacles (incl wire and A.Tk obstacles) and demolitions.

(c) A recommended plan for developing or improving rd and track comms.

The recce was a hurried one and carried out on foot. An Op Instn was issued covering initial occupation.

The Bde Comd reported later (10 Sep) that it would probably be three weeks before the whole of the sector could be covered in detail and that adjustments to his plan might then be put fwd.

It was proposed at that stage to hold the sector with three bns fwd, each bn with its own local reserve. This was considered necessary because of the width of front envisaged, the lack of road comms, and necessity for quick completion of the defences.

8. ADJUSTMENT OF DIV PLAN.

On 6 Sep, HQ 7 Aust Div approved in general the outline plans submitted by Bdes. Subject to the following adjustments in the line of FDLs and inter bde boundaries.

(a) Line of FDLs to incl - the Coast at 16702807 - DEIR AMAR 16812793 - pt 306 (17192798) - the NAHR BARID Gorge at 17532777, thence EAST to river junc at 18402778 - then generally SOUTH to incl the COL DES CEDRES 181252 - then generally WEST to ARTEZ 151254 - SALAATA 144260.

(b) Inter Bde Boundaries.

(i) Sector A altered to incl one bn area, previously incl provisionally as the left bn area of Sector B.

(ii) Sector B altered by the corresponding transfer of the left bn area to Sector A, and by incl the left bn area of Sector C.

9. WORK ON DEFENCES COMMENCED.

21 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 30 dated 7 Sep 41 laid down the following priority for construction of works -

(i) A.Tk obstacles, OPs, MG posts, fwd inf localities (all incl obstacles and wire).

(ii) Outpost posns, obstacles and wire.

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(iii) Battle HQs, rear defensive localities, res areas incl obstacles and wire.

(iv) Posts and delaying posns in zone of observation and delaying action.

Any post in (iv) likely to be affected by snow to be constructed in priority (i).

(b) At this time, the centre and left bns were bivouaced in their defence areas, and the right bn in billets at SIR ED DANIE except for small dets engaged on work fwd of that town. It was intended to remain in those areas until 15 Oct.

(c) Plans were complete and construction commenced on 11 Sep 41. In the meantime, recce by supporting arms continued and 21 Aust Inf Bde selected winter quarters for its bns -

2/16 Bn	(right)	area 171332753
2/27 Bn	(centre)	" 164332745
2/14 Bn	(left)	" 165332751

10. The stages in construction of defences were to be -

First stage - Sectors A, B & C.

Second stage - Sectors D & E.

Third stage - Sectors X & Y.

and of these 21 Aust Inf Bde was allotted Sectors B and E.

11. Supporting arms - 21 Aust Inf Bde.

(a) One fd regt in support tanks, harassing, C.P. & D.F.

(b) No A.Tk guns were allotted.

(c) Engrs assistance to be provided to supervise construction of all and arrange construction of some defensive works. Arrange construction or development of road comms.

(d) Div Sigs to instal L/T, supplemented by W/T between Div and Bde HQ. Assist the Bde with V/T and W/T in the zone of observation.

(e) One M.G. Coy (less one pl) under comd.

12. <u>FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS IN SECTOR B.</u>

Subsequent to 10 Oct 41, a number of adjustments in Sector B were ordered on the decisions -

(a) Not to occupy the feature QARN AMARA (178877) and to place the tps so released on the NE slopes of pt 704 (177277).

(b) Not to occupy LITTLE GIBRALTAR (176732774) except with a standing patrol, and to use the two rifle secs so released to give depth to defences in the EL QUAIM area (177276).

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(c) Reduce strength on the observation line to one sec and place the remaining two secs intheir appropriate localities in the res coy area NORTH of BEIT LAR. (about 175276).

(d) To commence recce for a sector res area in the vicinity WEST of HELYL - to be occupied by one bn.

13. The TRIPOLI Fortress defences were inspected by C-in-C Middle East, late in October, and certain modifications were ordered which had the effect of drawing in the defences on the Northern flank of the Fortress. It was probably considered that the numbers of tps available to hold the Fortress did not warrant holding a line as far NORTH as the NAHR BARID in Sector A. As a result 7 Aust Div O.O. No. 6 was issued on 8 Nov followed by 21 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 12 on 11 Nov, putting into effect the amended plan, which in outline, remained unchanged at time of handover to 9 Aust Div.

Matters affecting Sector B were -

(a) Left inter bde boundary adjusted to incl the previous right subsector of Sector A in Sector B.

(b) Right subsector of Sector B to be an alternative bn area to be occupied if necessary by res bn.

(c) Zone of observation not to be occupied pending further orders. There would be no attempt to inflict delay on the enemy in this zone.

(d) The outpost line on DAHR EL HOUSSAIN (177279-176278) to be held until order to withdraw is given by Bde HQ.

(e) Res bn to prepare and occupy a defensive posn in the area EL AYOUN (171275 - 170276 - 16982756) and be prepared to carry out certain counter attack tasks. Work proceeded satisfactorily through midwinter though hampered by heavy rains and lack of revetting materials. Units worked on the time basis of 2/3 work on defences and 1/3 on training.

14. <u>HANDOVER 7 AUST DIV to 9 AUST DIV.</u>

9 Aust Div adv parties arrived in TRIPOLI area on 10 Jan 42 to commence handover, and movement of 24 Aust Inf Bde into 21 Aust Inf Bde area was completed at 0100 hrs night 15/16 Jan.

Small rear parties only of 21 Aust Inf Bde remained for the relief.

Relief was completed by 1800 hrs 18 Jan, but was not entirely satisfactory, being carried out between adv and rear parties. The general situation was understood by bn comds, but instns, traces and marked maps did not give sufficient detail to replace the routine of handover between junior commanders. Many matters of policy in minor planning had to be sorted out in subsequent weeks.

As a result, it was necessary to carry out fresh appreciations in some localities to decide which of many posns in construction were battle, alternative or dummy posns or had been abandoned.

The method of relief was possibly dictated by necessity for speedy withdrawal of 7 Aust Div to other tasks.

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15. 24 AUST INF BDE POLICY.

It was understood from the start that dispositions planned by 21 Aust Inf Bde might not be agreed to entirely by this Bde, nor might any plan by this Bde be favoured in detail by a relieving bde.

For this reason, it was ruled that works commenced on 21 Aust Inf Bde plan which in places were well forward in construction, would not be subject to alteration.

Where necessary, however, weapon pits, gun posns etc could be resited, and old sites adopted as alternative posns. No restriction was placed on readjustment of fire plans, location of HQs and minefields, which were still on paper.

16. WORK RECOMMENCED.

24 Aust Inf Bde continued construction on the basis of 3 days work per week - balance of time reserved for training.

Heavy rain and high winds made work difficult until the second week in ~~January~~ February. During that period, construction was brought forward very little - maintenance of camp sites and rds, and preservation (with a shortage of revetting materials) of field works, were the major problems.

Spring rains did not cause serious interruption and work has since proceeded steadily, except in the res bn locality.

2/32 Bn in that area was almost absorbed in Fortress Security duties until the end of Feb, but has been available (less four pls) since that period.

17. USE OF NATIVE LABOUR.

On 10 Feb, HQ 9 Aust Div instructed intensification of training throughout the Div, with a rider that work on defences would not be decreased.

It was decided to employ natives on an optimum scale, for 6 days a week labour. This was brought into effect from 25 Feb, and troops continued work on the 3 day/week basis.

Use of native labour boosted field works construction, but it appears that despite close supervision, native labour has produced about half the work done by troops on a man/day basis. Probable reasons being their laziness, and the inability of troops to get the best out of them; physical inefficiency principally through malnutrition, and shortage of tools.

18. MOVEMENT TO SUMMER LOCATIONS.

On Mar 3 1942, the following changes in bn locations were ordered :-

(a) HQ and details 2/43 Bn moved fwd from winter quarters in area 16782752 to their operational areas, bivouacing in coy areas under canvas, thus bringing the Bn in line with 2/28 Bn.

(b) 2/32 Bn to occupy 2/43 Bn winter quarters and evacuate their operational area completely. The original area being malarious in summer.

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19. DEVELOPMENTS IN SECTOR PLAN 18 JAN/20 MAY 42.

The following decisions and adjustments were made affecting the Sector as a whole, since occupation by 24 Aust Inf Bde until temporary handover to 26 Aust Inf Bde :-

(a) Line of Observation and Outpost.

HQ 9 Aust Div ruled that no work would be done on the line of observation as planned by 21 Aust Inf Bde, and that it would probably not be occupied.

2/28 Bn outpost posn would not be expected to hold out as a fort, would therefore not receive additional weapons to those already allotted, and would be withdrawn in event of a heavy attack under Bde HQ's orders.

(b) Crossings over NAHR BARID.

Two wooden animal tpt brs were constructed over the arms of NAHR BARID at 1764327750 and 1765027745 by 2/7 Fd Coy.

These were washed away on 20 Mar during heavy rains and reconstructed by 29 Mar.

Until these br were constructed, the outpost posn had been supplied by animal tpt from a mule camp at 17662815; this camp was later withdrawn to the AZGA area, and the outpost supplied across the NAHR BARID Gorge.

(c) Dispositions of res bn.

2/32 Bn dispositions, being in an elementary state of construction when taken over, were altered, principally in placing a coy on the feature 17122750 - 17072744, to cover possible enemy approaches through the KFAR HABOU - ZGHORTA valley.

(d) Extension of rear A.Tk ditch.

The extension of the rear A.Tk ditch to the SOUTH onto the precipitous slopes of the AZGA 174276 - EL AYOUN 170275 valley, then EAST towards AZGA. Planned but not commenced to date.

(e) Minefield plan.

A new minefield plan was approved on 12 May 42.

(f) Fire plan.

The fire plan has been subject to a number of alterations. The final plan is given in SOs for Defence, Sector B, TRIPOLI Fortress.

Mortar DF tasks were registered during 16/21 Mar and 20 Apr.

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(g) Main HQs.

Main HQs of Bde, Bns, Fd Regt, A. Tk Coy and M.G. Coy are sited, and under construction.

(h) Tactical Exercises.

As a result of extensive exercises to test probable enemy action and strength of the defences, adjustments have been made to the fire plan and to the defensive layout. These are at present all incorporated.

D.R.J.
16 May 42.

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Appx E MAY W/D

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24 AUST INF BDE INSTN FOR PARADE

Ref Map TRIPOLI 1/50000
BATROUN 1/50000

GENERAL

1. Further to our SS1/146/960 of 25 Apr 42.

2. H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER will inspect troops of 9 Aust Div at 1135 hrs on 19 May 42 at ENFEH Aerodrome 151267.

TROOPS

3. PARADE

24 Aust Inf Bde Group will be commanded by Lt-Col. D.A. WHITEHEAD M.C., and will be known as Group E.
The Group will consist of the following :-

(a) HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde 24 O.Rs.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn 1 Maj, 1 Capt, 3 Lieuts, 195 O.Rs.

(c) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn 1 Maj, 1 Capt, 3 Lieuts, 195 O.Rs.

(d) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn 1 Maj, 1 Capt, 3 Lieuts, 195 O.Rs.

4. FORMATION

(a) The group will be formed up in Open Order. Officers will be fallen out in Review Order.

(b) Cautionary orders of the officer Comd Parade will be repeated by the Gp Comd.
Troops will act on the executive orders of the Gp Comd, which will be co-ordinated.

(c) The following procedure will be adopted on the arrival of H.R.H.

(i) Royal Salute - Present Arms
(ii) Slope Arms
(iii) Order Arms
(iv) Inspection by H.R.H.
(v) Address by H.R.H. (Doubtful)
(vi) Slope Arms
(vii) Royal Salute - Present Arms (on departure)

(d) On the order "Royal Salute - Present Arms", all officers on parade will salute, and all unarmed other ranks will stand to attention.

(e) The frontage of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will NOT exceed 85 yards.

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5. DRESS

Dress will be :-

(a) Officers - Shorts, shirts, hats (turned up), boots, puttees, web drill order, pistols.

(b) O.Rs. - Shorts, shirts, hats (turned up), boots, puttees, web drill order, bayonet, rifle.

6. TIMING

Gp will be in position on the Parade Ground at 1030 hrs on the day of the parade.

7. A.A. PROTECTION

(a) A.A. protection from this Bde will be provided by A.A. Pl. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and will be under comd of 37 Lt A.A. Regt.

(b) A.A. L.M.Gs. will be ready for action but chamber will be empty.

(c) Alarm signal for air raid, initiated by O.C. 37 Lt A.A. Regt - a succession of short whistle blasts repeated by offrs in comd of gps.

(d) Action on alarm - Gps will be marched to EAST side of main road - North and South - Gps then turn North and South respectively.

Centre Gp moved fwd to East.

Remaining Gps will move NE and SE until all Gps are well dispersed.

Troops of each Gp will then disperse and lie down.

8. SPECTATORS

Comd Offrs may attend, but no other personnel will be permitted to attend.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

9. MOVEMENT

Unit tpt will be used for movement of personnel to dispersal area.

10. TRANSPORT

(a) Convoy Comd will be Lt-Col D.A.WHITEHEAD M.C.

(b) The following allotment of tpt will be adhered to :-

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	-	2 load carrying vehs.
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	-	12 load carrying vehs.
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	-	1 Car D.S. 12 load carrying vehs.
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	-	1 Car D.S. 12 load carrying vehs.

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11. ASSEMBLY AREA

(a) Assembly area will be road TRIPOLI-RAMLIEH with head of convoy 50 yds SE of br 16732750

(b) Units will move to assembly area under unit arrangements.

All units to be in position ready to move by 0815 hrs on day of parade.

12. ROUTES

As per Appx "A" Att.

13. ORDER OF MARCH

Order of March will be :-

Convoy Comd.
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn

14. START POINT

Start Pt will be br 16732750.

15. TIME PAST START POINT

Head of convoy to pass Start Pt at 0834 hrs.

16. SPEED AND DENSITY

15 M.I.H. and 20 V.T.M.

17. ESTIMATED TIMEOF ARRIVAL AT DISPERSAL AREA

0950 hrs.

18. TRAFFIC CONTROL

D.A.P.M. 9 Aust Div will be responsible for traffic control throughout the route.

19. DISPERSAL AREA

(a) As per Appx 'B' att, NOT to scale.

(b) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will detail one officer to report to D.A.Q.M.G., at Northern end of ENFEH Aerodrome at 1500 hrs 18 May 42.

(c) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will detail party consisting of above officer and 3 O.Rs., one of whom will have a M.C. to report to 24 Aust Inf Bde Dispersal area at 0830 hrs 19 May 42.

This party will meet 24 Aust Inf Bde convoy, guide it into the dispersal area and arrange dispersal of vehs.

(d) Drivers will remain with their vehs while in the dispersal area.

The party detailed in Para 19 (c) above will remain in the dispersal area until the vehs have moved off after the parade, joining the tail of the convoy.

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20. DEBUSSING AND EMBUSSING

Personnel will debus in dispersal areas and march to the Parade Ground.

This procedure will be reversed at the conclusion of the Parade.

21. RETURN TO UNIT LINES

(a) Convoys returning on Routes (c) and (d) will move from the dispersal areas in the following order -

9 Aust Div Cav Regt
A.A.S.C.
2/3 Aust Fd Amb
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
HQ R.A.A.
HQ 9 Aust Div.
Sigs.
R.A.E.
2/2 Aust M.G. Bn.
24 Aust Inf Bde.
20 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Party detailed in Para 19 (c) above will ensure that 24 Aust Inf Bde convoy moves off in correct order.

22. BANDS

2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn bands will move independently and will be at the Parade Ground NOT later than 0830 hrs 19 May 42.

23. ACTION ON AIR ALARM

(a) In the event of AIR ALARM when vehs are in dispersal area drivers will dismount from vehs and stand by them, taking fire extinguishers with them.

(b) Should a direct air attack take place, drivers will remain with their vehs, but will lie down.

24. GENERAL

The strictest adherance to timings, routes, speed and density is absolutely essential so as to ensure that there is no confusion with other convoys on route.

ADM

25. MEALS

(a) Cut lunch will be carried in vehs for all personnel.

(b) Lunch will be eaten by personnel immediately after the Parade and prior to leaving dispersal area.

26. BOOTS

As units will have to march from dispersal area to Parade Ground and a rehearsal will take place each man will carry material to polish boots before the Parade.

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27. LATRINES

One shovel G.S. will be carried in each veh for digging shallow trench latrines in dispersal area.
Trenches to be filled in before departure.

28. REC

76 L.A.D. will supply one breakdown veh to travel at rear of convoy.

29. MEDICAL

ADMS 9 Aust Div has made all necessary medical arrangements at ENFEH Aerodrome.

30. AMN

20 rds per man will be carried. Sub-Unit Comds will ensure that NO rounds are carried in magazine of rifles.

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S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

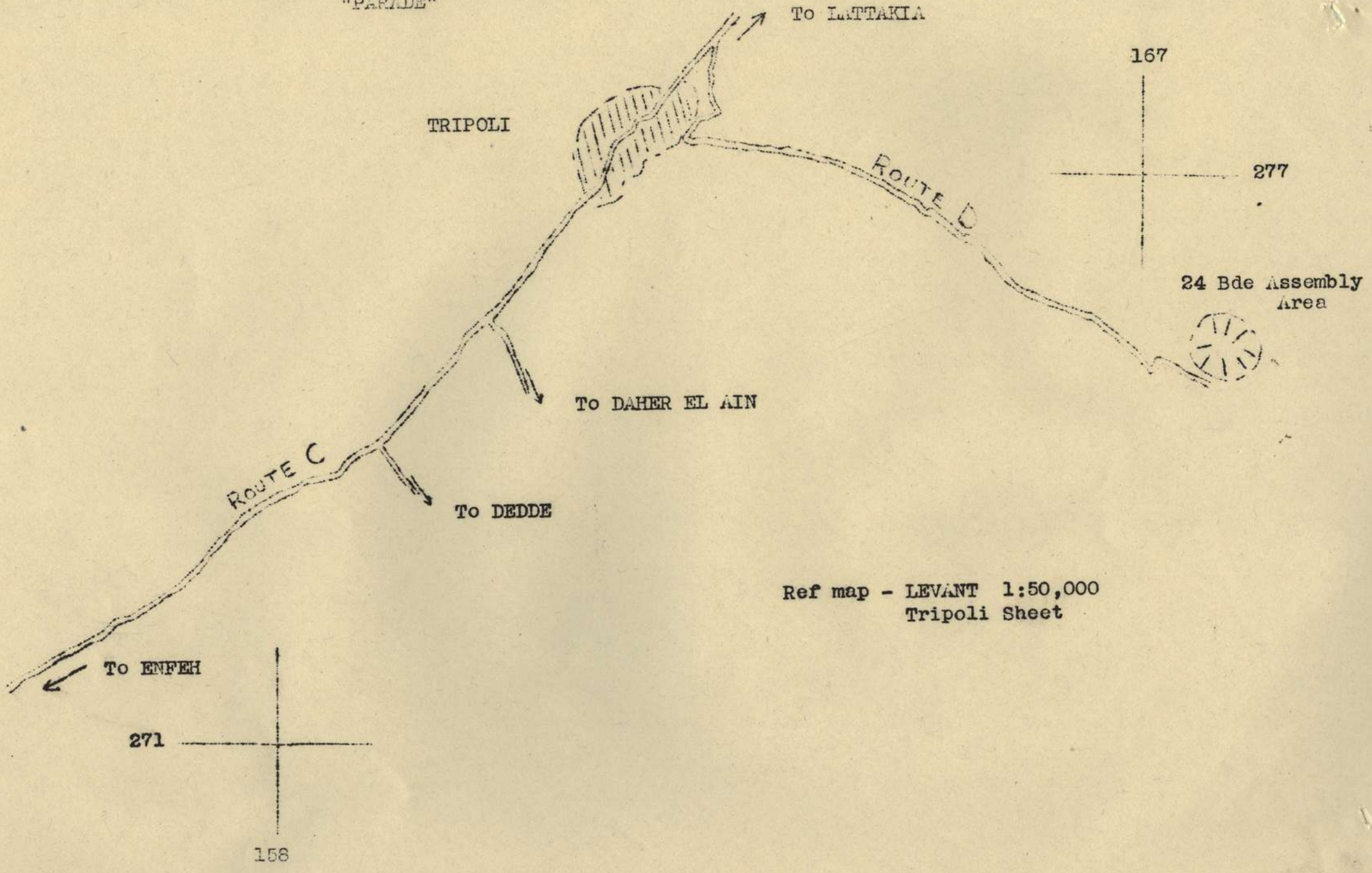
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2/32 Bn	2	1
2/43 Bn	3	1
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Comd	5	
B.M.	6	
S.C.	7	1
Bde T.O.	8	1
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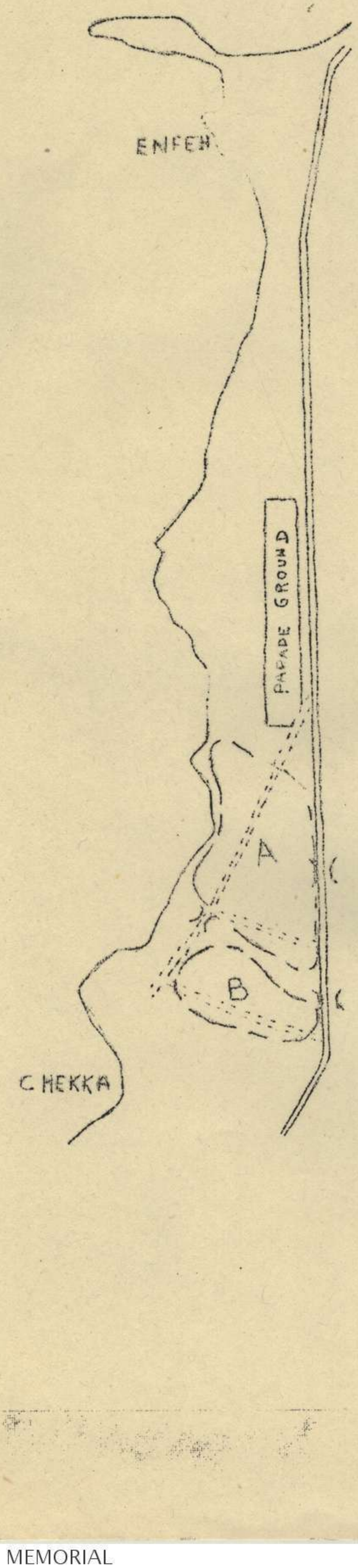


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A - 24 Aust Inf Bde
dispersal area.

B - 2/2 Aust MG Bn
dispersal area.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 41 IN THE FIELD 31 MAY 42

341. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned offrs will assemble at 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs 1 JUN 42 and thereafter at such times as the President may direct to investigate and report on loss of rifles Numbered A16035 and A65170 on charge to SX11384 - L/Cpl WEST L.V. and SX 11344 Pte McCORMACK K.L. respectively.

The report of the Court will include etc :-

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

(b) Schedule showing :-

Items lost
Unit or individual on whose charge they were
Value of items lost.

(c) Opinion as to whether the C.O. isrelieved of his personal liability.

(d) When a C.O. is relieved of liability, opinion as to which of the conditions (a),(b), or (c) in AMF A 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 4 JUN 42.

PRESIDENT

Capt J.L.ALLEN M.C. 2/28 Bn

MEMBERS

Lieut R.D.IRVLAND 2/32 Bn
Lieut M.J.KELLY 2/32 Bn

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 40 IN THE FIELD 25 MAY 42

237. BOUNDS.

All villages in the area are Out of Bounds to all tps except BECHMEZZINE and AMIOUNE.

238. LEAVE.

1. Leave may be granted to BECHMEZZINE or AMIOUNE to 50 personnel per unit per night.

2. Leave passes will be issued and will state the village to which the soldier is given leave.

3. Hrs of leave to the above villages will be from 1730 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tps in charge of an NCO may visit the villages between 1630 and 1730 hrs for the purpose of having a shower.

The villages are Out of Bounds at all other times. Tpt passing through the villages must not stop.

4. The cafe proprietors have been advised that they must not supply liquor to tps except between 1730 hrs and 2130 hrs.

Spiritous liquors will not be supplied to tps.

5. It has been reported that tps are gambling in the village. The picquet will ensure that this practice ceases.

6. Orders for town picquets are issued in Appx 'A' and 'B' attached.

239. SPEED OF TRANSPORT.

Tpt will not exceed 5 m.p.h. in camp areas and 10 m.p.h. through the village of BECHMEZZINE

240. PICTURE LEAVE - BTERRAM CINEMA.

Times of sessions for the above are :-

1st session	1815 hrs
2nd session	2030 hrs

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An unlimited number may be sent from each unit.

All Cinema parties will be in charge of an Offr.

Orders for the picquet are issued in Appx 'C' attached.

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution.

List 'A'(less 2/3 Fd Amb &
10 Ind Mule Coy)

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Appx F MAY W/D

War Diary

SECRET
18 May 42.

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24 AUST INF BDE O.O. No. 2.

Ref maps: LEVANT 1/50,000 TRIPOLI Sheet
TRIPOLI 1/25,000

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

Nothing further to Intelligence Summaries.

2. Own Tps.

26 Aust Inf Bde is to relieve 24 Aust Inf Bde and
24 Aust Inf Bde to come into Fortress Res.

INTENTION.

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in the TRIPOLI Fortress res area on 20 May 42.

METHOD.

4. Programme of Relief.

2/28 Bn	is to be relieved by	2/23 Bn	-	20 May
2/32 Bn	" " "	"	"	2/24 Bn	-	20 May
2/43 Bn	" " "	"	"	2/48 Bn	-	21 May

Reliefs will be completed by 1800 hrs on days in question.

5. Comd.

Sector Comd will change 1600 hrs 20 May.

6. Stand-To.

Units will Stand-to for relief in operational areas from 0930 hrs on appointed day.

7. Start Time.

Will be given on report of readiness to move.

8. Route.

BLUE route (O.O. No.1.) - BECHMEZZINE 156264.

ADM.

9. Traffic Control.

20 May - Zone A - (ARDE 167274 - ZGHORTA - incl DARAYA ET BECHNINE 161265) - 2/28 Bn

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Zone B - Crossing of NAHR ABU ALI - HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

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Zone C - incl BSARMA - incl BECHMEZZINE - 2/32 Bn.

21 May Zones A & C become responsibility of 2/43 Bn.

10. Balance ADM issued separately.

INTERCOMN.

11. Bde HQ will close present location and reopen 15592640 at 1600 hrs 20 May.

ACK.

Signed at 0725 hrs

Issued by L.O.

BK Jameson Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Bn	1
2/32 Bn	2
2/43 Bn	3
K Sec Sigs	4
2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	5
76 L.A.D	6
9 Aust Div	7
26 Aust Inf Bde	8
Comd	9
S.C.	10
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"E" War Diary

Appx "G" - MAY W/D

SECRET

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24 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN No 1

(Issued in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No 2)

1. The following will be handed over to the relieving unit. Inventories will be taken where necessary.

(a) All tents and hutments complete.

(b) Accommodation stores (incl trestle tables and forms)

(c) Iron and palm beds and bed boards.

(d) Picks and shovels on loan from 2/7 Aust Fd Coy.

(e) Reserve Rations

(f) Water receptacles, other than W.E.

(g) Horses and equipment.

(h) Latrines and screens.

It may be necessary for 2/32 Bnto take some tents from their present area, this can be fixed by mutual arrangement between C.Os of 2/32 Bn and 2/24 Bn

2. Units will take the following with them :-

(a) First line and practice amn .

(b) Office furniture by mutual arrangement with C.O. of relieving unit.

(c) Palliasses.

(d) E2 scale of Nets Camouflage.

(e) Sandfly nets.

(f) Lamps Hurricane.

(g) Tents received for accommodating expected reinforcements.

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution — Copy No.

2/28 Bn	1
2/32 Bn	2
2/43 Bn	3
Comd	4
B.M.	5
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Appx "I" May War Diary.

Hq 24 Aust Inf Bde.
30 May 42.

SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS.

RIFLES.

All rifles not used by piquets or sentries will be placed in O.M. Store.
Bolts will be left in rifles.
Personnel drawing rifles from O.M. will ensure that their correct rifle and bolt are drawn.
The armourer will be responsible for all rifles in his possession and for their return to the O.M. Store.
No rifle will be retained by the armourer over night.

PISTOLS.

All pistols not in immediate use will be placed in OM Store.

EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING.

Personnel will be responsible for the safeguarding of all equipment and clothing on charge to them.

CIVILIANS.

No civilians other than those in possession of an authorised military pass will be allowed in the camp area.
In this regard, particular attention is drawn to bootblacks, newspaper sellers and laundry vendors.

R.B. Langdon
Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

K Sec Sigs
Cd Pl
76 L.A.D.
B.M.
S.C.
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W/R

Appx "I(a)" MAY W/D

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20 May 42.

24 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO. 1.

Ref map: TRIPOLI 1/50,000.

1. LOCATIONS.

(a) Bde H.Q. area 15592639

(b) 2/28 Bn area 15752642

(c) 2/32 Bn area 15802637

(d) 2/43 Bn area 15822642

2. AMMUNITION.

A.P. 8 Sub depot No. 3 Adv Amn Depot - ALIA 16652755.

3. ANTI GAS.

Decontamination - 9 Aust Div Laundry & Fwd Decon Unit - 16372777.

4. ENGINEER STORES.

(a) 2/13 Aust Fd Coy (in support) 16513797.

(b) 24 Aust Fd Pk Coy - 16552759.

5. MEDICAL SERVICES.

(a) ADS - 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - BTERRAM 15852654.

(b) MDS - 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - TRIPOLI.

(c) DENTAL - 2/3 Aust Fd Amb - BATROUMINE 15832695.

6. ORDNANCE SERVICES.

(a) 76 L.A.D. - 15592639.

(b) 2 Rec Sec
2/1 Aust A.Fd Wkshops 16092737.

(c) ADOS 9 Aust Div Dump - LEGOULT Barracks.

7. PROVOST.

(a) 9 Aust Div Pro Coy - TRIPOLI.

(b) Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy - BECHMEZZINE 15752647.

8. PETROL.

No. 2 P.P. - BECHMEZZINE 15762647.

9. SALVAGE.

9 Aust Div Salvage Unit - 16332772. Delivery by units.

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10. SUPPLIES.

D.I.D. - DAHER EL AIN 16162724.

11. WATER.

Water Point - 15802633.

(alternative KOUSBA 161262).

12. MULES.

8 Indian Mule Coy RIASC - 15772632.

13. BATHS.

Shower House - AMIOUNE 15872622.

(Times of use by units to be notified later).

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appx 'J' - May War Diary.

A conference was held at Bde H.Q. to discuss the policy and type of Bde trg to be adopted during the fortnight's trg in the FORQLOSS Area. The conference was attended by representatives from the Bde Gp and by Bde S.Os.

A further conference was held during the afternoon to discuss the roles of the Bde during the occupation of the Res Sector of the TRIPOLI Fortress Area. This conference was attended by Bn COs, Adjts, and by Bde S.Os.

Agenda for Bde trg at FORQLOSS is attached.

The roles of this Bde whilst in occupation of the Res Sector are as follows:-

(i) Provision of a mob bn for action in the area - incl CARACOL 159214 (ref map TRIPOLI 1:50,000) to excl TARBAJA 141233 (ref map JEBAIL 1:50,000).

(ii) Defence of the Coast between the left fwd Bde area and NAHR EL DJOUZ 144259(ref map BATROUN 1:50,000).

(iii) Anti paratp action in Fortress area excl fwd Bde areas.

(iv) Holding approaches to the Fortress from the EAST and SOUTH.

(v) Counter attack to restore the posns in either fwd Bde area.

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Appx "K" May War Diary

Notes on Stand-to Night 24/5 May 42.

