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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~  
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HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KHAUSA	1		In accordance with 9 Aust Div Trg Instn (v appx 1) Bde Comd, B.M. and S.C. proceeded to KABRIT (on Bitter Lakes, EGYPT) to attend a course of trg in combined operations. During absence of Bde Comd, Lt-Col W.J. WAIN was Adm Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.	Appx 1
	2		Parachute tps demonstration (v Appx 2)	Appx 2
	7		Recce by A/Comd (Lt- Col W.J. WAIN) B.M.(L) Capt J.H. WILTON, and representative of 2/28 Bn, 2/32 Bn, 2/43 Bn of BEIT JIBRIN area with a view to exercises there by bns to demonstrate tactics in jungle warfare. The site was timbered with olive trees but was not a suitable one to present a realistic demonstration of jungle fighting. Decided on ground for exercises as follows :- 2/28 Bn - 9 Jan 2/32 Bn - 11 Jan 2/43 Bn - 12 Jan B.M. and S.C. returned from Combined Trg School at KABRIT.	
	9	1845	9 Div O.O. No.35 received .(Representative parade of 9 Aust Div to receive presentation from Polish Army.)	
	11		Issue of O.O. No.26 for reps of Bde to attend parade at BARBARA (v Appx 3) (This parade was later cancelled) Heavy baggage not wanted on voyage despatched.	Appx 3
	13		Bde Comd who went from KABRIT to CAIRO returned today to H.Q.	
	14		G1 9 Aust Div (Col H.WELLS) delivered a lecture in Khassa Camp Cinema to all officers of 24 Bde on allied operations at ALAMEIN Oct-Nov 42. Issue of 24 Aust Inf Bde Movt Order No.5 (v Appx 4)	Appx 4
	15		Kit bags and heavy baggage sent fwd with baggage party. Packing completed in preparation for move tomorrow.	

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H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	16		<p>There had been rain during night, which prevented the striking of tents before the Bde's departure. Parties from 20 Bde marched in during morning to guard camp and attend to such matters as the striking of tents.</p> <p>Bde Comd and B.M. moved ahead of main convoy to attend to administration for voyage. The weather cleared during the morning, and the sun was shining when the head of the coln moved off at 1155 hrs.</p> <p>1440 Head of coln reached ASLUJ staging area, 64 miles from KHASSA camp. Here convoy re-fuelled and also picked up res POL so that short stage on 18 Jan could be made without re fuelling at CANAL.</p> <p>During the evening a Mobile Amenities Service provided music for the entertainment of the tps.</p>	
	17		<p>The night was very cold, reveille sounded at 0500 hrs.</p> <p>Head of coln left ASLUJ at 0600 hrs. First halt was at 0700 hrs at EL AUJA. Later halts were at KILO 131 (at 0935 hrs) and at KILO 78 (at 1130 hrs). Staging camp on EAST BANK of SUEZ CANAL was reached at 1400 hrs, distance travelled for the day being 162 miles.</p> <p>Again Mobile Amenities Service provided entertainment in the evening, and its broadcasting system was also used for a Church Service.</p>	
	18	0600 1100	<p>Bde Contact Party left for Transit Camp at SUEZ: Bde H.Q. left staging area at 0800 hrs and at 0950 hrs reached Camp No.19, QASSASSIN, after journey of 34 miles.</p> <p>Tpt driven to TELL EL KEBIR and there handed over to Ord Depot.</p> <p>Late in afternoon Bde Comd &amp; B.M. rejoined unit from SUEZ.</p>	
	19	2300	<p>Bde Comd &amp; B.M. left for SUEZ to board HMT W 1491 and take up duty as O.C. Troops and Ship's Adjnt and Q.M., respectively. Later in morning S.C. (Capt R.W. SANGSTER), Bde AASC Offr (Capt D.J. ARBUTHNOT, MC) and L.O.I (Capt H.G. ROBSON) also moved to SUEZ to take up shipboard duties as Assistant Adjutant, Assistant Messing Offr, and Assistant Q.M. respectively on HMT VV 1491.</p> <p>During morning Bde HQ and went for a swim route march.</p> <p>2300 Bde HQ and portion of 2/28 Bn embussed and moved by M.T. to QASSASSIN marshalling yard where they entrained.</p>	

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H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	20	0230	Train left QASSASSIN.	
		0735	Arrived at ry siding in vicinity of 157 L & T Camp (SUEZ), whence tps marched to camp.	
	21		Route march in morning	
	22		Route march in morning	
		1100	L.O.II (Lieut G.W. PARRY) went on board HMT WV 1491.	
	23	0800	Advance party of 37 ORs went fwd to ship. The majority of these were personnel from K Sec Sigs 9 Div, who were to assist in gunnery comms on the ship.	
	24	0600	Bde HQ Group consisting of:- HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde 76 L.A.D. K Sec Sigs 9 Div 2 Pl, 2/1 HQ Gd Bn marched from L & T Camp 4 miles to SHELL Coy JETTY, and were ferried out to board HMT "QUEEN MARY" (VV 1491). Tps of Bde HQ Group are accommodated in what was once a lounge on Main Deck & though conditions are crowded everyone is in high spirits. Embarkation proceeded throughout the day both from SUEZ and from EL SHATT, a Transit Camp on East Bank of Canal some 5 miles from SUEZ.	
	25		Embarkation continued and was completed by 1200 hrs, the total number of tps embarked being 9795 all ranks.	
		1400	"Queen Mary" moved outside anti-submarine boom to make room for HMT "Aquitania", which arrived off SUEZ at this time.	
		1500	Emergency Drill.	
		1600	"Queen Mary" anchored again and commenced re-fuelling from tanker.	
	26	0830	"Queen Mary" puts to sea Tps settling in. Ship's Standing Orders are attached as Appx 5.	

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Appx 5

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H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	26	Contd	<p>The ship's routine is as follows:- 0945 - 1000 hrs emergency stations drill; owing to large number of tps on board and narrowness of passage ways and staircases, there is no hard-and-fast allotment to boat stations. Tps are required to move quickly to boat station nearest to where they happen to be at the moment. Between 1000 and 1100 hrs ship's inspection takes place and tps are required to remain on open decks during this period.</p> <p>Offrs and WOs mess together in two sittings and ORs (incl Sgts) mess in four sittings of some 2300 men each.</p> <p>Promenade deck and boat deck are available for training each day, and allotment gives each unit two hours for exercise and training each day. (Bde Gp had training area on Promenade deck port side aft, which was available from 1330 to 1530 hrs each day.) From 0945 to 1600 hrs tps must remain below deck in their quarters, except during training period of two hours. During blackout tps are not allowed on open decks.</p> <p>Amenities Offrs were busy arranging entertainment for the tps. Three concert parties were formed, and bridge, euchre, draughts, chess &amp; boxing tournaments were being organised. Later, letter writing competitions, jig saw puzzles etc., etc., were introduced.</p>	
	27		Still sailing in RED SEA.	
	28	1530	<p>First issue of daily newspaper, "Troops Tatler". At appx 6 are copies issued to the end of the month.</p> <p>Anchored at MASSAWA, a port in ERITREA, to await arrival of other ships of convoy. There is no blackout at MASSAWA, and black out restrictions on the ship were lifted during our stay in the port. This was much appreciated by the tps who flocked to upper decks at night. There was rain during the night.</p>	Appx 6
	29	2359	<p>Sky overcast, and weather became pleasantly cool.</p> <p>2000 tps allowed to sleep on deck on night 29/30 Jan and succeeding nights.</p> <p>There was again rain during the night.</p> <p>Clocks advanced one hour.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	30	1530	<p>Still at MASSAWA.            During emergency stations drill today, ship's boats were lowered and had trial runs in vicinity of ship.            HMT "Aquitania" arrived at MASSAWA.</p>	
	31		<p>Still at MASSAWA            Church Services.            Make and Mend.            Address made to A.I.F. (M.E.) by Gen Hon Sir Harold R.L.G. ALEXANDER K.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C. Appx 7.</p>	Appx 7

*J.W.*

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BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

No 3


KHASSA

25 Dec 42.

4. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Capt C. L. FISCHER	Capt D. J. ARBUTHNOT
Duty N.C.O.	Sgt H. GARDNER	Cpl J. FOWLER

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KHASSA

26 Dec 42.

5. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Capt D.J. ARBUTHNOT	Lieut R.K. DOWNEY
Duty N.C.O.	Cpl FOWLER J.	Sgt C.M. MANNING

6. PAY

Personnel will be paid only on regular fortnightly pay day, except leave personnel who will be paid at 0900 hrs two days prior to going on leave.

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

CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 27 Dec 42, Camp Cinema 1000 hrs, Church of England and  
Other Protestant Denominations /

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27 Dec 42

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7. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting at 0830 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Of fr

Lieut R.K. DOWNEY

Capt H.G. ROBSON

Duty N.C.O.

Sgt C.M. MANNING

L/Cpl L.A. CROWTHER

R.Sangster Capt.  
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8. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting at 0830 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Offr

Capt H. G. ROBSON

Capt C. G. LANCASTER

Duty N.C.O.

L/Cpl L. A. CROWTHER

Sgt G. A. WARRY

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*C. G. Lancaster* Capt.  
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9. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting at 0830 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Offr  
Duty NCO

Capt C.G. LANCASTER  
Sgt G.S. WARRY


Lieut J.F. WORNER  
Cpl J. ELLIS

10. QASTINA CAMP

QASTINA Camp is Out of Bounds to personnel of 9 Aust DIV  
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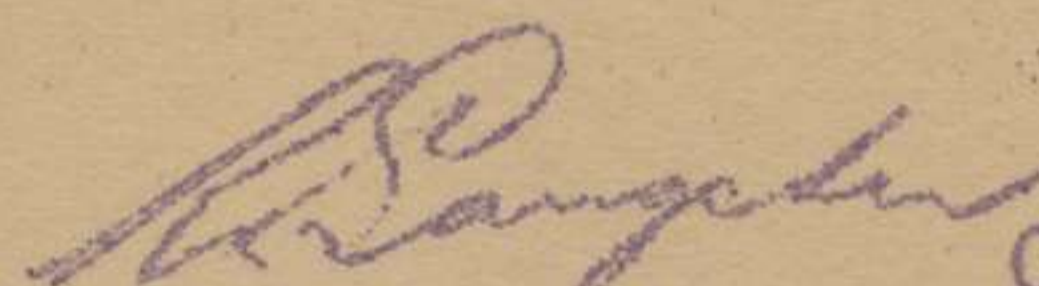
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30 Dec 42.

11. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty offr	Lieut J F WORNER	Lieut G.L.W. PARRY
Duty NCO	Cpl J. ELLIS	Cpl W.G. CRAPP

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31 Dec 42

12. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Lieut G.L.W. PARRY	Capt J.H. WILTON MC
Duty NCO	Cpl W.G. CRAPP	Cpl G.K. CORNISH

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S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*10th Aust Inf Bn* (Unit.) For Week Ending *5 Dec 1942*

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	<i>Brigadiers</i> *	<i>1</i>		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	<i>1</i>		
	Captains ... ..	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
	Lieutenants ... ..	<i>2</i>		<i>2</i>
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	<i>8</i>		<i>3</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Wickham JK</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>19.11.42</i>	<i>from 2/13 Bn Appointed BM Quartermaster 420 HZ F Order No 107</i>
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>28.11.42</i>	<i>Attached for duty</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	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		Col	T/Brig	Evans B.	AIF	yes		Command
2		Major		Jackson D.R.		✓		BM
3		Capt		Wiltson J.R.		✓		AML
4		Capt		Sangster R.W.		✓		SC
5		Capt		Fisher G.H.		✓		SCL
6		Capt		Langcaster C.F.		✓		T.O.
7		Lieut		Downey R.H.		✓		L.O.
8		Lieut		Heard G.S.		✓		I.O.
9								
10								
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								
19								
20								
21			Officers attached from other corps					
22		Capt		Arbutnot D.T.	4452	yes		BASCO
23		Capt		Bolton H.G.	2/22 Bn	✓		Att for Duty
24		Lieut		Wray H.L.W.	2/22 Bn	✓		
25								
26								
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		Whelan P.B.	ACHD		Chap 2/153 Bn
		Thomas G.			2/33 Bn
		Johnson W.			2/28 Bn

AD 24 Aust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
6 December 1942  
(Date Despatch.)