2110 hrs	from G11(L) 9 Aust Div	Near NAHR SENE 4 boats landed tps. Submarine has been operating in vicinity. Div Cav investigating. No information re numbers.
2200 hrs approx	from AQ 9 Aust Div	Reference above. Information received second-hand through French watching posts 2 ships of war, probably destroyers, and 3 transports, fairly large, seen moving towards coast vicinity ARAB EL MOULK. 2/15 Bn mob coy standing-to, with 2/15 Bn also being mobilised. Action taken - 2/28 Bn mob coy ordered to stand-to. Vehs for balance of Bn ordered from ASC and Bn ordered to stand-to.
2235 hrs		2/28 Bn advise mob coy ready to move.
2300 hrs	from AQ 9 Div	Information received second-hand transports still in vicinity, moving slowly and standing off coast.
		AQ advised mob coy ready, and balance of 2/28 Bn getting ready.
2307 hrs		Asked 2/28 Bn to send O.C. mob coy to Bde HQ.
2310 hrs		ASC vehs arrived at 2/28 Bn - 26 only - 5 short.
2312 hrs	from Lt.Col. LOUGHREY.	Captain THOMPSON is not familiar with the area. Brigadier asked for Capt THOMPSON to be sent to Bde, and Capt SIMPSON be made available to move with Capt THOMPSON.
2321 hrs	from Brig. TOVELL.	(i) What is our amn posn?
		(ii) Brig TOVELL now at Division and in comd.
		(iii) Reports of gunfire NORTH of ARAB EL MOULK out to sea.
2340 hrs		2/32 and 2/43 Bns advised happenings to date.
2355 hrs		Rang 9 Div to ascertain if MMG Pl standing-to. Answer - No.
		Div advise report from FSS BANIAS 2310 hrs no landing taken place in that area.
2359 hrs	from 9 Div	MMG Pl stood-to. No RV as yet, will advise us later.
2359 hrs		2/28 Bn Strength State -

A Coy	5 Offrs	114 ORs	
B Coy	5	122	
C Coy	1	51	(duty Coy)
D Coy	6	141	

0040 hrs	from 9 Div	Free French Navy advise alarm signal at CHEKKA at 0027 hrs.
0045 hrs		2/28 Bn advised of above.

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0351 hrs from 9 Div — Tps may rest; not to move from present posns; keep all tpt in present area; stand tps to at quarter hr before first light, in any case, not later than 0415 hrs.

0355 hrs — 2/28 Bn advised of above.

0556 hrs from 9 Div — Stand-down and resume normal activities.

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SEQUEL

1515 hrs 9 Div advised that the vessels referred to were our own ~~and that the local Navy knew nothing of their presence in these waters~~. ~~L~~ocal Navy were definite that no units of our Navy were operating.

The earlier report of four boats landing tps is considered to have been in reference to fishing craft

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Appx 'L'
May W/D

SECRET
Copy No 18

26 May 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

A.D. SCHEME - HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

1. DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

24 Bde HQ consists of all military buildings and tents within the HQ area.

2. ORGANISATION.

(a) Area Comd is Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.
Bde A.D. Officer is Lieut A.D. WALLACE.

In the absence of AreaComd, 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 Tps.

5. PROTECTION.

(a) Personnel.
(i) Slit Trenches.
(a) These will be dug near all offices, billets and tents, in such a posn that personnel they are designed to protect can reach them within 30 secs.

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

Care will be taken to remove all subsoil from vicinity of trenches, in order to make them less conspicuous from the air. Trenches will be covered with camouflage material.

The trenches will be sited 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.

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(iii) Splinter and blast protection will be provided at :-
(a) Area Control Post
(b) Bde H.Q. Sig Office.

(b) Warning of air attack will be given by means of a syren situated at Bde H.Q. building.

(c) Types of Signals.

(i) Air raid RED - Wailing note on syren.

(ii) ALL CLEAR - Syren will sound a constant note for 1 minute, on authority of responsible offr.

(iii) GAS SPRAY - Will be a shouted warning "Gas Spray", repeated and passed on. NOTE: Every air attack will be regarded as a potential spray attack.

(iv) PARATROOPS - As for Air raid Red, with the shout "Parachutists".

6. A.A. POSTS.

A.A. posts will be manned by H.Q. Gd Pl as detailed. Additional posts, as required, will be furnished by personnel from Bde H.Q.

7. 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 OR will be detailed by A.D. Officer.

(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. Officer.

(f) In the event of fire in M.T., M.T. drivers will move vehicles not on fire, deal with the fire, and report outbreak immediately to A.D. Offr.

(g) Tpt 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.

8. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

(a) All windows of adm buildings, messes and billets will be effectively blackened and doorways screened.

(b) Lights in tents will be effectively screened.

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9. 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.

10. GAS DECONTAMINATION.

A gas cleansing and decontamination centre will be prepared by A.D. Offr. Site to be notified.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 11

Action to be taken on receipt of AIR RAID warning.

1. Preliminary Precaution.

In the event of AIR RAID YELLOW only being given, the alarm will not be given, but A.D. Staff informed.

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

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

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

(c) All posts will be manned.

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(d) On alarm being sounded, all personnel will put on steel helmets, respirators slung, 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.A. posts will be fully manned, Q.M. and Armourer Sgt will go to their respective stores.

(e) Fire parties will draw the 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 111

Action to be taken after an Air Raid.

1. The ALL CLEAR signal will be sounded on the order of the A.D. Offr., or in his absence, other responsible 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 1V.

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) 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.

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3. The objects of this practice will be :-

(a) To test the system of comms.

(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 as in Part 11.

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 EA.
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.
EA destroyed.
Other brief remarks(e.g. unusual events, new eqpt observed).

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Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

215. CANTEEN STORES LABELLED A.C.F.

It has been noted that a small number of tins containing fine cut tobacco and bearing the Australian Comforts Fund label, have been included with cartons of tobacco purchased by A.A.C.S.

Any tins purchased by units from A.A.C.S. which are marked with an A.C.F. label will be returned to A.A.C.S., and will NOT be sold.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 335)

216. WIRING PICKETS

Wiring pickets will NOT be used for purposes other than wiring, such as supporting overhead cover, etc.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 336)

217. BOUNDS

Units are reminded that the village of ALMA is "OUT OF BOUNDS" except for R,A.E. personnel billetted therein .

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 337)

218. CIVIL CEREMONIES - ATTENDANCE AT

Unit Commanders will issue instructions that NO officer may attend official civil ceremonies until he has taken the advice of thisH.Q. or has consulted the local Political Officer.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 339)

219. CULTIVATED AREAS

(a) With the approach of the harvest season units should exercise particular care in regard to the avoidance of damage to crops and olive trees.

(b) The question of controlling the owners of the land during the harvest is being considered, but units must expect an additional number of civilians in their vicinity and security measures will therefore be maintained at a high level.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 340.)

220. USE OF PRIMUS STOVES AND NAKED LIGHTS IN TENTS

The use of primus stoves or nakedlights in tents will cease forthwith

Any further losses due to fires caused by disobedience of this order will be charged against the C.O. or individual concerned.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 341)

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221. AIRGRAPHS ENVELOPES - RECOVERY OF

In the interests of economy all 'Airgraph' envelopes which are fit for re-use will be collected by Units and returned in bulk to the nearest A.P.O.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No342)

222. GUNS, MACHINE, BREN, .303 inch Mark I

It has been decided that Mark I Bren machine guns will no longer be fitted with straps, butt plate.

Units in possession of guns fitted with straps will remove the straps and return them, together with the stems, springs, nuts and screws, to 4 Base Ordnance Depot.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 346)

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223. SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR DRIVERS OF W.D. VEHICLES

Standing Orders fordrivers of mechanical vehicles lay down that unauthorised passengers will not be carred in or permitted to ride on or attempt to drive any W.D. vehicle.

Any driver of a W.D. vehicle who has grounds for suspecting the bona fides of a stranger who asks for a lift may and should request the stranger, whether officer, other rank or civilian, to show proof of his identity. All ranks will comply with such request.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 348)

224. ARMY POSTAL SERVICES - ALLIED FORCES SERVING IN EGYPT

The Egyptian Postal Administration has generously agreed to afford the same privilges of free postage on ordinary letters posted by members of the Allied Forces serving in Egypt as are now enjoyed by the Imperial Forces. The conditions governing this concession are repeated for information :

(a) The concession applies to letters posted to destinations within the British Empire or the interior of Egypt, but not to other countries.
(b) The limits of weight will be 2 ozs for all parts of the British Empire, and 30 grammes for Egyptian addresses.
(c) The covers of all letters should be marked "On Active Service"
(d) All letters must be posted in an Army Post Office.

To be repeated in all Unit Orders) (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No349

225. COURTS MARTIAL - WITNESSES FOR

Many cases have recently occurred of persons subject to Military Law being kept in arrest for an unreasonable length of time and their trial by Court Martial delayed, owing to witnesses having been posted away from or left, the Station.

In future, all Officers, Warrant Officers, NCOs and men whose evidence has been recorded in a Summary of Evidence will not on any account be posted away from or leave the station without reference to the authority whose duty it is to convene the Court Martial in the particular Instance.

Casualties amongst such witnesses through wounds or sickness will be reported to the convening authority and the fact of their being waiting witnesses at a Court Martial reported on the casualty report.

(This Order is to be repeated in all Unit Orders)
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 350.)

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FIELD CENSORSHIP

The next-of-kin of all casualties is notified as soon as possible after the casualty occurs. It is earnestly desired to shield relatives from the unnecessary suffering that might be caused through wrong information being sent by individuals albeit with the best intentions. Therefore private cables and telegrams reporting individual casualties are forbidden. Such telegrams, whether handed in by officers, other ranks, their wives, families, dependents, or private individuals, will be stopped by censorship No refund of transmission charges paid on such telegrams will be considered. Details in regard to casualties may be given in letters. When writing details may be given in letters despatched by ORDINARY mail only and will NOT be given in letters sent by AIR MAIL.

(To be repeated in all Unit Orders) (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 351)

227
BOOTS - RETURN TO ORDNANCE.

Middle East General Order 381 of 1940 is republished for strict compliance.

"Boots returned by units to R.S.Ds will be tied in pairs. To prevent pilfering, boots will , whenever possible, be despatched in cases, wood packing, or in sacks.

(To be repeatedin Unit Orders) (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 352.

228
TWO GALLON WELDED CONTAINERS (PETROL AND WATER)

(a) A new pattern 2 gallon container of welded construction will shortly be put into use for carrying water and petrol reserves on vehicles.

(b) Water containers are painted black externally and are lined internally with paraffin wax. They have a "W" recessed and painted white on each side to distinguish them from petrol containers, which are painted black externally but have no internal lining.

(c) Water will not be put into petrol containers nor petrol in water containers.

(d) Petrol containers will be kept filledin order to minimise rusting of the unlined interior, and the bungs will always be replacedimmediately after use.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No353)

229
CARTONS, ANTI- GAS STORES

Attention is drawn to the necessity for careful handling of cartons for anti-gas stores. These cartons can be utilised several times, therefore all serviceable surplus cartons will be returned to the nearest Ordnance Depot or Railhead Ordnance Officer.

(To berepeated in all Unit Orders) (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 355)

230
CONSERVATION OF FLYSOL

Owing to the present situation in the Far East the future provision of Flysol is precarious.

In order to effect the strictest economy the following action will be taken forthwith :

(a) Issues of flysol will be cut down from 75 gallons per 1000 men per month to 60 gallons per 1000 men per month.

(b) Units will treat their issue of Flysol as a "controlled store", and will issue it only to specific persons such as sanitary or medical orderlies. Those so detailed will be responsible for flitting the whole of the units tents, huts, or billets, cookhouses and latrines, one or more times per day as the Unit M.O. or the M.O. in charge thinks fit.

Flit guns will not be issued other than to the personnel mentioned above, and Commanding Officers will ensure that this personnel is kept to a minimum consistent with local conditions.

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231
LIQUOR- OFFERING DRINKS TO NATIVES.

Disturbances have been caused through the practice of offering drinks to natives.

This practice will cease forthwith.

In future, disciplimary action will be taken against offenders in this regard.

(To be repeated in all Unit Orders) (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 359)

232
LIQUOR - LEAVE PARTIES

Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div R.O. No 135 dated 28 Feb 42, which is repeated.

1. No beer or other liquor will be carried, by personnel proceeding on or returning from leave and no purchase of liquor will be made en route.

2. Picquet Officers and Officers in charge of leave parties will be responsible that this instruction is carried out.

(TO BE REPEATED IN ALL UNIT ORDERS) (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 360)

233
ECONOMY OF WATER

During the summer the water consumption will increase in TRIPOLI Area and the supply is likely to decrease. Units are requested. therefore, to see that no waste of water takes place at water points. Fire hydrants in barracks must not be used except in caseof fire.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 361)

234
VEHICLE MARKINGS

(a) It has been noticed in many instances that unit vehicle markings have been obliterated when vehicles have been camouflaged.

(b) All units will ensure that these vehicles markings are immediately repainted on vehicles in accordance with 9 Aust Div Adm Instn No 67.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 363)

235
GRENADES

Units will submit the following return by 1200 hrs 21 May 42.

(a) Number by types of all grenades held.

(b) Number of the above for which no primary or detonator assemblies are held.

A physical check of stocks will be made before submitting returns.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 365)

236
COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned offrs will assemble at 2/32 Bn at 0900 hrs 22 MAY and thereafter at such times as the President may direct to investigate and report on losses of equipment on charge to the following members of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

VX 10083	Pte	IRVINE G.J.
WX 12756	"	RICHARDS W.E.
QX 7395	"	CASEY L.E.
WX 2141	"	ROME W.
VX 10093	"	DEAS N.A.
NX 9333	"	BESTON W.B.
WX 2034	"	OBORNE J.W.
VX 4764	"	FARRELL C.V.
VX 30722	"	KAIN F.G.

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The report of the Court will include

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

(b) Schedule showing :-

Items lost

Unit or individual on whose charge they were

Value of items lost.

(c) Opinion as to whether the C.O. is relieved of his personal liability.

(d) When a C.O. is relieved of liability , opinion as to which of the conditions (a),(b), or (c) in AFR & 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 30 May '42.

President

Maj J.G.BRENNAN 2/28 Bn

Members

Lieut P.L.FERRIER 2/43 Bn
Lieut R.R.McKEE 2/43 Bn.

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution
List "A"

NOTICES

RECOVERED SMALL ARMS

The following Rifle has been recovered :-

Knox Form No 37323
Bayonet Boss No 37323
Bolt No 37323

ACCIDENT - ALMA ROAD - 22 APR 42

On 22 Apr 42 at about 1030 hrs a Sgt, riding a motor cycle along the ALMA Road was involved in an accident with a W.D. Truck. Following this Sgt was a D.R. on another Motor Cycle who must have witnesses the accident.

Will all Units endeavour to obtain the name of this D.R.referred to above.

LOST

- A Brown leather wallet at Empire Cinema on the night 15 May 42. Finder please return to HQ 9 Aust Div.

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WELFARE

Units who are in possession of Welfare amenities issued by NINTH ARMY must return same on leaving the area, the address for such returned amenities being Welfare Stores c/o Spear's Mission, BEIRUT.

POSTAL

A parcel has been received by a member of 2/8 Aust Fd Amb which was broken in transit and contains articles which are apparently from another parcel.

These articles were birthday presents inscribed "from Melva" and "from your small son Peter".

Should these articles be intended for any member of this formation, he may collect them from 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

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COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 39. IN THE FIELD 17 MAY 42

215. POSTAL - DISCLOSURE OF LOCATION OF UNITS BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(a) A widespread disregard of Field Censorship Regulations and the ordinary dictates of security is existent. Units, messes and officers, particularly of Base Installations, constantly offend by disclosing to tradesmen, banks and the like, the name and location of their particular unit.

(b) To give personnel sufficient time to notify their correct Military Address to correspondents and also to warn correspondents against using incorrect forms of address, a period of grace will be granted.

(c) All correspondence addressed to Military Formations, Units or Personnel, disclosing location, will be returned to the sender as undeliverable.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 318).

216. SECURITY - ARMY DRIVING LICENCES.

Names of Units will be deleted forthwith from ALL Army Driving Licences (AAF G 11) and will NOT in future be entered therein. (AIF (ME) RO 1084 of 9 May 42).

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 319.)

217. SECURITY - DESTRUCTION OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

(a) Subject to any necessary cutting for collation purposes, all Intelligence Summaries, whether issued by this HQ or by higher Formations, will be burnt within ten days of receipt.

(b) During active operations all Intelligence Summaries will be burnt within 48 hrs of receipt.

(c) Formations and Units will review their files immediately and will ensure that destruction, in accordance with this order, is completed without delay.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 320)

218. SECURITY.

(a) All ranks will carry paybooks or identity cards at all times for identification purposes.

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(b) All sentries will be instructed that they will examine the paybook or identity card of every individual approaching their posts, by day or by night, if the identity of that individual is not personally known to them. This order will be carried out irrespective of rank or of the uniform(AIF, British, Dominion or Allied) that the individual may be wearing.

(c) If an individual fails to produce a paybook or identity card, the sentry will on no account permit him to enter military premises or areas without first securing the authority of an officer personally known to him.

(d) Sentries will be instructed to scrutinise carefully all passes carried by civilians and will be warned that permits to carry onbusiness as bootblacks etc., will NOT be considered as authority to enter Military premises or areas.

(This order will be repeated in all Unit Orders)
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 321)

219. BEER RATION.

Further to HQ 9 Aust Div Q16/1/104 dated 23 Feb 42, if units do not draw the full beer ration during any one month, they will not be entitled to the amount underdrawn during any succeeding month.

220. ALLOTMENT OF PAY - ACTING RANK AND ACTING TRADE CLASSIFICATION.

(a) AIF Order No. 1089 is republished.

(b) Approval is given for soldiers granted acting rank and acting trade classification to increase their allotments if they so desire.

(c) Before such allotment is increased, the soldier will be warned that any overpayment caused by the continuance of such increased allotment, after his reversion to substantive rank or relinquishment of trade classification, will be liquidated by restricting his drawing rate.

(d) It is therefore encumbent on the soldier to reduce his allotment immediately he reverts to substantive rank or relinquishes his trade classification.

(e) AIF(ME) Order No. 148 of 25th December 1940 is amended by deleting para 6, and AIF(ME)Order No. 948 of 19th January 1942 is amended by deleting para 1(c).

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No.331).

221. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CASUALTIES.

AIF (ME) Order No. 1090 is republished.

(a) The effective date of casualties will be determined as follows :-

PROMOTIONS, REVERSIONS Etc. The effective date is that date mentioned in Unit Part 11 Orders, and any variation of pay will operated on and from that date, e.g. :-

A Pte promoted to Cpl on 1 May 42 will be paid as a Cpl on and from that date. A Cpl reverted to the ranks on 1 May 42, will be eligible for pay as a Cpl on 30 Apr 42 and as a Pte on and from 1 May 42.

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TRADE GROUPINGS. A specialist (Pte) who is promoted will relinquish his trade grouping on the date prior to that on which he is promoted, e.g. :

A specialist promoted to Cpl on 1 May 42 will be eligible for pay as a specialist up to and including 30 Apr 42 and his pay as a Cpl will commence on 1 May 42. He will be shown in Part 11 Orders as :-

Relinquished Trade Group, Grade(---) 30-4-42.
Promoted Cpl 1-5-42.

(b) AIF(ME) Order No. 110 of 22 Nov 1940 is cancelled.
(Ref 9 Aust DivR.O. No. 332)

222. M.T. SPARES - WHEELS.

AIF (ME) Order No. 1096 is republished.

1. When demands for wheels are submitted to base installations, the following information should be included in demands for indents :-

(a) Where Part No. is known :-

(i) Tyre Size
(ii) Make and type of veh.
(iii) Part No.

(b) Where Part No. is unknown :-

(i) Make and type of veh
(ii) Wheel section and diameter
(iii) Number and size of stud holes
(iv) Pitch circle diameter
(v) Any other available information.

2. The foregoing details are required to ensure issue of the correct size and type of wheel.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 333)

223. VISITS TO SOUTHERN PALESTINE.

Under no conditions will any visits be made to Southern PALESTINE by any officers or personnel, without authority from this HQ as it is now AIF HQ Area.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 334)

224. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/32 Bn at 0900 hrs 22 May 42, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may direct, to investigate and report on the loss of Smith & Wesson .45 Revolver No. 134800 and personal equipment on charge to QX4696 Sgt ANDERSON G.S., 2/32 Aust InfBn.

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The report of the Court will include :-

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

(b) Schedule showing -

Items lost
Unit or individual on whose charge they were
Value of items lost.

(c) Opinion as to whether the C.O. is relieved of his personal liability.

(d) When a C.O. is relieved of liability, opinion as to which of the conditions (a), (b) or (c) in AMR & 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 fwded to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 27 May 42.

President

Major J.G.BRENNAN 2/28 Bn

Members

Lieut P.L.FERRIER 2/43 Bn
Lieut R.R.McKEE 2/43 Bn

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

FREE POSTAGE - CIVIL ADDRESSES, PALESTINE.

The P.M.G. PALESTINE, has given approval for the extension to the AIF(ME) of the same concessions as apply to theBritish Army in respect to postage to civilian addresses in PALESTINE.

This provides for free postage on articles up to two ounces.

All such articles should be endorsed at the top of the envelope with the words "On Active Service".

(Ref 9 Aust Div ROs 317-334)

COMFORTS ISSUE.

An A.C.F. issue of -

1 pkt of razor blades
1 cake toilet soap
1 face washer

will be made to all ranks on Monday andTuesday 18 and 19 May between the hrs of 0900 and 1700.

These comforts must be collected on one of these days.

No issue will be made unless a certified strength statement is produced.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.Os 317-334)

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LOSS OF EQUIPMENT.

A pack, containing the following articles :-

1 shirt, 1 singlet, woollen 1 underpants long, 2 athletic singlets, 2 prs underpants short, 2 prs stockings, 2 prs shorts, 1 pr trousers KD, shaving and toilet articles, 1 field dressing, 1 pr braces. was lost on 23 Mar 42 between BEIRUT and LEGOULT Barracks.

Certain of the above articles are marked with the name and number SX4608 Gnr ATKINSON.

Finder please return to 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

(Ref 9 Aust Div ROs 317-334)

PAYBOOK - FOUND IN 2/43 AUST INF BN AREA.

A paybook belonging to QX8307 Pte MITCHELL M.R. is held at this HQ awaiting collection by the unit concerned.

(Ref 9 Aust Div ROs 317-334)

LOST.

Wristlet watch, "ELCO", the property of QX9307 L/Sgt CLARK A.S. in the vicinity of LEGOULT Barracks.

Finder please return to 2/7 Aust Fd Coy, R.A.E.

(Ref 9 Aust Div ROs 317-334)

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214. COURT OF INQUIRY.

The Court of Inquiry convened in 24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 213 of 13 May 42 will also investigate and report on Loss of Tools from Vehicle No. L12251 on charge to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

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212. INDENTS -- ORDNANCE.

1. Cases have occurred recently of units taking indents for stores and MT parts direct to ADOS and Ord Fd Pk.

2. Considerable delay has been caused in supplying the required stores due to the indents being returned to this H.Q. for confirmation.

3. The above practice will cease, and in future all indents will be fwded through this H.Q.

213. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned offrs will assemble at 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 0930 hrs Friday 15 May 42, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine, to investigate and report on the Loss of Tools from Vehicle No.L12251 on 3 May 42.

The report of the Court will include :-

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

(b) Schedule showing :-

Items lost
Unit or individual on whose charge they were
Value of items lost

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

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

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All evidence will be taken on oath, and completed proceedings will be forwarded to H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 19 May 42.

President

Capt H. HUITFELDT 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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Lieut N.K.OBORNE 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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194. PUNCTUALITY - RETURNS.

In many cases recently, returns from units have arrived at this H.Q. too late to enable them to be checked and consolidated so that they may be fwded to reach 9 Aust Div by the time specified.

Units will ensure that returns are fwded by ELS to reach this H.Q. by the times laid down.

195. ZGHORTA TOWN PICQUET.

Ref 24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 61 para 9 of 2 Mar 42, units will supply picquets at Western end of Town as follows :-

2/32 Bn	11 May	-	17 May
2/43 Bn	18 May	-	24 May
2/28 Bn	25 May	-	31 May

Several disturbances in ZGHORTA have been attributed to troops of this Bde. Units will therefore advise Picquet Comds that a stricter supervision of the Town must be made to ensure that troops do not stop in ZGHORTA.

196. ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES.

Attention of units is directed to 24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 142 of 13 Apr 42 with reference to the above.

197. M.T. SPEEDING.

24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 108 of 23 Mar 42 is repeated for attention by units :-

"(a) Many cases of excessive speeding by WD vehs have been noticed.

(b) Severe disciplinary action will be taken in future against offenders."

Comd Offrs will ensure that drivers are instructed that they must not exceed the speed limits laid down in Appx 'A' to 9 Aust Div R.O. 202 of 21 Mar 42.

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198. REMOVAL OF CUT STONE.

(a) Stone will NOT be removed from any quarry without the approval of C.R.E. 9 Aust Div.

(b) Under no circumstances will cut stone be removed from any building wall or stack.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 295)

199. BROTHEL - CHEKKA.

(a) The brothel at CHEKKA is for the use of BASUTO Troops only.

(b) Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any other troops visiting the brothel.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 296)

200. DRESS - LEAVE.

(a) Troops are still arriving in TRIPOLI on leave untidily and improperly dressed.

(b) C.O's will ensure that troops are correctly dressed before they proceed on leave.
(Ref 9 AustDiv R.O. No. 297)

201. FISHING PARTIES.

(a) A party of approximately 50 Australian troops recently borrowed boats from the R.N. and went fishing in dangerous areas outside the harbour.

(b) In order to prevent a recurrence of this breach of Port Regulations, in future this H.Q. is to be advised of the name of the O.C. and the size of the party and its time of arrival at the harbour.
(Ref 9 Aust DivR.O. No. 298)

202. PERSONNEL ENTERING THE TOWN OF TRIPOLI.

(a) Under no conditions will personnel enter the town of TRIPOLI on foot or on vehicles unless wearing shirts.

(b) Disciplinary action will be initiated by anyone apprehending personnel committing a breach of this order.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 299)

203. DISCIPLINE - SALUTING OF ALLIED OFFICERS.

When two or more officers meet an Allied officer or officers, all officers will either salute or acknowledge the salute of the Allied officers, as the case may be.

The rank of British or Allied officers is immaterial.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 300)

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204. WORLD PRESS REVIEW.

(a) The attention of all units is drawn to the announcement of the beginning of a new series for the above publication, commencing May 3rd.

(b) World Press Review, as from the above date, will be on sale to all ranks of the Fighting Services ONLY at the price of P.T. 2 per copy.

(c) To those who are not familiar with it, this publication seeks to give week by week the best selection of articles of interest that have appeared in the World's Press. It is produced by GHQ, MEF, and the material is drawn from the best and most informative matter relating to present world affairs.

(d) Subscriptions are invited. The only way to procure a copy is to place an order. Individual subscriptions may be taken out at the rates specified below or Units may place orders in bulk which will be invoiced monthly at the price given above, less 10 per cent discount.

(e) Subscription rates are as under. These cancel all previous announcements. They are quoted in sterling, which may be obtained in the form of postal orders at all Field Post Offices, and in the local currencies of all countries coming within the Middle East Command.

	Sterling	Palestine
3 months	5/-	Mils 250.
6 months	10/-	" 500.
12 months	20/-	L.P. 1.

(f) All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the "Editor", World Press Review".

To be repeated in Unit orders.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 301)

205. CASH PAYMENTS TO SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.

(a) In consequence of the introduction of war pay under A.O. 161 of 1941, the maximum cash payments issuable to military patients have been revised, and in future, such payments will not exceed the following weekly amounts :-

Warrant Officers	13/6
Staff Sergeants & Sergeants	10/6
Corporals & Bombardiers	8/6
Privates or equivalent ranks	8/6
Boys	2/-

(b) In the case of a patient of the rank of private or equivalent rank who is subject to hospital charges owing to sickness due to his own fault, or certified to have been caused by an offence under the Army Act, the cash payment issuable will not exceed a maximum of 5/6 per week.

(c) It must be understood that the amounts shown above are the maximum weekly cash payments issuable to military patients in hospital.

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(d) Cash payments to all soldiers are governed by the net rate of pay shown in their A.Bs. 64(Part 11) and cash payments in hospital must be based on such net rate of pay subject to the maximum quoted above.

(e) Where the patient's A.B. 64(Part 11) indicates that the individual is in debt, weekly cash payments while in hospital must be limited to the appropriate restricted rate laid down in Army Order 66 of 1941.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 302)

206. SHORTAGE OF TIMBER - MIDDLE EAST.

(a) Owing to a world shortage it is necessary to ensure extreme economy in wood and the use of wooden articles in the Middle East.

(b) Great care will be taken to conserve wooden articles in general use, such as tables, trestles, forms, tent poles, tent pegs, etc.; they will be repaired when damaged and retained in use until completely worn out. Wooden packing cases are of equal economic value and will on no account be destroyed or used as firewood.

(c) This shortage of wood can only be made good by units obeying this order in the right spirit and co-operating in economy of this important commodity.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 303)

207. LOOT AND TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

9 Aust Div Routine Order No. 298 is republished.

"GHQ (ME) General Order No. 614 is repeated :-

'It has been definitely established that members of H.M. Forces have been selling captured arms and ammunition.

From this, it is clear that the existing orders on this subject are not being obeyed. All ranks are reminded that it is forbidden to retain in their possession any public enemy property found on the battlefield. Anyone who disposes of captured arms to other persons is directly assisting the enemy, since such arms find their way to those who work for the enemy. Such action is an offence punishable by a sentence of two years' imprisonment.

Any captured war material in the possession of army personnel will be surrendered immediately.

This order will be repeated in all unit orders and brought to the notice of all ranks.' "
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 305)

208. SIGNAL TIME.

Throughout the Middle East all the Services will use the Greenwich time signal for synchronisation. This is radiated by the B.B.C. Empire Service at frequent intervals during the day. The exact time is recorded by the last "pip". The necessary corrections will be made in local time.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 307)

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209. OPENING OF 4-GALLON TINS LIGHT - POL.

(a) It is noticed that many 4-gallon tins, light, are being opened with beer tin-openers. Tins opened by this method are rendered completely useless for refilling and it is impossible to recondition them.

(b) The correct way to open 4-gallon tins, light, is to pierce a hole in the top 3/4 inch away from the edge leaving the cap untouched. The special opening tool should always be used for this purpose.

(c) Disciplinary action will be taken against those who render tins unserviceable through improper opening.

To be repeated in Unit orders.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 314)

210. ANKLETS - WEB.

24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No. 186 of 2 May 42 is cancelled, pending the completion of issue of short puttees to all ranks.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 315)

211. LOCAL PURCHASE OF POTATOES.

Reference 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 261.

This order applies to all units and messes and potatoes will not be purchased locally by units or messes until further notice.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 316)

F. Sangster Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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PENTECOST SERVICE

A Pentecost Service will be held at TRIPOLI Synagogue at 0930 hrs on 22 May 42.

All Jewish personnel may attend.

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192. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at 0930 hrs on Thursday 14 May 42 for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on :-

(1) The cause of death of -

HALEF ALI MISUD and

(2) Injuries to -

DUBBINI ALI HDIEGE

on 3 Apr 42 near EL YAOUDIYEH.

(3) If the answer to (1) is the explosion of a Mortar Bomb, then

(a) the circumstances in which the bomb became accessible to civilians
(b) the cause of the explosion
(c) whb, if anyone, was responsible for keeping the area clear of civilians,
(d) who, if anyone, was responsible for the collection and rendering harmless of any unexploded bomb left in the firing area
(e) who, if anyone, was responsible for indicating that an unexploded bomb remained in the firing area
(f) if the answer to (c),(d) or (e) is that no person was responsible for the duties set out in these sub-paragraphs then whose function was it to ensure that some person was made responsible for the said duties or for any of them.
(g) whether the persons mentioned in the answers to (c) (d) or (e) had carried out their duties effectively and with all reasonable care.
(h) The measures, if any, taken to ensure that no unexploded bomb remained in the firing area and whether such measures were adequate
(g) Whether the persons mentioned in the answers to (f) had taken any action, and if so what action, to ensure that some person wasmmade responsible for the duties set out in sub-paras (c), (d) and (e) and to supervise the carrying out of such duties.

(4) Attention is drawn to A.M.R.O. 663 and 697.

(5) All evidence will be taken on Oath and the Court's finding and proceedings will be forwarded to this HQ not later than 20 May 42.

(6) PRESIDENT - Maj M.A.Buntine - 2/28 Bn

MEMBERS - Capt. P.R.Jacoby - 2/32 Bn
Capt. W.G.Stargatt 2/32 Bn

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COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/32 Bn at 0930 hrs 9 May 42 and thereafter as such times and places as the President may direct, to investigate and report on the following :-

(1) Loss of Rifle No. 95806 on charge to NX 11719, Pte BUCHAN, A.S. - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

(2) Loss of Rifle No. B12290, and equipment on charge to SX 2363 Pte FIELDS, L.H.A.J. - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The reports of the Court will include :-

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

(b) Schedule showing -

Items lost
Unit or individual on whose charge they were
Value of items lost.