Edward Coombs  
(Signature of Commander.)  
9 Aust Div  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

*26th Aust Inf Bde* (Unit). *5 December* 194*2* (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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	1		1
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	1		
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	3	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	13		3
<b>TOTALS.</b>	22	* 1	• 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 Cpl	2 Comps Larku	1 Cpl	26 Aust Inf Bde
1 Plt Cpl			
1 Cpl	AAFC	2 Privs	2/173 Aust Inf Bde
3 Privs			2/198 Aust Inf Bde
1 Cpl	AAFC	1 Priv	2/32 Aust Inf Bde
1 WO1	AAFC		
1 Sgt			
11 Privs			

**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).



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 12 December 1942

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	* .....			
	* .....			
	* .....			
	* Brigadier .....	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels .....			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	4		1
	Lieutenants ... ..	2		2
	2nd Lieutenants .....			
	Quartermasters .....			
	District Officers .....			
	TOTALS ... ..	8		3

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	WORNER J.F.	AIF	6.12.42	ATTACHED FOR DUTY FROM 2/32 AUST INF BDE.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	
1		COL	T/Brig	EVANS B	AIF	yes		Comd	
2		MAJ		Jackson DA	✓	✓		BM	
3		CAPT		WILSON JH	✓	✓		BML	
4		CAPT		SANGSTER R.W	✓	✓		S.C.	
5		CAPT		FISCHER CL	✓	✓		SCL	
6		CAPT		LANCASTER CS	✓	✓		TD	
7		Lieut		Downey RK	✓	✓		LO	
8		Lieut		PEARCE ETS	✓	✓		JO	
9									
10									
11									
12									
13									
14									
15									
16									
17									
18									
19									
20									
21			(ii)	OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS					
22		CAPT		ARBUHNOT DT	AASC	yes		BASCO	
23		CAPT		ROBSON HS	2/28 BN	✓		Att. For Duty	
24		Lieut		PARRY S.L.W	2/28 BN	✓		✓	
25		Lieut		WORNER T.F	2/28 BN	✓		✓	
26								✓	
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		WHELAN P.B	AACHD		Chap 2/28 BN
✓		THOMAS S	✓		2/28 ✓
✓		JOHNSON W	✓		2/28 ✓

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit.)

12 December 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

*Sumner*  
(Signature of Commander.)

9 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit). 12 December 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 authorized 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-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	1		
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	43		2
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>52</b>	*	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl 3 Ptes	AASC	23 Ptes	2/28 Aust Inf Bn
1 Cpl	AAMC	1 Sgt 2 Ptes	2/32 ✓ ✓ ✓
1 WO I 1 Sgt 4 Ptes	AAOC	2 Sgts 2 Pte	2/43 ✓ ✓ ✓
1 Cpl	CORP INTELL		
1 L/Cpl			

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).

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-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W. Os. Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers ... ..																			
Butchers. ... ..																			
Carpenters and Joiners..																			
Clerks ... ..																			
Cooks ... ..																			
Despatch Riders ... ..																			
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																			
"  " (Wheeled) ..																			
Driver-Mechanics ... ..																			
Driver-Operators. ... ..																			
Electricians ... ..																			
Equipment Repairers ...																			
Farriers.. ... ..																			
Fitters ... ..																			
Machine Gunnery ... ..																			
Masons .. ... ..																			
Motor Mechanics ... ..																			
Pioneer, Infantry ... .. (other than tradesmen)																			
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																			
Range Takers ... ..																			
Saddlers & Harness Makers																			
Saddle Tree Makers ...																			
Sanitary & Water Duties.																			
Signallers ... ..																			
Storemen technical ... ..																			
Tailors. . . . .																			
Wheelers ... ..																			
General duty personnel .																		2	2
Totals ( to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																		2	2

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.  
Unit.  
Date of Despatch 12 December 1942

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 19 DEC 42

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	* Brigadiers	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains ... ..	2		1
	Lieutenants ... ..	2		2
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..			
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	49		3

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		COL	T/BAIG	EVANS B	AIF	yes		Comd
2		MAJOR		JACKSON DR	/	/		B.M.
3		CAPT		WILTON JH	/	/		B.M.L.
4		CAPT		AS SANGSTER R.W.	/	/		SC
5		CAPT		FISCHER CL	/	/		SCL
6		CAPT		LANCASTER CG	/	/		TO
7		CAPT		ARBUTHNOT DJ	/	/		BASCO
8		Lieut		DOWNEY R.K.	/	/		LO
9		Lieut		PEARCE ETS	/	/		IO
10		CAPT		WHELAN P.B.	AACH D	No		Padac 2/13 BN
11		CAPT		THOMAS G	/	No		/ 2/22 /
12		CAPT		JOHNSON W	/	No		/ 2/28 /
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut	T/CAPT	ROBSON H.G.		2/28 Bn	ATT For Duty
Lieut		PARRY G.L.W.		2/28 /	/ / /
Lieut		WORNER J.E.		2/32 /	/ / /

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

19 December 1942  
(Date of Despatch.)

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







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. B. 4 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 26 December 1942

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels	1		
	Majors...			
	Captains	1		
	Lieutenants	89		
	2nd Lieutenants	3		1
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS ...	14		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.
T/CAPT	ROBSON	H.S. AIF	13/12/42	FROM 2/28 BN L.C.
Lieut	PARRY	S.L.W.		

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	PEARCE	ETS AIF	19.12.42	To Interpretation of AIR Photos. Course

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
		Cob	T/Brig.	EVANS B	AIF	Yes		
1		MAJOR		JACKSON D.A.		✓		B.M.
2		CAPT		WILTON J.H.		✓		B.M.L.
3		CAPT		SANGSTER R.W.		✓		S.C.
4		CAPT		FISCHER C.L.		✓		S.C.L.
5		CAPT		LANCASTER C.S.		✓		T.O.
6		Lieut	T/CAPT	ROBSON H.S.		✓		L.O.
7		Lieut		DOWNNEY R.W.		✓		L.O.
8		Lieut		PARRY S.L.W.		✓		L.O.
9		Lieut		PEARCE R.T.S.		No		I.O. - School.
10		CAPT		GARD T	ARCH D	yes/no		Padre 2/43 BN
11		CAPT		THOMAS G		✓		2/32 ✓
12		CAPT		JOHNSON W.		✓		2/38 ✓
13		CAPT		AMBUTHNOT D.J.	RASC	yes		BASCO.
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut		WORNER J.E.	2/52 Bn		Not For Duty.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.  
27 December (Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

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



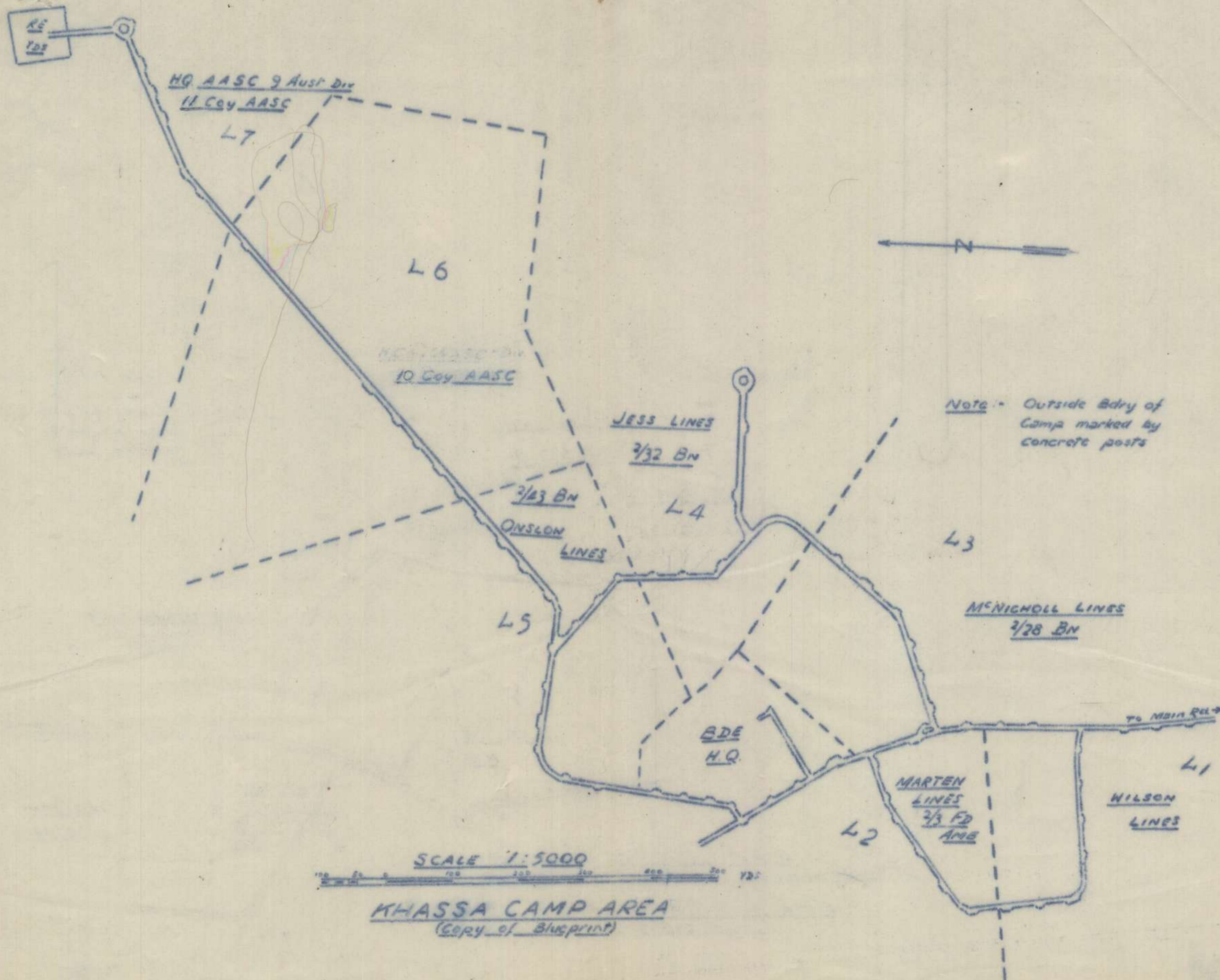


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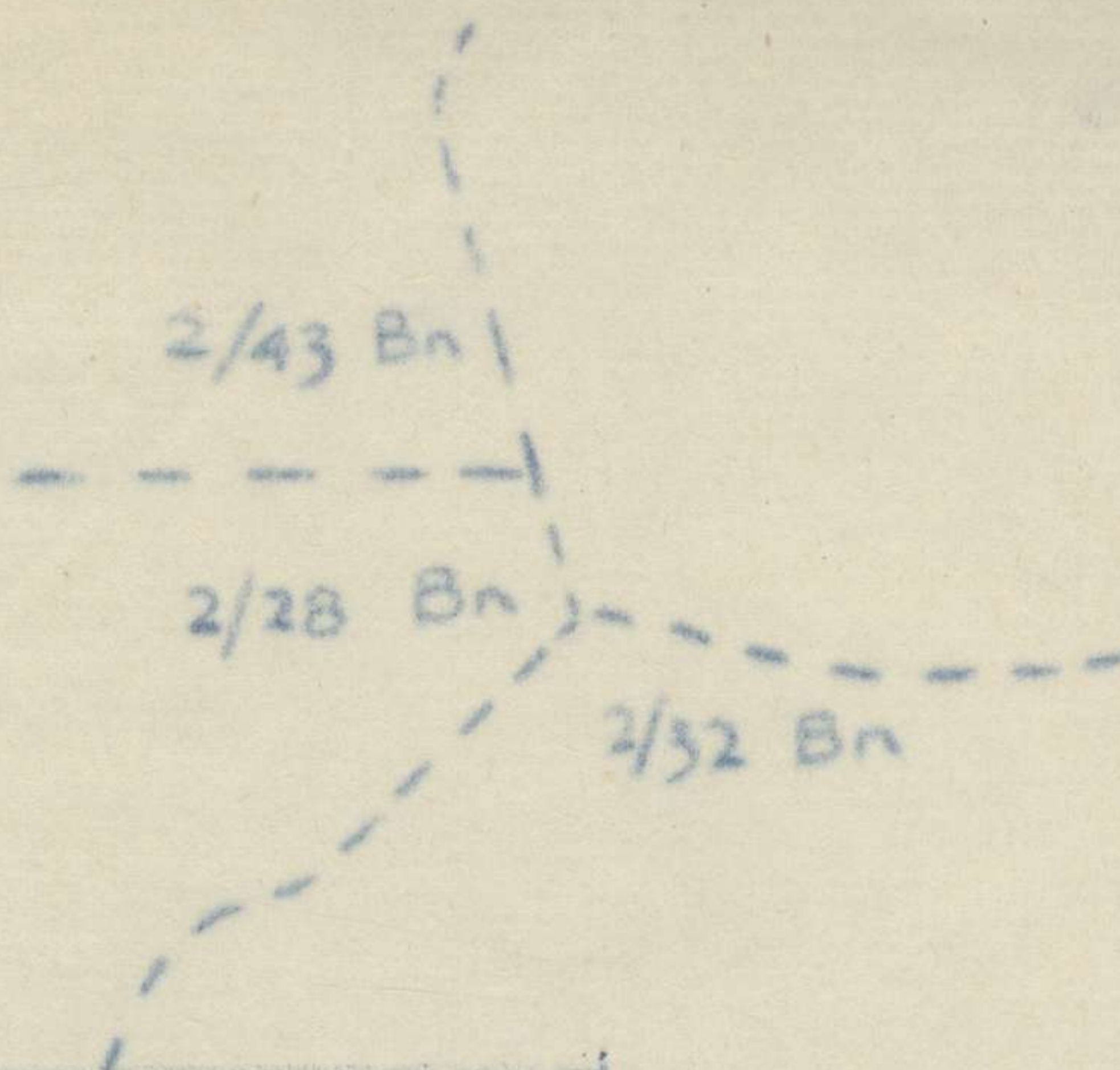
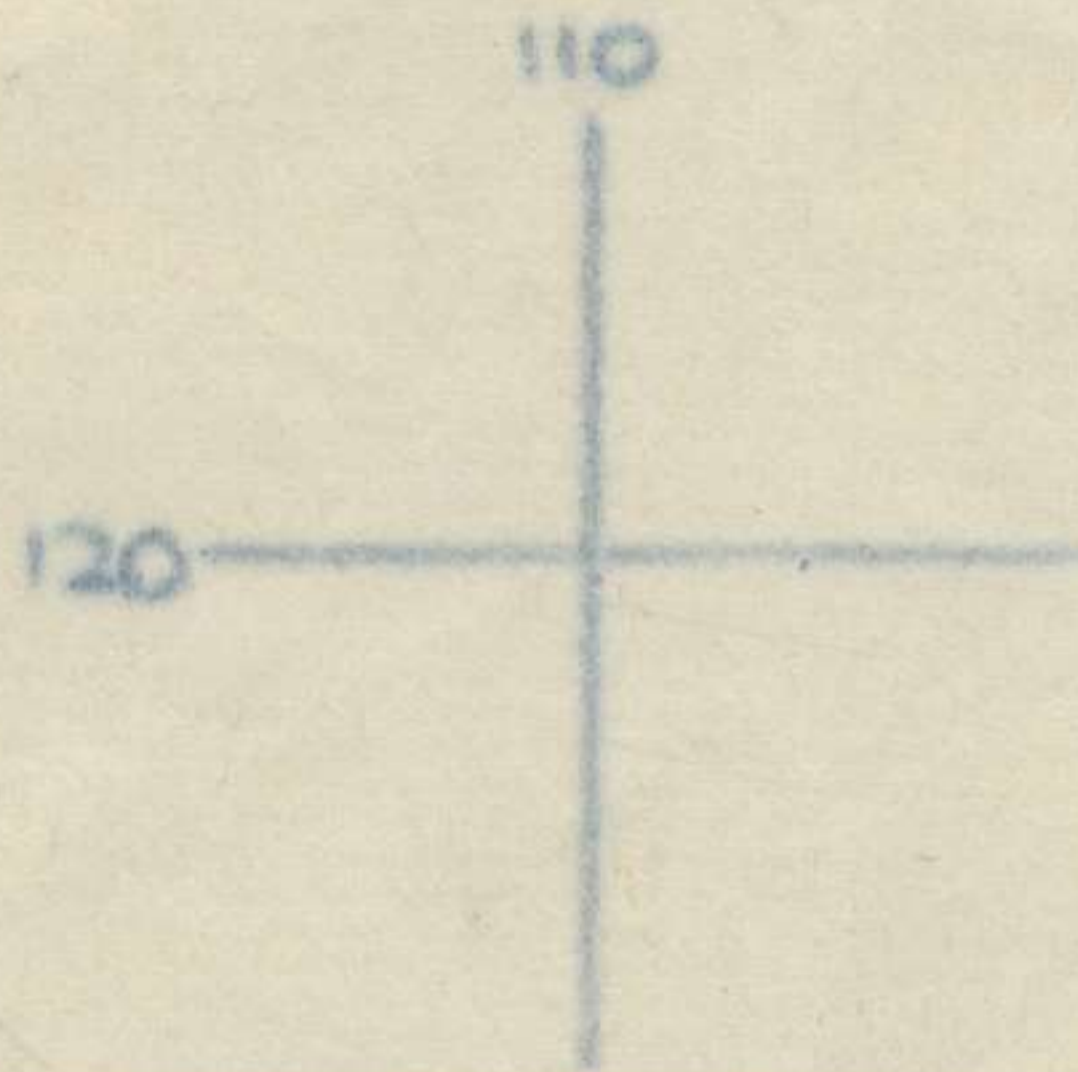
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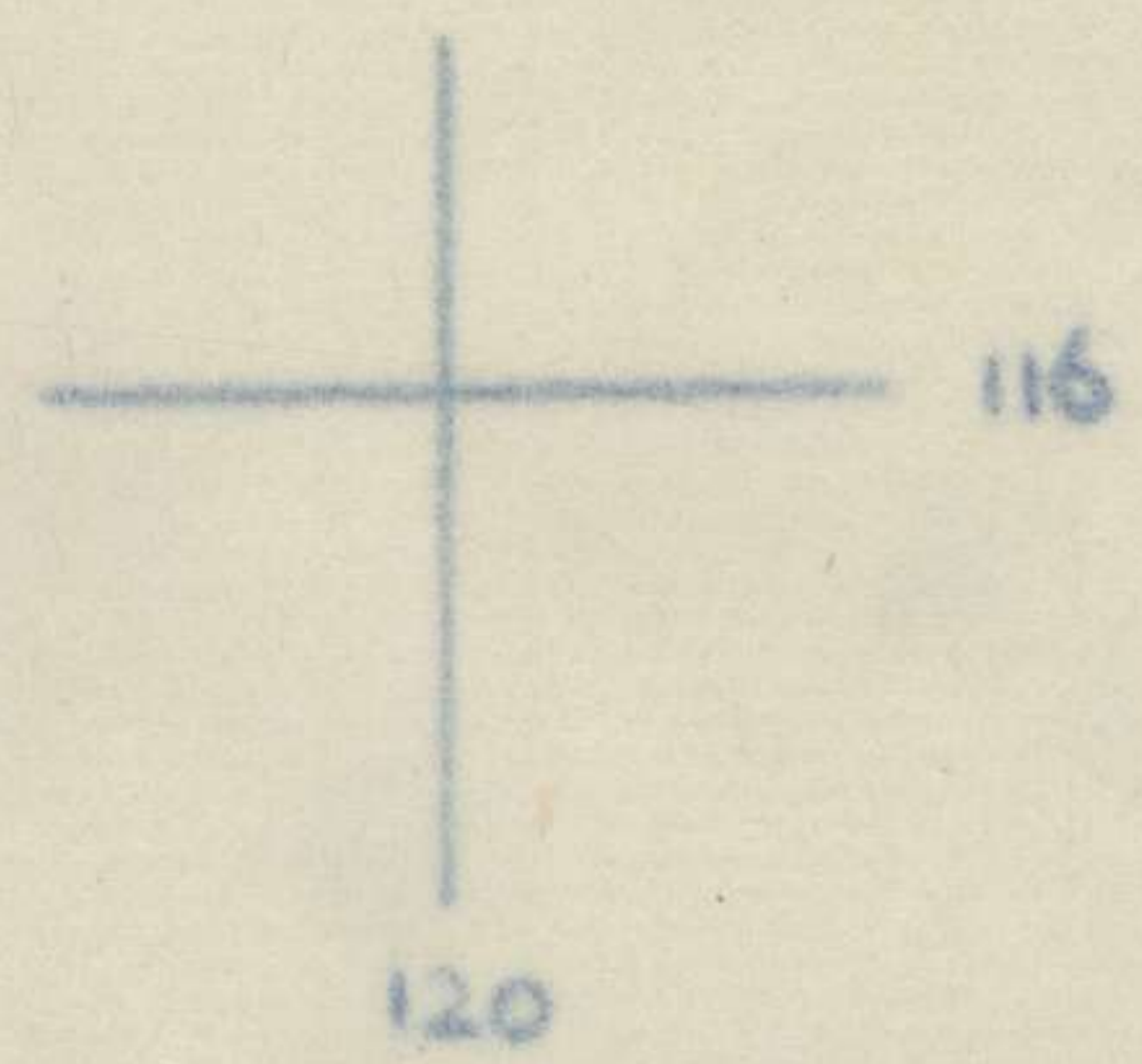




Trace Showing  
Provisional Bn. Trg. Areas  
6 Dec 42

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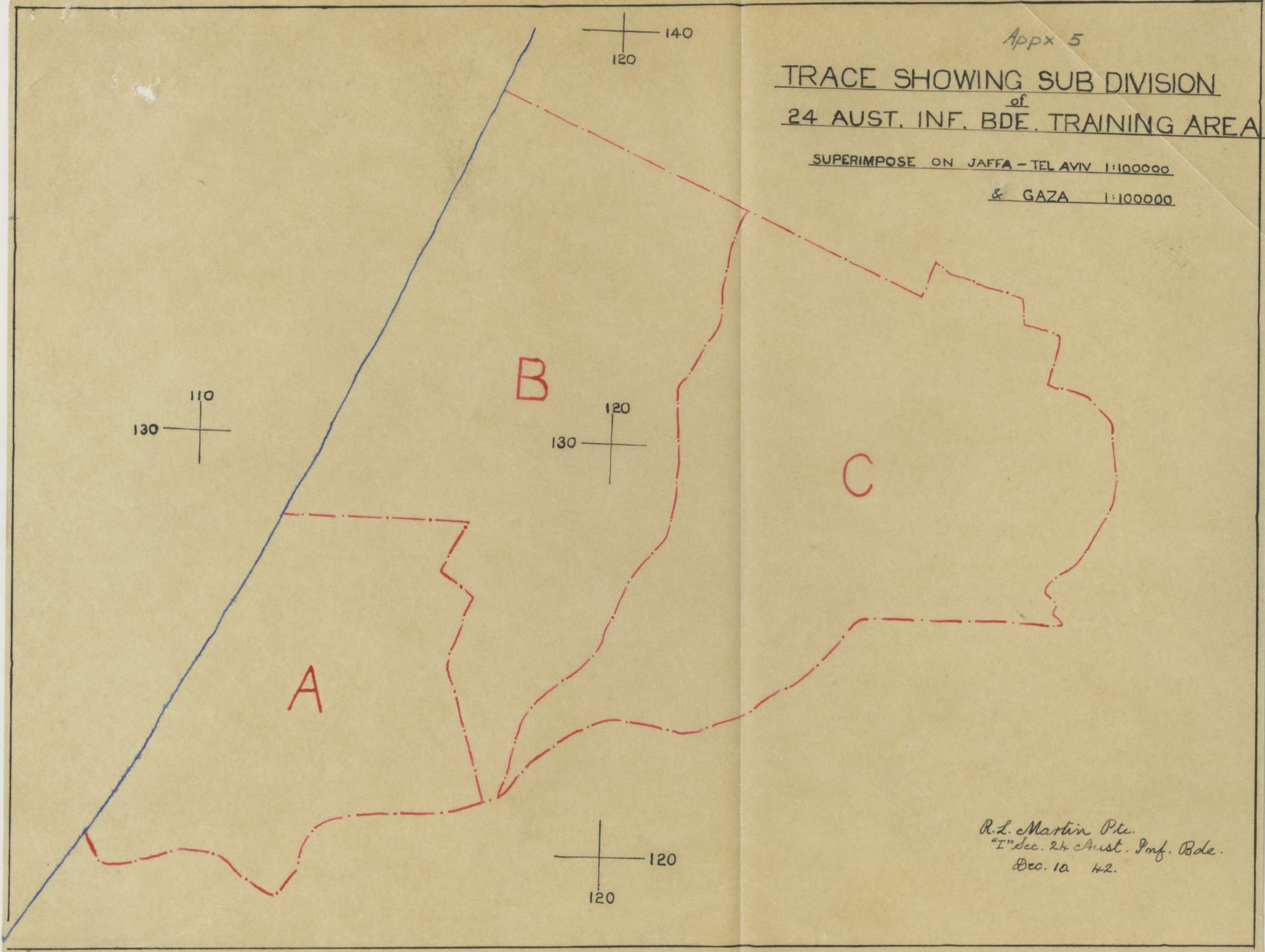
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Appx 5

TRACE SHOWING SUB DIVISION  
of  
24 AUST. INF. BDE. TRAINING AREA

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& GAZA 1:100000



*R. L. Martin Pte.*  
*"I" Sec. 24 Aust. Inf. Bde.*  
*Dec. 10 42.*

24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 25.