(c) Opinion as to whether the C.O. is relieved of his personal liability.

(d) When a C.O. is relsived of liability, opinion as to which of the conditions (a),(b) or (c) in AMR & 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 HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 20 May 1942.

PRESIDENT

Maj. J.C. Brennan - 2/32 Bn

MEMBERS

Capt. B.J.Hemmings - 2/43 Bn
Lieut. A.E.Willis - 2/32 Bn.

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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179. WEARING OF PISTOLS.

9 Aust Div R.O. No. 268 of 25 Apr 42 does not supersede 9 Aust Div Security Instruction No. 6 of 30 Jan 42, the provisions of which are still in force.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 275)

180. VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES.

(a) Vehicle number plates must be kept clean.

(b) Vehicles have recently been noticed with oil or grease on the number plates, thereby collecting dust and obscuring the number.

(c) It is the responsibility of every driver to see that his vehicle number plate is kept clean.

(d) Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases of breaches of this order.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 276)

181. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Para 2 of 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 255 of 21 Apr 42 is cancelled.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 277)

182. USE OF TRANSPORT WORK TICKETS -- AF G.3518.

1. The following instructions regarding the use of AF G.3518 will be brought into use forthwith :-

(a) The authority for issuing AF G.3518 will be the O.C. Unit (or his representative) holding the vehicle on charge.

(b) AF G.3518 will be issued for each vehicle and motor cycle operated until the form is completed, or for a period of seven days (whichever is the earlier). The detail at the head of the form will be completed on issue - the space provided for the date to be inserted will show the date of issue of the form, and the space for the hour of parade will be left blank. Column 10 (to show the speedometer reading at time of issue) and column 12 (amount of petrol to be written in words) will also be completed at the same time.

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(c) (i) The unit providing the vehicle for duty will complete columns 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 in accordance with the detail to be carried out. Column 2 must give full details of load and service for each separate journey. General descriptions such as "Company Duties", "Camp Details", "Staff Car Duties", etc., will NOT be used.

(ii) In all cases where the unit supplying the vehicle is not in possession of sufficient data to complete the columns detailed in (c) (i) above, columns 1 (to show date, time and for whom journey is required) 2 (as far as possible) and 6 only will be completed. The individual or establishment accepting the vehicle for duty will complete the outstanding columns before the vehicle commences the detail, and for each subsequent journey which the vehicle in question may be required to carry out.

(d) Transport work tickets will be used for all vehicles utilised for training purposes. The details required under columns 3 to 8 will be completed as far as it is feasible to do so.

(e) A summary of all petrol issued for the period the form is in operation will be recorded on the reverse of the AF G3518 in the space provided at columns 19 or 20, whichever is convenient. This must also appear in AB 412 in the appropriate record.

(f) Columns 7, 8 and 9 will be completed by the driver at the end of each detail, and the remaining columns will be completed before the AF G3518 is handed in prior to the issue of a new form, i.e., at the end of seven days or until the form is completed, vide (b) above.

(g) Vehicles carrying out details on repayment will have the word REPAYMENT endorsed in red ink on the AF G3518.

2. The above will be strictly complied with except in forward areas, and disciplinary action is to be taken against anyone reported for an infringement of this order.

3. Army Headquarters will lay down in orders those areas, where, for operational reasons, Transport Work Tickets will not be used.

To be repeated in Unit Orders.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 278)

183. <u>WASTAGE RETURNS OF WARLIKE STORES.</u>

1. As from 1 Apr 42, Units will report wastage twice a month instead of monthly.

2. Reports will be made as follows :-

(a) For the period 1st-15th of each month, the wastage of all items shown on M.E. 45 will be reported by units to Brigade, Divisional or Area H.Q., for consolidation and transmission to Commands. Statements will be forwarded to D.O.S.,G.H.Q., by Commands, not later than the last day of each month.

(b) For the period 16th to the end of each month, the wastage will be reported by Units on M.E. 45A. The heading of the last column of the return will be amended accordingly. This wastage will then be consolidated in the normal way by Divisions, Brigades and Areas, and included in their consolidated return, which is to reach G.H.Q., by 14th of the following month.

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3. Wastage to be reported is defined as :-

(a) Destroyed by enemy action or by other means.

(b) Abandoned or captured.

(c) Rendered unserviceable or beyond local repair.

4. Returns to reach Bde H.Q. by 1200 hrs on 15th and last days of each month.

5. Nil returns are required.

To be repeated in unit orders.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 279).

184. GUNS, MACHINE, BREN.

All units in possession of Guns, Machine, Bren .303 inch, Mk 1 and Mountings, Tripod, Bren, .303 inch Mk 1, will return the following items to the Base Ordnance Depot by which they are served, through the D.A.D.O.S. of the Formation or Area concerned.

(a) Guns, Machine, Bren, .303 inch, Mk.1 - Handles, Butt.

(b) Mountings, Tripod, Bren, .303 inch, Mk.1 - Clips, Butt Handle.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 281).

185. MATCHES - PROHIBITION OF TRANSMISSION BY POST.

In view of the serious risk of damage to mails, matches of all kinds, including safety matches, will on no account be sent by post to any address, whether inland or abroad, however carefully packed. Matches come within the category of dangerous or explosive substances, and any person who sends or attempts to send matches through the post is liable to prosecution.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 282)

186. ANKLETS, WEB.

Anklets, web will remain on issue to all ranks, but will NOT be worn, except with S.D. uniform.

Particular attention will be paid to anklets, web at kit inspections to ensure that they are not mislaid, and are in serviceable condition.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 285)

187. FIRST LINE AMN BOXES.

It has been noted that some units have opened boxes of first line amn for the purpose of practicing loading mules and for other training reasons. This practice will cease.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 286)

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188. CHECKING OF WATER AND ELECTRIC LIGHT METERS.

(a) Units occupying billets or accommodation where water or electric light meters are installed, will give facilities to water and electric light Companies' representatives to check meters.

(b) The Companies' representatives must produce Identity Cards and should be accompanied while within the unit area.

(c) A unit representative should also note the meter readings to ensure an accurate check of accounts.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 287)

189. VEHICLE LOG BOOKS AND MEMOS OF EXAMINATION OF ARTY EQUIPMENT.

1. All vehs and Arty pieces sent to Wkshops for repair or modification will be accompanied by their Veh Log Books or Memos of Examination as the case may be, in order that these may be kept up to date.

2. Units should notify their deficiencies of Veh Log Books to DADOS (E) 9 Aust Div who will issue these as supplies can be obtained. In the meantime, a rough proforma should be kept for every vehicle without a Log Book.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 288).

190. TYRES - RETURN OF FOR RETREADING.

1. Vehicle tyres will be returned to Ordnance for retreading as soon as the first signs of the light coloured rubber breaker strip appears through the dark outer rubber.

2. Tyres should be frequently inspected and tyre pressures checked daily. On no account will vehs be run with tyres worn down to the canvas, as any cut or damage to the canvas renders the tyre unfit for retreading.
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 289)

191. CAM PAINT.

Cam paint is now available and may be drawn by units from 9 Aust Div Cam Unit on production of demands signed by CO's and Os.C. of units.

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE.

LOST.

1 Swan Fountain Pen, Black; black filling lever.
Finder please return to Orderly Room.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Acknowledgement is made of the following from ACF :-

376 ozs Tobacco
188 pkts Papers

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 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	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants...	3 4	—	1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	10 11	—	1 —

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessarry (*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	Worthley H.G.	A.I.F.	2/5/42	Returned Unit from 2/11 Bn & Lieut 1st Lieut

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier		Godfrey A.H.R.	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
Capt	T/Maj	Jackson O.R.	"	"	B.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.L.	"	NO	B.M.L. Attending A.I.F.(M.E.) Jun. Staff School
Capt		Lawson J.H.	"	Yes	B.M.L.
Lieut	T/Capt	Langston R.W.	"	"	S.C.
Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.J.	"	"	I.O.
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	"	"	I.O.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	"	"	I.O.
Lieut		Count J.L.	"	"	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallahan J.K.	"	"	T.O.
Lieut		Worthley M.G.	"	"	S.C.L.

(iii) Officers Attached from Other Corps

Capt		Westley N.V.	A.A.S.C.		B.A.S.C.O.
Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	A.I.F.H.Q.		O.C. No. 2 Pl. A Coy
Lieut		Downey R.K.	2/32 Bn		A.I.F.H.Q. After Duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachement.
Chaplain		Gare T.	A.A.Ch.D.		Chap. 2/43 Bn
"		Mac Donald E.J.A.	"		" 2/28 Bn
"		Boskin J.E.D.A.	"		" 2/32 Bn

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-2 MAY 1942 (Date of Despatch.)

OC Jamieson Major. (Signature of Commander.)

B. M. 24 Aust. Inf. Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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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	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	3	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	45.		
TOTALS	55	* 1	* —

* 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 C/Sgt	AASC	3 Ptes	AACD
2 Ptes	"	3 Ptes	2/28 Bn
		3 Ptes	2/32 Bn
1 Cpl	Corps Intell	1 Sgt	
1 R/Cpl	"	1 Cpl	9 Aust Div Postal Unit
1 WO I	AAOC	1 Pte	
1 Sgt	"	1 Sgt	
4 Ptes	"	3 Cpls	HQ 2 Pl A Coy
1 Pte	2/3 Fd Amb Att for Duty	41 Ptes	HQ Fd Bn.
1 Pte	9 Aust Div " " "		

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																				
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 ...						1			1											
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						1			1											

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
Unit.

-2 MAY 1942
Date of Despatch

DR Jackson Major
B. M. 24 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander.

for Brig
A.D.C.
9 Aust Div.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessarry (*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.
Capt	Allen J.L	AIF	6/5/42	From AIF (ME) Junior Staff School.
Maj	Jackson D.R	"	7/5/42	From 2/3 CCS

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	Jackson D.R	AIF	11/5/42	To 2/11 Fd Amb.

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 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier		Godfrey RAH	AIF	Yes	Comd
Capt	T/Maj	Jackson D.R.	✓	✓	B.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.L.	✓	✓	B.M.(L)
Capt		Lawrence J.H.	✓	-	B.M.(L)
Lieut	T/Capt	Langston R.W.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.J.	✓	-	L.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Wallace A.D.	✓	-	L.O.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	-	L.O.
Lieut		Court J.E.	✓	-	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax J.R.	✓	✓	T.O.
Lieut		Worthley M.G.	✓	✓	S.C.(L)

(iii) Officers Attached from Other Corps

Capt		Weekly N.V.	AASC		BASCO
Lieut		Burton E.V.	2/32 Bn		Attd for Duty
Lieut		Downey R.K.	2/32 Bn		- - -
Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	HQ 24 Bde		O.C. No 2 Pl Aslay HQ 24 Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachement.
Chaplain		Gaudron T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Swan C.M.	✓		- 2/28 Bn
✓		Bashin J.E.D'A	✓		- 2/32 Bn

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
(Unit.)

9 MAY 1942
(Date of Despatch.)

Stewart Lt Col for Brig
(Signature of Commander.)

9 Aust Div.
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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	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	3	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	48	3	
TOTALS	58	* 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.
2 Ptes 1 Cpl	AASC Corps Intell	2 Ptes	2/32 Bn
1 L/Cpl 1 WO I	" AAOC	1 Sgt	
1 Sgt	"	1 Cpl	9 Aust Div Rear Hd Qrs
4 Ptes	"	1 Pte	
1 Pte	2/3 Fd Amb Attfor duty	1 Sgt	
3 Ptes	AACD	3 Cpls	HQ 2 Pl A Coy
1 Pte	2/28 Bn Attfor duty	40 Ptes	HQ 2/2 Bn

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																				
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 ...						1			3	4										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						1			3	4										

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

.....Unit.

- 9 MAY 1942

Date of Despatch.....

.....

Signature of Commander.

.....

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 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	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants...	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	11	-	-

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessarry (*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).

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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 Alt	AIF	Yes	Comd
Capt	T/Maj	Jackson D R	"	"	B.M
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.L.	"	"	BML
Capt		Lowen J.H.	"	"	BML
Lieut	T/Capt	Langston R.W.	"	"	S.C.
Lieut		Worthley M.G.	"	"	S.C.L
Lieut	T/Capt	Sellebrand T.J.	"	"	L.O.
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	"	"	L.O.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	"	"	L.O.
Lieut		Court J.E.	"	"	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax J.R.	"	"	T.O.
		(iii) Officers Attached from Other Corps.			
Capt		Weekly N.V.	AASC		BASCO
Lieut		Burton E.V.	2/32 Bn		Att for duty
Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	HQ 24 Bn		O.C. No 2 Pl A Coy HQ 24 Bn
Lieut		Downey R.K	2/32 Bn		Att for duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachement.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
"		Swan C.M.	"		" 2/28 Bn
"		Bastin J.E.D'A	"		" 2/32 Bn

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
(Unit.)

16 MAY 1942
(Date of Despatch.)

Brig
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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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	3	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	49	4	
TOTALS	59	* 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 R/Sgt	AASC	1 Pte	2/28 Bn Att for duty
2 Ptes	✓	2 Ptes	2/32 Bn " " "
1 Cpl	Corps Initill	1 Sgt	9 Aust Div Postal Unit
1 R/Cpl	✓ ✓	1 Cpl	
1 WOI	AAOC	1 Pte	
1 Sgt	✓	1 Sgt	2 & 2 Pl A Coy
4 Ptes	✓	3 Cpls	
1 Cpl	2/3 Fd Amb Att for duty	36 Ptes	HQ Fd Bn.
3 Ptes	AACLD		

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																				
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 ...						1			4	5										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						1			4	5										

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
Unit.

16 MAY 1942
Date of Despatch

Brig.
Signature of Commander.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessarry (*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.
T/Maj	Jackson D.R.	AIF	19/5/42	Sick evac 2/11 Fd. Amb.
T/Capt	Allen A.L.	"	22/5/42	Attached to 2/25 Bn. Returned
T/Capt	Gelibrand H.T.	"	23/5/42	Reinvested Attached to Allied Liaison Forces

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 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier		Godfrey A.H.	AIF	Yes	Comd
Capt	T/Maj	Jackson D.R.	✓	No	B.M. (Sick, 2/11 Fd Amb.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.L.	✓	No	BML. detached to 2/26 Bn resumes Regimental Duties
Capt		Lamen F.A.	✓	Yes	BML
Lieut	T/Capt	Langston R.W.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut		Worthley M.G.	✓	✓	S.C.L.
Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.I.	✓	No	L.O. Detached
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	✓	Yes	L.O.
Lieut		Cook J.T.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Court J.B.	✓	✓	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallijax J.L.	✓	✓	T.O.
		(ii) Officers attached from Other Corps.			
Capt		Weekley N.V.	AASC	yes	BASCO.
Lieut		Brutant E.V.	2/32 Bn	yes	Att for Duty.
Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	H.Q. 9a Bn	yes	OC 2Pl. A Coy.
Lieut		Downey R.K.	2/32 Bn	yes	Att for Duty.
Capt		Mackaby K.	9 Aust Div	yes	Att. for Duty Act. BM.
Capt		Bishop K.E.	9 Div. Sigs	yes	Att for Duty BML

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachement.
Chaplain		Gard T.	AACLD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Evans Em	✓		✓ 2/28 Bn
✓		Baskin J.E. D'A	✓		✓ 2/32 Bn

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit.)

23 May 1942. (Date of Despatch.)

A. Trott Brig. (Signature of Commander.)

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

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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	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	3	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	49	4	
TOTALS	59	* 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 L/Sgt	AASC	1 Pte.	9 Aust Div.
2 Ptes	✓	2 Ptes	2/28 Bn
1 Cpl	Corps Intell	2 Ptes	2/32 Bn
1 L/Cpl	✓ ✓	1 Sgt	
1 WO I	AAOC	1 Cpl	9 Div Postal
1 Sgt	✓	2 Ptes	
4 Ptes	✓	1 Sgt	
1 Cpl	2/3 Fd Amb att for Duty	3 Cpls	No 2 Pl A Coy
3 Ptes	AACLD	36 Ptes	HQ Fd Bn

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																				
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 ...						1			4 5	5										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						1			4 5	5										

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 23 May 1942.

Signature of Commander. Brig

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 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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..... *			
..... *			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants...	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	11		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessarry (*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.
T/Maj	Jackson D.K.	AIF	29.5.42	from C 2/3 C.C.S.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier		Godfrey A.H.	AIF	Yes	Comd
Capt	T/Maj	Jackson D.R.	"	"	B.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J.L.	"	No	B.M.L. Det 2/28 Bn
Capt		Lowien J.A.	"	Yes	B.M.L.
Lieut	T/Capt	Sangster R.W.	"	"	S.C.
Lieut		Westbury W.G.	"	"	S.C.L.
Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.I.	"	No.	L.O. Det Allied Lines of Forces
Lieut		Wallace A.D.	"	Yes	L.O.
Lieut		Cook S.J.	"	"	L.O.
Lieut		Court S.G.	"	"	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax J.L.	"	"	T.O.
		(ii) Officers attached from other Corps			
Capt		Barclay N.D.	AASC.	Yes	BASCO
Lieut		Burton E.V.	2/32 Bn	Yes	Att for duty
Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	2/2 Fd Bn	"	DC 2pl H Coy
Lieut		Downey R.K.	2/32 Bn	"	Att. for Duty
Capt		Mackay K.	9 Aust Div	"	Acting B.M.
Capt		Bishop K.E.	9 Div Sigs	"	A/ BML

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachement.
Chaplain		Gard J.	AACLD		Chap 2/43 Bn
"		Swan E.M.	"		" 2/28 "
"		Baskin J.E.D'A	"		" 2/32 "

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
(Unit.)

20 May 1942.
(Date of Despatch.)

Brig
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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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	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	3	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	~~46~~ 46	2	
TOTALS	56.	*3.	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 L/Sgt.	AASC	1 Pte ~~Typist~~	9 Aust Div.
2 Ptes.		3 Ptes.	2/28 Bn
1 Cpl	Corps Intell	3 Ptes	2/32 Bn
1 L/Cpl		1 "	2/43 Bn.
1 WO. I	AAOC	1 Sgt	9 Div Postal
1 Sgt.	"	1 Cpls.	
4 Ptes	"	2 Ptes	
1 Cpl	2/3 Fd Amb Attfor Duty	1 Sgt	No 2 Pl H Coy
3 Ptes	AACLD	3 Cpls.	HQ 2nd Bn
		3 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																				
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 ...						1			2	3										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						1			2	3.										

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 30 May 1942

A Lt-Col Brig.
Signature of Commander.

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

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Unit HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jun 42 *To* 30 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BECHMEZZINE, SYRIA	1	1600	Bde Comd addressed officers of the Bde Gp in BTERRAM Theatre. Subjects of the address were "Movement of a Bde Gp in Desert Formation", and "Night Harbours".	
		2000	Senior offrs from units of the Bde Gp attended another conference at Bde HQ to discuss the coming move to FORQLOSS on 5 Jun. (	
			During the day, 2/32 Bn conducted an exercise in movement with MT. Similar exercises are to be conducted by 2/43 and 2/28 Bns on the 2 - 3 Jun. Bde tpt being pooled to enable these exercises to be carried out.	Appendices A & B
	2		Bde Comd attended a conference at HQ 9 Aust Div during the afternoon, and at night visited the COs of each Bn.	
			24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Movt Order No. 1 issued to move - (a) Adv parties (b) Carriers of Bde Gp (c) B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav	Appx C
	3		Arrangements now well in hand for Bde Gp move to FORQLOSS on 5 Jun. Bns busy practising formations for movement.	
	4	1530	O.O. No 1 issued for move Bde Gp to FORQLOSS 5 Jun ~~O.O. No. 1 issued for move Bde Gp to FORQLOSS 5 Jun~~ B.M. rejoined HQ from hospital	Appx D ~~Appx D~~
	5		Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde Movt Order No1 Bde Gp moved to FORQLOSS. The movement of the Bde Gp to the tng area in the Desert was completed according to plan, and Bde HQ opened at LL 27972902(QARIETIENE Sheet 1/200,000) at 1430 hrs.	Appx E Order of march appears at Appx "F"
			The Bde Gp is bivouaced in formation set out inAppx C of ~~O.O. No. 1.~~	
			Desert shelters were issued, and water rationing enforced - ¾ gal per man and veh per day.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			At 2030 hrs a conference for Bde O Gp was held at Bde HQ. The movement to FORQLOSS was criticised and tng programme discussed. A similar conference will be held at 1900 hrs each evening.	
	6		~~Bns practice movement on one rd, tactically disposed.~~ During the movement, light and hy ground straffing was represented by 451 A.C. Sqn which is operating a Flight from ALG at FORQLOSS. During the afternoon, Bde HQ moved out and practised ~~movement in desert formation along one rd~~	
			Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Admin Order No 1.	Appx G
	7		Practice in the forming of unit "boxes" continues. Bde HQ moved out for a similar exercise during afternoon. Bde Comd expressed his satisfaction at the progress made to date.	
	8		~~Practice in day and night desert formation during the day.~~ Usual conference in the evening revealed that Bn Comds were well pleased with progress to date. Supply arrangements satisfactory, and vehs are standing up well to the desert conditions. Excessive low gear work during manoeuvres causes ~~constant overheating of the engines which has necessitated~~ an increase in the water ration of $\frac{3}{4}$ gal per man and veh per day.	
	9		Bde Gp less Fd Arty practised forming up in desert formation. Flags were laid to mark the inner and outer flanks of unit gps in assembly areas. At 1130 hrs, Bde Gp moved about 6 miles in desert formation. During interval for midday meal, Lt.Gen. ~~Sir Leslie Morshead G.O.C. 9 Aust Div visited Bde Comd.~~ At 1415 hrs, Bde Gp moved back in formation to original start point. Here troops debussed and marched back to bivouac area.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9(contd)		Tpt returned to bivouac inunit colns.	
			Arty and A Tk shoot on arty practice range took place during the day. This shoot is to be continued on 10 Jun.	
	10		Bde Gp again moved out in desert formation. A small force consisting of two tps Div Cav and two secs carriers acted as enemy. The operation was carried out on the move.	
	11		In the morning, a recce by unit comds for exercise under div control.	Forecast of events for exercise appears in Appx G(a)
			~~Day on veh maintenance.~~ Two RAF tenders and tentacle set allotted for comms during bde and div exercises. Bde I.O. owing unavailability of an ALO, acted in that capacity.	v Appx G (b)
			Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde OO No 7 (Exercise)	Appx A
	12 - 15		~~Exercises for Bde Gp planned by Bde HQ.~~	
	16		~~Day for maintenance and preparation for~~ next exercise.	
	17 - 19		Bde Exercise under direction HQ 9 Aust Div.	
			The exercise was set to practice operation of a bde gp principally in attack, with and without tks under desert ~~conditions. The exercise culminated in an attack in which live~~ amn, incl arty was used. followed by pursuit by mobile colns to PALMYRA. ~~From PALMYRA with some 200 MT in PALMYRA 36 Germ~~ mo ~~with ized Div in ALLIED with elements of the recce unit~~	
			Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde OO No 8 (Exercise) on 18 Jun	Appx I
	19		~~9 Div exercise concluded at 1000 hrs.~~ Units of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moved independently to NINTH ARMY demonstration area approx 9 miles N N W of T 4. Units bivouaced.	
			Demonstration area is a slightly undulating depression measuring approx 1½ miles by 3½ and is bounded to the NE and SE by steeply rising ground, flat on top.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19(contd)		Target screens operated by wires are erected to cover a frontage of 800 yds. Screens are arranged in rows of six with 500 yds between rows to represent adv of successive waves of tks and inf during the defence. NINTH ARMY demonstration in brief outline is as follows :- 1. to represent an attack by a German armd formation 2. to study the method by which an inf bde gp would deal with such an attack Programme for the next two days :- 1. preparation of defended area 2. allotment of vehs to represent tks, and other vehs and weapons. 3. rehearsals for the attack and defence, firstly without fire and secondly with fire on a limited scale of amn. 4. Demonstration of the attack and defence, using representative proportion of amn that would be used in actual battle, by all weapons.	
	20		Commencing at 0530 hrs 2/43 Bn assisted by 2/32 Bn carried out extensive digging operation to complete the defended locality Due to insufficient vehs, attack on half a German armd div front is to be represented by using all available lt tks, carriers tpt vehs fd A/tk and AA guns from the bde gp to represent the scale of armour and armament :- Tks Mk ll and lll by 2 pr portees, carriers and lt tks. Mk lV - 25 prs Arty 105 mm assault guns by 25 prs 150 Howitzers - NOT represented	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20(contd)		A/tk Bn 2 prs towed behind portees A A Bn 40 mm Bofors Inf Lorried inf, intercomm, half tracked vehs and tp carriers by 3 ton, 30 cwt, 20 cwt trucks and cars. Engrs and Sigs Not represented. When all vehs and weapons had been allotted their roles and were in posn on the ground, the first rehearsal was carried out without firing. Later in the afternoon a second rehearsal with fire was undertaken and faults in the first attempt corrected.	
	21		Bde I.O. Lieut Court left for duty in Australia. During the morning a rehearsal for the defence with amn was carried out by 2/43 Bn. During the afternoon all units in the danger area for the MMG demonstration were moved to safe posns. Bde movement order No. 2 was issued. Comds conference at 1800 hrs to discuss final details of demonstration and move back to FORGLOSS and TRIPOLI.	Appx J
	22		Early this morning adv parties for FORGLOSS and TRIPOLI left NINTH ARMY demonstration was conducted to program already outlined i.e. Part 1. MMG demonstration Part 2. attack by German armd formation Part 3. defence by inf Bde Gp against armd attack.	

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Unit HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 Jun 42 *To* 30 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	22(contd)		The demonstration was attended by a colourful group of appx 400 officers including formation and unit Comds and staffs of NINTH ARMY, reps of TENTH ARMY and formations in Palestine and Transjordan , American, Polish, Greeks, Czech, Free French, Indian and Arab officers were included. The demonstration was accompanied by a running description over public address system by Brig LEE BRA NINTH ARMY and summed up by G.O.C. NINTH ARMY General Sir H.M. WILSON who thanked Bde for excellent execution of the demonstration and the effort made to ensure its success. The day like 20-21 Jun was intensely hot and glaring - the temp over 110°. At the conclusion of the demonstration, units of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp returned to FORGLOSS and bivouached for the night.	
	23		Units of Bde Gp moved back to TRIPOLI Fortress area. Pending the move of 26 Bde from the adm building at Madjlaya Bde HQ bivouaced in Haret Jedide area.	
	24		Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde OO No 3 (see appx K) for the relief of 26 Bde by 24 Bde in Sectors A & B Tripoli Fortress on 25 Jun 42.	Appx K
	25		Bde HQ moved from temporary site at Haret Jedide to Madjlaya to complete relief of 26 Bde which was scheduled to move 26 Jun for trg in Forgloss area. Relief was completed according to schedule. Conference at HQ 9 Aust Div for Criticism and discussion by G.O.C. on Bde exercise at FORGLOSS. G.O.C. wound up by saying that many lessons had been learned the exercise had been well carried out and that he was well satisfied with 24 Bde. At conclusion of the conf Div O Gp was called, joined by reps NINTH ARMY, and 26 and 24 Aust Inf Bdes given verbal orders for movement to Egypt.	

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Unit HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

Commanding Officer

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			Movt Order	
	26	0730	Div ~~OO~~ No.7 recd and Bde movement Order No.2 commenced. Conference of Comds of bde gp at Bde HQ and outline plans for move to Egypt and handover of role in TRIPOLI Fortress.	Appx Y Div Movt Order No 7
		0300	Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No.2.	Appx K (a)
	27	0825	24 Aust Inf Bde movement order No.2 issued. Bde role in Tripoli Fortress handed over to 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn with under comd some Basuto tps. So concluded our portion of the immense amount planning and construction in the Fortress of which we had become reasonably proud. At this stage only COs and OsC supporting arms, and staffs were informed that our destination was Egypt, and that 26 Aust Inf Bde had not gone to FORGLOSS for desert trg. As a deception measure, the curious were led to believe that the bde gp was moving to the ALEPPO area for further trg, but the order to obliterate all Australian markings and to remove and hide Australian hats and badges roused some doubt. Town people of Tripoli rather scorned any suggestion that we were going anywhere but to the Western Desert and had noted that Adv Div HQ had moved south by the coast rd.	Appx L
	28	0100	Bde Gp formed as follows left TRIPOLI for somewhere in Egypt 11 A/Tk Bty which had previously been included was without guns and reverted from sp. HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde — 2/7 Fd Coy K Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs — C Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn 2 Pl HQ Gds Bn — Tp carrying tpt AASC 9 Aust Div & R.A.S.C. 76 L.A.D. — 2/3 Fd Amb 2/28 Bn — 3 Rec Sec 2/32 Bn — G Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk 2/43 Bn — Sec 9 Div Pro Coy 2/8 Fd Regt and 64LAD — det 9 Div Postal unit.	

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

Month and Year Jun 42

Commanding Officer

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
	28 (contd)		The days stage was to RASM EL HADI (8 miles North of BAALBEK) through HOMS. This indirect route, which added some 150 miles run was part of the deception plan. No one in Syria was bluffed that we were not Australians. Along the route, despite the heavy disguise, we were greeted by "Hello Aussie" at every village. At HOMS there were calls of "good luck" and the towns people were quick to notice our characteristic brown boots. A certain amount of wager money did pass hands within the HQ when we turned south at HOMS, and two new schools of thought then developed (also worth a wager) Australia or "the desert". Head of coln rested 7 hrs at RASM EL HADI a flat open and unpopulated area and tail rested considerably less (due largely to a RAF convoy which had broken in); all refuelled and the Gp pushed on second stage in darkness. RASC drivers (Palestinian) very tired as they had already completed 15 days running without rest or maintenance - a few fell ssleep while driving and injured their passengers. Route for second stage BAALBEK - RAYAK - CHTAURA - MERSJAYOUN - TIBERIAS ~~-~~ then rd and rail parties to split. The former passing through LAJJUN - KEFAR TAVOR - MEGIDDO - HADERA - TULKARM and the latter NAZARETH - NESHER sta (rear Haifa). BAALBECK town was by passed to the WEST on a convoy rd to avoid its narrow streets. The journey South was continued without incident but rd between CHTAURA and METULLA was rough. Traffic control arrangements in SYRIA were good.	
	29		Coln halted NORTH of TIBERIUS for breakfast then moved on according to plan. BdeComd saw off first train from NESHER then moved to join rd pty at TULKARM.	

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	29 (contd)		On arrival TULKARM, rd pty had been routed on to BUREIR (near GAZA) and Bde Comds pty moved first to GAZA to report AIF HQ then visited rd pty, returning to GAZA for the night. Rd pty had done 254 miles since morning 28 Jun. Arty were particularly tired, being at rear of the coln and having their rest periods cut in the forced march. A start at 0500 hrs on 30 Jun had been ordered but the coln without further rest and maintenance would not have arrived in Egypt with either men or veh fit for action. The matter was placed before AIF HQ and start time advanced 0700 hrs.	
	30	0500	Route for day's stage, BEERSHEBA - BIR ASLUJ - ISMAILIA. Bde Comd pty, incl BM, COs 2/8 Fd Regt, 2/28 Bn, 2/32 Bn, 2/43 Bn departed GAZA for CAIRO. A hot run across SINAI, breakfast at BIR ASLUJ. Met by Div L.O. at ISMAILIA who had orders for Comds pty to meet Div Comd at Mena House Hotel CAIRO. Bde Comds Party moved to CAIRO - a slow trip due to weight of traffic eastward on rd CAIRO - ISMAILIA - arrived Mena at 1905 hrs Rd pty left BUREIR 0700 hrs, arrived ISMAILIA 1930 hrs and bivouaced for night on East bank of SUEZ CANAL. Train ptys arrived KANTARRA approx 1000, 1100 and 1300 hrs and were routed on to ALEXANDRIA. Div O Gp given orders in CRA's room at Hotel - "9 Aust Div will defend the approaches to ALEXANDRIA from WEST and SW" Bde R ptys to move early in morning on recce to AMIRIYA. 24 Aust Inf B de Gp to hold Western approaches. Early move decided on in case of traffic difficulties on Desert Road CAIRO - ALEXANDRIA.	