Ref map: GAZA 1/100,000

INFORMATION

1. A ceremonial parade in honour of fallen comrades is to be held in the vicinity of GAZA AIRPORT 100099.

The C-in-C MEF is expected to inspect the parade and take the salute at a march past by 9 Aust Div.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will parade at GAZA AIRPORT on 21 Dec 42.

METHOD

3. Parade Formation - see Appx "A" att.

- (a) The Bde will parade without vehs and will form up in line of units in close coln.
- (b) Units will be organised into five coys of even strength. Unit frontages may vary from 38 to 42 files allowing a lateral space of 27 ins per man.  
Bde H.Q. is occupying a frontage of 10 yds.
- (c) Interval between gps 20 yds; interval between units 10 yds.
- (d) Diagramatic layout of a unit is shown in Appx "B". This is the same for the inspection and march past.
- (e) Offrs will remain in front of their coys and will not take post in review order. WOs and Egts not required to act as guides will form serrefile, but other NCOs will be distributed in the ranks.

4. Forming up lines

Allotted as follows -

No.	Unit
1	24 Aust Inf Bde HQ
2	2/28 Aust Inf Bn
3	2/32 Aust Inf Bn
4	2/43 Aust Inf Bn

5. Assembly

- (a) Units will form up in assembly areas to be allotted and will march by shortest routes to posns on the parade ground, clearing assembly areas as soon as possible.
- (b) The Bde Comd will take over after units are in posn.

6. Marking of Parade Ground - see Appx "A" att.

The following is being carried out under Div arrangements. Flags and signs mentioned in (a) below will be removed as soon as units are in posn.

(a) A unit serial no. will mark the right and a flag the left of each unit frontage. Pegs will mark right marker of each Coy.

(b) For the march past -

(i) Six forming up lines will be marked at right angles to the passing line. These forming up lines will be numbered and will enable six units to form up simultaneously.

(ii) Red flags will mark pts C & D at which the salute will start and finish respectively.

(iii) Blue flags will mark pts A B E & F.

(iv) Small blue flags at 10 paces interval will mark the passing line. These flags will give unit comds a guide as to when to give the comd "eyes front".

7. Unit signs

Units will supply one unit sign per unit - see para 6 (a), before 13 Dec 42.

8. Order of the Parade is given in Appx "C" att. This starts at the approach of the A/Div Comd.

9. Timing

Units will be in posn, bayonets fixed, on Inspection line by 1100 hrs.

10. Saluting

(a) On inspection line: Personnel not carrying rifles will remain at attention during "present arms" except for the "Salute to Fallen Comrades", when all ranks without rifles will salute. All officers will salute on every present.

(c) In March Past -

(i) Bde or etc comd only will order "eyes right" as he passes point "C" and "eyes front" when the rear of the bn clears pt "D". The whole unit will act on bn comd's orders.

(ii) All officers will salute, the left arm being kept steady at the side.

11. Words of Command

(a) Orders by the Parade Comd will be repeated by bde etc comds and unit comds in accordance with Appx "C" att.

(b) In order to ensure that units work simultaneously the following procedure will be adopted -

(i) On the cautionary word being given by unit comds, a flag located in front of the parade, see Appx "A", will be held aloft.

(ii) Unit comds will give executive words of command as the flag is lowered.

(c) Should the execution of the above procedure be interrupted, unit comds will conform, as quickly as possible, to the movement they see in execution.

12. Rest

After reaching parade posn and until arrival of A/Div Comd, tps may be allowed to sit down whilst standing easy. After arrival of A/Div Comd tps will not sit down.

13. March Past

See Appx "C" att, serials 19, 20, & 21.

14. Rehearsal

(a) A Div rehearsal will be held on the day of the parade only, after the arrival of the A/Div Comd.

(b) Full dress Bde rehearsals will be held on Wednesday 15 Dec and Saturday 18 Dec at a time and place to be notified later.

(c) Units will carry out as many rehearsals as possible in their own camp areas.

(d) A conference of COs will be held at 24 Aust Inf Bde HQ to discuss final details of Bde rehearsal at 1530 hrs 15 Dec

15. Bands and Buglers

(a) For the march on of units and until after serial 18 Appx "C" bands will be massed in rear of the parade - see Appx "A".

(b) After serial 18 bands will march to posn for the march past - opposite dis and 50 yds from the passing line.

(c) Bands will play their own formations or units past with regtl tunes.

(d) Buglers will be supplied by units under separate arrangement and will form up and move with bands.

16. Dress

(a) Offrs  
(i) Bde Comds, and bde staffs accompanying Bde Comd: SD offrs pattern, sam browne belts without shoulder straps, hats turned up, anklets web. No pistols, sticks or gloves.

(ii) All other offrs: SD offrs pattern, belts web and braces. Pistols, without lanyards, worn below amn pouches on left side, hats turned up, anklets web. No sticks or gloves.

(iii) Staff offrs will not wear arm bands.

(b) ORs  
SD, drill order, hats turned up, anklets web.

17. AA Protection - is being provided by 4 Aust Lt AA Regt.

18. PAD

(a) Warning. The following can be expected -

(i) Yellow - 40 mins

(ii) Red - 10-15 mins.

- (b) Alarm  
 (i) Yellow - parade comd is to announce.  
 (ii) Red - by siren  
 (iii) All Clear - by siren.

- (c) Action  
 (i) On RED warning during parade, units will disperse to the North, on order from parade comd.  
 (ii) If attacked whilst embussing, debussing or in vehs, units will disperse under orders of unit comds. Vehs will stop if on the move, and men will go to ground.

19. Security

Time of parade will not be notified below bn comds until the night before. Personnel knowing the date of the parade will be kept to a minimum.

ADM

20. Orders and movement tables issued separately.

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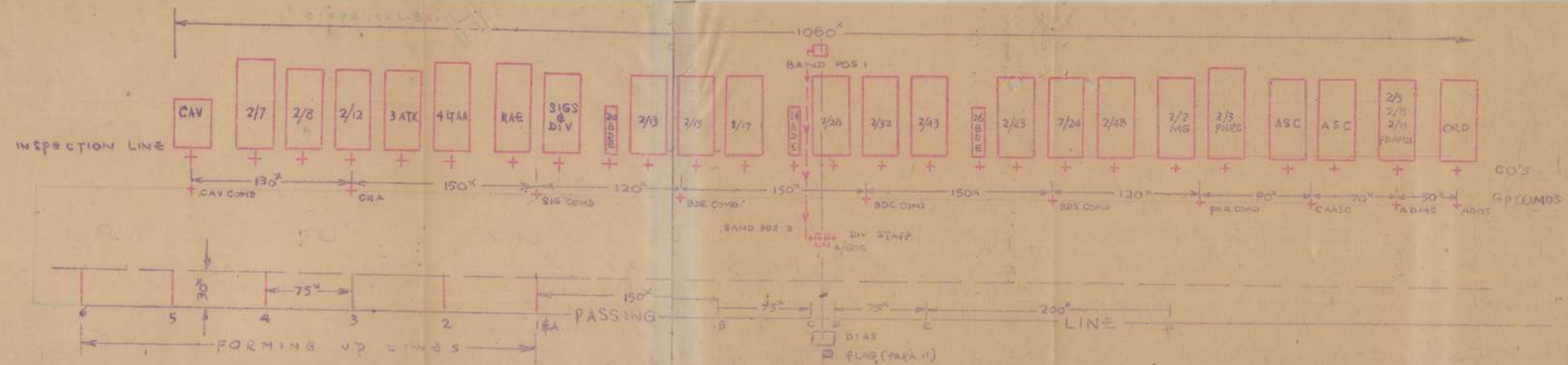
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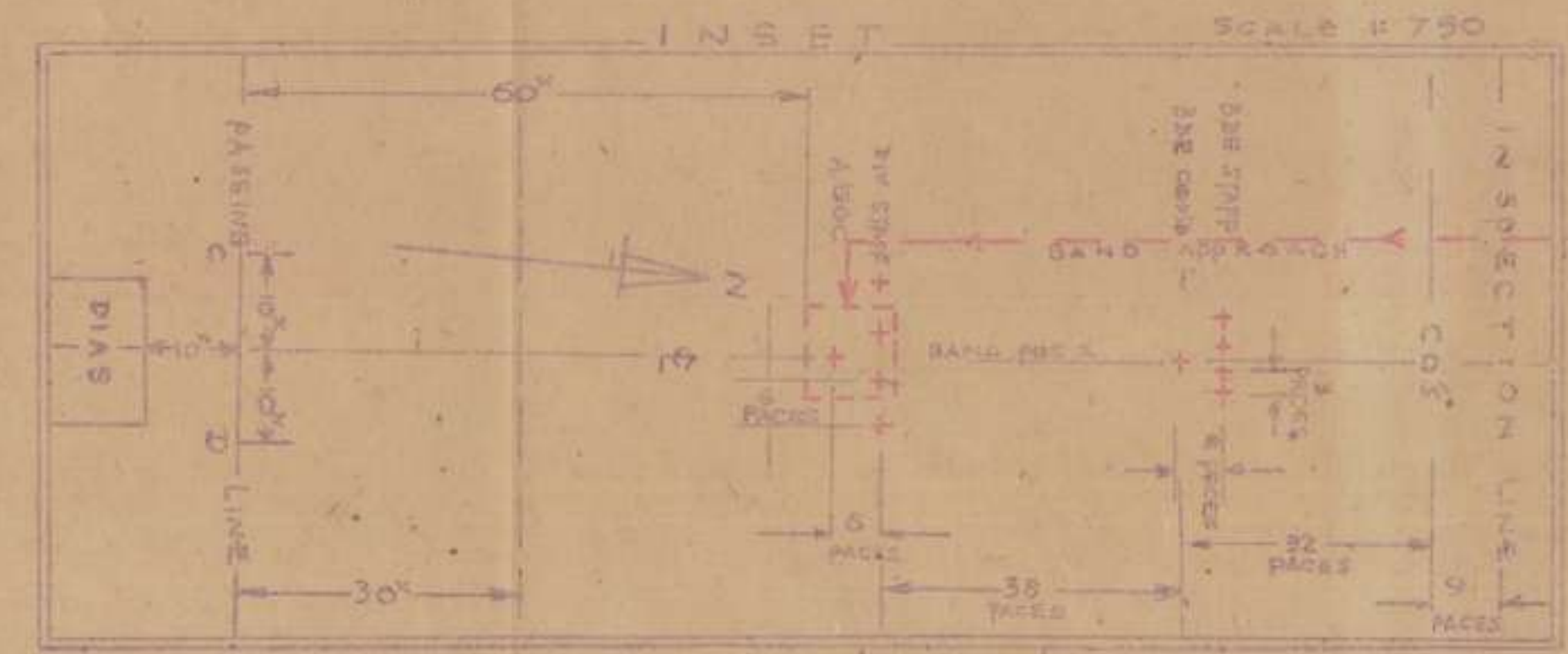
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2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3	3
9 Aust Div	4			
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S.C.	6	5	5	5
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INSPECTION FORMATION  
 BDE HQ FRONTAGE 10 YDS  
 BN FRONTAGE 30 "  
 SPACING BETWEEN GPs 20 "  
 " " BNS 10

Appx "A"  
 TO 24 Aust INF BDE OO N<sup>o</sup> 25  
 DATED 14 DEC 42

SCALE 1:25,000







ORDER OF THE PARADE

Serial	Event	Orders by Parade Comd	Orders by Gp Comds	Orders by Bn etc Comds	Remarks
1	Approach of A/Div Comd	9 Australian Division	.....Bde	.... Bn	Parade stands at ease.
2	Arrival of A/Div Comd	The Division will come to attention	....Bde will come to attention	.... Bn atten -- tion	
3	A/Div Comd takes over parade	The Division will stand at ease	....Bde will stand at ease	.... Bn stand at ease	
4		The Division will stand easy	....Bde will stand easy	....Bn stand --- easy	
5	Approach of C-in-C and GOC AIF (ME)	9 Australian Division	.... Bde	.... Bn	Parade stands at ease
6		The Division will come to attention and slope arms	.... Bde will come to attention and slope arms	.... Bn atten--- tion. .... Bn slope ---- arms	
7	Arrival of C-in-C	General salute	General salute	.... Bn, present ---- arms	Bands will play first part of slow march, starting on third movement of present. Flag is broken
8		The Division will slope arms	.... Bde will slope arms	.... Bn, slope ---- arms	
9		The Division will order arms and stand at ease	.... Bde will order arms and stand at ease	.... Bn, order--- arms. Bn, stand at --- ease	
10	Inspection				Comds call up their own Bdes etc as Inspecting Offr approaches and stand then at ease after he passes. Parade comd only will accompany Inspecting Offr. Bde etc comds will stand fast

Serial	Event	Orders by Parade Comd	Orders by Gp Comds	Orders by Bn etc Comds	Remarks
11	Inspecting Offr returns to Saluting Base				
12	Address by C-in-C				
13	Salute to Fallen Comrades	The Parade will come to attention	.... Bde will come to attention	.... Bn atten- tion	GOC AIF (MG) commands the parade. All AIF units come to attention
14		The Division will slope arms	.... Bde will slope arms	.... Bn slope- arms	
15		Salute to Fallen Comrades	Salute to Fallen Comrades	.... Bn present ---- arms	All ranks other than those armed with rifles will salute on third movement of present. Massed buglers play Last Post. Flag is lowered
16		The Division will slope arms	.... Bde will slope arms	.... Bn slope- arms	All ranks other than those armed with rifles come to attention on the second movement of the slope. Massed buglers play Reveille. Flag is raised.
17		The Division will order arms	.... Bde will order arms	.... Bn order ---- arms	Massed bands play "Advance Australia Fair"
18		The parade will stand at ease	.... Bde will stand at ease	.... Bn stand at ---- ease	All AIF units stand at ease
19	March Past	9 Australian Division will march past by gps in close coln	(in succession)... .... Bde will march past in close coln	.... Bn atten- tion. Move to the right in threes, right turn, quick march, etc.	Gps move on to the Passing Line. Bands move to posn opposite Saluting Base and 60 yds from the Passing Line. Inf bdes will not move before the bands have moved through the intervals between bdes
20	Units will move to forming up line by moving to the right in threes, wheeling left and moving on to the unit forming up line. A forming up line will be provided for each unit in each gp, the right hand unit of each gp forming up on No 1 forming up line. Gps will march past in close coln with distances 100 yds between units. When cleared, pt F units will clear inspection line by doubling and then marching to original gp assembly areas so that the March Past of following gps is not interfered with. In the March Past Gp Comds and staffs remain with their comds and do not fall out after passing Saluting Base. When A/Div Comd moves on to Saluting Base, Div staff will form up on either side of dais				
21	Bands March Past	When the last gp has passed, bands will move to the right then on to the Passing Line and past the Saluting Base			

*War Diary*

SECRET

Copy No. 8...  
20 Dec 42.

AMENDMENT No 2 TO 24 AUST INF BDE O.O. No 25

The abovementioned O O is further amended as follows :

1. In para 6 -

- (a) Delete "Flags and Signs mentioned in (a) below will be removed as soon as units are in posn" and substitute "As soon as each unit is in posn it will remove the unit sign, flag and pegs referred to in sub-para (a) and place them in the SE corner of its assembly area. After the March Past units will take all their unit signs with them.
- (b) Add at end of sub-para (b) (1) the following :-  
"To enable units to keep direction in moving to the Forming Up Lines, pts on the Runway 80 yds distant from the numbers on the passing line and in line with the Forming Up Lines will be numbered to correspond with the numbers on the Forming Up Lines. Small blue flags on the passing line will mark the right marker of each sub unit and marks on the ground will indicate pts 30 yds distant from and at right angles to these flags so that sub units can quickly obtain their dressing and interval.

2. In para 5 -

Staff cars will be kept to a minimum and will be parked in respective unit parking areas.

*B.M. 24* Maj.  
B.M.24 AUST INF BDE.

Distribution

As for 24 Aust Inf Bde OO No 25,  
less serials 4,6,9-10.

24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No. 9.

Ref Map :- PALESTINE 1/100,000 Sheet 9

GENERAL

1. To be read in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 25.
2. This order sets out the method of movement and the adm arrangements for the ceremonial parade in honour of fallen comrades to be held at GAZA AIRPORT.

METHOD

3. Move to Airport  
Move will be in accordance with movement table att as Appx "A".
4. Veh parking areas - (see sketch map Appx "B" att)
  - (a) Colns will close up when entering parking areas so as to occupy less rd space and to clear X rds 10071002 as soon as possible.
  - (b) Areas shown will be marked by flags and unit signs. Drs will remain with their vehs throughout the parade.
5. Debussing  
Personnel will debus in veh parking areas and march direct to gp assembly areas between the times laid down in Appx "A".
6. Return to Unit lines
  - (a) At conclusion of midday meal in assembly or veh parking areas, units will move off in accordance with Movement Table att as Appx "C".
  - (b) Zero will be notified at conclusion of parade.
7. Concentrating the Div into the restricted area round the review ground in a short time does not permit the allowance of large gaps between movement serials. It will be necessary to take steps (by closing up to shorter interval if necessary) to see that the rear of each convoy moves on to the rd not later than the time allowed for the serial. This will be of even greater importance on return journey.
8. Security - Unit lines  
Sufficient personnel will be left in unit lines to ensure security during the absence of units.
9. Wet weather - alternative plan  
In the event of wet weather making the use of parking areas off the rd impossible, the following variations will be made.
  - (a) Tps will debus on rd as shown in Appx "B" and vehs move to GAZA via rd junc 09560973. Coln will turn at rd junc 0995-1013 and return via same route. After turning coln will halt on rd, closed to 100 v.t.m. with head at rd junc 0956-0973 until called for by Pro.
  - (b) Tpt will close right up before tps debus, in order to clear X rds 10071002.
  - (c) Tps will embus on rds in same areas as for debussing.
  - (d) All other arrangements unchanged.
  - (e) Codeword for alternative plan "MUD".

10. Recce  
Each unit will send a recce party in one veh to the parade ground between 1000 hrs and 1100 hrs 20 Dec 42. These recce parties will locate their debussing and assembly areas, parade posns and routes to them, and dispersal areas.

ADM

11. Meals  
Units will arrange for provision of a haversack lunch and tea to be left under gd in assembly areas during parade. This meal will be consumed at conclusion of March Past.
12. Greatcoats  
Personnel will carry greatcoats to be worn if ordered. These will be left in veh parking areas if not required.
13. Colour patches  
New pattern colour patches will be available before date of parade, and will be worn by all ranks.
14. Rec  
(a) 76 L.A.D. will provide one breakdown veh to travel in rear of Bde convoy.  
(b) Two breakdown lorries are being stationed off rd at corner 10071002 from 0630 hrs.
15. Medical  
Three Aid Posts are being established in posns as shown in Appx "B".
16. Latrines  
Units will provide screens and shallow trench latrines in assembly areas.
17. Tidiness  
Unit will be responsible for falling in all trenches and leaving their assembly and veh parking areas in a clean and tidy condition.

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*J.H. Wilson Capt* Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde

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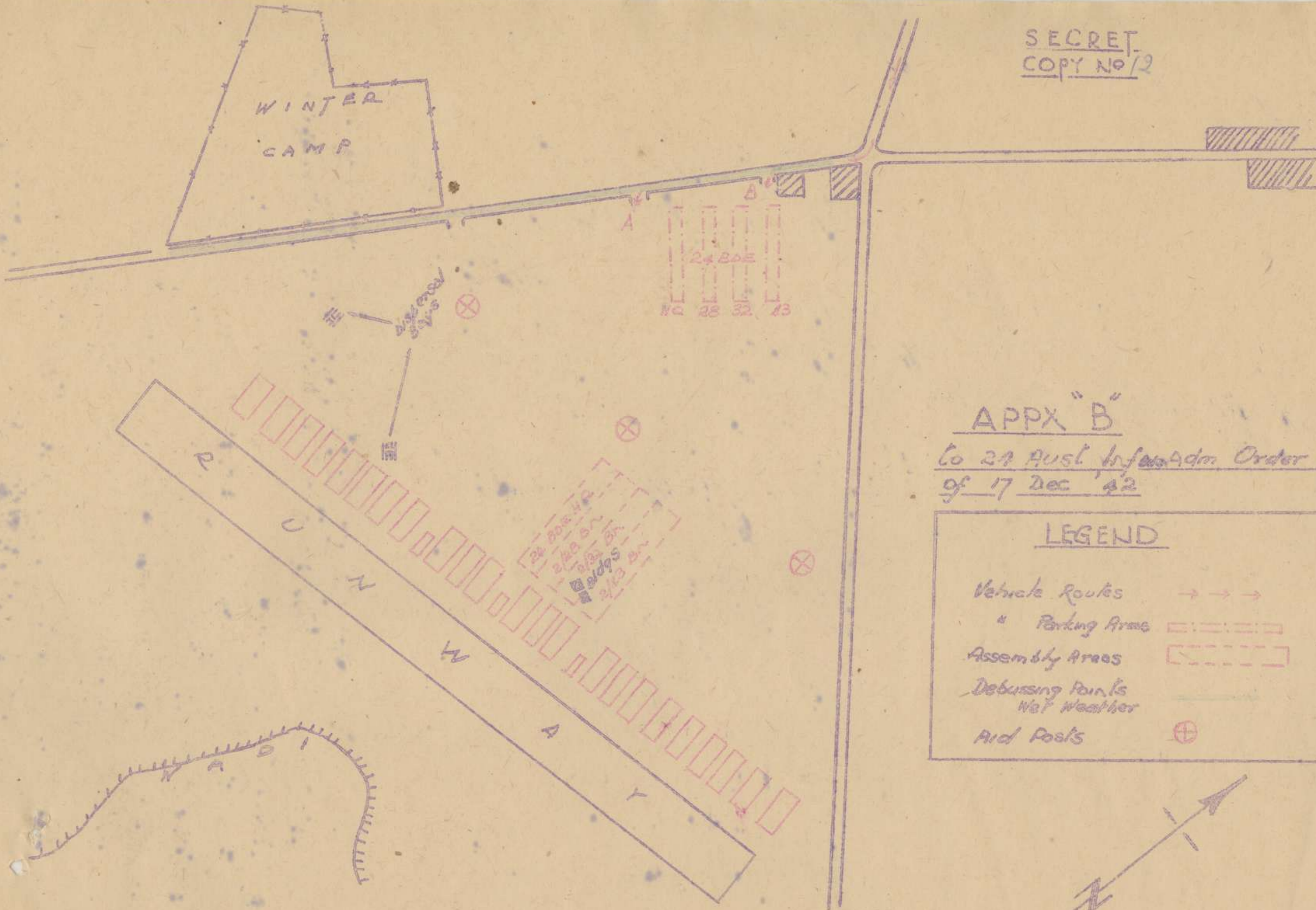
24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Table

Issued in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No. 9

1. SPEED 20 m.i.h.
2. DENSITY 20 v. t.m. (the bde will move in unit blocks with 400 yds between each block)
3. HALTS Nil.
4. START PT rd junc 11721213.
5. ROUTE rd junc 11721213 - BARBARA 110114 - rd junc 10411043 - GAZA 099101 - rd junc 10371002.

Serial No (a)	Unit (b)	No of vehs (c)	Dispersal Pt (d)	TIMINGS				Move to Assembly areas between (j)
				Past S P		Past Dispersal Pt		
				Head (e)	Tail (f)	Head (g)	Tail (h)	
1	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	50	Pt "A" APPX "B"	0716	0721	0813	0818	0845/1000
2	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	30	Pt "B" APPX "B"	0723	0726	0819	0823	"
3	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	10	Pt "A" APPX "B"	0727	0729	0824	0826	"
4	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	50	Pt "B" APPX "B"	0730	0734	0827	0831	"

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APPX "B"

To 29 Aust. Inf. Adm. Order No 9  
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LEGEND

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24 Aust Inf Bde Movement TableIssued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No. 9.

1. Speed 20 m.i.h.
2. Density 20 v.t.m. (400 yds between unit blocks)
3. Halts Nil.
4. Start Pt. rd and track junc 10111004.
5. Dispersal Pt. Unit lines
6. Route rd junc 10071002 - rd junc 10251022 - rd junc 10411043 -  
BARBARA 110114 - rd junc 11721213.  
(all vehs will move on to rd via Pt "B" (see Appx "B"))

Serial No (a)	Unit (b)	No of vehs (c)	Time Past S.P.	
			Head (d)	Tail (e)
1	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	30	Zero	Z plus 5
2	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	30	Z plus 6	Z plus 10
3	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	30	Z plus 11	Z plus 13
4	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	10	Z plus 14	Z plus 18



ROUTINE ORDER

BY

BRIG B. EVANS D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 1.