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FAB Date
Time

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23 Jun 42.

9 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 17.

1. The following is a forecast of dates for

(a) Bde trg
(b) Bde reliefs
(c) Location of Main HQ 9 Aust Div.

The dates given in this instn cancel those dates given in Instn No 15 in cases where they differ.

2. Trg periods and dates of exercises and bde reliefs.

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde

26 Jun - 10 Jul	Bde trg period
5, 6, 7, Jul	Div exercise 1
8, 9 Jul	Div exercise 2
10 Jul	Arrive TRIPOLI
11, 12 Jul	Relieve 24 Aust Inf Bde. Handover vehs - veh maintenance

(b) 24 Aust Inf Bde

13, 14 Jul	Move to 20 Aust Inf Bde area
15, 16 Jul	Relieve 20 Aust Inf Bde

(c) 20 Aust Inf Bde

15, 16 Jul	Relieved by 24 Aust Inf Bde
17, 18 Jul	Move to FORQLOSS
18 Jul - 1 Aug	Bde trg period

3. Location Main HQ 9 Aust Div for 2 (a)

2 Jul	Main HQ 9 Aust Div less AQ details as ordered by AQ moves to FORQLOSS.
3 Jul	Directors exercise. Div exercise No 2
4 Jul	Umpire Exercise. Div exercise No 1
5 to 7 Jul	Div exercise No 1
8, 9 Jul	Div exercise No 2
9 Jul	Main HQ returns TRIPOLI.

4. The following units will come under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde as from 1800 hrs 25 Jun 42 :-

A Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
2/12 Aust Fd Regt with under comd
27 Ind Mtn Bty
10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
10 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt

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4. Cont'd

Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
A and C Coys 2/2 Aust MG Bn
12 Coy AASC less det
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
1 Rec Sec 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop
H Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.

5. Visitors

A Visitors' Mess will be established by Div HQ when in the area and by each bde.

6. Air Co-operation

This will be practised although aircraft will not be present.

J.L. Brigden Major
for Col
GS 9 Aust Div

Distribution :-

List "A" plus
Main HQ Ninth Army
HQ AIF (ME)
4 Aust Lt AA Regt
Lt Col R.W. OGLE 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
ADC

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Appx 'A' (J9)

24 AUST INF BDE - Trg Instn No. 7

Desert Trg - Formation and Manouvre.

1. In order to facilitate movement and harbouring in desert formation during the bde gp exercises, standard layouts, signals and drill formations are being issued.

2. First Principle All round protection both at rest and on the move with small striking dets organized and placed so that one or more are available for immediate action at any pt.

   (a) At rest or in harbour

   (b) On the move, box or desert formations. There will be a unit and bde drill for each case.

3. While the desert is generally regarded as flat and featureless, from experience, wadis, escarpments, sand knolls, stony outcrops, and other features exist. Therefore, this drill, while based on a definite plan, must be flexible for existing natural protection to be used to advantage. The sea, marshes, impassable wadis and escarpments usually offer these advantages when it is possible to use part of the normal protective screen elsewhere. In some cases one flank may be considered entirely safe.

4. In adopting a drill, the bde gp of normal composition must be considered as an inf bde of three bns, a fd arty regt, A/Tk bty, AA bty, fd coy, MG coy, Fd amb and one sqn div cav. If the Div cav is not available their role can be carried out on a more modified scale by carrier screens from the bns.

5. For desert moves there have been many adaptions of the desert box formation. The principle is the same - protective screens, all round protection with small striking dets fully mobile and if possible lightly armoured, ready to cover any portion of the main force in the event of a minor enemy attack, enabling the box to keep moving. The "thin skinned" vehs and non-fighting B ech vehs will be in the centre area behind the fd amb, fd engrs and battle HQ gp. This centre section will be covered by one inf bn across the front and leading with the other bns closing the two sides. The rear of the box will be closed by the allotment of one pl from each flank bn together with a res of one tp A/Tk guns which are available as the Comd's res in the event of an attack from any direction. The fd arty is so placed within the box with mobile armd OPs to give a concentration of all guns in any direction. The lt AA is so disposed to give maximum fields of fire on the triangle basis. A/Tk guns are required on all sides of the formation and a certain proportion must be disposed behind the fwd screen and in front of the leading bn. The detailed arrangement of the force will then depend on many factors, and may be changed by the Comd according to circumstances and lessons learned from action. The formation outlined in appx A. att will be adopted by 24 AUST INF BDE GP to commence the desert trg period and is based on number of vehs available for the exercises.

6. General points

   (a) The formation must be fully understood by all offrs and must be given maximum distribution.

   (b) Units composing the bde gp must evolve individual drill formations, following lectures and diagramatic layouts, enabling them to move direct to their correct posns in relation to the bde HQ office veh.

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6. General points (cont)

(c) The distance and interval between vehs will be 150 yds on the move and at rest unless a harbour has been ordered.

(d) Lookout systems a nd control within units will be necessary for flag signals to be seen and repeated immediately.

(e) System of control and comms between unit and subordinate HQs.

(f) Efficient Comm system throughout the formation at all times.

(g) Every dr must know the veh in front and on each side, maintain correct interval and distance and understand all flag signals.

(h) If the striking det fails the bde gp must stop when all personnel will dismount and slit trenches will be dug. Slit trenches will be facing out without parapets, and away from vehs so that the bde gp is ready for battle within half an hour.

7. Flag Control Signals for M.T. movement Appx B att.

8. Bde Gp Night harbour Appx C att.

9. Suggested layout for leading bn of Bde Gp Appx D att (not to all addressees.)

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Capt.
A/B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	6
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	6
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	6
K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div	1
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav	1
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	4
12 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	1
One Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	1
Sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	1
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1
11 Coy AASC 9 Aust Div	1
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	4
3 Rec Sec	1
9 Aust Div (For Information)	2
Bde Cond	1
S.C.	1
T.O.	1
File	2
War Diary	2
Spares	6

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appx 'A'

24 AUST INF BDE
BDE GP IN DESERT FORMATION

4 tps Div Cav fwd screen

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NOTES

(1) This diagramatic layout is drawn to scale within the box perimeter based on the vehs participating in the exercise :-

Scale :- 4mm to 100 yds.

(2) Composition of Bde Gp

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
K Sec, 9 Div Sigs
76 LAD
2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
B Sqn 9 Div Cav (two lt tank tps, 4 carrier tps each tp 3 vehs)
2/8 Fd Regt (three btys of two tps each tp 4 guns)
12 Bty, 2/3 A/Tk Regt (four tps each of four guns)
One Bty, 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (three tps each of 4 guns)
One Sec, 2/7 Fd Coy (representing one coy)
D Coy, 2/2 MG Bn (three pls of 4 guns)
2/3 Fd Amb
11 Coy AASC
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy AASC
3 Rec Sec 2/1 A.F.W.

(3) Interval and distance 150 yds

(4) Div Cav - Screen as indicated approx 5 miles from box depending on nature of the country.

(5) Inf - B Ech of leading bn, at rear centre of box.
B Ech of flanking bns in, but near rear end of bn areas.
One pl each flanking bn as rear party closing rear of box.
Carrier Secs :- Leading bn - Two with fwd OPs, One with striking det, One res in box.
Left and right bns) - One with flank OP, One with striking det, One rear, One left/right flank.
Coy Comds on inner flanks.

(6) Fd Arty - Available to support front, flank or rear, in addition to Striking Det if operating within range.

(7) A.Tk Arty - One tp fwd to operate behind Cav screen. One tp rear of box to close it, and also act as Gp res. One tp with fwd striking det and one sec with each flanking striking det. If 6 A.Tk guns per bn available front and flanks to be readjusted.

(8) AA Arty - The AA tps are shown diagrammatically in the layout. Individual guns will move approx 800 yds apart with other vehs to give more field of fire for every gun.

(9) MMGs - One pl with each striking det.

(10) Striking Dets - Composition :-

Leading Bn	Flanking Bns.
Comd - A.Tk Comd	Comd - MG pl comd
One tp A.Tk guns	One sec A.Tk guns
One pl MGs.	One pl MGs
Two dets Mortars	Two dets Mortars
One sec carriers	One sec carriers
One armd OP with fd tp in support	One armd OP with fd tp in support

Role :- When resistance is encountered, the nearest striking det will be ordered to move fwd to deal with enemy and the coln does not halt. If striking det encounters hy opposition, the Bde Gp halts for action.

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Appx B

Flag Control Signals for MT movement.

Order		Signal
1.	Advance	BLUE flag held vertically for one minute before starting and dropped as the indication to move forward.
2.	Halt	RED flag held vertically.
3.	Form desert formation	BLUE and YELLOW flags held vertically.
4.	Right Wheel	BLUE flag pointed to the right.
5.	Left Wheel	BLUE flag pointed to the left.
6.	About turn	BLUE flag waved in a circular motion above the head.
7.	Right turn	RED flag pointed to the right.
8.	Left turn	RED flag pointed to the left.
9.	Close to 100 yds interval and distance	Succession of dots with YELLOW flag.
10.	Attack imminent Halt - Action stations	RED flag pointed in the direction of attack.
11.	Bde Orders Gp	RED and BLUE flags held horizontally.
12.	Aircraft attack	RED and YELLOW flags held vertically.
13.	Form Harbour	BLUE and YELLOW flags held horizontally.

NOTES.

1. All vehs carrying flags will repeat sigs correctly as soon as they are observed.

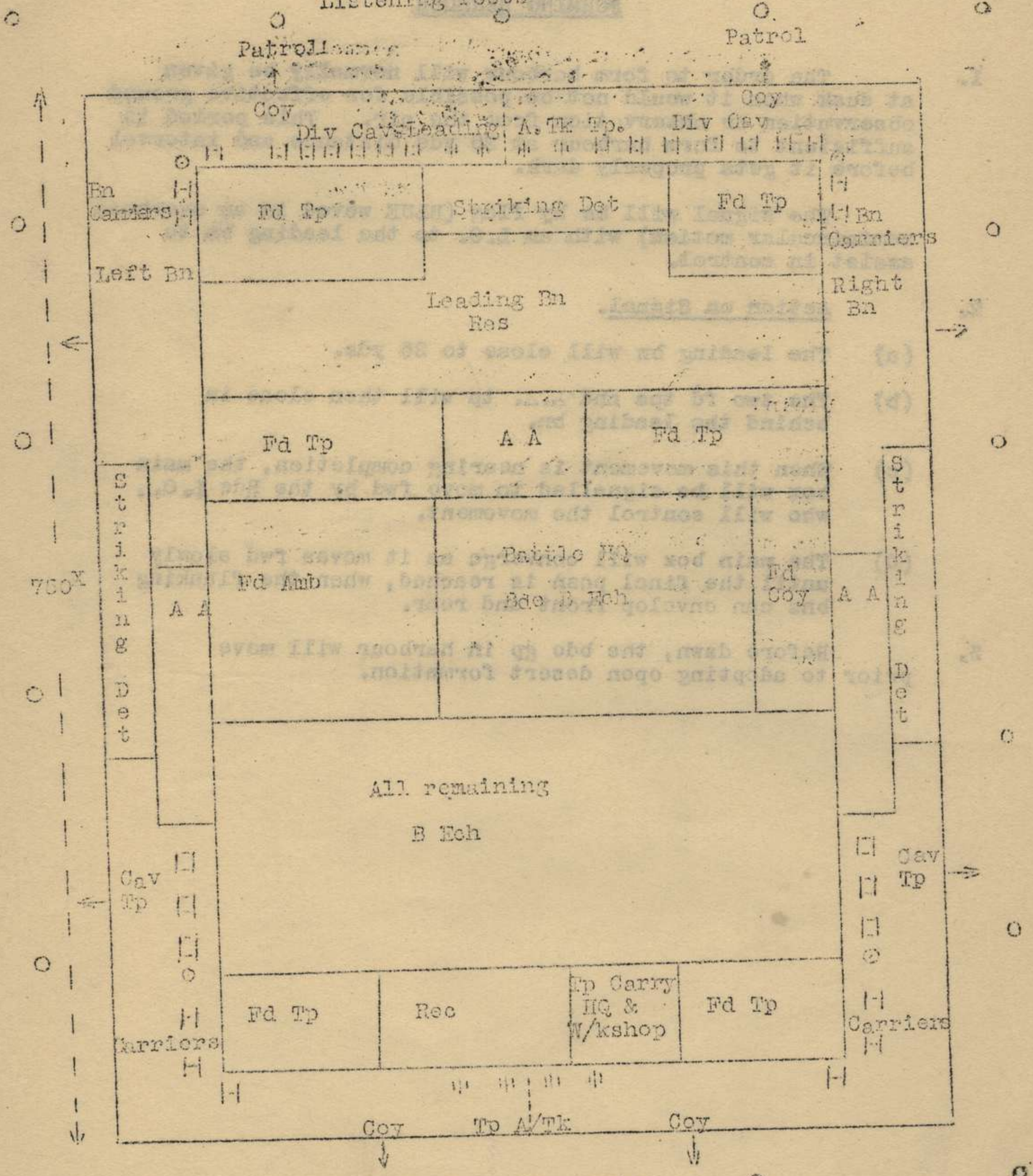
2. Further signals will be issued as required.

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Appx C

24 AUST INF BDE - NIGHT HARBOUR

All vehs 25 yds interval



LEGEND

- Listening Post
- OP
- Lt Tank
- Carrier

Listening posts each of one NCO and two men will be posted from flanking bns to cover the harbour and ensure against surprise. Coy patrols will be sent out.

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FORMING HARBOUR

1. The order to form harbour will normally be given at dusk when it would not be possible for effective ground observation or observation from the air. This period is sufficient to form harbour at 25 yds distance and interval before it gets properly dark.

The signal will be by flag (BLUE waved in an overhead semicircular motion) with an L.O. to the leading bn to assist in control.

2. Action on Signal.

(a) The leading bn will close to 25 yds.

(b) The two fd tps and A.A. tp will then close in behind the leading bn.

(c) When this movement is nearing completion, the main box will be signalled to move fwd by the Bde I.O., who will control the movement.

(d) The main box will converge as it moves fwd slowly until the final posn is reached, when the flanking bns can envelop front and rear.

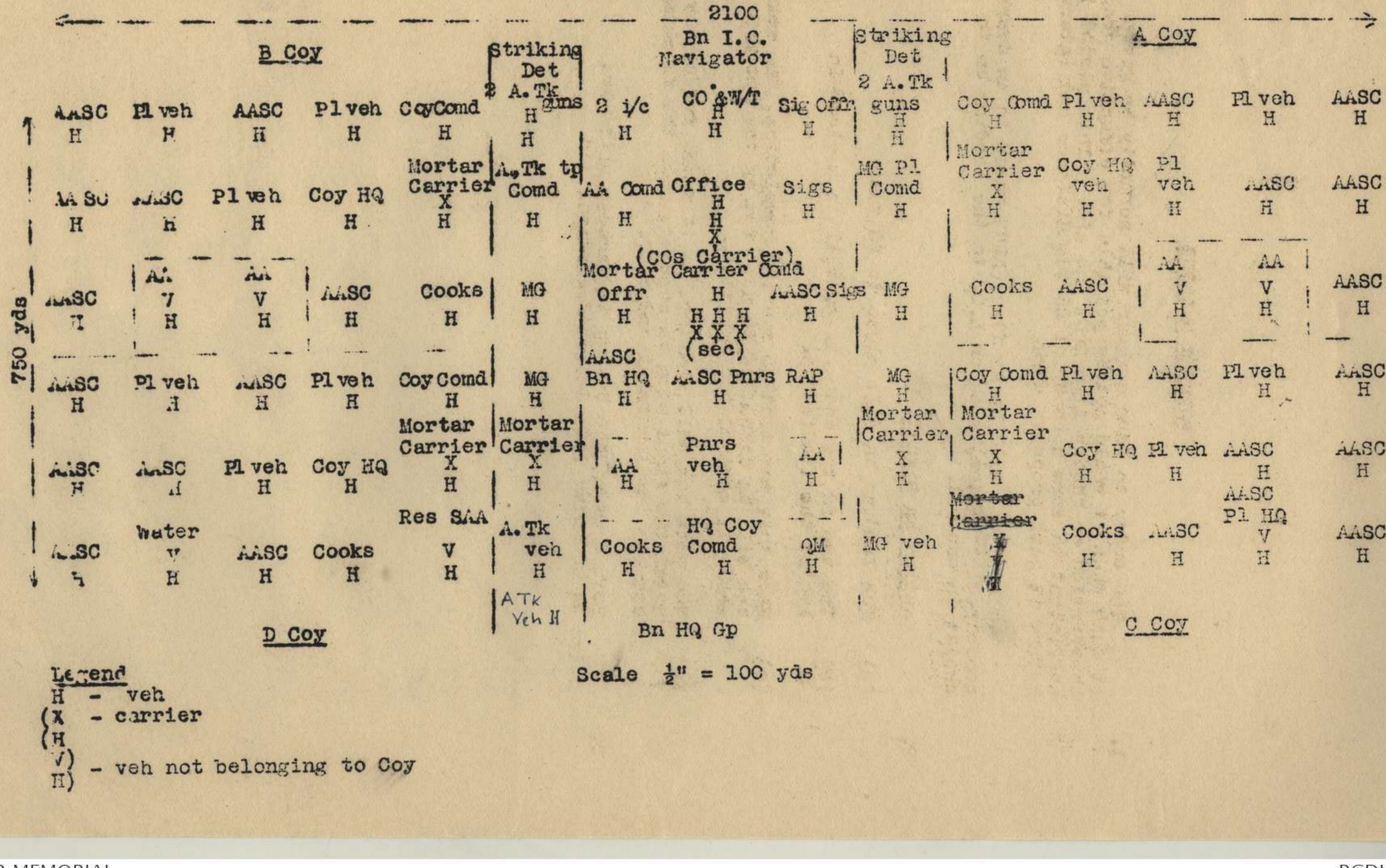
3. Before dawn, the bde gp in harbour will move prior to adopting open desert formation.

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24 AUST INF BDE

Suggested layout for Leading Bn



Legend
H - veh
(X - carrier
(H
V)
H) - veh not belonging to Coy

Scale ½" = 100 yds

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24 AUST INF BDE

Conference Monday 1 Jun 42, 2000 hrs.

Present: Bde H.Q. Staff
COs and OCs Units 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

AGENDA.

1. Proposed trg schedule - on back of sheet.

2. General.
(a) Blankets - two per man.
(b) Hats felt, and steel helmets to be taken.
(c) Dannet wire - securely tied on all vehs.
(d) Keep Arabs well clear of bivouac areas.
(e) Claims - Bde Claims Offr will see NZs before they leave and will co-ordinate any claims.
(f) Tools - picks.

3. Umpires.
Two requested through Div to arrive here 4 Jun. Then as per screed.

4. Trg Amn for Bde exercise.

5. Movement of Carriers - morning 4 Jun; stay night on North side of pipe line at turn off from main rd. Proceed to FORQLOSS 5 Jun.

6. Movement of B Sqn Div Cav - under unit arrangements; to camp night 4 Jun on North side of pipe line at turn off from main rd. Proceed to FORQLOSS 5th.

7. Canteens - All units take 4 days supplies; thereafter requisitions for supplies as required - co-ordinated by S.C. and fwded from D.I.D. to replenishment area where units will collect.

8. Rations and supplementary rations.

9. Petrol res and returnable containers.

For Bn Cómds.

1. L.O.B. Personnel as per S1/146/46.

2. Men's Messing Committee.

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24 AUST INF BDE GP

Proposed Trg Schedule

Day	Date	Exercises	Air Support	Remarks
D1	5 Jun	Bde Gp move by gps as ordered to FORQLOSS Area.	(a) Lt attack (b) hy ground straffing	Gps may have to halt during hy attacks
D2	6 Jun	Bn Gp exercises - Gps as detailed - form up and move via one rd. Umpires will be used by Gp Comds as required.	(a) Lt attack (b) hy ground straffing	Practice - rd movement & control rapid debussing and embussing -protection on the move and dispersion of vehs. Desert navigation
D3	7 Jun	Bn Gp exercises - as for D2.		As for D2, incl deployment into desert formation.
D4	8 Jun	Bn Gp exercises - desert formations.		Practice day and night formations.
D5	9 Jun	Bde Gp less Fd Arty in desert formation - practice move.		
D6	10 Jun	Bde Gp less Fd Arty as above - half day; half day maintenance.		
D7	11 Jun	Spare - as ordered		Recce COs re demonstration
D8 D9	12 Jun 13 Jun	Bde Gp exercise - advance and withdrawal - occupation of hastily organised defensive posn incl laying minefield.	12 Jun-recce at dusk 13 Jun -dawn attack	Employment of mob coln. Practice formation hasty defence withholding fire.
D10 D11	14 Jun 15 Jun	Div exercise - withdrawal of Bde Gp on one rd under pressure.	A.C. support required as ordered on receipt of narrative.	
D12	16 Jun	Spare as ordered; maintenance.		
D13 D14 D15	17 Jun 18 Jun 19 Jun	Div exercise. (a) Advance against delaying action by enemy mob forces, followed by attack on hastily organised posns in conjunction with I tks and arty. Consolidation. (b) Attack with I tks and inf by night. (c) Employment of mob colns.	As ordered by Div	
D16 D17 D18	20 Jun) 21 Jun) 22 Jun	Rehearsals for demonstration NINTH ARMY demonstration		return to FORQLOSS area after demonstration.
D19	23 Jun	Return to TRIPOLI. Change of staff and movement of personnel for 10 Corps Sig exercise.		as ordered
	24 - 25 Jun	Relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde - hand over of vehs etc and maintenance.		

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24 AUST INF BDE GP MOVEMENT ORDER No. 1

Ref Map LEVANT SERIES 1:200,000
TRIPOLI HOMS QARIATEINE.

GENERAL

1. Movement order No. 1 is issued in adv of OO No 1 to move the following

(a) Adv parties
(b) Carriers of bde Gp
(c) B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT

METHOD

2. Adv Parties

(a) Composition

Capt K.E.BISHOP, 24 AUST INF BDE (OC party)
Lieut M.G.WORTHLEY " " "
one offr per inf bn
one offr 2/8 AUST FD REGT
one NCO per inf coy
one NCO per fd bty
two ORs 2/7 AUST FD COY
two M.Ps (with M Cs) Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.

(b) Tpt One veh from 2/8 AUST FD REGT to carry adv parties from Fd Regt, Bde HQ and Fd Coy.
One veh from 2/28 AUST INF BN to carry adv parties from bns.

(c) Assembly Vehs and personnel will assemble 24 AUST INF BDE HQ 0900 hrs 4 Jun

(d) Route TRIPOLI-HOMS-junc pipe line and main rd LL24143054 thence pipe line rd area FOR¿LOSS

(e) Bivouac night 4/5 Jun area FOR¿LOSS, and mark routes and unit areas of Bde Gp.

(f) Adv party will carry 2 days rations and water and unit signs to mark routes.

3. Carriers O.C. party Capt J.C.HODGETTS 2/43 AUST INF BN.

(a) Composition

All inf bn carriers and carriers from 2/8 AUST FD REGT.

Each inf bn and 2/8 AUST FD REGT will incl one 3 ton veh in party to carry personnel, rations and POL.

One breakdown det and carrier transporter 3 REC SEC

(b) Assembly

All vehs in carrier party will RV sports ground area LL 16362792 0500 hrs 4 Jun.

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(c) Route

TRIPOLI - HOMS - junc pipe line and main rd
LL 24143054.
Speed: Carriers will NOT exceed 15 m.p.h.
Density: 15 v.t.m.

(d) Bivouac night 4/5 Jun area North pipe line turn off.

(e) Leave bivouac area 0600 hrs 5 Jun and proceed via pipe line track to area FORQLOSS LL 276294, thence as per instns for O.C. Adv Party.

(f) Carrier party will carry 2 days rations and P.O.L. for 125 miles for all vehs.

4. Movement B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

Independent movement as per confirmed verbal orders.

5. ACK.

K Mackay
Capt.
A/B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn(one copy O.C. Carrier Party)	3-4
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	5
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	6
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	7
9 Aust Div Pro Coy	8
3 Rec Sec	9
9 Aust Div (for information)	10
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3 Jun 42.

24 AUST INF BDE GP O.O. No.1.

Ref maps: TRIPOLI 1:50,000
LEVANT SERIES, TRIPOLI, HOMS, QARIATEINE.

INFORMATION

1. Reports were received dated 29 May that large German forces were moving south through TURKEY and that dumps were being established north of the SYRIAN border. Strat R at first light 4 Jun reported an enemy force estimated one motorised div and armoured units in the DEIR EZ ZOR area east of the EUPHRATES.

2. Prepared fortress posns in SYRIA and LEBANON have been fully manned. 66 DIV has moved North to a concentration area at LATTAQUIE and N.Z. div is tactically deployed in the ALEPPO area. 9 AUST DIV is being organised into bde gps which, when completed, will move to a fwd concentration area at FORQLOSS - LEVANT 1/200,000 LL 276295.

3. 9 AUST DIV has been given the role of protecting HOMS against an enemy threat from the direction of PALMYRA.

INTENTION

4. 24 AUST INF BDE GP will move to forward concentration area LL 279292, 5 Jun 42.

METHOD

5. 24 AUST INF BDE GP will consist of the following units -

HQ 24 AUST INF BDE
K SEC 3 COY SIGS 9 AUST DIV
2 PL A COY AUST HQ GD BN
76 LAD
2/28 AUST INF BN
2/32 AUST INF BN
2/43 AUST INF BN
B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV
2/8 AUST FD REGT
F SEC 2 COY SIGS 9 AUST DIV
64 LAD
11 BTY 3 AUST A TK REGT
71 LAD
12 BTY 4 AUST LT AA REGT
SEC 2/7 AUST FD COY
D COY 2/2 AUST M.G. BN
11 COY AASC 9 AUST DIV
101 AUST GEN TPT COY
2/3 AUST FD AMB
3 REC SEC (incl 6 DIV SEC CRD FD PK)

Additional units incl Armd Cs and one bty 64 LAD REGT may be included at the concentration area.

6.(a) 24 AUST INF BDE GP will move complete with all personnel (less security gds as detailed) eqpt and 1st line amn in 1st line tpt.

(b) Allotment of tp carrying M.T. 101 AUST GEN TPT COY -

2/28 AUST INF BN	one	pl	incl	res,	total	33	3	ton	vehs
2/32 AUST INF BN	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2/43 AUST INF BN	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Tpt will report to bns in present areas by 1600 hrs 4 Jun 42.

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7. Grouping and order of march for move.

Gp 1
2/28 AUST INF BN
58 FD BTY 2/8 AUST FD REGT
one tp 11 BTY 3 AUST A TK REGT
one tp 12 BTY 4 AUST LT A.A. REGT
sub sec 2/7 AUST FD COY
one pl D COY 2/2 AUST M.G. BN
one mob sec 2/3 AUST FD AMB
71 LAD
one veh umpires.

Gp 2
HQ 24 AUST INF BDE
K SEC 3 COY SIGS 9 AUST DIV
2 PL A COY AUST HQ GD BN
sec 9 AUST DIV PRO COY (less dets)
sec 2/7 AUST FD COY (less two sub secs)
D COY 2/2 AUST M.G. BN (less one pl)
76 LAD
one veh umpires.

Gp 3
2/32 AUST INF BN
one tp 11 BTY 3 AUST A TK REGT
one tp 12 BTY 4 AUST LT A.A. REGT
one mob sec 2/3 AUST FD AMB
one veh umpires.

Gp 4
2/8 AUST FD REGT (less 58 FD BTY)
F SEC 3 COY SIGS 9 AUST DIV
11 BTY 3 AUST A TK REGT (less three tps)
12 BTY 4 AUST LT A.A. REGT (less two tps)
one mob sec 2/3 AUST FD AMB
64 LAD
two vehs with umpires.

Gp 5
2/43 AUST INF BN
one tp 11 BTY 3 AUST A TK REGT
HQ 101 AUST GEN TPT COY
2/3 AUST FD AMB (less mob secs)
3 REC SEC (incl 6 DIV SEC CRD FD PK)
one veh with umpires

8. Route. The move will be via one rd, TRIPOLI - HOMS - pipe line track at LL 24145054 - FORQLOSS at LL 27622939, thence track south to marked turns into bde area about pt LL 27902920. The bde gp will then bivouac with all units concentrated as outlined in appx C att. Adv party personnel will act as guides.

9. Assembly. Rds within TRIPOLI Fortress area leading from unit areas to the main TRIPOLI - HOMS rd will be used for assembly as indicated in trace appx B att. Units will assemble as required and move via rds indicated to join gps detailed in para 7. Moves will be timed from present areas to avoid prolonged halts and traffic congestion on fortress rds.

Sec 9 AUST DIV PRO COY will report HQ 24 AUST INF BDE by 1800 hrs 4 Jun and bivouac night.

10. (a) Start point. rail crossing over main rd at 16732808 (TRIPOLI 1:50,000)
Head of Gp 1 will cross start pt at 0600 hrs 5 Jun 42.
Details mih, vtm, halts as per movement table appx A att.

(b) Movement of adv party, carriers and B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV as per Movement Order No. 1(not to all addressees).

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11. Traffic Control.

(a) TCPs will be established in HOMS at the main turn and on pipe line track at LL 25653000.
Personnel. MPs and sigs as detailed by HQ 24 AUST INF BDE.

(b) MPs are being posted at main pts in the fortress area, pipe line track LL 24143054 and FORQLOSS turn off LL 27622939.

(c) MPs from sec 9 AUST DIV PRO COY will patrol bde gp coln as ordered.

(d) Units will ensure that correct march discipline is maintained. Available MCs will be used to patrol unit vehs.

(e) The route will be sign posted as required with the bde sign.

(f) Comds of gps will ensure that head and tail vehs advise TCPs as they pass.

12. EA Attack. In the event of lt EA attack, the coln will not halt. Should hy attacks develop, gp comds will order necessary action. If vehs are attacked at a normal halt, they will be dispersed off the rd where possible. EA will be engaged by all available small arms and lt A.A.

ADM

13. Supplies

(a) One days res rations will be taken from the present area and will remain on the vehs during trg period.

(b) The unexpended portion of the days ration to be carried. Midday and evening meals to be provided under unit arrangements.

(c) On arrival in FORQLOSS area, unit supply vehs will be sent back to SUP Pt at LL 27252945 for the collection of the following day's supplies.

Time of collection to be notified on arrival in area.

14. Water.

(a) Water for the move to FORQLOSS will be carried in 2 gal containers in the vehs.

(b) On arrival in FORQLOSS area, unit water trucks will collect water from WP at LL 27468948.
Time of collection to be notified on arrival in area.

(c) Strength state signed by Unit Adjt or QM will be handed to personnel manning WP before collecting water.

(d) Water ration will be 3/4 gal per man per day for all purposes incl vehs.

(e) 2 personnel from 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will operate WP.

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15. P O L

(a) Sufficient P O L will be carried in tanks and in containers to enable vehs to complete the move.

(b) Unit pet vehs will collect P O L from P P at LL 27252943 on arrival in FORQLOSS area to completely refill the tanks of all vehs.

Containers to be returned to P P after refueling.

Time of collection to be notified on arrival in area.

16. Blankets.

Two blankets per man will be carried.

17. R E Stores.

(a) Dannert wire will be carried by vehs as allotted.

(b) Half div res of picks and shovels will be carried with sec 2/7 AUST FD COY.

18. Medical.

Unit MOs and mob secs of 2/3 AUST FD AMB allotted to gps will treat casualties on the move.

19. Canteen.

(a) Four days canteen supplies will be taken by units.

(b) No supplementary ration items will be available at FORQLOSS.

20. Anti Gas

All unit anti gas eqpt will be placed in Bde kit store. Personal anti gas eqpt will be taken.

INTERCOMN

21. HQ 24 AUST INF BDE GP will close present location 0515 hrs 5 Jun. Movement of HQ at head of gp 2 as per movement table appx A.

22. Wireless.

W/T vehs will be with each inf bn. Inf bns, Fd Regt HQ and TCPs will be on one frequency as ordered. Comms will be maintained through grounded TCP sets. Comms will be established at 0530 hrs 5 Jun 42.