KHASSA

5 DEC 42

1. DUTIES

The following camp duties will be supplied by units as laid down in Ede R.Os.

(a) Duty Unit

(b) Field Officer - duties as per annex "A" att.

(c) Cinema Picquet - 1 offr, 2 Sgts, 2 Cpls, 14 ORs to report to Cinema at 1700 hrs. Offr will check tickets before and after each session and check same with cash receipts. Certificate will be handed to Camp Staff Offr by 0900 hrs the day following.

(d) Camp Runner - 1 OR from duty unit will report to Camp Staff Offr at 0830 hrs.

(e) Shower fatigue - 1 NCO, 4 ORs to report to Camp Staff Offr at 0830 hrs. Cleansing materials will be supplied by duty unit.

2. DUTIES

Mounting Retreat 6 Dec 42.

(i) Duty Unit - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for duty - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) Field Offr - Capt G.E. DIXON - 2/32 Bn.  
Next for duty - Capt W.E.L. CATCHLOVE MC - 2/43 Bn.

(iii) Cinema Picquet - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for duty - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(iv) Camp Runner - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for duty - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(v) Shower Fatigue - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for duty - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

3. CANTEEN

The following Canteen hours will be observed by units:-

1100 hrs - 1200 hrs

1300 hrs - 1700 hrs

1730 hrs - 2000 hrs

Beer will only be purchased through unit QMs.

4. SPEED LIMITS

Speed limits within the camp will NOT exceed 15 mph.

5. CIVILIANS

Civilians will not be allowed in the camp area unless in possession of an authorised pass.

6. SHOWERS

Hot showers will be available daily from 1500 hrs to 1730 hrs.

7. CINEMA

There will be two sessions daily commencing 1730 hrs and 1930 hrs.

8. ENGINEERING SERVICES

Units requiring service or maintenance through DURE will notify Camp Staff Offr and not RE's direct.

9. HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of NK 12738 Spr Gordon Arthur Powell KEVIN, 1 Aust Riv Svy Coy accepting and wearing "La Medaille d'Honneur du Merite Libanais en Bronze." conferred upon him by the President of the Lebanese Republic, for his act of gallantry in saving the life of a Lebanese civilian.

(Ref A.I.F. Order 1361)

10. SMALLPOX - SYRIA AND THE LEBANON

1. In view of the prevalence of smallpox in Syria and the Lebanon, troops proceeding to these areas, whether as units or individuals will not be permitted to cross the frontier if they cannot produce evidence of vaccination or re-vaccination not less than ten days and not more than two years previously.

2. Troops entering Egypt from Syria and the Lebanon will produce similar evidence.

3. Officers on entering Syria and the Lebanon, or Egypt from Syria and the Lebanon, will be required to produce a certificate to the effect that they have been vaccinated or re-vaccinated not less than ten days and not more than two years previously.

4. Evidence in the case of all ranks will be in W.F.S.

(Ref A.I.F. Order 1362)

11. INSIGNIA OF RANK - METAL BADGES AND CHEVRONS

1. Action will be taken to ensure that the issue of metal badges of rank and chevrons to officers and other ranks on promotion is restricted to absolute requirements. Only the additional insignia necessary will be issued, except in the case of chevrons, which will be in sets.

(Ref A.I.F. Order 1364)

12. CANTEENS PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

1. Canteen profits amounting to £26471/8/11 have been distributed for the month of Sep 42.

2. Total amount distributed to 30 Sep is £263953/9/4.

(Ref A.I.F. Order 1367)

13. SECURITY

The attention of all units is directed to Palestine S.Os in connection with security of arms, ammunition and equipment.

Extracts from which are provided herewith :-

Safeguarding Arms and Ammunition

(a) Each individual officer and soldier is personally responsible for the safeguarding of such arms and ammunition and equipment, government or private as may be issued to him, placed in his charge or belonging to him.

(b) Unit commanders will, however, make the best collective arrangements as are feasible to relieve individual officers and other ranks of the burden of personal responsibility.

(c) Orders for this collective safeguarding must lay down a drill for handing over so that there can be no doubt as to the individual responsible for custody.

(d) Arms and ammunition will either be carried securely by the individual or securely locked in, or to, some immovable box or object. In the case of MGs the following rules will be observed :-

- /not
- (i) MGs will be secured in locked boxes and placed in a locked store with barred windows.
  - (ii) Where this is possible, the boxes will be locked and kept in a room or tent where there is always a sentry, storeman, or orderly on duty.
  - (iii) Failing (i) and (ii) above, the boxes will be locked and secured to an "immovable" object by means of a chain to be obtained on indent from AAOC.
  - (iv) In tents, boxes will always be locked and secured to the tent pole.
- (e) When arms or ammunition are held collectively (e.g. in guard rooms, stores or barrack rooms) they will be continuously guarded by a sentry, a storeman or a room orderly.
- (f) In the field, by day, when the arms of men are piled, an armed sentry will be posted and MGs will be locked in their boxes.
- (g) When sleeping in the field all ranks will have their arms and ammunition securely attached to them.
- (h) Under no circumstances will the arms of drivers or other individuals be left on unattended vehicles. When leaving vehicles for any purpose whatsoever drivers and passengers will carry their arms with them.
- (i) The possibility of an individual soldier having access to a weapon and to ball ammunition which fits it will be reduced to a minimum. For example, a room orderly, responsible for rifle packs, will not have .303 ammunition also on his charge. Guard commanders and company or detachment storemen may, however, be given the custody of arms and ammunition.
- (j) Unit commanders will ensure that arms and ammunition on charge of companies and similar sub-units are checked daily and satisfy themselves that they are correct by means of periodical certificates and personal inspection.
- (k) Any losses in arms, ammunition or equipment will be reported immediately to this HQ by the quickest possible means.

#### 14. COMPLIMENTARY REPORT OF BEHAVIOUR ON LEAVE

(a) The gist of the following will be promulgated to all ranks, whether going on leave or not, as early as possible :-

" O.G. Cairo Area has stated that during recent leave, 9 Aust Div troops were the best behaved in CAIRO. As a mark of his appreciation, he has arranged to welcome the first draft of 100 personally at CAIRO Main Sta on 7 Dec, and to turn out the band of a Highland Regt and provide refreshments for the first five drafts "

(b) Units will ensure that a special effort is made to turn these drafts out as well as possible. Late shaving before departure would help as shaving on train may be impracticable. O.G. Train will ensure an orderly detrainment and fall in.

(Ref 9 Aust Div Amendment No 1 to 9 Aust Div Adm Instrn No 99 )

#### 15. CABLEGRAM & TELEGRAM CHARGES

Rates for cables and telegrams lodged in PALESTINE are as follows :-

##### Cablegrams lodged in Palestine

	<u>TO AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>TO UNITED KINGDOM</u>
Full rate	62mils per word.	62mils per word
Deferred (10)	31 " " "	31 " " "
Daily Letter Telegram (DLT)	525mils for 25 words. 21mils each additional word.	
Night Letter Telegram (NLT)		475mils for 25 words 19mils each additional word.
E.F.M.	125mils per message	125mils per message

throughout the D.V. will be unavoidable. If it is followed, it is hoped to maintain every man with two shirts tropical through the winter.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 624)

#### 20. BEER

Ref para 12 9 Aust Div Adm Instr No 97 dated 2 Dec 42. Units may buy beer in bulk from Canteens every third day if this is more convenient than daily purchase. Beer will NOT be issued to tops at a higher scale than one third of a bottle per man on any one day.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 625)

#### 21. USE OF M.T.

(a) Passes in duplicate in accordance with DROs 558, 561 and 585 will be carried on all vehs (other than convoys) proceeding outside the general area occupied by 9 Aust Div, the words "9 Aust Div" being substituted for "Eighth Army".

(b) Within the spirit of DRO 561, any offr of field rank may sign such passes in addition to staff offr. Signng offr must be prepared to justify their action.

(c) When large numbers are travelling, full details of personnel need NOT be shown, provided sufficient information is given for purposes of check, e.g. "HQ 303 Sgt J. SMITH and 8 ORs, Leave Party 2/15 BA" will suffice.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 626)

#### 22. RETURN OF SUMMER DRESS

The following articles of summer dress will be withdrawn as soon as units can arrange it, and returned to APOS Duno, BARBARA.

Shorts MD	Singlets Cotton
Hosetops	Drawers cotton when individuals are issued with drawers wollen.
Putties	

This applies to offr also for articles issued free by ord within authorized scale.

Articles will be bundled by types in a convenient size for easy handling.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 627)

#### 23. ACCOMMODATION STORES

(a) All accommodation stores are, and will remain, in short supply, but it is hoped to provide enough for reasonable comfort at an early date. Units must bear this in mind, in the interests of the Div as a whole, when interpreting the following paras

(b) Units will submit requests to APOS for reasonable additional requirements under headings Urgent (if any) and Non-urgent. Unit strength and number held will be shown in all cases, and full reasons in urgent cases.

(c) Tables and forms for mens messes cannot be considered as urgent if a unit has enough to seat all men in two sittings. Similarly, extra tentage is not urgent unless more than half the ORs have to be accommodated 9 to a tent. It should be remembered that all units will shortly have considerable numbers continuously on leave.

(d) APOS will give preference to lines on a low scale of hutting and amenities.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 628)

#### 24. ORDNANCE DEPOTS

In no circumstances will units send to or deal direct with Ord Depots except when instructed in writing to do so by APOS. In such cases they will produce the written instr at the Depot, which will otherwise send the veh back empty.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 629)

#### 25. ORDNANCE - ITEMS OF GLOSS or EE BOARDS

Units will not submit indents or extracts covering the above pending further instrs.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 630)

26. COOKING FUEL

(a) Fuel for cooking, other than oil, is in short supply. Units will therefore take immediate steps to construct and operate oil and water cookers.

(b) If any essential parts are not held or cannot be improvised by units, application will be made to this Hq for minimum requirements.

(Ref 9 Aust Div P.O. No 631)

27. DAILY ROUTINE

The Daily Routine to be observed by units will be as stated in Appx "B" att.

*R. B. ...*  
Capt.  
S.O. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

- 2/28 Bn
- 2/32 Bn
- 2/43 Bn
- K Sec Sigs
- 2 Pl 2/1 Aust Hq Cd Bn.
- 76 L.A.D.
- 9 Aust Div
- Comd
- S.O.
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- B.A.S.O.O.
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NOTICES

ARRIVAL OF MAILS IN AUSTRALIA

Advice has been received that mails posted in M.E. between 5 Oct 42 and 16 Oct 42 were received in Melbourne by 15 Nov 42.

The following amenities were received from the Australian Comforts Fund for distribution on 23 Nov 42:-

- |                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 oz tobacco per man.    | 1 piece soap per man.           |
| 1 pkt cig papers per man | 1 face washer to every two men. |
| 1 pkt cigarettes " "     |                                 |

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DUTIES OF FIELD OFFICER OF THE DAY

1. The Field Officer of the Day will be detailed daily by Bde H.Q.
2. He will mount at Retreat for a tour of duty of 24 hrs.
3. He will remain in camp during his tour of duty and will not exchange duty except on the prior approval of Bde HQ.
4. Dress will be as ordered.
5. He will report to Bde HQ 10 mins before Retreat.
6. He will visit one session of the pictures and ensure that good behaviour is maintained.
7. In company with Unit Orderly Officers he will inspect all lines in the camp and ensure that they are clean. Any irregularities will be reported to Bde HQ.
8. He will be accompanied by the duty N.C. on his inspection of the camp.
9. He will visit all canteens in the camp and ensure that they are clean.
10. He will inspect all Unit Guards by day and one Unit Guard, to be advised by Bde HQ, by night.
11. He will inspect all prisoners and satisfy himself as to their condition.
12. He will carry out such other duties as may be ordered by Bde HQ.
13. He will submit a report on his inspections etc which will reach Bde HQ not later than 0800 hrs the day following his tour of duty.

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DAILY ROUTINE - KHASSA CAMP

The following Daily Routine will be observed in KHASSA CAMP until further notice :-

0600	Reveille
0605	Roll Call
0615	Sick Parade
0645	Breakfast
0745	Parade
1100	Dismiss
1115	Mid-day Meal
1230	Parade
1600	Dismiss
1630	Evening Meal
1645	Guards, Picquet etc, Bn Parade Ground
1700	Retreat
2130	First Post
2200	Tattoo
2215	Lights Out

## ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG B. EVANS D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 2.

KHASHA

7 DEC 42.

28. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> at 7 Dec 42.	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Offr.	Capt W.E.L. CATCHLOVE MC	Capt J.C. NEWBERRY
Cinema Picquet Camp Runner Shower Fatigue 2/3 Aust Fd Amb Guard	2/43 En.	2/28 En.