23. ACK

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Time of signature 1530 hrs 3 Jun

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2 PL A COY AUST HQ GD BN	5	
76 LAD	6	
B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV	7	(less appx B)
2/8 AUST FD REGT	8	
11 BTY 3 AUST A TK REGT	9	
12 BTY 4 AUST LT A A REGT	10	
~~SEC 8/7 AUST FD COY~~	11	
D COY 2/2 AUST M G BN	12	
~~11 COY AASC 9 AUST DIV~~	13	(less appx B)
101 AUST GEN TPT COY	14	(less appx B)
2/3 AUST FD AMB	15	
3 REC SEC	16	
9 AUST DIV	17-18	
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MOVEMENT TABLE

ISSUED WITH 24 AUST INF BDE GP O.O. No. 1 dated 3 Jun 42.

1. ROUTE — TRIPOLI - HOMS - pipe line track at LL 24143054 - FORQLOSS at LL 27622939, thence track south to marked turns into bde area about pt LL 27902920.

2. SPEED & DENSITY — 15 mih 15 vtm until halt at 0940, thence 10 mih 15 vtm from 1000 hrs.

3. START PT — Rail crossing over main rd at 16732808 (TRIPOLI 1/50,000)

4. DISPERSAL PT — Bde area as indicated in appx C.

5. HALTS — 20 mins every even clock hr commencing 0740 hrs.

SERIAL	UNITS	NO. OF VEHS	TIME PAST START PT		REMARKS
			Head	Tail	
1	GP 1 para 7	163	0600	0643	
2	GP 2 para 7	62	0654	0711	
3	GP 3 para 7	109	0715	0804	Halt at 0740 hrs
4	GP 4 para 7	152	0811	0852	
5	GP 5 para 7	146	0902	1001	Halt at 0940 hrs

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NOTES

1. Change of speed from 15 mih to 10 mih for track along pipe line will be made when coln moves off after second halt at 1000 hrs.

2. Timings past start pt allow 25% margin of error between gps.
Serials will ensure that block timings are adhered to.

3. Minimum distance between gps 1000 yds.

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⊞ 2/3 Fd Amb

× A/Tk tps join gps here

⊞ 3 A/Tk Regt

⊞ 2/5 Fd Regt
12 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt

170

269

156

266

Bns will ensure last gp is clear before passing

⊞ 2/43

⊞ 2/28

⊞ 2/32

24
K Sect Sigs
2 Pl A Coy HQ Coy Bn
76 LAD

LEGEND

Rds allotted to units for moves to start point 5 Jun 41

Bde HQ & Inf Bns

2/5 Aust Fd Regt

12 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt

11 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt less three tps

11 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt

Sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

3 Rec Sec

2/3 Fd Amb.

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Sheet 1

Superimpose on map
LEVANT 1:50,000
Sheets TRIPOLI BATRO

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Start Point

× Fd Arty
Lt AA
11 Bty 3 Aust A/Tk Regt (less three tps)
Join groups here

× Fd Coy
2/2 MG
3 Rec Sec
Join groups here.

3 Rec Sec (2/1 Aust A. Fd. Workshops)

2/2 MG

2/7 Fd Coy

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× Fd Amb
Joins groups here

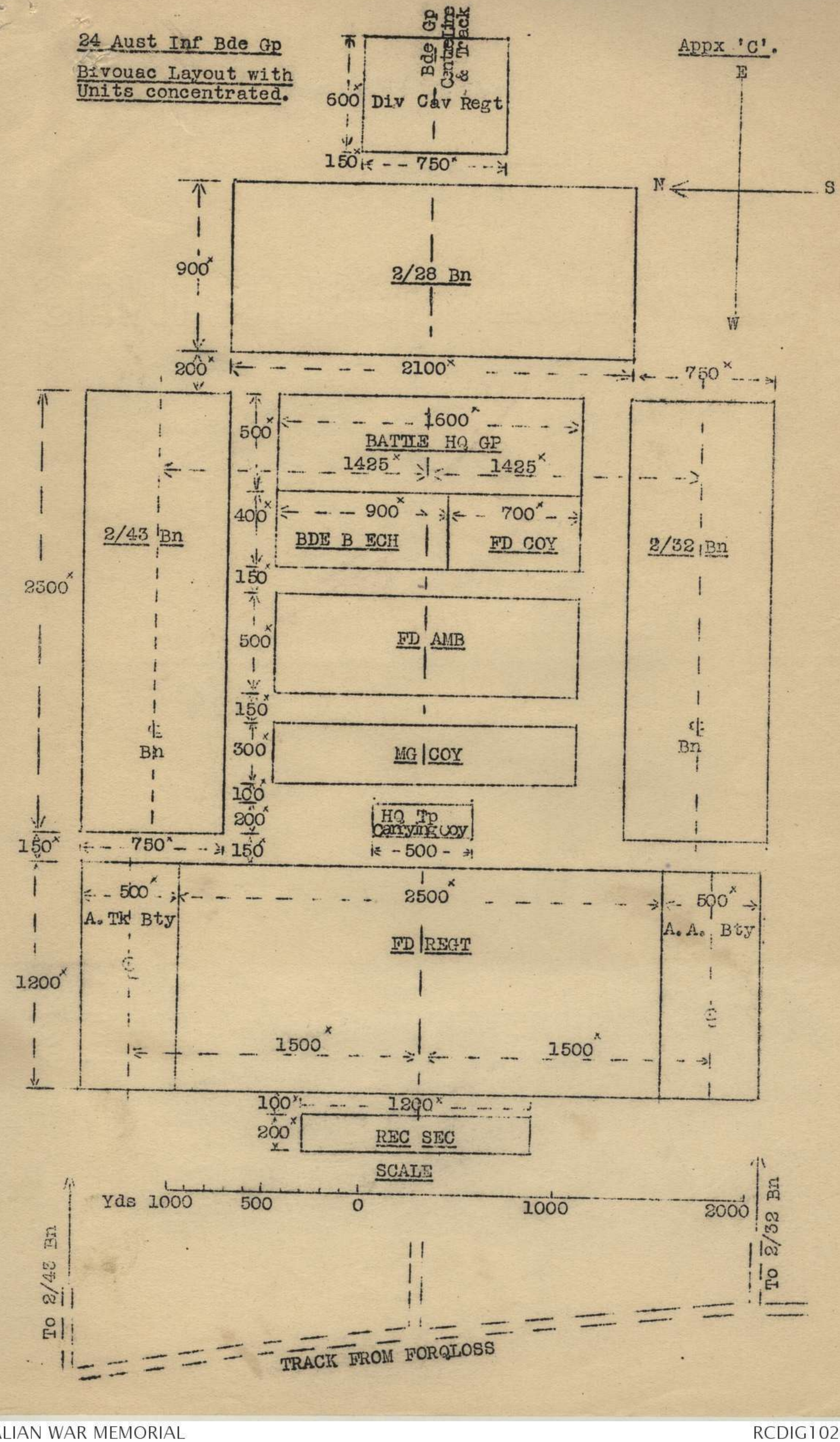
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24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Bivouac Layout with Units concentrated.

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4 Jun 42.

HQ 24 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1.

GENERAL.

1. This order is issued in connection with the move of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to FORQLOSS Trg Camp on 5 Jun 42.

METHOD.

2. Transport.

Loading and order of march as per separate instns.

3. Start Pt.

(a) Bde H.Q. CULVERT 15642644.

(b) Bde Gp Rail & rd crossing 16732808.

4. Time Past Start Pt.

	Head	Tail
(a) Bde H.Q. Start Pt	0510	0524
(b) Bde Gp Start Pt	0654	-

5. Halts.

Twenty mins every even clock two hrs commencing at 0740 hrs.

6. Traffic Control.

MPs will assist in maintaining correct density of coln.

7. EA Attack

(a) In the event of lt EA attack, the coln will NOT halt.

(b) In the event of a hy EA attack, the Gp Comd will decide if it is necessary to halt.

(c) Should a halt be necessary, normal drill will be followed - EA will be engaged by all available small arms and lt AA.

ADM

8. Routine.

(a) Reveille	0400 hrs
(b) Breakfast	0415 hrs
(c) Vehs loaded and ready to move	0500 hrs

9. Dress.

Shorts, shirts, hats, boots, puttees short, socks, drill order, rifle, bayonet.

Steel helmet and respirator to be carried.
Pack, Haversack, Blanket roll to be carried in the vehs.

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10. Supplies.

Midday meal to be carried in each veh.

11. Water.

Full water bottles will be carried.
All 2 gal water containers in vehs to be carried full.

12. P O L

Sufficient P O L will be carried to complete move.

13. Medical.

Casualties to be treated by RAP orderly. Serious cases to be evacuated to 2/3 Aust Fd Amb.

14. Hygiene.

A shovel will be carried in each veh and will be used to dig individual latrines as required.

15. Amn.

First line amn will be carried in vehs as allotted.

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S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution	Copy No.
Comd	1
B.M.	2
S.C.	3
T.O.	4
CSM	5
CQMS	6
K Sec Sigs	7
2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	8
76 L.A.D.	9
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24 AUST INF BDE GP

ORDER OF MARCH - GP 2.

Serial	Sub Gp	Vehicle	Number of vehs in Sub Gp.
1	HQ 24 AUST INF BDE COMD GP	Brig - Car DS 1 B.M. - Car DS 2 W/T Van	3
2	HQ 24 AUST INF BDE MAIN BODY	S.C. - Car Util 3 Sig Office Lorry W/T Van Umpires veh L.O.I - Car DS 4 L.O.II - Van 5 L.O.III - Truck 6 L.O. - Van 7 Office Van 8 Sgt Maj - Truck 9 Offrs Mess Lorry 10 Det 9 DIV PRO Lorry 2 PL GD BN Lorry Sig Line truck Sig Office Truck W/T Van 2 PL GD BN O.C's. Van 2 PL GD BN Lorry	18
3	HQ 24 AUST INF BDE B Ech	T.O. Car DS 11 BASCO Car DS 12 Q.M. Van 13 Armourers Truck 14 Kitchen Lorry 15 Water Truck 16 Fitters Van 17 Sal Army Van 18 Postal Det Van 2 Pl GD BN Lorry	10
4	Det 2/7 FD COY less two Sub-secs		7
5	D COY 2/2 MG BN less one pl.		17
6	76 LAD		6

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Comd HQ Gp	1
Comd Ser 1	2
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" " 4	5
" " 5	6
" " 6	7
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24 AUST INF BDE GP ADM ORDER No 1

Ref Map - LEVANT Series HOMS QUARIATEINE 1/200000

1. GENERAL
Issued in connection with 24 AUST INF BDE GP's training period in FORQLOSS area.

2. AMN
(a) F.A.D. - FRENCH BARRACKS HOMS

(b) A.P. - LL 27462948 opens 1800 hrs, closes 2000 hrs as required.

(c) Requisition to reach Bde HQ by 0700 hrs day before required.

3. SUPPLIES
(a) D.I.D. - FRENCH BARRACKS HOMS

(b) SUP PT.- LL 27422960
Opens 1300 hrs , closes 2000 hrs daily

(c) All containers must be returned the following day.
(d) Indents to reach Bde HQ by 1000 hrs each day.

4. WATER
(a) WATER PT. - LL 27522968
Opens 1400 hrs, closes 1700 hrs daily as per roster issued seperately.

(b) RATION - ¾ gal per man per day for all purposes.

5. P.O.L.
(a) P.P. - LL 27402943
Opens 1800 hrs , closes 2000 hrs daily.

(b) Owing to the present shortage of containers units will return all empty containers the same night.

(c) POL will not be issued other than during the above times, except for visitors.

6. ENGR STORES
Allotment of Engr stores will be made by sec 2/7 AUST FD COY through BDE H.Q.

7. MEDICAL
(a) MDS - 2/3 AUST FD AMB.

(b) Evacuations from MDS by motor amb of 1 AMERICAN FD SERVICE M.C.

8. SALVAGE
To be returned by "B" Ech vchs to SUP PT.

9. POSTAL
Unit Postal Orderlies to despatch and collect mail from FD P.O. at SUP PT.

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10. PAY

A limited amount of pay is available from Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office at Bde HQ "B" Ech.

11. CANTEEN

(a) AACS Depot FRENCH BARRACKS HOMS
(b) AACS SUP Pt. - LL 27422960
(c) The following stores will be provided :-

Beer	Chocolate
Whiskey	Biscuits
Gin	Tongues
Cigarettes	Camp Pie
Tobacco	Tinned Fruit
Cigarette papers	Tomato Sauce
Matches	Fruit juice
Lime juice	

(d) Indents for AACS stores to reach Bde H.Q. by 0900 hrs 3 days in advance.
(e) Payment on delivery.
(f) Units are not permitted to visit AACS Depot HOMS.

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3
K Sec Sigs	4
2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	5
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav	6
76 L.A.D.	7
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	8
11 Bty 3 Aust A.Tk Regt	9
12 Bty 4 Lt A.A. Regt	10
Sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	11
DCoy 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn	12
11 Coy AASC	13
101 Gen Tpt Coy	14
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	15
3 Rec Sec	16
Bde Comd	17
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HQ 9 Aust Div

42.

FORQLOSS - DIV EXERCISE No 1

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 1

Based on information received from NINTH ARMY up to 1800 hrs

All copies of this summary will be destroyed within twenty-four hours of receipt.

Ref Map : SYRIE & LIBAN 1/500,000 - Sheets Nos 1, 2, 4 and 5.

GENERAL

1. After capturing ALEP on 12 JUN German forces have pushed southwards through PALMYRE towards DAMAS. At 1000 hrs 16 JUN the leading elements of a large enemy coln were reported by Tac R 20 miles NE of DMEIR 2318.

2. At 1500 hrs they were reported to be passing through DMEIR in the direction of DAMAS. Head of main coln with several hundred tanks was then 20 miles west of SABIA BIAR 3320. AA fire was intense.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

3. At ALEP one Div, believed to be 25 Motorised Div, was reported by escaped PW to be still in the town at 1800 hrs on 14 JUN . There were no signs then of any intention to move South.

4. The main enemy coln is believed to contain the bulk of the two Armd Divs he has in this force, 7 Armd Div and 13 Armd Div plus part of 36 Motorised Div.

5. Tac R reported at 0700 hrs 16 JUN a small coln of 6 Armd Cs, 4 guns and 20 MT approx 25 miles SE of ESRIYE 3437, moving in the direction of PALMYRE 3829. At 1700 hrs Tac R reported over 200 MT dispersed around PALMYRE but very slight movement southward from PALMYRE for 3 miles, where tail of main German coln began.

6. MT at PALMYRE may indicate a small force to protect L of C.

ORDER OF BATTLE

7. 7 Armd Div

13 Recce Unit
(38 Lt Armd Cs and 12 Hy Armd Cs)
3 Tank Regt
7 Lorried Inf Bde, of
101 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
121 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
39 MC Bn
7 A Tk Bn (30 A Tk guns of various calibres)
7 Armd Div Arty Regt
(Two btys each of twelve 105 mm Hows).

8. 13 Armd Div

7 Recce Unit
4 Tank Regt
9 Lorried Inf Bde
105 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
112 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
25 MC Bn
13 A Tk Bn
13 Armd Div Arty Regt

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9 25 Motorised Div

25 Recce Unit
(38 L. Armd Cs and 12 Hy Armd Cs)
21 MC Bn (253 MCs)
21 Motorised Inf Regt (I, II and III Bns)
22 Motorised Inf Regt (I, II and III Bns)
25 Motorised Arty Regt
(Two btys each of three tps, each tp four 105 mm guns plus Med Bty of 12 150 mm Hows)
26 Div A Tk Bn.
(Nine 50 mm guns and twenty-four 37 mm guns).

10. 36 Motorised Div

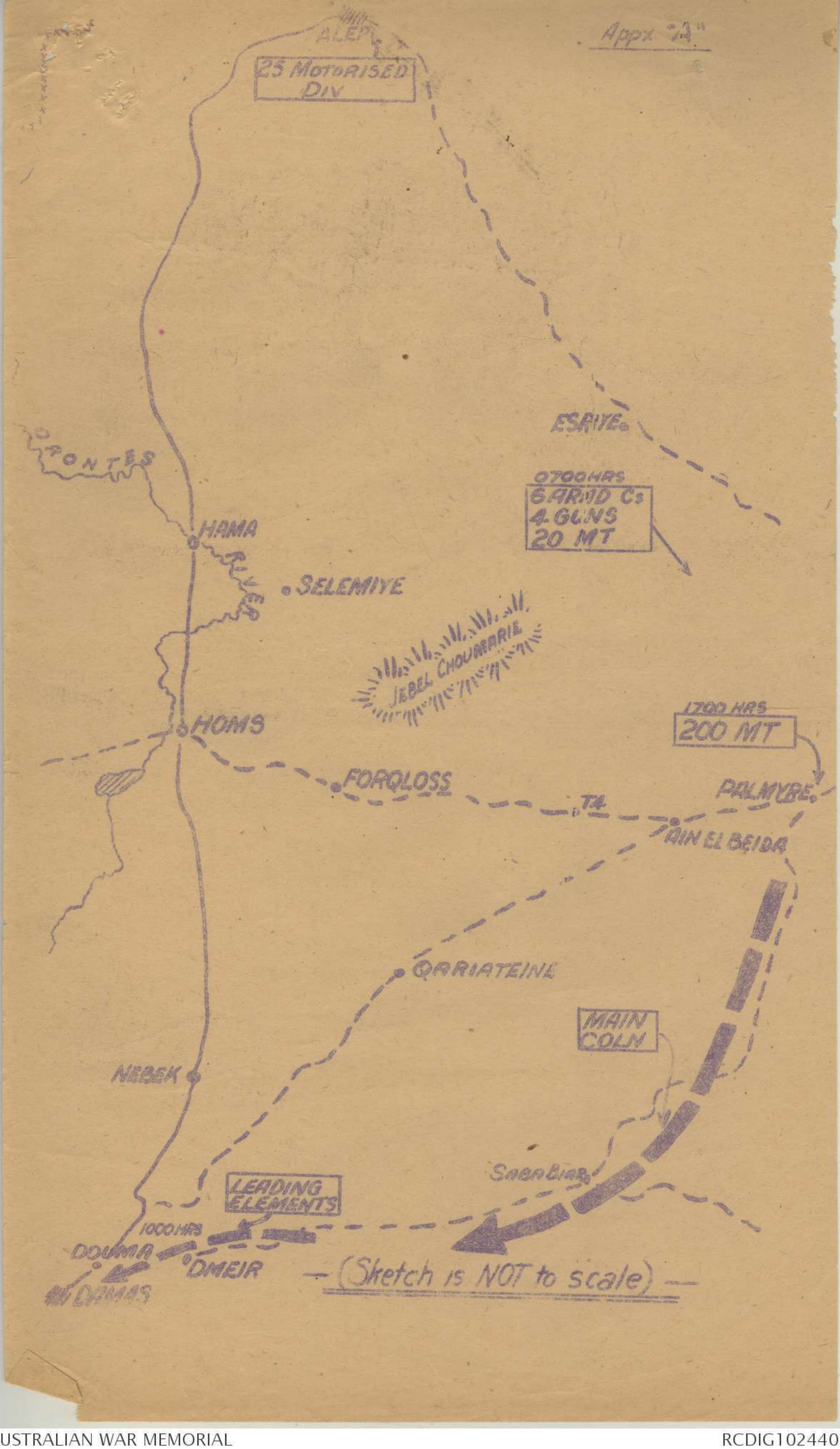
11 Recce Unit
27 MC Bn
36 Motorised Inf Regt
37 Motorised Inf Regt
36 Motorised Arty Regt
36 Div A Tk Bn

11. Attached as Appendix 'A' is a tracing showing enemy dispositions as known at 1800 hrs.

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GS 9 Aust Div

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(Sketch is NOT to scale)

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S.G DIAGRAM ATT.

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INSTNS FOR DIV EXERCISES Nos 1 & 2

1. EQUIPMENT

Within the limits of the tpt available full G1098 eqpt will be taken. If it is necessary to leave any behind, unit anti-gas eqpt and G1098 amn will be dumped and left under gd.

Steel helmets will be worn except by Umpires and Directing Staff. Units used as enemy will wear felt hats.

2. SLIT TRENCHES

Slit trenches dug for protection against air attack will be filled in again to avoid creating an obstacle for following vehs.

3. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY

Enemy will be represented as follows :-

(a) German Mk III tks by Lt tks. (Each lt tk represents three Mk III).

(b) Lorried inf coy represents one motorised inf bn.

(c) Thunderflashes and Smoke Candles (if available) will represent either guns or fall of shell.

(d) Vehs, as seen, enemy to be multiplied by 3. Every third veh to be marked with black cross on bonnet.

(e) Enemy inf will wear felt hats. Own tps will wear steel helmets.

(f) Any vineyards and camps will be treated impassable cactus and must NOT be entered.

4. EXERCISE No 1

OWN TPS

PERSONNEL

As in Appx "A" to Special Idea (Own Tps) less Enemy.

AMN

The only portion of the div exercises which will be carried out with live amn will be the attack on D2 of Div Exercise No 1. Amn for this attack will be available to the following extent :-

Fd arty	12 rpg
A Tk	3 rpg for guns in the Attack
	12 rpg for guns in Consolidation } gloves.
MMG	6 belts per gun
3" Mortar	as allotted by Bde Comd. no bipods

SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Weapons will NOT be loaded prior to the commencement of the attack on D2.

(b) 3" Mortars will NOT fire on targets within 400 yds of the leading tps.

(c) Fire will be opened only by order of an offr and when he knows the situation is such that it is safe to fire.

(d) Fire from small arms other than MMG is unlikely to be safe during the exercise.

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PERSONNEL

ENEMY

(a) One Coy in MT from 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to be under comd 9 Aust Div from 1200 hrs on D1.

(b) Three secs carriers - one from each Bn - to be under comd Lieut KEYS T J 2/15 Aust Inf Bn from 1200 hrs on D1.

RATIONS & POL

Enemy units will carry rations for 48 hrs and POL for 80 miles.

AMN.

Bde Gp will make following amn and flares available :-

Blank .303		-	500 rds
Flares	Cart Ill	-	25
	Cart Sig Red		25
	Cart Sig Green		25

SMOKE GENERATORS

No 5 Smoke Generators - 10

Amn as detailed to be allotted by Chief Umpire.

5. EXERCISE No 2

OWN TPS

PERSONNEL

As in Appx "A" to Special Idea (Own Tps) less Enemy.

AMN.

50 rds 25 pr Blank are available for exercise.

ENEMY

PERSONNEL

(a) Bn Gp (in MT)
(b) Two Secs Lt Tks of Div Cav Sqn under one Comd.

Serials (a) and (b) to come under Comd 9 Aust Div at 1200 hrs on D1

RATIONS AND POL

Rations and water for 48 hrs and POL for 80 miles will be carried.

AMN

Blank remaining from 500 rds for Exercise.

Flares

15 Cart Ill 1-inch
5 Cart Sig Red
5 Cart Sig Green

Smoke Generators - 20

6. FLARES, ETC.

Adequate precautions will be taken to ensure that flares etc are NOT fired near grass land or stubble and crops owing to risk of fire.

7. AIR

(a) Any aircraft with a white nose (or spinner) will be taken as enemy aircraft except that it will NOT be fired on.

(b) Friendly aircraft will have a red nose (or spinner) as shown.

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Coloured nose -



Red - Friendly
White - Enemy

8. RAF

451 AC Sqn, RAAF (Hurricanes) are co-operating during the exercise and will be available for Tac R, Arty R and Photo R. A limited number of these aircraft will also be available to represent 1t Bs carrying out direct air sp. Air Sp Control will be close to Main Div HQ. Notes giving details of the improvised sig comms for Tac R and Air Sp are att as Appx "A". These notes will also cover recognition sigs.

9. SYNCHRONIZATION

(a) 1st light 0430 hrs
Last light 2020 hrs.

(b) All watches will be synchronized by BBC.

10. CASUALTIES. (To be carefully explained to ALL ranks).

(a) Umpires will make personnel casualties by issuing cards showing whether working or lying. Men will be evacuated in the normal manner. Names of casualties will be recorded and their subsequent movements checked.

(b) Umpires will also make tk and veh casualties, issuing cards showing the nature of the supposed defects. These will be dealt with in the correct manner, and their disposal checked. The crew of any veh made a casualty will remove its identification.

11. ORDERS

(a) One copy of all orders, and messages, including notes on verbal orders unless an umpire is present to take them down, issued by Comd Inf bde gp, will be passed to bde senior umpire.

(b) Bde HQ files of 'in' messages and their sig log will also be made available for the Director on conclusion of the exercise.

12. LOCATION, MAIN DIV HQ

MAIN Div HQ will be located near map ref 27952945 (North of pipeline Pole No $\frac{454}{17}$

13. VISITORS

A visitors mess will be established. As exercises continue during the night, visitors are advised to come self contained.

14. UMPIRES

Arrangements for umpiring are given in Appx "B".

Distribution

20 Aust Inf Bde	20	CASC	1
24 Aust Inf Bde	20	Comd	1
26 Aust Inf Bde	20	G	5
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	1	Q	1
RAA 9 Aust Div	1	ADMS	1
Sigs 9 Aust Div	1	ADOS	1
2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	DAPM	1
CRE	1	Camp	1

H. Wells
Col
GS 9 Aust Div

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APPX A. SECRET

COMNS

AIR SUPPORT CONTROL (Instns for Div Exercises 1 and 2)

1. Signal diagram att shows the comns for control of Direct Air Sp and Tac R. (limited distribution).

2. Sigs 9 Aust Div will provide :

(a) Tentacle for calls for Air Sp from Bde HQ to Air Sp Control HQ.

(b) Comn between Main Div HQ and ALG for orgn of Tac R etc sorties.

3. 451 A C Sqn will provide :

(a) At Bde HQ - a combined FASL (for working to Sp Aircraft) and Tac R Listening Set (for listening in to Tac R Aircraft reporting).

(b) At Div HQ - the RASL for comn from Air Sp Control HQ back to the Sp Aircraft Landing Ground, combined with Tac R Control (for working to Tac R aircraft).

4. Calls for Air Sp from Bde HQ will be made in accordance with the procedure and pro forma laid down in METP No 3A "Direct Air Support".

5. Tac R., Arty R. and Photo R sorties will be arranged between the Div Comd and Staff, CRA and the RAF representative at Div HQ. Any requests for sorties from Bde HQ will be passed through the normal signal channels.

RECOGNITION SIGNALS

6. Air to Ground and Ground to Air Signals by means of Cartridges Illuminating, Ground Indicators, "T" Ground Signs etc., will be as laid down in METP No 3A.

7. (a) It is also proposed to test Ground to Air Signalling by Aldis Lamp. Three lamps will be available for use, one at Bde HQ, one with the Fd Regt, and one with a forward Inf Bn.

(b) In addition to use of Ground Indicators etc. as in para 6, HQs of Formations or Units with Aldis Lamps will disclose their HQ position in answer to a call from an aircraft by flashing the letter of the Day (Aircraft Recognition) twice, followed by their Formation or Unit Identification Letter, repeated at intervals for 3 mins or until acknowledged.

(c) If an Aldis Lamp is used forward of Regt or Bn HQ, troops will identify themselves in answer to a call from an aircraft by flashing the Letter of the Day at intervals for 3 mins, or until acknowledged.

(d) For purposes of the exercise, the Letter of the Day will be "A" and Formations etc Identification Letters will be as follows :-

HQ Inf Bde	.....	A
HQ Fd Regt	.....	K
HQ Inf Bn	.....	B

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY AIRCRAFT

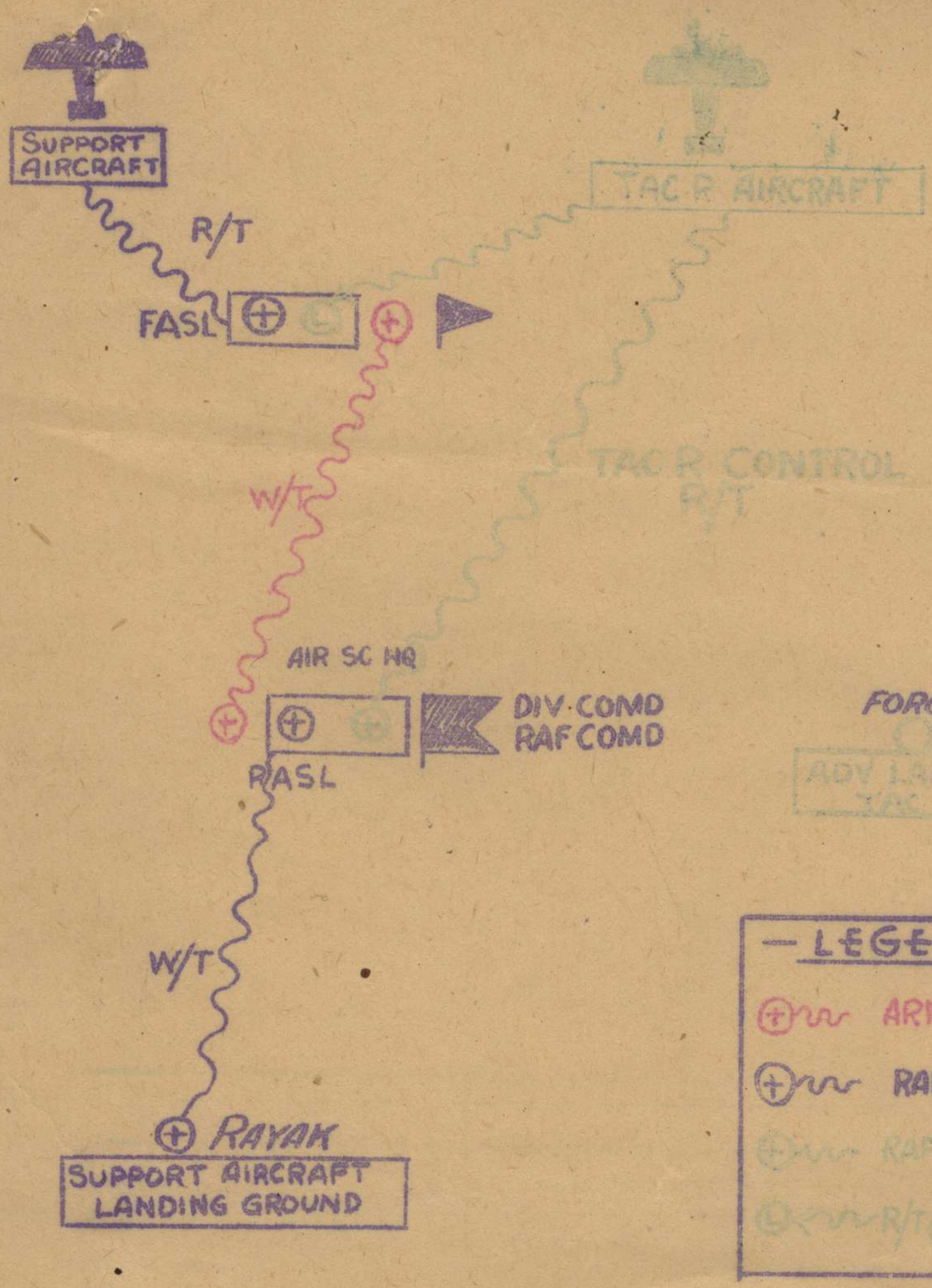
8. In all cases, aircraft will acknowledge signals from the ground by wing-flutter.

INDICATION OF TARGETS

9. Indication of targets will be by "V" ground strips and bars as laid down in METP. In addition, units with Aldis Lamps will flash the Lamp in the vicinity of the "V" sign to attract the pilot's attention.

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SIGNAL DIAGRAM
AIR SUPPORT CONTROL



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APPX "B" to Div Instns for Div Exercise Nos 1 and 2.

DS - UMPIRES AND UMPIRE INSTNS

1. Director — GOC 9 Aust Div
   Assistants — G I, G III I
   LO — LO 3.

2. Chief umpires of Arms.

Cav	Lt Col BASTIN (or to arrange)
Arty	Brig RAMSAY
Engrs	Lt Col RISSON (or to arrange)
Sigs	Lt Col CAMPBELL
Inf	Lt Col OGLE - Assistant Capt COMBES
MGs	LT Col MACARTHUR ONSLOW (or to arrange)
Medical	Col FURNELL
Ord	Maj BLACKWOOD

3. Umpire organisation

(a) The normal umpire organization of units will be retained and the div umpires will be super-imposed on, and work through this organization for the exercises.

(b) Except as specified in (c) and (d) comds of "other arms" will see that adequate umpires are allotted to units.