29. 2/3 AUST FD AMB GUARD

The Duty Unit will supply a Guard of 1 MGO and 12 ORs for duty with 2/3 Aust Fd Amb. Time of mounting will be 1700 hrs and time of dismounting will be 0630 hrs.

30. REVEILLE AND RETREAT

Each unit will supply one Bugler per day for the sounding of Bde Reveille and Retreat.

Buglers will report to Bde S.M. on the hill behind Bde HQ at 5 mins before Reveille and Retreat.

All other bugle calls will be sounded independently by units.

31. DUTIES OF FIELD OFFICER

Ref Appx "A" to 24 AUST INF BDE R.Os No 1

Para 8 of the abovementioned Appx is cancelled.

32. SHOWERS

24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No 1 para 6 is cancelled.

Hot showers will be available to units of this Bde between 1400 hrs and 1500 hrs on the following days :-

Mondays & Thursdays - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Tuesdays & Fridays - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Wednesdays & Saturdays - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Hot showers will be available to all units between 1650 hrs and 1730 hrs daily.

33. W 3008 and W 3009

In future units will submit 3 copies of W 3008 and 2 copies of W 3009.

*R. Evans* Ca  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf B

Distribution  
As per R.O. No 1.



## ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 3

KHAUSA

8 Dec 42

34. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 8 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt J.C. NEWBERRY	Capt D.F. EACOTT
Cinema Picquet		
Camp Runner	2/23 Bn	2/32 Bn
Shower Fatigue		
2/3 Aust Fd Amb Guard		

35. BANTAMS

(a) Bantams will NOT be used after units have arrived in PALESTINE camps, except as set out hereunder:

- i. When necessary for trg exercise or recess.
- ii. On the authority of COs in emergency, i.e. when NO other light veh or car can be made available and the journey cannot be delayed.

(b) Bantams will be carefully maintained until required again for ops.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 627)

36. WITHDRAWAL OF AMM, EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNICS

(a) Amm and pyrotechnics, own and enemy, are still in possession of some individuals and NOT under unit control. As a result, a civilian has already been killed and a member of 9 Aust Div has had his hand blown off.

(b) To prevent further accidents and to comply with orders, every effort will be made to ensure that all dangerous and unauthorised amm etc is withdrawn from individuals. Units will therefore carry out a thorough inspection of all kits and vehs as soon as possible after arrival in PALESTINE whether this has already been done or not.

(c) Amm, explosives and pyrotechnics recovered as a result of these inspections will be reported to Camp Comd who will arrange despatch to 531 BAd, WADI SARAH when all reports are received.

(d) Normal "on the man" amm will be withdrawn and held in unit bulk, issues being made to guards and sentries as necessary.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No628)

37. AIF BASE AREA ROS

The above ROS will apply to all units under comd HQ 9 Aust Div, unless otherwise directed by this HQ. In any case where reports, returns, applications etc, are required by HQ AIF (ME) or any service thereof, units under comd HQ 9 Aust Div will submit them through normal channels to this HQ or to the appropriate service of 9 Aust Div.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No630)

38. DETENTION, FIELD PUNISHMENT AND CAMP CUSTODY

DRO's 535, 569, 614 are cancelled.

(a) Detention or Field Punishment

Accommodation for personnel committed to detention or Field Punishment will be arranged as follows:-

- i. Units will apply to DAFM 9 Aust Div and if it is available will
- ii. Escort personnel to 9 Aust Div Pte Coy at BROWN Lines, JULIS CAMP to arrive by 1000 hrs daily. If not delivered by this time personnel will be held in unit lines until next day.
- iii. If accommodation is NOT available personnel will be disposed of as advised by DAFM 9 Aust Div.

(b) Safe Custody

Personnel under close arrest will be held in unit lines. In exceptional circumstances, where this is considered impracticable, application will be made to DAFM 9 Aust Div, stating full reasons.

(c) Documents, clothing, personal gear and equipment

When despatching personnel to 9 Aust Div Pro Coy for escorting to Detention, Field Punishment or Safe Custody units will ensure that all documents, clothing, personal gear and equipment vide AIF (ME) Order 730 accompany the soldier concerned.

(d) Field Punishment

The PPC available is not under AIF control and accommodation is limited. Awards of Field Punishment are therefore to be discouraged.

(e) Under no circumstance will units escort personnel to or from Detention, Field Punishment or Close Custody centres unless authorised by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 631)

39. VISITS TO 6 AUSTRALIAN GEN HOSP

(a) It is undesirable that the number of visitors to 6 Aust Gen Hosp should become excessive, but there is no intention to prohibit officers or ORs from visiting relatives or close friends whom they have not seen for some time, and who are unlikely to rejoin their unit at an early date.

(b) It is left to the discretion of camp commands and COs to interpret the above policy.

(c) The following visiting hours will be strictly observed :-

Daily 1400 - 1630

1630 - 2030 (Officers only)

Sundays additional 1000 - 1200

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 632)

40. P.O.L. ISSUE OF

Petrol will be issued from W.D. pumps in Camp areas, for replenishment of veh tanks only, on the production of the proper authority, i.e. G2 (transport work ticket)

Petrol in bulk, also oils and lubricants will be issued through 1 Aust D I D BARRACKS on receipt of an AB 55 or similar indent signed by an officer of the demanding unit. Indents to reach 1 Aust D I D at least 24 hrs in advance of picking up or delivery, whichever is applicable

Oils and lubricants will be picked up at 1 Aust D I D by vehs of demanding unit.

Bulk petrol can be delivered to Camp Areas at suitable times and locations to be arranged, where units will bring containers and have these filled from bulk tank lorries, according to indents previously received.

Units will utilise available petrol containers held by them for their bulk receipts. 44 gal barrels and a limited number of 4 gal RSDs are available for issue on loan, demands for these to be made on AB 55s to 1 Aust D I D

(Ref 9 Div 730 letter P 3 of 6 Dec 42.)

*R. R. R.* Capt.  
S.O. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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As per R.O. No 1.

*War Diary*

ROUTING ORDERS

BY

WILLIAMS, D.B.O.

COMMENCING 24 AUGUST 1942

No 4.

MBASSA

8 DEC 42.

41. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat at 9 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt D.P. SCOTT	Capt D.C. STEPHAN
Cinema Platoon		
Camp Runner	2/32 Bn.	2/43 Bn.
Shower Platoon		
2/3 Aust Rd and Co		

42. 2/3 AUST RD AND GUARD

Ref R.O. No 2 para 29.  
 The strength of the guard in future will be 1 WCO and 8 OAs.  
 Guard will report to HQ 2/3 Aust Rd and not later than 1645 hrs.

43. DUTIES OF FIELD OFFICER

Ref App. "A" to R.O. No 1 paras 7, 9, 10. Field Officer will only be responsible for units of his own.

44. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AROUND THE CAMP AREA

- (a) The large number of soldiers walking along the main road is causing danger and delay to traffic.
- (b) Personnel not on duty will not be allowed to proceed outside their own camp area unless in possession of a leave pass indicating definitely where they are authorised to proceed.
- (c) Subpara (b) will not apply to movement within the area Hill 69-J, 11a - Masha nor within the area Madinat - Mighat - El Bureij unless any camp or unit commander desires to apply it to his own command. (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 638)

45. TPF WORK TICKETS (APP. 02 or 03 1931B)

Ref extracts from IIP (MR) Base Area R.O. 93, para 916 and p. 94, No 93 para 93a.  
 (a) From incl 10 Dec no veh. will leave unit or lines, until a work ticket for the duty has been completed. Vehs without work tickets will be sent back to unit lines by back posts.  
 (b) Units not in possession of forms will use typed proformas until correct forms are obtained.  
 (c) For vehs proceeding outside the DIV area, the special pass mentioned in Bdr RO 21 will be provided in addition. (Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 641)

46. DAMAGE TO ROADS AND RAILWAYS

1. In order to ensure that correct information is received regarding roads and railways which are impassable to traffic, the following procedure will be adopted in this Sub-Area.
2. Any formation or unit which has first knowledge of a road or railway being destroyed or impassable will telephone the Military Police, 642A. A priority call will be used in all cases. The following particulars are required:
  - (a) Type - i.e. bridges, road, railway-etc.
  - (b) Map reference.
  - (c) Brief statement of damage.
  - (d) Any deviation.
  - (e) Name and unit sender.
3. It is essential that this instruction is brought to the notice of all officers so that there will be no delay in notifying all concerned.

(Ref IIP (MR) Base Area R.O. 975)

47. BOUNDS

1. The following Cafes have been placed "Out of Bounds" to all ranks.

PHIL'S BAR

Citrus House, Harakevet St.,  
TEL AVIV

HINGA BAR

40 Geula St., TEL AVIV

(Ref AIF (ME) Base Area R O 976)

48. VEHICLE LOG BOOKS - AB 412

1. Units will submit a return to this HQ by one week after publication of these Orders showing the number of vshs in the unit for which Veh Log Books AB 412 are NOT held.

(Ref AIF (ME) Base Area R O 973)

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

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As per R.O. No 2

## ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

ERIC B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 5.

KHASSA

10 Dec 42

49. NOTICES  
DutyMounting Retreat  
at 10 Dec 42.Next for DutyField Officer  
Cinema Projector  
Camp Runner  
Shower Fatigue  
2/3 Aust Fd Coy GdCapt D.C. SIEMANN MC  
2/43 BnCapt H J FREELMAN  
2/23 Bn50. FIELD CENSORSHIP - WRITING ADDRESS

1. Attention is directed to the M.E. Field Censorship Regulations 1942, Part I, para 3 which provides that all letters of all ranks must bear at the head the full official address of the writer.

2. An example of correct address is :-  
Army No., Rank, Name  
Bn., Coy., etc.  
Unit

AIF MIDDLE EAST

Other cases are shown in the above paragraph of the Regulation.  
(AIF (ME) Order 1372)

51. FD CENSORSHIP - ACCOUNTS OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

1. Accounts in letters of personal experiences in battle are not permitted unless specifically authorised by AIF (ME) Order.

2. Recital of personal experiences in all operations up to 23 Oct 42 (the commencement of the present offensive) is hereby authorised.

3. Green envelopes (AWF 5078) will NOT be used for this purpose.

4. Unit censors will handle such correspondence with due regard to security, criticisms and alarmist statements.  
(AIF (ME) Order 1373)

52. HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the K.G.B. to Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie J. MORSHEAD K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D., (announced in London Gazette of 24 Nov 42).

(AIF (ME) Order 1376)

53. HYGIENE - COOKHOUSE SANITATION

1. The attention of unit commanders is drawn to the necessity for exercising the most stringent control over sanitation in cookhouses.

2. Decentralisation of cooking will avoided when this does not conflict with operational requirements. It necessarily means considerable additional risk of dysentery and other fly-borne diseases, while difficulties as regards adequate preparation and cooking of food are much increased.

3. Where section and vehicle cooking is unavoidable, all possible additional measures will be taken to ensure :-

- (a) The prevention of contamination of food from flies.
- (b) The proper disposal of all refuse, and
- (c) The cleanliness of all cooks, cookhouses, cooking utensils and equipment.

4. Medical officers, field hygiene sections, and catering advisers are available to give advice and assistance, and the fullest use will be made of them.

5. Insulated containers sent up to forward troops from centralised cookhouses afford a satisfactory substitute for vehicle and section cooking and should be employed as extensively as possible.

(ADF (ME) Order No 1582.)

*R. J. ...*  
Capt.  
S.G. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICE

ARRIVAL OF MAILS IN AUSTRALIA

Advice has been received that mails posted in ME between 17 Oct 42 and 31 Oct 42 were received in MELBOURNE by 27 Nov 42.

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## ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 6.

KHASBA

11 Dec 42

54. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> at 11 Dec 42.	<u>Next For Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt H. J. FREEMAN	Capt H. G. DAVIES
Cinema Picquet	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
2/3 Aust Pd Amb Gd		

55. TPT WORK TICKETS (AAF 62 or AF 63518)

Ref 24 Aust Inf Bde R.O. 45, amended by addition of following sub para (d) The number of personnel authorised to travel on the veh will be clearly shown on work ticket in column (4) on AAF 62 or column (2) on 63518. Accuracy is essential to avoid delay at check posts and subsequent enquiries and correspondence.

(Ref 9 Aust Div letter A72/1/2403 of 8 Dec 42)

56. DE-RUSTING AND REPAINTING

Immediate action will be taken by all units to clean rust and corrosion from all equipment, particularly the undercarriage of MT, and to protect the cleaned surface with a coating of u/s grease or oil until paint is available.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 642)

57. ACCOMMODATION STORES

Camp Staff Officers are responsible for keeping accounts of all accommodation stores in camps to which they are allotted.