(c) Inf bns organization will include the following minimum:-

Senior umpire each bn - X 1 Maj
Each coy - 1 Offr 3 NCOs
Mortar Pl - 1 Offr 1 NCo
Carrier Pl - 1 Offr

(d) Cav sqn X 2 Offrs (one for lt tks)
1 NCO per tp - on tp vehs.

Offrs marked X will require their own tpt.

4. Enemy — Chief umpire X Maj NORMAN
Assistants Lieut J T KEYS
~~Lieut T H COLLINS~~

5. Umpires exercise will be held as follows:-

(a) RV - 0900 hrs 13 Jun - Pipe line post $\frac{4}{5}\frac{}{4}\frac{}{5}$ SE FOROLOSS. Lunches required.

To attend - Directors
Chief inf umpire and assistant
OC Enemy inf
OC Enemy cav
Div umpires
Enemy umpires

(b) RV - 0900 hrs 16 Jun - as above. Lunches required.

To attend - Directors
Chief inf umpire and assistant
OC enemy
Enemy umpires
Cav umpires
Bn senior umpires.

Identification

(a) DS and Umpires cars will carry a white sig flag displayed prominently

(b) Umpires will wear a white arm band on the left arm. (Sig flags and arm bands to be supplied by and returned to Main HQ 9 Aust Div)

(See back)

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(c) Umpires will mess with units etc to which they are att.

Enemy vehs

Will be marked with large black cross over the bonnet or engine.

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Appx "G(a)"

24 AUST INF BDE GP + EXERCISE No 6
Forecast of Events

11 Jun

1. In early afternoon an enemy force comd by Maj C FRITH and representing a German Lorried Inf Regt will move out from Bde bivouac area and take up position in area DJOUBB ABEL 3030.

2. The defensive position will be covered by outpost sited some 3-/5000 yds south. This outpost will supposedly contain a percentage of heavy weapons of regt. The main positions and outpost are to be occupied by 1800 hrs.

3. Our Tac R will take place in vicinity of 1830 hrs and enemy must give a show of strong resistance.

11/12 Jun

1. On results of Tac R report 24 AUST INF BDE will send out mob desert coln to approach enemy positions under cover of darkness and carry out a surprise raid on enemy outpost with object of inflicting maximum damage and destroying or driving in the outpost, and forcing the enemy to disclose dispositions in his main position.

2. The mob desert col will NOT become committed with enemy main body or to a running battle with the outpost and will make their report at earliest on result of operation.

3. In meantime (in early morning) 24 AUST INF BDE GP will be formed in desert formation in anticipation of carrying out an attack on enemy main positions disclosed.

4. The result of battle of desert/coln will be checked by mob Tac R. On return, desert mob coln will join Bde Gp box. Bde Gp box will adv northwards and normal ground recce will take place from first contact. It will be found that enemy outpost has withdrawn to main position.

5. As result of recce orders will be issued for a bde attack. This will be carried out in early afternoon.

6. Enemy will thus be driven northwards and Bde Gp will consolidate on occupied positions.

7. During the evening enemy ground recce will be active in conjunction with low flying air attack.

13 Jun

1. Early morning Tac R will reveal enemy concentrating strong armd forces in area DJOUFTELEK 3033 covered by his remaining lorried inf dets.

2. Orders for withdrawal of Bde Gp to FORQLOSS in desert formation will then be given, and Bde Gp will withdraw to bivouac area under close contact with enemy recce and lorried inf units.

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Appx "G(b)"

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde.
10 Jun 42.

Air Support 11, 13 Jun 42.

1. Extra Air Support has been arranged for evening 11 Jun.

2. 451 SQN RAAF operating from RAYAK will have three A C aircraft at immediate notice during certain prearranged periods.

3. Lieut J.E.COURT will act as ALO stationed at ALG FORQLOSS.

4. 451 SQN are providing a FASL for this Bde and a RASL at ALG. A tentacle has been requested from 9 AUST DIV, but in event of its non arrival K SEC SIGS 9 AUST DIV must prepare spare W/T set to act in its place.

5. As a result of this organisation, following methods of operation may be tried -

(a) for Tac R - Tac R aircraft might be ordered fwd by ALO to ALG - say one hr before anticipated time for a recce. There the ALO would brief pilot and instruct him either to return to Main LG on completion of his sortie, or, if necessary, to land first at ALG for interrogation.

(b) If pilot is to make Tac R report, or report by R/T to FASL, it may be possible to arrange without the aircraft landing at ALG.

(c) For fighter support, a sortie may be made on basis of Tac R report and instns through RASL and thence control through FASL.

(d) Fighter support may otherwise be arranged in similar manner to A C support by briefing at ALG.

6. Sorties have been prearranged regarding time, but will be impromptu regarding tasks.

7. Requests for air support will be made by Bde H.Q. on the standard pro-forma over the tentacle to the ALG and thence by RASL to main LG. Similar procedure will be used for calls by both own tps and enemy.

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B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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11 Jun 42.

EXERCISE

24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 7.

Ref map LEVANT 1:200,000 QARIATEINE Sheet

NO CHANGE FROM VERBAL ORDERS

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

(a) Strat R during morning 11 Jun reports armd formations moving SOUTH through ALEPPO. Movement of MT noted vicinity SELEMIYE.

(b) Tac R timed 1830 hrs 11 Jun indicates enemy motorised formations preparing defensive posns area 293307 with strong outpost some 4,000 yds SOUTH.

2. Own Tps.

Mob desert coln was sent out at 1900 hrs to attempt to destroy or drive in enemy outposts by surprise attack at first light 12 Jun.

INTENTION

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will adv in desert formation on 12 Jun and attack enemy formations in area ROUDJOUM ED DELEM.

METHOD.

4. Formation.

Desert formation box will be formed facing 90° mag with centre at 284291.

5. Box will be marked out by Bde I.O.'s party by 0700 hrs 12 Jun.

6. Box dispositions.

(a) leading bn 2/28 Bn

(b) right bn 2/32 Bn

(c) left bn 2/43 Bn

7. Box to be ready to adv by 0930 hrs.

8. 2/28 Bn to be in posn by 0830 hrs.

9. Bde Comd Gp.

Bde Comd gp will move from SP, Bde office, at 0800 hrs.

10. Central gp units.

Units of central gp will follow Bde Comd gp,

11. Axis of adv.

on bg 90° mag to 293291, then on bg 40° mag.

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12. Cav bounds.

(a) B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav will report on line of track MEDDECH AFFIR.

(b) East west line through pt 895 at 300304.

13. Interval and distance.

150 yds.

14. Speed.

8 mih.

ADM

15. Sup Pt, A P, POL } at 287292 from 1800 hrs 12 Jun.

16. Water. - normal.

INTERCOMN

17. Wireless silence until advised except Cav reporting ground and first contact.

18. FASL and tentacle with Bde H.Q.

19. Bde H.Q. closes present location 0800 hrs 12Jun and opens Bde gp box same time.

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Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution	Copy No.
2/28 Bn	1
2/32 Bn	2
2/43 Bn	3
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav	4
2/8 Fd Regt	5
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt	6
12 Bty 4 A A Regt	7
2/7 Fd Coy	8
D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn	9
11 Coy AASC	10
101 Gen Tpt Coy	11
2/3 Fd Amb	12
76 L.A.D.	13
3 Rec Sec	14
Comd	15
S.C.	16
I.O.	17
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18 Jun 42.

24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 8.

Ref map LEVANT 1:200,000 QARIATEINE Sheet.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

Enemy posn extends from incl pipeline trig to incl trig 660. Strength estimated 2 lorried inf bns, 12 known gun posns located and 4 A.Tk gun posns located from air photos and recce pipeline trig feature; trig 660 feature, six well sited A.Tk guns located. Both posns held in depth.

2. Own Tps.

As per Int summaries.

INTENTION

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will attack and capture trig 660 feature.

METHOD

4. Outline of Operation

Bde Gp will attack from the left flank. Tps will be transported to assembly areas, formed up and then adv in tpt covered by Sqn A tks. The tks will then adv to a line 1000 yds from the enemy FDLs and there halt, hull down to cover debussing of assaulting tps with fire. Assaulting tps then pass through line of tks and capture first objective and make gaps in minefields if located. Tps then adv to attack second objective with fire support of inf on first objective. Each fwd bn will keep one coy in res to consolidate second objective.

5. Fwd Bns.

Right 2/32 Bn with u/c one A.Tk tp, one MMG pl, det 2/7 Fd Coy. In support 15 Fd Bty.
Objective Left step feature - trig 660 excl.

Left 2/43 Bn with u/c one A.Tk tp, det 2/7 Fd Coy. In support 16 Fd Bty.
Objective Incl trig 660 - PIMPLE HILL.

6. Inter bn boundaries.

Line 31902956 - trig 660 (323292) incl to 2/43 Bn.

7. Res

2/28 Bn with u/c one A.Tk pl. In support 58 Fd Bty, sec, less two dets, 2/7 Fd Coy.
Task. Concentrate lorried in present area and be prepared to exploit success of fwd bns.

8. Assembly Areas.

2/43 Bn 31902957
2/32 Bn 31902955

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9. Start line.

Line 1000 yds fwd of enemy FDLs.

10. Bearing of Attack. 126° mag.

11. Zero. 1420 hrs - time inf debus on start line.

12. Timings.

Tanks arrive start line 1415 hrs.
Inf leave assembly areas 1400 hrs.

13. Limit of exploitation.

Line of red flags 600 yds East of trig 660.

14. Consolidation.

Immediate consolidation against inf or AFV attack.

15. Cav.

B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav will move wide on left flank in observation.

16. A Tks

Task Sqn A tks will adv from rear of inf assembly areas. Move on axis of adv to hull down posns 1000 yds in front of enemy FDLs to give covering fire during inf debussing. Then move in rear assaulting inf and on capture first objective, pass through and capture second objective with fire support.

F.A.P. In rear of inf assembly areas.

F.U.L. 1000 yds from enemy FLDs.

Fwd rally On axis of adv in rear of first objective.

17. Arty.

Support to debussing pt Z-20 to Z
one tp smoke OPs
three tps concentration on defended localities HE slow

During and after debussing
one tp smoke OPs
three tps HE concentration on defended localities,
HE rate normal
Z+9 to Z+15 two tps smoke OPs
FOOs to accompany fwd bns

20. A.Tk

21. A/A.

One light A.A. Tp to cover debussing of assaulting tps. One light A.A. Tp to cover Arty posns. One light A.A. tp in support 2/28 Bn.

22. MMG.

One Coy 2/2 MG Bn to support attack, fire by observation from Z - 20. One pl u/c 2/32 Bn.

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23. Engineers

Det u/c each fwd bn. Sec less two dets in support 2/28 Bn.

24. Use of Mortar

Mortars of fwd bns will accompany tanks to provide support during inf adv.

25. Adm.

B Ech bded in present posn from 1330 hrs and will move to assembly areas on orders Bde HQ.

26. MEDICAL

A D S in present location W W C P at inf assembly area.

27. SUP AMN & P O L

No change.

28. P W

P W collecting point at 31902957

29. INTERCOMN

Success Sig - three red verey lights to be confirmed by wireless.

30. BDE TACTICAL HQ

In assembly area at Z thence to centre of obj

31. MAIN HQ

To close present posn and reopen at assembly area Z plus 30 then as ordered.

32. WIRELESS F A S L & TENTACLE with Bde HQ.

D K Jamieson Maj
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde

Time of Sig. 1320 hrs

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21 Jun 42.

24 AUST INF BDE GP MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2.

Ref map LEVANT 1:200,000 QARTATEINE, HOMS.

INTENTION.

1. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move from present location on 22 Jun 42 to relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp in TRIPOLI FORTRESS area.

METHOD.

2. Move will be carried out in two stages -

(a) Stage 1 Area T4 to FORQLOSS 22/23 Jun

(b) Stage 2 FORQLOSS to TRIPOLI 23 Jun

3. Grouping

(a) Group 1
2/28 Bn
71 L.A.D.

(b) Group 2
H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde
D Coy 2/9 M.G. Bn
Sec 2/7 Fd Coy (less details)
2/3 Fd Amb (less 4 mob secs)
H.Q. 101 Gen Tpt Coy
76 L.A.D.
one det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

(c) Group 3
2/32 Inf Bn
72 L.A.D.
one mob sec 2/3 Fd Amb

(d) Group 4
2/2 Fd Regt
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt
12 Bty 4 Lt A.A. Regt
64 L.A.D.
one mob sec 2/3 Fd Amb

(e) Group 5
2/43 Inf Bn
3 Rec Sec (incl G Div Sec Ord Fd Pk)
one mob 2/3 Fd Amb

(f) Group 6 B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav

(g) Group 7 Carriers of inf bns

Advance Party TRIPOLI.

Comd, Capt K.E. BISHOP, H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde
1 offr per inf bn
1 NCO per inf coy

(a) Tpt - 2/28 Inf Bn will supply one 3 ton lorry.
2/32 Inf Bn will supply one 1 ton van.
(b) Assembly - RV T4 track junc 330290 at 0600 hrs 22 Jun and proceed direct to TRIPOLI area.

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STAGE 1.

5. **Adv party FORQLOSS** Comd, Capt T.I.GILLESBRAND, HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut M.G.WORTHLEY, do.
one offr per inf bn
one offr 2/8 Fd Regt
one NCO per inf coy
one NCO per bty
2 MP (with MCs) det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

(a) Tpt - Rations and pet veh from all units and sub-units of bde gp.

(b) Assembly Veh and personnel will assemble at H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde at 0930 hrs 23 Jun.

(c) Route Appx 'A' att.

6. Movement all gps - appx 'A' att.

7. Rear Party

(a) 2/43 Inf Bn will supply 1 offr, 2 NCOs, 14 ORs with one 3 ton lorry leaving present location 0530 hrs 23 Jun. Details 2/7 Fd Coy will remain with one veh.

(b) Task - Search area and destroy UX shells and bombs.

STAGE 11

8. **Movement** all gps - appx 'B' att.

9. **Carriers(Gp 7).** O.C. Party - Capt J.P.FAHEY, 2/32 Inf Bn.

(a) Composition: all inf bn carriers
one breakdown det and carrier transporter 3 Rec Sec
one 3 ton lorry from each bn will carry rations(3 days) and POL 150 miles.

(b) Assembly: RV area PIPELINE and track junc 376204
Arrive TRIPOLI 24 Jun.

10. Traffic Control

TPs will be established as follows, to withdraw when Gp 5 is cleared.

TP 1 - junc rd HOMS - DAMAS and PIPELINE (by 2/28 Bn) from 0600 hrs 23 Jun

TP 2 - junc rds LATTAQUIE - TRIPOLI and TRIPOLI - SIR (by 2/32 Bn) from 1000 hrs 23 Jun

ADM

11. Sup

Sup pt will open vicinity 378302944 for 2 hrs commencing 1800 hrs 22 Jun.

Units will draw rations as follows -

D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn	1 day
101 Gen Tpt Coy	"

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24 Aust Inf Bde	2 days
2/8 Fd Regt	"
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt	"
12 Bty 4 Lt A.A. Regt	"
2/3 Fd Amb	"
3 Rec Sec(incl Ord Fd Pk and 72 L.A.D.)	"
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	3 days

12. POL

P P as for sup pt. All containers will be returned to P P before units leave FORQLOSS area.

13. Water

Water pt FORQLOSS opened night 22/23 Jun and day 23 Jun

14. Rec

3 Rec Sec will move at tail of Gp 5.

15. Medical

One mob sec with each Gp 2, 3, 4, 5.

16. Pro

2 MPs at each T.P.1, HOMS township, and T.P. 2.

INTERCOMN

17. Bde H.Q. closes present location 1700 hrs 22 Jun, thence FORQLOSS closing 0555 hrs 23 Jun, thence route Gp 2 to TRIPOLI.

18. Heads and tails of colns will report to T.Ps (marked with blue and white sig flags).

D.R. Jackson
Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Inf Bn	1
2/32 Inf Bn	2
2/43 Inf Bn	3
K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div	4
2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	5
76 LAD	6
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav	7
2/8 Fd Regt	8
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt	9
12 Bty 4 Lt A.A.Regt	10
D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn	11
101 Gen Tpt Coy	12
2/3 Fd Amb	13
3 Rec Sec	14
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Appx 'A'

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Movement Table issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Movement Order No. 2 dated 21 Jun 42.

Route "A" Pt 400 yds SW 31952965 - bg 225° mag - PIPELINE - FORQLOSS.

Route "B" T4 - PIPELINE - FORQLOSS

Speed and Density - Day, 10 mih 20 vtm Night, 3 mih 40 vtm

Ser (a)	Date (b)	Unit (c)	Route (d)	SP (e)	T.P.S.P. Head (f)	Guides meet (g)	Remarks (h)
							TRIPOLI Adv party leaving demonstration area 0600 hrs - moves independently.
1	22	Adv party	A	31952965	1000 hrs	-	Veh to RV HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde 0950 hrs and will proceed to SP under O.C. adv party
2	"	Gp 6	A	-	-	-	Independent move FORQLOSS.North of Pipeline. Move on completion of Demonstration Attack
3	"	Gp 7	A	31952965	-	-	Independent move to FORQLOSS.South of Pipeline. Move on completion of Demonstration Attack.
4	"	Gp 1	A	"	1430 hrs	BNG 27 28742920	Coln route to PIPELINE, then desert formation South of PIPELINE.
5	"	Gp 3	A	"	1530 hrs	"	Coln route to PIPELINE, thence desert formation North of PIPELINE.
6	"	Gp 2	B	T4 Track junc 330290	1700 hrs	"	Desert formation North of PIPELINE MDS 2/3 Fd Amb joins at T4.
7	"	Gp 4	B	"	1800 hrs	"	Coln route.
8	"	Gp 5 and rear party	B	"	2000 hrs	"	Coln route.

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Appx 'B'

Movement Table issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Movement Order No. 2 dated 21 Jun 42.

Route - PIPELINE - rd HOMS - TRIPOLI
S.P. - Junc Track PIPELINE 27642940.

Speed and Density (i) FORQLOSS - HOMS - 10 mih 20 vtm
(ii) HOMS - TRIPOLI - 20 mih 20 vtm

Ser (a)	Date (b)	Unit (c)	Time Past SP (d)	Remarks (e)
1	23	Gp 1	0430 hrs	desert formation to junc PIPELINE-HOMS rd, thence coln route
2	"	Gp 2	0530 hrs	do.
3	"	Gp 3	0630 hrs	do.
4	"	Gp 4	0730 hrs	do.
5	"	Gp 5	1000 hrs	do.
6	"	Gp 6	Independent move to LATTAKIA	
7	"	Gp 7	Independent move not to commence before 1130 hrs. Complete maintenance at FORQLOSS.	

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Disposition and movement of Tps 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp
22 Jun 42

Immediately prior to attack Demonstration

Area 'A'
2/28 Bn
Part of 2/32 Bn
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
2/8 Fd Regt
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt
12 Bty 4 Lt A.A. Regt
D Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
Carriers all inf bns
Mob sec 2/3 Fd Amb
Assaulting tps

Area 'B' Clear

Area 'C' 2/43 Bn (less tp carrying & B Ech tpt)

Area 'D'
H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde(less details)
2/32 Bn (less details in Area 'A')
Bded B Ech

Immediate movements on completion of Attack Demonstration

(a) 2/43 Bn and mob sec 2/3 Fd Amb to defence posn Area 'B'

(b) 2/8 Fd Regt
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt
D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn
} to area 'B'

(c) B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
2/28 Bn
2/32 Bn (details)
12 Bty 4 Lt A.A. Regt
} to Area 'D'
form gps and move in accordance with appx 'A' to Movement Order No. 2.

Immediately prior to Defence Demonstration

Area 'A' Clear

Area 'B'
2/43 Bn
2/8 Fd Regt
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt
D Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
Mob sec 2/3 Fd Amb
Spectators

Area 'C' Clear

Area 'D'
Bde H.Q. (less details)
Bded B Ech (less details)

Subsequent to Defence Demonstration, all units to area 'D' join gps and move in accordance with Movement Order No. 2.

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B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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24 Aust Inf Bde O.O.No.3

Ref map LEVANT 1/50,000 TRIPOLI Sheet.

INFORMATION

1. Own Tps.

(a) Units and sub units 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp have now reverted to normal comd.

(b) 26 Aust InfBdeGp is to be relieved operational duties in TRIPOLI Fortress 25 Jun 42 and move to FORQLOSS area for tng.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in Sectors A and B TRIPOLI Fortress on 25 Jun 42.

METHOD

3. 2/43 Bn will relieve 2/23 Bn
2/32 Bn " " 2/48 Bn
2/28 Bn " " 2/24 Bn

Relief will take place on 25 Jun and will be completed by 1800 hrs.

4. Security Duties.

2/28 Bn will take over all security duties in the Fortress area, incl 9 Aust Div Reception Camp, by 1800 hrs 25 Jun.

5. Comd will change 1800 hrs 25 Jun 42.

ADM

6. Handover Tng Stores

(a) Handover of the following stores previously issued this Bde for tng period will proceed with relief -

Water containers
Desert shelters
Engr stores and tools

(b) The following are recalled immediately to Bde H.Q.

Aldis lamps
Manoeuvre flags
Maps LEVANT 1/200,000
HOMS
QARIATEINE
SELEMIYE
PALMYRE
} issued for tng period

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7. Units will take over all accommodation stores in their areas.

INTERCOMN

8. Bde H.Q. will close present location 1800 hrs 25 Jun and reopen MADJLAYA 16442753 at same time.

9. Reliefs will be notified by R/T code.

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Signed at 1020 hrs

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76 LAD	5
2 Pl HQ Gd Bn	6
9 Aust Div	7
26 Aust Inf Bde	8
8 Mule Coy RIASC	9
10 Mule Coy RIASC	10
12 Mule Coy RIASC	11
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HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: G7H/1/56
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9 AUST DIV CAV REGT
24 AUST INF BDE
26 AUST INF BDE
RAA 9 AUST DIV
RAE 9 AUST DIV
2/2 AUST MG BN
AASC 9 AUST DIV
ADOS 9 AUST DIV
ADMS 9 AUST DIV

G FOR INFORMATION

ADM ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELIEF OF 26 AUST INF BDE BY 24 AUST INF BDE IN TRIPOLI AREA 23 - 26 JUN

GENERAL

1. This instn should be read in conjunction with the relevant "G" instn to be issued.

2. The relief will be spread over several days and the best use must therefore be made of existing accommodation and bivouac shelters already issued.

HANDOVER OF TPT, STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

3. (a) All AASC vehicles now under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde, come under comd CASC as follows:

AASC 9 Aust Div vehs	-	1800 hrs 23 Jun
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	-	2359 hrs 23 Jun

(b) All vehicles of AASC 9 Aust Div, including those att to 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, will be returned by 24 Aust Inf Bde to unit lines as soon as possible after arrival in TRIPOLI area.

(c) 26 Aust Inf Bde will select a suitable site or sites for 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to bivouac as a Coy or by pls, and will provide the necessary guides on 23 Jun.

(d) 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, 12 Coy AASC and the necessary vehicles to make up first line deficiencies for 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will come under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde from 0900 hrs 25 Jun.

4. RE STORES AND TOOLS

RE Stores and tools provided by RAE 9 Aust Div for Bde Gp Training will be handed over as follows:

(a) Inf Bns - by arrangement between HQ 24 and HQ 26 Aust Inf Bdes.

(b) RAE Units - by arrangement of HQ RAE 9 Aust Div.

5. TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION STORES

By mutual arrangements between incoming and outgoing formations and units. AF's G1033 will be exchanged as necessary.

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6. **BIVOUAC SHELTERS AND WATER CONTAINERS**

(a) Bivouac shelters and 2 gallon water containers will be handed over by units of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to equivalent units of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp as follows:-

Unit	Bivouac Shelters	Water Containers
Bde HQ	108	65
3 Inf Bns (Total)	1510	369
Cav Sqn	65	62
Fd Regt	444	72
A Tk Bty	103	71
Lt AA Bty	147	-
Sec Fd Coy	37	9
MG Coy	155	65
Fd Amb	128	63
AASC Coy	133	270
Rec Sec	47	8
Pro Sec	20	2

(b) 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will retain the 212 Containers issued on 3 Jun.

7. **SANDFLY NETS**

(a) Sandfly nets will be used at night by all tps while in the TRIPOLI Area.

(b) Nets are NOT required in the FORQLOSS Training Area.

8. **CIVILIAN LABOUR**

The supervision of civilian labour now employed by 26 Aust Inf Bde for defence works, will be taken over by 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Lt Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust. Div.

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Appx "K(a)"

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24 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 2.

1. This instn will be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Movement Order No. 7 and 24 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 1.

2. Bde R Gp

COs of Bns and Fd Regt will move by rd and be prepared for independent movement from rd party, with Bde R Gp.

3. A.A. Defence of Trains.

Air attack on trains, particularly at night, is possible.

(a) OsC trains will arrange with train staff a method of stopping train if air attack becomes heavy.

(b) If train is stopped during attack, tps will detrain and engage aircraft with controlled fire.

(c) Air sentries will be maintained as necessary, and A.A. LMGs disposed during any prearranged halts to cover the train and tps in vicinity.

(d) As 2/8 Fd Regt is unable to dispose LMG for protection of its train party, unit sharing that train will assume responsibility for A.A. defence.

(e) LMGs will be allotted for A.A. defence with due consideration for protection of rd party.

4. Carriage of LMGs & amn on trains.

(a) LMGs will be carried out of boxes, each with eight loaded magazines.

(b) One box .303 SAA (1000 rds) will be carried per inf coy.

5. A.A. pls of inf bns.

A.A. pls will accompany rd party.

6. Deception

The following additional steps will be taken to conceal the move :-

(a) All ranks will on NO account wear Aust type hats - these will be concealed completely during the move and steel helmets worn.

(b) Aust titles and badges will NOT be worn.

(c) 9 Aust Div Signs on vehs will be painted with heavy oil and dust thrown on them, completely obscuring the sign. Unit numbers will not be obscured.

(d) Steps should be taken to apply (a) and (b) above only a short time before movement.

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7. Para 6 of Bde Op Instn No. 1 is cancelled, and will read instead :-

"6. Interpreters will accompany units, and be informed that units are moving out for a further period of trg and that they should be prepared to be away for at least a fortnight."

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B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appx "L"

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27 Jun 42.

24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 2.

GENERAL

1. This order will be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Movement Order No. 7.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move from TRIPOLI area to EGYPT commencing 28 Jun 42.

METHOD

3. Order of march and details of move as per appx 'A' att.

4. Allotment of Tpt

Vehicles wil be allotted and will report to units as follows :-

(a) from AASC 9 Aust Div
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde - 2 lorries report 1600 hrs 27 Jun
D Coy 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn - 10 " " " " " "

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Para 4(b)(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 2. 27 Jun 42.

(b) from 87 Hy A.A. Regt R.A.S.C. Sec.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	16 lorries	report 1600 hrs 27 Jun 42
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	16 "	" " " " " "
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	16 "	" " " " " "

(c) from 461 Gen Tpt Coy

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	30 lorries	report 1600 hrs 27 Jun 42
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	30 "	" " " " " "
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	30 "	" " " " " "
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	27 "	" " " " " "
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	11 "	" " " " " "

(a) Staging area on 28 Jun or night 28/29 Jun vicinity RASM EL HADI near BAALBEK.

(b) Staging area on 29 Jun or night 29/30 Jun for road parties vicinity TULKARM.

7. Start pt, Start times, Speed, Densit and Halts

as per appx 'A' att

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(b)) Issued later to 2/28 Bn, 2/3[illegible] Bn, 2/43 Bn,
(c)) 2/8 Fd Regt, 2/3 Fd Amb.

(d) All 9 Aust Div AASC vehs will accompany rd parties to destination.

(e) All RASC vehs will take parties to NESHER and then return to Ninth Army Area.

5. Routes

(a) TRIPOLI-HOMS- halt 8 hrs RASM EL HADI near BAALBEK - RAYAK-ZAHLE-CHTAURA- turn left on DAMASCUS ROAD to 168196 - turn right on to new road skirting RACHAYA EL OUADI-MERJAYOUN-METULLA-TIBERIAS - turn left ½ mile east of LUBIYA-KEFAR TAVOR-AFFULE-LAJJUN.
Road parties continue through HADERA to TULKARM.
Rail parties turn right to NESHER(7 miles east of HAIFA).

(b) Onward movement of rail and road parties from NESHER and TULKARM respectively under orders from MOV MILP[illegible].

6. Staging

(a) Staging area on 28 Jun or night 28/29 Jun vicinity RASM EL HADI near BAALBEK.

(b) Staging area on 29 Jun or night 29/30 Jun for road parties vicinity TULKARM.

7. Start pt, Start times, Speed, Densit[illegible] and Halts

as per appx 'A' att

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8. Lights

Vehs will use lights at night unless otherwise ordered.

ADM

9. Sups

(a) Units will take unexpired portion and three days rations from TRIPOLI area.

(b) When rail parties are detached from the coln near LAJJUN units will ensure that the unexpired portion of the three days rations and a proportion of cooking gear accompanies them.

(c) A hot meal will be provided by NORTHERN Area for all rail parties on arrival NESHER.

(d) Two days rations will be drawn at TULKARM by road parties.

10. POL

(a) Pet will be carried in tanks and containers for

(i) 160 miles from TRIPOLI
(ii) 220 miles from RASM EL HADI

(b) During halt at RASM EL HADI vehs and containers will be filled from tankers.

(c) Oil and lubricants will not be available en route.

(d) All pet eqpt and Brouette pumps will be left in present areas.

11. Rec

Veh casualties will be evacuated to AOW HAIFA by rec units until TULKARM is passed.

12. Medical

Evacuation of sick during the move will be as follows :-

(a) If possible, sick will be taken to 6 AGH, GAZA RIDGE.

(b) If too sick, they will be taken to GH at HAIFA until TULKARM is passed.

INTERCOMN

13. Bde H.Q. closes present posn 0515 hrs 28 Jun 42, then moves at head of Gp as per appx 'A' att.

14. Wireless silence during move.

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Appx 'A' - MOVEMENT TABLE

Issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No.2

Route: see Movement Order para No. 5 and marked maps

Speed & Density: By day 17 mih, 20 vtm
By night 10 mih, 40 vtm

Halts: 1st stage - 20 mins to each even clock hr commencing 0740 hrs, 20 mins halt
8 hrs at RASM EL HADI for refuelling and rest.
Subsequent stages as notified

Start Point(A) Ry crossing on main rd 16732808
S.P. for subsequent stages as notified

Ser No	Units	Time past S.P.(A) Head	Time past S.P.(A) Tail	Rd pty to LAJJUN Offr	Rd pty to LAJJUN OR	Rd pty to LAJJUN Veh	Rd pty from LAJJUN Offr	Rd pty from LAJJUN OR	Rd pty from LAJJUN Veh	Rail pty from NESHER Offr	Rail pty from NESHER OR	Rail pty from NESHER Stores	Remarks
1	Hq 24 Aust Inf Bde	0600	0610	16	165	35	16	165	33				
	K Sec Sigs				16	1		16	1				
	2 Pl HQ Bd Bn				3			3					
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy												
	det Postal unit												
2	2/32 Bn	0620	0636	34	804	71	9	104	25	25	700	18 tons	less carriers and accompanying personnel
	mob sec 2/3 Fd Amb			1	4	2	1	4	2				
3	2/28 Bn	0645	0720	34	804	72	9	104	26	25	700	18 tons	do
	2/7 Fd Coy			7	253	38	7	253	38				
	D Coy 2/2 MG Bn			5	151	12	5	151	12				
	76 LAD			1	16	5	1	16	5				
4	2/43 Bn	0730	0815	34	804	72	9	104	26	25	700	18 tons	do
	2/3 Fd Amb(less mob sec)			9	276	40	6	176	29	3	100	8 "	
5	2/6 Fd Regt	0825	0856	41	727	124	30	473	97	11	254		do
	64 LAD			1	16	6	1	16	6				
	G Div sec 1 OFP			2	30	12	2	30	12				
	3 Rec Sec												

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Appx B - Movement Table - Stage 11
Issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 2

Route: See Movement Order No. 2 para 5 and marked maps
Note br on R LITANI, 4½ miles SE of CHTAURA collapsed - br crossable at low speed.

Speed & Density: 1930/0430 hrs, 10 mih 40 vtm
0430/ hrs, 17 mih 20 vtm
Change at 0430 hrs - leading veh of serials 1 and 7 will increase speed to 20 mih and density will be changed from front to rear, if possible with no reduction in speed of rear vehs.

Halts: (a) 20 mins to each even clock hr commencing 2140 hrs.
(b) halt for 80 mins - 0540/0700 hrs.

S.P. : Pt on rd 1 mile South of present location; Bde H.Q. marked with white sig flag & two lamps.

Ser No	Coln	Units	Time past S.P.(B)	No. of veh	Personnel Offr	Personnel OR	Remarks
1	Rail party	2/32 Bn	1945 hrs	46	25	700	(a) Comd - Maj J.P.COX - 2/28 Bn(S.C. will accompany)
2		2/28 Bn	1955 "	46	25	700	(b) Unit baggage parties will be detailed prior to arrival at e training sta.
3		2/43 Bn	2005 "	46	25	700	
4		2/8 Fd Regt	2015 "	27	11	254	
5		2/3 Fd Amb	2021 "	7	3	100	
6		HQ 462 Gen Tpt Coy	2023 "				
7	Rd party	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	2105 hrs	33	14	161	(a) Comd - Maj A.B.GILLESPIE, 2/32 Bn
		K Sec Sigs					(b) Bde R Gp(Bde Comd,B.M.,S.C.(L), and COs
		2 Pl HQ Coy Bn		1		16	and one offr each 2/8 Regt, 2/28 Bn,
		Sec 9 Div Pro Coy				3	2/32 Bn,2/43 Bn,and CO 2/3 Fd Amb)move indep-
		det Postal Unit					endent of rd pty & are not shown in table.
8		2/32 Bn	2115	25	8	104	- Incl one M.O. and amb car 2/3 Fd Amb
9		2/28 Bn	2123	25	7	102	
10		2/7 Fd Coy		38	7	253	
11		D Coy 2/2 MG Bn		12	5	151	
12		76 LAD		5	1	16	
13		2/43 Bn	2200	25	7	102	
14		2/3 Fd Amb		32	4	174	
15		2/8 Fd Regt	2215	47	28	473	- incl one M.O. and amb car 2/3 Fd Amb
		64 LAD		6	1	16	
		G Div Sec 1 OFP		12	2	30	
		3 Rec Sec					

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HQ
24 Aust Inf Bde

Appx "M"

H.Q.,
11 Aust A Tk Bty.,
24 Jun, 42.

Report on Exercise with 24 Aust Inf Bde,
5-23 Jun, 42.

(1) Move to Forgloss: 11 Bty moved from Bsarma on 5 Jun, 42, with G1098 scale, less a small proportion of small arms and ammunition, which were not available. Bty H.Q. and I Troop moved by controlled column with 2/8 Fd Regt, while J, K and L Troops moved with three separate columns. Convoy drill and march discipline were reported to be good, and signal flags of red, blue and yellow greatly assisted the control. During the move air attacks, both light and heavy, were experienced and air sentries were vigilant. No troubles were met with motor transport except that a tail wind caused boiling, especially with light vans of the 15 cwt. Ford G.S. type, which may have been serious in a longer move, in fact one van used 14 gallons of water in 98 miles. Throughout the nineteen days M.T. repairs were of very minor nature even though many exercises were at night without lights. It is recommended that only vehicles with large radiators be used in this type of operations, especially in summer.

(2) Desert Formations: An early start was made with the Bde Group moving in box formation, the rough layout being an oblong box with one Battalion across the front and one along each flank, with Bde H.Q. in the centre, followed by B echelons, etc. A Cavalry Squadron formed a screen out in front some 3 to 5 miles. Disposition of 11 Bty was: one Troop across the front of box some 200 to 400 yards ahead, one Troop with the leading Battalion to be used as portion of a striking detachment, one Troop divided, with a Section to each flank Battalion in a similar role, and the fourth Troop covering the rear of box. This disposition worked quite well, and the only adjustment necessary, when night harbour is formed, the divided Troop rejoins to one flank and the forward Troop moves round to the exposed side, giving four guns on each side supported by Field Artillery at each corner of box.

When the box is in night harbour at close interval problems of fuelling and rationing are lessened, but this work is rather eased by arranging for Troop "Q" vehicles to rendezvous at a recognised place, i.e., 500 yards in rear of Bde H.Q. If, however, the "box" moved in a real action rations, P.O.L. and water would have to be carried for four days at least, and thus daily refilling would be avoided.

Almost any tactical situation can be handled in this formation, which proved quite flexible.

(3) Tactical Problems: In an attack it is vitally necessary for Troop Commanders to have time for a daylight reconnaisance, as Portees cannot always travel on the ground used by our Infantry beyond the debussing point. Therefore a Troop could move in rear of lorried Infantry to this debussing point and wait. The Troop Commander should go forward with Bn H.Q. and, when the position is captured, send his D/R back to the Troop Sergeant to lead the guns forward. Meantime the Troop Commander is making his reconnaisance for positions to occupy for consolidation. If, however, there is no time or opportunity for daylight reconnaisance the Troop Commander will have to wait for daylight, keeping the guns forward at a rendezvous and knowing the bearing of attack, get the Troop Sgt to reconnoitre the route of advance, while he himself reconnoitres the actual gun positions.

Sometimes it may be necessary to bring fire during the attack on strong points holding out, such as A/Tk guns (which could destroy our Portees) or M.M.G. posts, also a menace to us particularly. No rule can be laid down as to whether guns shall be portee or on ground for consolidation, as the original reconnaisance by Troop Commander is hasty and may necessitate some readjustment when the position stabilises.

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The practice of the Fd Regt Command advising and getting all the orders for every type of gun is considered to be impracticable. Firstly, he has problems for each type of gun and many considerations for the best use of each, greatly reducing the time available for study of each problem; so at best he can only pass on the barest orders and get on with the job of bringing the field guns on to their targets. Secondly, he is the only gunner to go forward on reconnaisance with Bde Command and naturally his reconnaisance tends to watch all aspects, but mainly his field guns. Considering the A/Tk guns in their very forward roles, the field guns in rear positions and A/A guns in other positions - his reconnaisance is a big task. What is suggested is that the Regt Command be temporarily divorced from his Regt and become Arty Adviser to the Bde Command, using his 2 I/c to control the Fd Regt; or for each gunner Command to be in the Bde Recce Group and see and solve the problems affecting his unit.

(4) Range Practice Firing was carried out on the ARTY range on 10 Jun,42, when Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 were practiced with four rounds per man. The results of shooting are shown in a separate report, but practice conditions did not tend to result in high scoring. One reason was that there was no wind, and dust clouds pillared up obscuring observation both by the No. 1 and No. 3 at the gun and the targets. The targets were small hessian screens on sledges in tandem of two towed directly across the front by a vehicle. There was a 3 ft. deep gap between the bottom of screen and the sledge, which is really a vital spot in a tank, and no score is gained for rounds passing through this gap. The second target in tandem was usually totally obscured by the dust of the first, thereby preventing the second gun of the section from getting a good look at it.

The section of guns were first tried firing from pedestals, but even using the anti-dust emulsion supplied by 10 Corps, dust from the muzzle blast made firing fro m the portees necessary, which partly overcame this difficulty. (See separate para. re emulsion.)

Gun drill, laying and fire control was noticeably better than at the previous practice.

Prior to the shoot, gun No. CA3247 was found to be faulty in the run-out, and 71 L.A.D. discovered a gland packing requiring renewal, which was not available. Thus only fifteen guns were fired.

(5) Anti-dust Emulsion: A 40-gallon drum of this emulsion was supplied by 10 Corps for tests. Four blast aprons were prepared by mixing with water in proportion of one part emulsion to seven of water (two positions), one position of one to five, and one position from neat emulsion. The mixtures were spread to a distance of 25 ft. in three-quarters of a circle, and when aprons were almost dry shooting commenced from the pedestals. Muzzle blast immediately broke up the caked surface of the ground and allowed dust to pillar up in front of the guns and telescopes, preventing observation for at least 30 seconds. After four rounds per gun had been fired guns were ordered to be mounted portee and continue over the same aprons. This helped largely, but dust still came up and slowed the laying rate.

Weather conditions were: Firing commenced 1200 hrs. Clear, hot sunshine, with no wind. The heat of sun on the dust quickly evaporated liquids and allowed little penetration below the surface.

For further tests it is suggested that about 50 gallons of water be slowly poured on ground before the emulsion is applied, thus assisting in penetration and caking, otherwise no great value is seen under conditions as tested. However, as water and/or emulsion may rarely be available in such quantities in mobile operations it will be necessary to find some other antidote.

(6) Communications: The R/T set allotted travelled always with the Bty Commander's truck, and on the frequency of the Fd Regt. Little or no use was made of this set as usually the Regt. Command and A/Tk B.C. were in close contact with the Bde Command, but when the Commands of the Bde and Fd Regt moved out on reconnaisance in carriers, early information re A/Tk dispositions cou ld hav e be en passed by the Arty R/T set in the carrier in order to save time in moves of A/Tk Troops. Lack of sufficient M.C. orderlies handicapped Troop Commanders, and their training must be such as to aid in a good eye for ground in order to judge positions of oth er T.H.Qs., B.H.Q., B echelon, in relation to the

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tactical situation which may quickly change; also movement at night, and fixing their own and other sub-unit positions requires lots of practice. Desert conditions impose a great strain on motor cycle and rider even if only travelling from place to place without the extra work required in operations. Their gear, bedding, etc., can only be carried in a B echelon truck, and those working with B.H.Q. find this a great handicap.

(7) A demonstration was staged on 22 Jun, 42, in two phases, of a German Panzer attack. First the Bde group was formed as half a Panzer Division, attacking our defensive position, and the second phase showed the Bde in defence against the same Division - using targets to represent the attack.

11 Bty guns on portees represented portion of the Mk III tanks in the actual attack, and in the defence K and L Troops were in defiladed positions on the F.D.Ls., J Troop in support some 200/300 yards in rear, while I Troop was the mobile reserve which was put into previously reconnoitred positions while the attack was developing. This demonstration was well carried out and many points were learned by all concerned.

The general standard of health during the nineteen days was quite good, there being only eleven evacuations due to all causes - 5%.

(8) In conclusion, the salient points from this exercise were:

(i) This type of Bde Group"box" is suitable for operations in desert.

(ii) More and better maps are a necessity.

(iii) A/Tk communications between B.H.Q. and Troops shou ld be carefully studied and improved.

(iv) Larger water-carrying capacity in each Troop would be necessary for continued operations - i.e., perhaps a water trailer per Troop.

E D Thomas Maj.,
O.C.,11 Bty.,3 Aust A Tk Regt.

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WAR DIARY

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MOST SECRET

HQ 9 AUST DIV
26 Jun 42.

Copy No ....7....

INSTNS FOR MOVE OF 9 AUST DIV

These instns will be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Movement Order No 7 dated 26 Jun 42 :-

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(a) Distribution until ordered to move :-

Bde HQ	-	ALEPPO
One bn	-	ALEPPO
One bn	-	Watching north and NW frontier
One bn	-	TRIPOLI

(b) Corps W/T Sec remains under orders 20 Aust Inf Bde to work in accordance with instns issued by CSO Ninth Army and then moves with 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

2. Handing over defences and plans of TRIPOLI Fortress

These will be handed over by HQ 9 Aust Div to Comd 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn. He will arrange that teams of Offrs and ORs necessary are allotted to each sector for the supervision and completion of the work until 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn moves.

3. Handing over of operational responsibility of 9 Aust Div

(a) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp less one bn remains responsible for present 20 Aust Inf Bde area.

(b) One bn 20 Aust Inf Bde moves to TRIPOLI on 27 Jun 42 and takes over responsibility of mob bn for coastal defence in TRIPOLI and southern sectors, i.e. from incl NAHREENE to excl TABARJA.

(c) Lt-Col R W OGLE 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will be Fortress Comd, TRIPOLI, and will deal direct with Ninth Army on operational matters.

(d) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt and rear parties of all units and units remaining in the TRIPOLI area will come under comd of Fortress Comd.

(e) Security gds will be found from units in the following order :-

AAPC coys as available
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
One bn 20 Aust Inf Bde

DECEPTION

4. All possible steps will be taken to conceal the move. The following measures will be taken :-

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - Wear Aust type hats to HOMS area thereafter steel helmets for as long as possible. No titles.

(b) Main HQ 9 Aust Div & Div Tps Gp 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - Remove titles - hide AIF and Div veh signs - on no account wear Aust type hats.

(c) For telephone L/T conversations - Offrs of Rear Div HQ and Bn staffs will use titles as under after departure of Div HQ.

Rear Div HQ	-	Div appointments
Bn staffs	-	Bde appointments

Comds will adjust their titles suitably for telephone conversations following with their names to avoid confusion. Coy etc Comds will represent themselves as Bn Comds.

(d) Leave parties. Only those leave parties whose return is arranged in 9 Aust Div Movement Order No 7 para 6(c) will be recalled for the present.

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5. Interpreters will accompany and remain with units.

6. Unit Signs now in posn at rd junc 16262784 will be left standing.

7. Circulation Lists. 9 Aust Div will remain on these lists but numbers of copies to be sent will be adjusted by secret instns from "A" Branch Ninth Army.

8. Signals (other than L/T for which see para 4(c) above)

(a) It is intended to simulate the W/T signals of 9 Aust Div after the departure of Div HQ. This is to be done as follows in three gps:-

Gp I representing Div HQ at TRIPOLI

Three No 9 Sets working to sets at LATAKIA and ALEPPO which will represent two HQs (Bde at ALEPPO and Div Cav Regt at LATAKIA.)	The set at TRIPOLI will be found and manned by CSO Ninth Army.

Gp II.

A Gp of four No 109 Sets of Aust Corps W/T Sec at present with 9 Aust Div representing the tps in position in the area of ALEPPO and the frontier areas NORTH and NW. These sets will work as at present until 20 Aust Inf Bde moves	These will work under orders of the Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Gp III.

Representing comms from Div to two Bdes in TRIPOLI area. Three No 11 Sets.	To be found under arrangements to be made by the CSO with OC 87 AA Regt at TRIPOLI

(b) CSO Ninth Army is to issue all technical signal instns and is taking all other possible steps to cover the move.

(c) To assist the CSO in initiating and co-ordinating the above and the following offrs are to be lent.

They will be responsible for keeping an adequate flow of W/T traffic in circulation and for all general arrangements in connection therewith.

GSOIII (Capt B A B TAYLOR)	To be detailed by G(Ops) Ninth Army
Signal Offr.	To be detailed by CSO Ninth Army.

ACKNOWLEDGE

K. Barham Major Col.,
GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution

As for 9 Aust Div Movement Order No 7.

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MOST SECRET

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

24 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 1.

1. Op Instn No. 1 will be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Movement Order No. 7.

2. Action will be taken forthwith to comply with paras of 9 Aust Div Movement Order No. 7 quoted :

1 (a) (b) and (c)
9 (c) - allotment of personnel to carriers.
10 (a) - selection of rear ptys.
(b) - signal infm to Bde H.Q. by 1600 hrs 26 Jun.
11
12
13 (a) and (b)
14 (a) - to Bde Gp Kit Store
15 (b)
16 (a) - by 1200 hrs 27 Jun.
17
20 (a) - 2/28 Bn to provide 1 NCO and 6 men.
(b)
21 - probably does not apply.
23 (a)
24 (a)
25 (a)
27 (c)

3. Relief of Security Duties

(a) The following security duties will dismount at 1200 hrs 27 Jun -

Ser	3	Water Point LEGOULT BKS
"	5	Bde Rifle Range EL ABDE
"	7	Div Rifle Range
"	8	R.E. Transit Depot EL MINA
"	11	Train gds
"	15	WP at 15802633
"	16	Leave Picquet TRIPOLI (will not mount)
"	17	Cinema BTERRAM
"	18	Bath house AMIOUNE
"	23	Bath house ZGHORTA
"	24	Town Picquet ZGHORTA (will not mount)
"	25	Cinema LEGOULT BKS

(b) Remainder security duties are to be relieved by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn by 1200 hrs 27 Jun - units concerned will arrange collection of personnel in own tpt. Report reliefs as personnel are returned to unit.

4. Files

All files relevant to defence planning in SYRIA will be sorted, indexed and fwded to Bde H.Q. by 1800 hrs 26 Jun.

5. Maps

Maps of SYRIA, less one TRIPOLI Sheet 1/50,000 with each rear party, will be returned to Bde H.Q. by 1800 hrs 26 Jun. Route maps for movement will be issued later.

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6. Interpreters.

Interpreters will be left uninformed of movement except that the Bde is proceeding on further tng and interpreters are not required to accompany.

7. Assembly and Loading of Carriers.

(a) Following carriers will load at EL MINA Ry Sta at 1800 hrs 26 Jun -

26 Aust Inf Bde	23
RAA	17

(b) Balance of carriers, 26 Aust Inf Bde, 24 Aust Inf Bde will assemble ready for movement in area 16492753 by 1200 hrs 27 Jun, and following will load at EL MINA Ry Sta 1800 hrs 27 Jun -

24 Aust Inf Bde	33
26 Aust Inf Bde	12

(c) O.C. 76 LAD will supervise all carrier loading and O.Cs. Carrier Pls of bns will accompany carriers.

D R Jamieson
Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No. 3.

Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Movement Order No. 7 and 24 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 1.

1. POL
(a) Units will draw 2 gal pet containers from bulk refueling pt at 15982749 (TRIPOLI 1/50,000).

(b) Oil and lubricants will not be available en route.

2. BLANKETS.
2 blankets per man only will be taken.

3. KIT STORE.
(a) Bde Kit Store will be established at LEGOULT BARRACKS.

(b) Personnel will be supplied as follows -

1 Offr	2/28 Bn
1 Sgt	2/43 Bn
1 Cook	2/43 Bn
15 ORs	5 from each Bn

(c) All kits and offrs baggage from each Bn to be in the Kit Store by night 27 Jun 42.

4. DETENTION BARRACKS.
Detention Barracks TRIPOLI closes 1800 hrs 26 Jun 42.

Staff reverts to unit comd from above time, and will be collectedin unit tpt.

5. ANTI GAS.
All anti gas eqpt will be carried in bulk by units.

6. REAR PARTIES.
Rear parties left by units will be required to guard engr and accommodation stores in unit areas.

Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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

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MOV SYRIA.
Mov.S/M/9.
26 June 42.

Movement Order No.15.

GENERAL.

1. Further to my MB 3770 of June 26, 9 AUST DIV moves SYRIA to EGYPT in accordance Main Ninth Army signal SD 2957/25 June, not to all addressees.

COMPOSITION AND ORDER OF MOVEMENT.

2. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has already moved in accordance my MB 3770 of June 26.
3. Appendices to this Order give staff table including division of Units into road and rail parties, divided into sections according to dates of commencement of movement.
4. These appendices are not attached, but will be signalled later in the form shown on the attached Appendix A pro forma, using the letters shown to denote columns.

MOVEMENT.

5. Road parties move in M.T. throughout.
6. Rail parties move by road to NESHER RAILWAY SIDING near HAIFA; onwards by rail under orders MOV MILPAL.
7. M.T. for movement of rail parties to NESHER will be provided by REAR NINTH ARMY from462 Gen Tpt Coy. NORTHERN AREA arrange to stage these vehicles and return to BEIRUT on day following arrival.
8. Speed - by day 17 M.I.H.
   - by night 10 M.I.H.
   Density -by day 20 V.T.M.
   -by night 40 V.T.M.
9. Time of start - 0600 hrs.

ROUTE AND STAGING.

10. 24 Aust Inf Bde - TRIPOLI, HOMS, halt 8 hours BAALBEK AREA, RAYAK, ZAHLE, CHTAURA, turn left on DAMASCUS Road to 168196 where turn right on to new road skirting RACHAYA EL DUADI and MERDJAYOUN to METULLA, TIBERIAS, AFFULE, LAJJUN. Rail party turn right for NESHER.
    Road party continue HADERA to stage TULKARM.
11. 20 Aust Inf Bde ALEPPO - HOMS, onward as at para 10.
12. Div HQ, Div tps, Div Cav, TRIPOLI - Coast Road - BEIRUT, stage ACRE RANGES.
13. All onward movement under orders MOV MILPAL.
14. All staging in Syria under Unit arrangements.

P.O.L.

15. Para 10. 150 miles from TRIPOLI.
    Para 11. 200 milesfrom ALEPPO.
    Both 220 miles from BAALBEK.
16. Para 12. 160 miles from TRIPOLI, re-fuel ACRE under arrangements NORTHERN AREA.

RATIONS.

17. All Units take unexpired portion and three days' M.E. hard scale.
18. Bren carrier escorts take unexpired portion and seven days' M.E. hard scale.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

19. A hot meal will be provided for all rail parties on arrival NESHER under arrangements NORTHERN AREA.
20. G.1098 equipment, tpt now held, first line amn. and curtains sandfly will accompany.
21. Accommodation stores, tentage, baggage and 2nd line amn. will NOT accompany.
22. All petrol equipment, Brouette pumps, containers etc. will be handed in before departure.
23. All Units will carry essential cooking equipment.
24. Medical - To ZAHLE, BEIRUT or HAIFA, whichever is nearest, under arrangements 9 AUST DIV. Thereafter under arrangements MILPAL.
25. Recovery - as far as ACRE or TULKARM, under arrangements 9 AUST DIV. Thereafter under arrangements MILPAL.

/Movement of Carriers.

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MOVEMENT OF CARRIERS.

26. Signals follow giving full arrangements.

CODE NAME FOR MOVE.

27. RED MARLEY TWO and THREE.

Basil Rogers

for Lieut.Colonel, Major
A.Q.M.G.(M).

DISTRIBUTION.

	Copy Nos.		Copy Nos.
9 AUST DIV	1 - 6	MILPAL	15 - 16
MOV MILPAL	7 - 10	R.L.O. HAIFA	17
MOV HAIFA	11 - 12	NORTHERN AREA	18 - 21
84 S.A.	13	BEKAA VALLEY S.A.	22
TOWN MAJOR, SAMARIA	14		

Copies to:-

MOV MIDEAST	23 - 26	MAIN NINTH ARMY	28 - 31
MOV MOASCAR	27	REAR NINTH ARMY	32 - 35

FILE - 36
SPARES- 37 - 46

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TABLE OF RAIL AND ROAD PARTIES.

APPENDIX 'A'
to Movement Order No.15.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
			BY RAIL FROM HAIFA				BY ROAD ALL WAY		
UNIT	DATE MOVING	FROM SP	OFFRS	ORS	STORES	VEHICLES TO HAIFA	OFFRS	ORS	VEHICLES

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MOST SECRET

To HQ NINTH ARMY

FROM _____
Unit or HQ.

Ref Mov/order No. 15 (Mov/S/M/9 dated 26/6/42).

Difficulty encountered	Date and time.	Suggested remedy

(Sgd.) _____

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MOST SECRET. Appx "R"

Copy No.1.....

26 Jun 42.

9 AUST DIV MOVEMENT ORDER NO.8

GENERAL

1. This order should be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Movement Order No.7 dated 26 Jun 42.

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move from TRIPOLI Area in accordance with the following paras.

3. COMPOSITION OF GP

See para 4(c) 9 Aust Div Movement Order No.7.

4. ALLOTMENT OF TPT.

Vehicles will be allotted and will report to units as follows :-

(a) from A.A.S.C. 9 Aust Div

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde - 2 lorries report 1600 hrs 27 Jun 42

'D' Coy 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn - 10 " " " " "

(b) from 87 Hy A A. Regt R.A.S.C. Sec.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - 16 lorries report 1600 hrs 27 Jun 42

2/32 Aust Inf Bn - 16 " " " " "

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - 16 " " " " "

(c) from 461 Gen Tpt Coy.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - 30 lorries report 1600 hrs 27 Jun 42

2/32 Aust Inf Bn - 30 " " " " "

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - 30 " " " " "

2/8 Aust Fd Regt - 27 " " " " "

(d) 2/3 Aust Fd Amb - 11 " " " " "

5. Order of march and details of move under orders of H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

6. ROUTES

(a) Road Parties

TRIPOLI - HOMS - BAALBEK - ZAHLE, turn left on to DAMASCUS rd, to 168196 along new rd to METULLA, thence ROSH PINNA - TIBERIAS, road parties turn left ½ mile east of LUBIYA thence through KEFAR TAVOR - AFFUL - LAJJUN - HADERA - TULKARM

(b) RD and Rail Parties

As for Rd parties to TIBERIAS then straight on at rd junc ½ mile west of LUBIYA, to NESHER, 7 miles east of HAIFA.

(c) All 9 Aust Div AASC vehicles must accompany road parties to destination.

(d) All RASC vehicles must take parties to rail and return to Ninth Army Area.

(e) Routes beyond TULKARM are being notified by Northern Area.

7. STAGING

(a) Staging Area on 28 Jun or night 28/29 Jun as selected by Comd, 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) A long halt will, however, have to be made just north of BAALBEK, to refuel.

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8. STRENGTHS

Approximate road and rail party strengths are given in App 'A' att.

9. GUIDES

Ninth Army and Northern Area are providing guides as necessary.

10. SPEED AND DENSITY -- HALTS

(a) By day 17 M.I.H., 20 V.T.M.
(b) By night 10 M.I.H., 40 V.T.M.
(c) Halts at the discretion of Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.

11. CARRIERS

Carriers move as follows:-

(a) 27 Jun.

26 Bde - 23 Carriers by rail from TRIPOLI loaded at 1800 hrs.
R.A.A. - 17 " " " " " " " " "

(b) 28 Jun.

26 Bde - 12 Carriers by rail from TRIPOLI to be loadéd at 1800 hrs.
24 Bde - 33 " " " " " " " " " "

Further information regarding dates of arrival etc will be given when received.

ADM.

12. SUPS

(a) Units will ensure that when rail parties are detached from the coln near LUBIYA, that the unexpired portion of the three days rations accompanies.
(b) Two days rations will be drawn at TULKARM

POL.

Refuel from tankers and take in pet for 220 miles at BAALBEK.

13. RAIL PARTIES

(a) A hot meal at NESHER Sta is being arranged by Northern Area.
(b) Time of train departure will be signalled as soon as possible.

[signature]
Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust Div.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Time of Signature:

Issued through Sigs.

DISTRIBUTION:

24 Aust Inf Bde	8
RAA 9 Aust Div	1
RAE 9 Aust Div	1
2/2 Aust MG Bn	1
ADMS, 9 Aust Div	2
ADOS, 9 Aust Div	1
DAPM	1
CAMP	1
SIGS, 9 Aust Div	1
Comd, 9 Aust Div	1
G.	1
A.	1
Rear Ninth Army	1
HQ AIF (ME)	2
MILPAL	1
NORTHERN AREA	1
MOV SYRIA	1
File	2
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Spares	2

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HQ 9 Aust Div.
26 Jun '42

APPX 'A' TO 9 AUST DIV MOVEMENT ORDER No 8 DATED 26 JUN '42

SERIAL	UNIT	ROAD PARTY TO NESHER			ROAD PARTY AFTER NESHER			RAIL PARTY FROM NESHER		
		OFFRS	ORs	VEHS, [illegible]	OFFRS	ORs	VEHS	OFFRS	ORs	WT OF BAGGAGE
1	HQ, 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, LAD & Gd Pl	17	181	38	17	181	38			
2	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	35	825	72	10	125	26	25	700	18
3	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	35	825	71	10	125	25	25	700	18
4	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	35	825	72	10	125	26	25	700	18
5	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	41	737	124	30	483	97	11	254	
6	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	7	253	38	7	253	38			
7	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	5	151	12			12			
8	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	10	280	42	7	180	31	3	100	8
9	3 Aust Rec Sec	2	30	12	2	30	12			
10	'G' Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Park	1	16	6	1	16	6			
11	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy		16	1		16	1			
12	Det Postal Unit		3			3	-			

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~~Ref. No.~~ .....

27 June, 42.

8 AUST. FD. REGT. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 4.

GENERAL.

1. The contents of this order are MOST SECRET and must only be communicated to those directly concerned.

INTENTION.

2. 8 Aust. F$_d$. Regt. will move with 24 Aust. Inf. Bde. Group from TRIPOLI area commencing 28 June, 42

~~GROUPING~~ Method

3. Personnel will be subdivided as follows.-

(a) Rd Party. Whole distance by rd in own tpt.
(b) Ry Party TRIPOLI - MESHER by rd in RASC. transport, thence by Ry. O.C. Ry Party Capt. T.A. JILLETT
(c) Rear Party Consisting of personnel surplus to W.E. who will remain in present area until further orders.

~~METHOD~~ Grouping

4. Allottment of Tpt.

(a) Tpt in addition to present WE tpt will be distributed as under for carriage of stores and personnel.

SUB UNIT	PERSONNEL	STORES
R.H.Q.	1	1
15 Fd Bty	6	3
16 Fd Bty	4	4
58 Fd Bty	4	4

(b) Vehicles report RHQ at 1600 hrs 27 June 42. These vehicles will only travel as far as MESHER when stores and personnel will proceed by Ry. If required 16 Fd Bty will send 2 and 58 Bty 5 ORs to travel in 15 Bty Tpt.

ROUTES

5 Rgt. S.P. - ZGHORTA thence route as per la at Bde Exercise to Rd TRIPOLI-HOMS thence:-
(a) HOMS - halt 8 hrs. - RASMEL EL HADI near BAALBECK - RAYAK - ZAHLE - CHTAURA - turn left on DAMASCUS Rd to 168196 - turn right on to new rd skirting RACHAYA EL OUADI - MERJAYOUN - METULLA & TIBERIAS - turn left ½ mile EAST of LUBIYA - KEFAR TAVOR - AFFULE - LAJJUN.
Rd party continues through HADERA - TAIKARAM . Ry party turn right to MESHER (7 miles east of HAIFA).
(b) Onward movement of Rd & Ry parties from MESHER and TULKARAM will be ordered by MILPOL.

STAGING

6 (a) Night 28/29 June vicinity RASM EL HADI near BAALBECK.
(b) Night 29/30 June for Rd party vicinity TULKARAM.

S.Ps

7 Regt. S.P. - Junc track to 15 Fd Bty
G.Div Sec
1 C.P.P.
3 Rec Sec - Rd junc 1642 2769
Bde S.P. - Ry crossing on main rd 1673 2808

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ASSEMBLY AREAS

8. (a) RHQ and Btys will assemble in present areas and will NOT move on to main rd TRIPOLI until necessary to pass Regt S.P.

(b) G. Div Sec O.F.P. & 3 Rec Sec will join colm at rd junc 1642 2769 ...

ORDER OF MARCH

9. RHQ & F Sec Sigs (less A.3)
15 Fd Bty
16 Fd Bty
58 Fd Bty
64 LAD and A.3.
G. Div Sec 1 O.F.P.
3 Rec Sec.

START TIMES

LO.

	No. of Veh.	Regt S.P.	Bde S.P.
(a) RHQ, F Sec Sigs (less A3)	21	0735	0825
(b) 15 Fd Bty	31	0738	0829
(c) 16 Fd Bty	36	0743	0835
(d) 58 Fd Bty	29	0749	0841
(e) 64 LAD	6	0753	0846
(f) G Div Sec 1 OFP	6	0829 x	0848
(g) 3 Rec Sec & A3. 13		0830 x	0849
(h) Tail clear s	142	0754 %	0851

Note. x - Time past own S.P.
% - Tail clear Regt S.P.

SPEED & DENSITY

11. (a) Regt S.P. - Rd junc 1642 2769 (44 yds between veh) thence (88 yds between veh) by day. 10 m.i.h. 40 v.t.m. 17 m.i.h. 20 v.t.m.

(b) By night. 10 m.i.h. 40 v.t.m.

LIGHTS

12. Vehicles will use lights at night unless otherwise ordered.

DECEPTION

13. The following steps will be taken to conceal the move.

(a) All ranks will on NO account wear Aust Type Hats, these will be conceal ed completely during the move and steel helmets worn.

(b) Aust titles and badges will NOT be worn.

(c) 9 Aust Div Signs on vehicles will be painted with heavy oil and dust thrown on them, completely obscuring the sign. Unit numbers will NOT be obscured.

(d) Steps should be ta ken to apply the above a short time before movem nt.

ADM

14. Sups.
(a) Unexpired portion and 3 days rat ions from TRIPOLI area.

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(b) When Ry parties are det from Coln near LAJJUN they will be accompanied by the unexpired portion of the three days rations. RQM will arrange a proportion of cooking gear to accompany Ry party

(c) A hot meal will be provided by NORTHERN area for all rail party on arrival at MESHER.

(d) two days rations will be drawn at TULKARAM by rd party.

POL.

15. (a) Pet will be carried in tanks and containers for
160 miles from TRIPOLI
220 miles from RASMEL EL HADI
(b) during the halt at RASMEL EL HADI vehs and containers will be replenished from tankers
(c) Oil & lubricants will NOT be available en route .

REC.

16. Veh casualties will be attended by 64 LAD and evacuated if necessary through Rec Sec to AOW. HAIFA until TULKARM is passed.

MEDICAL

17 R.M.O. will travel in rear of coln. Evacuation will be made as follow s.

(a) If possible sick will be taken to 6 Aust Gen Hosp GAZA
(b) If too sick they will be taken to Gen Hosp. at HAIFA until TULKARAM is passed.

SALVAGE

18. All articles suitable for salvage will be collected in central Bty dumps

INTERCOMN

19. RHQ closes present location 0730 hrs 28 June 42 thereafter A.2. in coln.

20. Wireless silence will be observed during move.

Ack.

Time of Signature 1515

Method of Issue S.D.R.

A. J. McGaw
.....Capt
Adj 8 Aust Fd Regt..

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D Coy 2/2 M.G Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 3 Rec Tec

FROM 24 Aust Inf Bde

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MOST SECRET.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 9 AUST DIV CONCERNING
THE MOVE OF 9 AUST DIV TO EGYPT.

SECRECY AND DECEPTION

1. It is of utmost importance that secrecy regarding this move is as complete as possible. Further, every effort must be made to conceal the move and the fact that 9 Aust Div has left SYRIA. Deceptive measures to be undertaken are given at paras 12 - 15 of 9A/508/7/0 of 25 Jun.
All troops should be warned that all moves are training moves.

OUTLINE PLAN FOR MOVE

2. 9 Aust Div less 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves immediately. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves to EGYPT to rejoin Div when relieved by Inf Bde Gp from Tenth Army.

3. 9 Aust Div on arrival EGYPT comes into GHQ reserve.

4. The move will be carried out as quickly as possible, having regard to need for deception.

ORDER OF BATTLE.

5. (a) HQ and units to move immediately :-

HQ 9 Aust Div
HQ RAA 9 Aust Div
HQ RAE " " "
HQ AASC" " "
HQ and A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn.
Employ Pl 9 Aust Div. Commando Pl.
Intel Sec " " "
9 Aust Div Cav Regt
Sigs and LAD
3 Aust A.Tk Regt Sigs and LAD less one Bty. 2/7 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec and LAD.
24 Aust Fd Pk Coy and LAD. 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
9 Aust Div Sigs and LAD 2/13 " " " less oneSec.
2/2 Aust MG Bn and LAD less three coys.
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec.
3, 5, 14 and 41 Aust Dental Units.
9 Aust Div Mob Laundry.
Main Shop, 2/1 Aust Army Fd Wk.shop.
2 Corps Sec 1 Aust OFP.
9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
" " " Mob Bath Unit.
Pro Coy less three secs.
9 Aust Div Postal Unit less Dets.
" " " Salvage Unit.
B Sec Aust FSS.

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
Bde HQ, Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl.
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 " " "
2/43 " " "
2/8 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec, LAD.
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det Div AASC.
2/3 Aust Fd Amb.
3 Aust Rec Sec
G Div Sec 1 Aust OFP
Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det Postal Unit.

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5.(Contd)

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
Bde HQ, Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl.
2/23 Aust Inf Bns
2/24 " " "
2/48 " " "
2/12 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec, LAD.
10 Bty, 3 Aust A.Tk Regt.
10 Aust Lt AA Bty, 4 Aust AA Regt.
One Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
A & C Coys 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
Dets AASC
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
1 Aust Rec Sec
H Div Sec 1 Aust OFP
One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit

(b) HQ and Units to move when relieved:-

(i) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
Bde HQ, Sig Sec LAD, Gd Pl.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
2/15 " " "
2/17 " " "
Det Div AASC
2/8 Aust Fd Amb
2 Aust Rec Sec
J Div Sec 1 Aust OFP
One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit

(ii) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
3,4,5 and 6 Aust Anti-Malarial Control Units.
Aust Corps W/T Sec.

6. Aust Units and personnel under Comd 9 Aust Div NOT to move until orders are received :-

1 Aust Boring Sec.
2/3 Aust CCS
3 Aust Mob Bact Lab.
7 Aust Gen Hosp.
Offrs Shop
Offrs Club.
NCOs on wheat control scheme, to be returned on 7 Jul.

DETAILS OF MOVE

7. Move to be carried out in accordance with HQ Ninth Army signal SD/2957 of 25 Jun.
Code names:- (a) 9 Aust Div less 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp - REDMARLEY ONE
(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp - REDMARLEY TWO.
One Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves TRIPOLI from ALEXANDRIA.

ADM ARRANGEMENTS.

8. G1098 equipment, tpt now held, 1st line amn and mosquito nets will accompany.

9. Accommodation stores, tentage, baggage and 2nd line amn will NOT accompany.

10. Small rear parties will be left behind and will move with 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

11. Rep 9 Aust Div move GHQ by air 26 Jun taking consolidated list of controlled stores and tpt, showing :-
(a) Authorised scale.
(b) Holdings.
(c) Deficiencies.

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DECEPTION

12. See HQ Ninth Army 9A/508/7/0 of 25 Jun.

13. Leave parties and personnel will not be recalled except 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, Div Cav Regt, and 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn, who will rejoin units at end of leave.

14. All camps and unit signs will be left standing.

15. W/T silence will be observed during move.

HANDOVER PRESENT COMMITMENTS.

16. See HQ Ninth Army 9A/508/7/0 of 25 Jun.

25 Jun 42.

Brigadier G.S.

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PRO FORMA
MESSAGE FORM

Appx "W"

TO : RAA 9 AUST DIV RAE 9 AUST DIV AASC 9 AUST DIV SIGS 9 AUST DIV
2/2 AUST MG BN 9 AUST DIV MOB LAUNDRY 2/1 AUST A FD WKSHOP
2 CORPS SEC 1 AUST CFP 9 AUST DIV MOB BATH UNIT 9 AUST DIV SALVAGE UNIT
24 AUST INF BDE ADMS CAMP

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0539 26

advise at once by signal
or phone strengths (a) offrs
(b) ors (c) weight of
stores which cannot be carried
in unit tpt (.) signal
or phone replies should only
be (a)? (b)? (c)? tons
(.) information MUST reach Q
branch div HQ by 1100
hrs 26 jun

Lt Col. [illegible] SDQ T.O.O. 0645

Appx "X"

MOST SECRET

RAA 9 AUST DIV MOVT ORDER No 10

Copy No 5

26 Jun 42

Ref No 50

INFORMATION

1. As in 9 Aust Div Movt Order No 7 of 26 Jun.att.

INTENTION

2. RAA 9 Aust Div will move from TRIPOLI Area.

METHOD

3. Move will be in Gps as set out in para 4, 9 Aust Div Movt Order No 7.

4. 2/12 Aust Fd Regt) has moved under comd
10 Bty 3 Aust A.Tk Regt) 26 Aust Inf Bde.
10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt)

5. 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) will move under orders to be
3 Aust A.Tk Regt) received direct from
(less one Bty)) 9 Aust Div. through RAA.

6. 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will come under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde as from 1200 hrs 26 Jun for all movt orders.

A D M

7. TRIPOLI AREA Defence orders, plans and traces will be forwarded to HQ RAA 9 Aust Div by 1200 hrs 26 Jun.

8. Accommodation Stores Ref para 13, 9 Aust Div Movt Order No 7 Sub para (b) is qualified as follows :

Outlying tents which cannot reasonably be guarded by unit parties will be struck and stacked in guarded area.

9. Rear Parties. para 10, 9 Aust Div Movt Order No 7

Required information plus name of senior offr will be forwarded to this HQ by 1600 hrs 26 Jun.

10. 25-pr Tp 2/7 Aust Fd Regt at CHEKKA will leave to rejoin the Regt after 1500 hrs 26 Jun.

11. 105 mm guns and stores will be returned to DADOS Dump Legoult Barracks with complete list of all associated stores, one copy for DADOS, one att to each gun, one copy to this HQ. 2/8 Fd Regt will return its own and 2/12 Fd Regt's guns.

12. Bren Carriers Regts will send reps to 24 Aust Inf Bde for orders. Bren Carriers at FORQLOSS have been ordered to return to units.

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13. TRIPOLI PICQUET and guard on CHEKKA DUMP.

Time of relief will be notified.

14. Schools and Courses ALTERATION FROM VERBAL ORDERS. -

All students nominated for schools and courses (except Comds) will be sent.

INTERCOMM

15. Main HQ RAA 9 Aust Div will move with Main HQ 9 Aust Div with same times for closing and opening.

Rear HQ RAA 9 Aust Div will remain in its present location and will move with Rear HQ 9 Aust Div.

16. A C K 0251
1205 hrs 26 Jun
KEB.

Time of Signature. 1081 hrs.

Method of Issue By LOs

A. F. Fahlbusch Maj
BMRA 9 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	1
2/8 "	2
2/12 "	3
3 Aust A.Tk Regt	4
24 Aust Inf Bde (for information)	5
26 " (")	6
9 Aust Div (")	7
4 Aust Lt AA Regt (")	8
C R A	9
War Diary	10 - 11
File	12
Spares	13 - 15

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MOST SECRET

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26 Jun 42.

9 AUST DIV MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 7

GENERAL

1. SECRECY AND DECEPTION

(a) The contents of this Order are MOST SECRET and must only be communicated to those directly concerned.

(b) Anyone enquiring concerning the move will be told that it is a training exercise.

(c) The 9 Aust Div Signs on vehicles should be painted with oil and dust thrown on them, completely obscuring the sign. Unit numbers will NOT BE obscured.

2. ROLE.

On arrival at destination, 9 Aust Div comes into GHQ (ME) reserve.

INTENTION

3. 9 Aust Div will move to EGYPT as soon as possible.

METHOD

4. ORDER OF BATTLE AND GROUPINGS

9 Aust Div will move in gps as follows:-

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

Bde HQ, Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl.
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 " " "
2/48 " " "
2/12 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec, LAD.
10 Bty, 3 Aust A. Tk Regt.
10 Aust Lt AA Bty, 4 Aust AA Regt.
One Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
A & C Coys 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Dets AASC
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
1 Aust Rec Sec
H Div Sec 1 Aust OFP
One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit

(b) Main HQ 9 Aust Div and Div Tps Gp

Main HQ 9 Aust Div (less dets)
HQ RAA
HQ AASC (less det.)
9 Aust Div Intel Sec
A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn (less three pls) as detailed
9 Aust Div Empl Pl (less det)
9 Aust Div Commando pl
3 Aust A.Tk Regt, Sig Sec and LAD (less one Bty)
2/7 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec and LAD
Sigs 9 Aust Div and LAD
2/2 Aust MG Bn and LAD
HQ and two secs 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit
Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.

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(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Bde HQ, Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl.
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 " " "
2/43 " " "
2/8 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec, LAD.
D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 9 Div AASC
2/3 Aust Fd Amb
3 Aust Rec Sec
G Div Sec 1 Aust OFP
Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det Postal Unit.

(d) Rear HQ 9 Aust Div and Div Tps Gp

Rear HQ 9 Aust Div (less dets as in 4(a) above)
HQ RAE
Det HQ AASC
"B" Sec FSS
Det A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn
Det 9 Aust Div Empl pl.
24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
2/3 Aust Fd Coy
2/13 Aust Fd Coy
9 Aust Div Mob Laundry & F.D. Unit
9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit
2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less three rec secs)
2 Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
9 Aust Div Postal Unit (less det)
9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less det)
9 Aust Div Salvage Unit
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
3,5,14 and 41 Aust Dental Units.

(e) 9 Aust Cav

(f) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Bde HQ, Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl
2/13 Aust Inf Bn
2/15 " " "
2/17 " " "
Det Div AASC
2/8 Aust Fd Amb
2 Aust Rec Sec
J Div Sec 1 Aust OFP
One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit
Aust Corps W/T Sec
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
3,4,5, and 6 Aust Anti-Malarial Control Units.

(g) The following units and personnel under Comd 9 Aust Div will NOT move until further orders:--

1 Aust Boring Sec
2/3 Aust CCS
3 Aust Mob Bact Lab.
7 Aust Gen Hosp
Offrs Shop
Offrs Club
NCOs on wheat control scheme, to be returned on 7 Jul.

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5. DATES AND TYPES OF MOVES

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves in MT to destination, 26 Jun, under instns already issued.

(b) Main HQ 9 Aust Div and Div Tps shown in 4(b) above move in MT on 27 Jun. Order of march and timings as shown in movement table to be issued.

(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves by road and rail starting 28 Jun under orders issued separately.

(d) Rear HQ 9 Aust Div and Div Tps shown in 4(d) above move in MT on 29 Jun. Order of move and timing as shown in movement table to be issued.

(e) 9 Aust Cav)
20 Aust Inf Bde Gp) as ordered by Ninth Army

6. PRELIMINARY MOVES

(a) "B" Sec FSS moves from present location to TRIPOLI on 26 Jun under unit arrangements.

(b) i. 12 Coy AASC moves from HOMS to TRIPOLI 26 Jun.
ii. No move before tail of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp convoy has cleared DID HOMS
iii. The following will be brought from HOMS to TRIPOLI by 12 Coy AASC:

RE Stores dumped at FORQLOSS by 24 Aust Inf Bde

POL from pet pt FORQLOSS

AACS stores from Canteen Store HOMS.

(c) i. Leave Parties from all units except those given in paras 4(e), (f) and (g) above will be returned to units from BEIRUT by 1700 hrs 26 Jun under arrangements made by 9 Aust Div.

ii. 9 Aust Cav will make own arrangements for return of leave parties at the shortest possible time prior to the Regt's move.

iii. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp leave personnel will be returned to ALEPPO and TRIPOLI under arrangements to be made between 15 Aust Inf Bn and Ninth Army, prior to move of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

iv. Leave arrangements for units remaining in SYRIA for the present are being made by Ninth Army.

(d) 15 Aust Inf Bn moves IDLIB to TRIPOLI by rd and rail under orders of 20 Aust Inf Bde, on 17 Jun.
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7. ROUTES

(a) Main HQ 9 Aust Div and Div Tps Gp) Coast rd to HAIFA thence GAZA --
Rear HQ 9 Aust Div and Div Tps Gp) BEERSHEBA to CANAL.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp) TRIPOLI - HOMS - BAALBEK - RAYAK - ABLAH -
24 Aust Inf Bde Gp) CHTAURA - MERJ AOUN - TIBERIUS - AFFULE -
TULKARM thence as ordered by Palestine Base and L of C.

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8. STAGING

(a) For 7(a) above - Night 27/28 Jun - ACRE Area
- Night 28/29 Jun - GAZA Area

(b) For 7(b) above - During day 28 Jun - BAALBEK Area
- Night 29/30 Jun - TULKARM

(c) Subsequent staging places as notified by HQ Palestine Base and L of C, who are making all staging arrangements in PALESTINE.

(d) A small recce party from each convoy should be sent ahead under arrangements of Convoy Gp Comds, to arrive at staging areas 2 hrs before the arrival of the leading vehicle of convoy gps.

9. CARRIERS AND LT TKS

(a) Ninth Army are arranging for the provision of 10 ton lorries to lift carriers and lt tks to HAIFA, where they will be railed to destination under arrangements being made by HQ PALESTINE Base and L of C.

(b) Priority for move of carriers is as follows:

i. 5 from FORQLCSS
ii. 80 from TRIPOLI
iii. 45 from LATTAKIA
iv. 30 from ALEPPO Area.

(c) Units will leave at least two men with each carrier. In TRIPOLI Area, carriers of 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes and RAA should be concentrated in 24 Aust Inf Bde's present area, the exact location being signalled to HQ 9 Aust Div by 24 Aust Inf Bde as soon as possible.

10. REAR PARTIES.

(a) Unit rear parties should be made up, as far as possible, from personnel now with units, but who are in excess of WE.

(b) Units will signal the following information to HQ 9 Aust Div by 1700 hrs 26 Jun.

i. Strength of rear parties, showing offrs, ORs and vehs.
ii. Weight of baggage to accompany rear party when it moves.
iii. Weight of accn stores etc being guarded by rear parties IN UNIT LINES
iv. Exact map reference of rear party location.

ADM -- TRIPOLI AREA

11. EQUIPMENT

Units will take all G1098 and E2 scale equipment held.

12. AMN.

(a) 1st line only to be taken.

(b) Any amn surplus to 1st line will be returned to No.8 Sub Depot, 3 AAD, ALMA.

13. TENTAGE, ACCOMMODATION STORES ETC

(a) will NOT be taken

(b) All tentage and accommodation stores will be left in position and will be guarded by unit rear parties.

(c) Ninth Army are arranging for the early clearing of accommodation stores from the area.

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14. HY BAGGAGE

(a) Hy baggage will be collected by units and taken to LEGOULT BARRACKS, NOT before 1300 hrs 26 Jun.

(b) A unit will be detailed to provide an offr to allot the available accommodation at the Barracks for this purpose.

(c) Ninth Army are arranging with HQ AIF (ME) for the clearing of surplus baggage to AIF Kit Stores.

15. RELIEF OF GDS ON CAMPS, DEPOTS ETC.

(a) Ninth Army are arranging earliest possible reliefs for gds on all camps, depots, installations, RE Stores and Salvage dumps etc.,

(b) Units' rear parties will be responsible for the security of all stores and buildings until relieved.

(c) One Coy AAPC arrives TRIPOLI Area 1200 hrs 27 Jun and will take over the most urgent reliefs.

16. HIRINGS

(a) Units will compile forthwith, a list of all damages at present existing in all hirings, whether caused by the unit in occupation or not, and send it, with a representative to the Area Hirings Offr, TRIPOLI, before departure.

(b) HQ 9 Aust Div has advised A.H.Q. that all Hirings are to be vacated shortly.

17. CIVILIAN LABOUR.

(a) Units employing civilian labourers will pay off those which cannot be transported to work, or whose work cannot be supervised.

(b) Ninth Army are arranging to keep as many labourers in employment as possible and for security reasons, it is desirable that as few as possible be paid off.

18. DIDs, FSD AND PET PTS

Ninth Army are arranging to close, or take over all the above as soon as possible. In the meantime CASC will arrange the necessary manning, and will give early notice if depots or pet pts are to be closed.

19. EVACUATION OF NON RUNNING MT

(a) 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop will evacuate to 2 AOW forthwith, any vehicles which cannot be repaired before 29 Jun.

(b) LAD's and Rec Secs holding vehs which they cannot themselves repair in the time available will contact 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop at once. If Wkshop cannot carry out the necessary repairs, the vehicles will be evacuated under arrangements with 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop.

20. 9 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP

(a) 24 Aust Inf Bde's rear party will be responsible for the security of tentage, huts and accommodation stores at 9 Aust Div Reception Camp until relieved.

(b) All cooking and other war equipment stores at the Reception Camp will be collected by Camp Comdt 9 Aust Div, by arrangement with 24 Aust Inf Bde. Camp to speak to DAQMG before taking action.

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21. UNIT SIGNS

Unit Signs now in position at rd junc 16262784 will remain.

22. AACS, YMCA AND SALVATION ARMY

Ninth Army are arranging with HQ AIF (ME) for the move of the above.

ADM FOR MOVE

23. SUPS

(a) The unexpired portion and 3 days hard rations will be taken by all units.

(b) Two days rations will be issued to road parties at the SECOND staging camp.

24. POL

(a) All convoys carry POL for 160 miles from TRIPOLI.

(b) HQ PALESTINE Base and L of C are arranging bulk refuelling at Staging areas.

25. WATER

(a) Water tank lorries and trailers, all available water containers and water bottles will be filled before departure.

(b) Water will be available at Staging areas.

26. REC

(a) Vehicle casualties will be evacuated to AOW HAIFA by rec units travelling with convoys, until HAIFA or TULKARM are passed.

(b) Units will be advised of subsequent rec arrangements by HQ PALESTINE Base and L of C.

27. MEDICAL

(a) Evacuation of sick during the move will be as follows:

i. If possible, sick will be taken to 6 A.G.H. GAZA RIDGE
ii. If too sick, they will be taken to GH at HAIFA, until this town is reached, thereafter as notified by HQ PALESTINE Base and L of C.

(b) ADMS will arrange for one Amb Car with a MO from 2/3 Aust Fd Amb, to travel in rear of convoys moving via coast rd on 27 and 29 Jun.

(c) Sandfly or Mosquito nets will be taken

28. INTERCOMN

MOVES OF HQ 9 AUST DIV

Times of opening and closing of HQ 9 Aust Div will be notified before 1800 hrs 26 Jun.

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29. CODEWORDS

(a) Codeword for moves of units given in 4(a)(b)(c) and (d) above is REDMARLEY ONE

(b) Codeword for move of units of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp - REDMARLEY TWO.

for Col.
A;A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust. Div.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Time of Signature: 0625

Issued by SDR to units of REDMARLEY ONE
Remainder ELS.

DISTRIBUTION:

9 Aust Cav	1
20 Aust Inf Bde	4
24 Aust Inf Bde	4
26 Aust Inf Bde	4
HQ RAA	5
HQ RAE(1 for Mob Bath Unit)	6
Sigs 9 Aust Div	1
2/2 Aust MG Bn	1
9 Aust Div Commando Pl	1
Camp	1
AASC 9 Aust Div	4
2/1 Aust A Fd Wksnop	1
ADOS 9 Aust Div	1
9 Aust Div Mob Laundry	2
ADMS 9 Aust Div	1
DAPM	2
B Sec Aust FSS	1
Comd.	1
G	2
A	1
File	2
War Diary	2
Sta Comd Tripoli	1
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	1
Ninth Army	2
9 Div Salvage Unit	1
Spares	2

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MOVEMENT TABLE No.1.

Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div MOVEMENT ORDER No.7 dated 26 Jun 42

DATE OF MOVE - 27 Jun 42

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ROUTE - See para 7(a) 9 Aust Div Movement Order No.7

Serial (a)	Unit (b)	Personnel Offrs (c)	Personnel ORs (d)	No of vehs excl M.Cs (e)	Time Past S.P. (f)	Speed and Density MIH (g)	Speed and Density VTM (h)	Remarks (1)
1	Convoy Gp Comd to be nominated by HQ RAA. Tps							
2	HQ RAA	11	31	13	hrs 0730	17	20	
3	3 Aust A Tk Regt (Less one bty) Sig Sec and L.A.D.	25	500	45	0735	"	"	
4	H.Q. 9 Aust Div Incl :- 9 Aust Div Intel Sec 'A' Coy Aust HQ Gd BN (less three pls) 9 Aust Div Empl Pl (less det) HQ and Two Secs 9 Aust Div Pro Coy Det 9 Aust Div Postal Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office 9 Aust Div Concert Party	24	200	35	0750	"	"	Following Units will be detached from the convoy at GAZA and remain under arrangements HQ A.I.F. (ME) :- 9 Aust Div Mob Bath 9 Aust Div Mob Laundry 9 Aust Div Concert Party.
5	9 Aust Div Commando Pl	2	26	3	0800	"	"	
6	Sigs 9 Aust Div and L.A.D.	11	171	89	0805	"	"	
7	HQ A.A.S.C.	6	30	8	0830	"	"	
8	2/2 Aust M.G. Bn (Less three Coys)	16	273	35	0835			
9	2/7 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec and L.A.D.	34	725	145	0845	15	20	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 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	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants...	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	11	-	-

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessarry (*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.
Capt	Gillebrand T.J.	AIF	31/5/41	Reported Unit from Allied Liaison Forces

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier		Godfrey Alth	AIF	Yes	Comd
Capt	T/Maj	Jackson D R	✓	✓	B.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	Allen J. L	✓	-	BML Det 2/28 Bn
Capt		Lowen J H	✓	✓	BML
Lieut	T/Capt	Langston R.W.	✓	✓	S.C.
Lieut		Worthley M.C.	✓	-	SCL
Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.J.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Wallace A.D	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Cook J. T.	✓	✓	L.O.
Lieut		Count J. E.	✓	-	I.O.
Lieut	T/Capt	Hallifax J. L.	✓	-	T.O.
		(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps			
Capt		Weekley N.V.	AASC	Yes	BASCO
Lieut		Benton E.V.	2/32 Bn	-	Attfor duty
Lieut		Donnelly A	HQ 2/28 Bn		OC No 2 Pl A Coy
					Attfor duty
Lieut		Downey R K	2/32 Bn		Attfor duty
Capt		Mackay K	9 Aust Div		~~Returned to~~ Attfor Duty
Capt		Bishop K E	9 Div Sigs		Attfor duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachement.
Chaplain		Gaud T.	AACHD		Chap 2/43 Bn
✓		Swan C.M.	-		- 2/28 Bn
✓		Bashin J C B A	-		- 2/32 Bn

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit.)

6/6/42 (Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Brig

(Signature of Commander.)

9 Aust Div

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit). 6/6/ 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	3		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	46	1	
TOTALS	54	* 1	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt 3 Ptes	AASC ✓	~~1 Pte~~ 2 Ptes	~~9 Aust Bn~~ 2/28 Bn
1 Cpl 1 L/Cpl	Corps Intell ✓	3 Ptes 2 Ptes	2/32 Bn 2/43 Bn
1 WOI	AAOC	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 2 Ptes	9 Aust Postal
1 Sgt 4 Ptes	✓ ✓		
1 Cpl 3 Ptes	2/3rd Aust Amt Coy for duty AACD	1 Sgt 3 Cpl 36 Ptes	No 2 Pl A Coy HQ 1st Bn.
1 Pte	9 Aust Div		

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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H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	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 ...									1	1										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).									1	1										

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 6/6/42

Brig
Signature of Commander.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit.) For Week Ending June 13th 1942

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	K.E. Bishop	9 Div Sigs	13/6/42	appt BM L & remains Seconded in Unit

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	J.L. Allen	AIF	26/4/42	Ceases to be seconded & resumes regtl Duties
Capt	I.H. Lower	"	13/6/42	Attending ME Staff School & remains Seconded in Unit.

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brigadier		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	yes		Leave
2		Major		Jackson D.R.	"	"		BM
3		Capt		Bishop K.E.	"	"		BML
4		Lieut	T/Capt	Langston K.W.	"	"		SC
5		Lieut		Worthley M.B.	"	"		SCL
6		Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.I.	"	"		LO
7		Lieut		Wallace A.D.	"	"		LO
8		Lieut		Cook G.J.	"	"		LO
9		Lieut		Court G.E.	"	"		IO
10		Lieut	T/Capt	Galliford G.L.	"	"		IO
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								
19								
20								
21				(ii) Officers attached from other Corps				
22								
23		Capt		Wetherley N.V.	AASC	yes		BASCo
24		Lieut		Burton E.V.	2/30 Bn	"		Att for Duty
25		Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	2/4 Gd Bn	"		OC 2 Pl A Coy
26		Lieut		Downey R.K.	2/32 Bn	"		Att for Duty
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(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		Laird T.	AACLD		Attd 2/43 Bn
"		Swan Cm	"		" 2/25 Bn
"		Baskin J.E.D'a	"		" 2/32 Bn

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit.)

13 June 1942 (Date of Despatch.)

A/Lt Col Commanding (Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit). 13 June 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	2		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	*3		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	44		
TOTALS	53	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 L/Sgt 3 Ptes	AASC	2 Ptes 3 Ptes	2/28 Bn 2/32 Bn
1 Cpl 1 L/Cpl	Corp Intell	3 Ptes 1 L/Cpl	2/43 Bn HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
1 WO.I 1 Sgt 4 Ptes	AAOC	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 2 Ptes	9 Div Postal
1 Cpl 3 Ptes	2/3 Fd Amb AACD	1 Sgt 3 Cpls	No 2 Pl A Coy HQ Coy Bn
1 Pte	9 Aust Div	36 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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H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. ..... Unit.

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

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

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
..... *Unit.*

Date of Despatch 13 June 1942

A. Coops Brig
..... *Signature of Commander.*

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

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H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit.) For Week Ending .....

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
.....	..... *	.....	.....	.....
.....	..... *	.....	.....	.....
.....	..... *	.....	.....	.....
.....	Brigadiers *	1	.....	.....
.....	Lieut.-Colonels	.....	.....	.....
.....	Majors...	1	.....	.....
.....	Captains	4	.....	.....
.....	Lieutenants	4	.....	1 AD
.....	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	AD WALLACE	AIF	14 June	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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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.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

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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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brigadier		Godfrey Actg	AIF	Yes		Sound
2		Major		Jackson DR	"	"		BM
3		Capt		Bishop KL	"	"		BM L
4		Lieut	T/Capt	Sangster RW	"	"		SC
5		Lieut		Weekley MG	"	"		SC L
6		Lieut	T/Capt	Sellibrand TI	"	"		LO
7		Lieut		Wallace AB	"	LO		LO (2/11 Fd Amb)
8		Lieut		Cook JT	"	Yes		LO
9		Lieut		Court JE	"	"		IO
10		Lieut	T/Capt	Halifax JL	"	"		TO
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								
19								
20								
21								
22				(ii) Officers attached from other Corps				
23								
24		Capt		Weekley NV	AASC	Yes		BASCO
25		Lieut		Bruce EV	2/32 Bn	"		att for Duty
26		Lieut		Donnelly AB	2/4 Cas Fd	"		OC 2Pl A Coy
27		Lieut		Downey RK	2/32 Bn	"		att for Duty
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(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
"		Swan EW	"		" 2/28 Bn
"		Baskin JE D'A	"		" 2/22 Bn

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.
(Unit.)

20 June 1942
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
Brig

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

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H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit). ..... 19..... (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	12		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	14		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	43	1	
TOTALS	72	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 L/Sgt 2 Rfles	AASC	2 Rfles 3 " 3 "	2/28 Bn 2/32 Bn 2/43 Bn
1 Cpl 1 L/Cpl	Corps Intell	1 L/Cpl	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
1 WOI 1 Sgt 1 Rfles	AAOC	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 2 Rfles	9 Div Postal
1 Cpl 3 Rfles 1 Pte	2/3 Fd Amb AAC HD 9 Aust Div	1 Sgt 3 Cpls 10 Rfles	HQ Coy Bn No 2 Pl A Coy

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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H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. ..... Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	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																				
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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 ...									1	1										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).									1	1										

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. ..... Unit.

Date of Despatch 20 June 1942

A.D. Watts Brig ..... Signature of Commander.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* 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	Count JE	AIF	21/6/42	To Depot Battalion.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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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.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

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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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brigadier		Godfrey A.H.L.	AIF	Yes		Command
2		Major		Jackson A.R.	"	"		BM
3		Capt		Bishop K.E.	"	"		BM 2
4		Lieut	T/Capt	Langston R.W.	"	"		SC
5		Lieut		Wortley M.E.	"	"		SC L
6		Lieut	T/Capt	Gellibrand T.I.	"	"		LO
7		Lieut		Cook G.T.	"	"		LO
8		Lieut		Wallace A.D.	"	No	LO	2/11 Fd Amb
9		Lieut	T/Capt	Halifax G.L.	"	Yes		TO
10								
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								
19								
20								
21				(ii) Officers attached from other Corps				
22								
23		Capt		Weekley N.V.	AASC	Yes		BASCO
24		Lieut		Bruton E.V.	2/32 Bn	"		att for duty
25		Lieut		Downey R.K.	2/32 Bn	"		" "
26		Lieut		Donnelly A.D.	HQ Fd Bn	"		DC 2 Fd Coy
27		Lieut		Head J.M.	2/28 Bn	"		Att for duty
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(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
"		Swan Chr	"		" 2/28 Bn
"		Backen H.E.A.	"		" 2/32 Bn

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27 June 1942
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Wtt 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	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.	48	6	
TOTALS	57	*6	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 L/Sgt 2 Ptes	AASC	3 Ptes 3 ✓	2/28 Bn 2/32 Bn
1 Cpl		1 ✓	2/43 Bn
1 L/Cpl	Corps Intell	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 2 Ptes	9 Div Postal
1 WOI 1 Sgt 4 Ptes	AAOC	1 Sgt 3 Cpls 40 Ptes	HQ 6th Bn No 2 Pl A Coy
1 Cpl 3 Ptes	2/3 Fd Amb AACLD		

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																				
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 ...									6	6										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).									6	6										

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