Units will therefore advise Camp Staff Officers of any tentage or accommodation stores received other than those distributed by Camp Staff Officers. Such occasions will arise when reinforcements are drafted to units and bring tentage with them.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 643)

58. STATIONERY

Indents for stationery will be submitted as necessary, in accordance with AIF (HE) Order No 1202 dated 25 Jul 42.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 644)

59. SURPLUS DRY RATIONS

(a) As a result of rations having been drawn by adv parties for consumption by main bodies on the day of arrival from EGYPT, all units should be in possession of dry rations for two meals. These surplus rations will be returned to DID, BAHIGARA as soon as possible.

(b) Units will also collect any surplus rations, except the special veh ration in sealed tins, from vehs and Q stores and return them to DID.

(c) Special veh ration will be retained.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 645)

60. E.F.M. CABLEGRAMS

The use of EFM Cablegram Special Xmas and New Year Greetings Texts will be discontinued on 25th Dec and NOT on 27 Dec as previously notified. EFM Standard Texts will be used after Unit's Cablegram clearance hour on that date.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 647)

61. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Enquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at 0830 hrs on 14 DEC 42 and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine to investigate and report on the following :-

The names and circumstances of all personnel of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn reported as Missing in Battle during the period 23 Oct 42 to 5 Nov 42.

All evidence will be taken on oath and completed proceedings will be forwarded to HQ 24 AUST INF EDE not later than 31 Dec 42.

PRESIDENT

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

MEMBERS

Capt E. WARING 2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt H.G. DAVIES MBE 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

*[Signature]* Capt.  
S.S. 24 Aust Inf Ede.

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NOTICE

LOST Valise belonging to SX 10309 Lt-Col T.H. SCOTT between GAZA and KHASSA on 9 Dec 42.  
Finder please advise 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.



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BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS D.S.O.  
COMMANDING 24 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

No 7.

ES/SSA

13 Dec 42

62. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 12 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt H. S. DAVIES	Capt J. A. FLEMING
Cinema Picquet	2/32 Am	2/43 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
2/3 Aust PA Amb Gd		

63. BOUNDS

Bde HQ Lines are out of bounds to all personnel except on duty.  
 Personnel will not move through Bde HQ Lines en route to or from the pictures etc.

64. CAMP CINEMA

Lobby Unit will supply a picquet for the matinee to be held in the Camp Cinema on Sunday 13 Dec 42.

65. HOLIDAYS - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be recognised as Holidays.  
 Sports and other recreational training may be indulged in by those who are not on duty on these days.

(Ref Base Area R O 981)

66. BOUNDS

The following Hotels and Safes have been placed Out of Bounds :-

Cafe Huberman	-	Sir Herbert Samuel's Quay, TEL AVIV.
Hotel Litvak	-	13 Yona Hanavi, TEL AVIV.
Hotel Segal	-	26 Birkin St, TEL AVIV.

(Ref Base Area R O 982)

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

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NOTICECINEMA

A Matinee will be held at the Camp Theatre from 1300 hrs until 1530 hrs on Sunday 13 Dec 42.

CHURCH PARADE

R.O. Mass - Camp Theatre 0900 hrs Sunday 13 Dec 42.

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COMMANDING 34 AUST INF BDE

No 8.

KHASSA

13 DEC 42.

67. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 13 Dec 42.</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt J. A. FLEMING	Capt V. R. NORTHWOOD
Cinema Picquet	2/43 Bn	2/28 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
2/3 Aust Fd Amb Co		

68. COURT OF INQUIRY

Ref Bde R.O. 61 of 11 Dec 42.

The following alterations to the composition of the Court is made :-

- Delete Capt E. WARING - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- Insert Capt T R STENHOUSE - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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

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KHASSA

14 DEC 42

69. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> 14 Dec 42	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt V.R. NORTHWOOD	Lieut J.E. WALKER
Cinema Picquet )		
Camp Runner )	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Shower Fatigue )		
2/3 Aust Fd Amb Cd)		

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KHAUSA

15 DEC 42

70. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> 15 Dec 42	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Lieut J. E. WALKER	Capt R. E. LONGBOTTOM
Cinema Picquet )		
Camp Runner )		
Shower Fatigue )	2/32 Bn	2/43 Bn
2/3 Aust Fd Amb Gd )		

71. ENGINEERING STORES

It has been brought to notice that unit representatives are making requests direct to DCRE and his staff for various Works Services.

Attention is drawn to HQ AIF (ME) Adm Instrn A 10/42 in which a direction is given that all requests for Engineer Works are to be fwded through Camp Staff Office.

72. COMFORTS FUND, XMAS ISSUE

December issue to all ranks will consist of a Christmas Hamper. These will be distributed as close to Christmas Day as possible, but circumstances may compel a delay of a few days. Further instructions will be given when the issue is available.

(9 Div R.O. No. 651)

73. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND - WINTER ISSUE OF WOOLLENS

ACF is making a winter distribution of woollens, consisting of scarves, mittens, skull caps, and balaclava caps, to all ranks deficient in these articles. Kit inspection will be held to ensure requisitions are limited to one of each article per man after allowing for articles already held. Requisitions must be furnished by units to Amenities Officer HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde before Saturday 19 Dec.

(9 Div R.O. No. 653)

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 AUST INF BDE.

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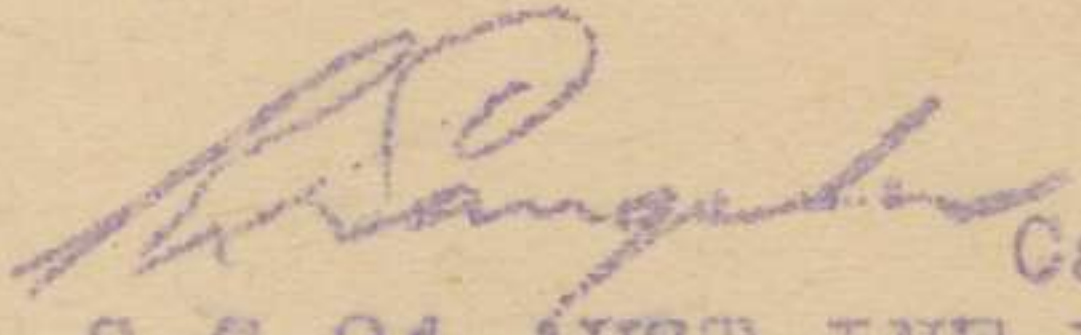
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74. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 16 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt R. E. LONGBOTTOM	Capt T. I. GELLIBRAND
Cinema Picquet )		
Camp Runner )	2/43 Bn	
Shower Fatigue )		
2/3 Aust Fd Amb Gd )		

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NOTICE

THE PRIME MINISTER of AUSTRALIA, the Rt. Hon. John CURTIN has cabled the GOC AIF (ME) as follows and is to be promulgated to all ranks :

(Begins) "PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has sent me the following personal message which I should like you to promulgate to the Officers and men of the 9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

" I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to you and to the Officers and men of the 9th DIVISION on the heroic part it has played in the recent victory in the MIDDLE EAST.

(Ends)

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BY

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COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 12.

KHASSA

17 Dec 42.

75. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 17 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt T I GELLIBRAND	Lieut A.P.A. DENNESS
Cinema Piccast		
Camp Runner	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Shower Fatigue		

76. SECURITY

(a) Arab Workmen

Sentries will intercept all parties of Arab workmen entering Camp and inspect each individual pass. Those without passes will be refused entry. This applies to ALL civilians excepting those who desire to proceed to a HQ when the Guard Comd will make the necessary arrangements.

(b) Civilians

No civilians other than AACS, Cinema or DCRE employees will be in the Camp area after 1700 hrs without written permission from the Camp Staff Officer.

(c) Hawkers

Fruit sellers and hawkers of goods will NOT be permitted to enter Camp or to trade in the vicinity of the Camp Area.

(d) All ranks will be warned about careless talk especially with regard to our own and enemy equipment which was used in recent campaigns.

Units will ensure that all personnel proceeding on leave are warned.

77. 2/3 AUST FD AMB Gd

The above guard will not be required to mount in future.

78. DISCIPLINE

1. The undermentioned sentences by courts-martial are published for information :-

(a) A gunner convicted of absenting himself in the field for one day (A A Sec 15(1), and striking his superior officer (A A Sec 8(2)), was sentenced to be imprisoned without hard labour for eighteen months.

(b) Two gunners convicted of common assault (A A Sec 41) attempted robbery with violence (A A Sec 41) and two offences of robbery with aggravation (A A Sec 41) were each sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for three years.

(c) A private soldier, convicted of two offences of deserting His Majesty's service in the field, (A A Sec 12 (1)(a) and escaping from close arrest (A A Sec 22), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for three years.

2. To be repeated in unit orders.

(AIF (ME) Order 1388)

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*[Signature]* Capt.  
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NOTICE

CHRISTMAS CABLES - To avoid congestion of lines and ensure delivery for Christmas, all ranks are urged to lodge Christmas Cables EARLY.

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No 13.

KHASHA

18 Dec 42.

79. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 18 Dec 42.</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Lieut A.P.A. DENNESS	Capt D.E. TAYLOR
Cinema Picquet		
Camp Runner	2/32 Bn	2/43 Bn
Shower Fatigue		

80. JERRYCANS

Some jerry cans are still in possession of units. COs and OSC will take immediate steps to satisfy themselves that their units either have no jerry cans or, if any are found to be held, that they are returned to DID at once. DID will issue receipt for all jerry cans received.

(9 Aust Div R O 654)

81. SALVAGE

(a) Attention is directed to 9 Aust Div Adm Instn No 63 dated 21 Jan 42. Units are reminded that useful salvage work can continue under present conditions.

(b) Unit salvage arrangements will be overhauled and units will ensure that salvage officers and NCOs are appointed and that they function energetically.

(c) Each unit will establish a salvage dump and clear salvage in unit tpt to EL MAJDAL Salvage Depot. 44 gall drums for use as containers are NOT available, but "C" grade 4 gall tins may be obtained on application from EL MAJDAL Salvage Depot.

(d) The following is a list of material wanted as salvage and likely to be found in camps and trg areas.

Waste paper of all sorts.

Cardboards. This includes cigarette packets and cartons of all descriptions.

Silver paper. Metal Foil.

Scrap metal of all sorts (ferrous and non-ferrous)

Petrol tins and oil drums (non-returnable)

Scrap of all sorts, e.g. rags, twine, bottles and jars. This does not include items on charge to supply depots and accounted for on unit container statements, e.g. sacks or fruit juice bottles, which will be returned to supply depots.

Used meat wrappers. Packing cases and boxes. Hessian (Sacks)

Rags, Cotton clothing (linen), Mosquito-netting, Rope

Cordage, Sump Oil

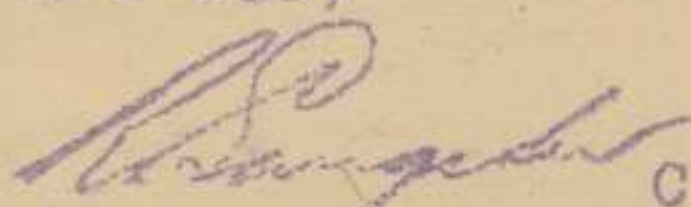
Bottles (particularly with screw tops). Cigarette tins.

Food tins should not for the present be treated as salvage, as there is insufficient solder to make recovery worthwhile, and there are no blast furnaces in the MIDDLE EAST.

Salvage Depots will receive all empty containers, with the exception of the following items which are returnable to AASC. Baskets, Field Boxes and Sacks issued in conjunction with Fruit rations. Bottles and crates which have contained Fruit Juice.

(9 Div R O 658)

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No 14.

KHASHA

19 Dec 42.

82. CANTEENS - XMAS DAY

All canteens in KHASHA Camp will be closed on Xmas Day.

83. INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATION- TAB, Tetanus Toxoid and Small-pox  
With following amendments AIF (ME) Order 1580 of 5 Dec 42 will apply to troops under command 9 Aust Div and will be put into action forthwith.

1. T.A.B. The effective date will be 31 May 42. All personnel without evidence of inoculation since 31 May 42 will be re-inoculated.
2. Small-pox All personnel whose paybooks do NOT show evidence of successful vaccination since 1 Jan 42 will be vaccinated.
3. Time Inoculation and vaccination will be commenced on 27 Dec 42. All treatments will be given at the same time.
4. Leave All possible care will be taken to ensure that no one is vaccinated within 14 days before he is due to go on leave.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 662)

84. COURT OF INQUIRY - MEDICAL EVIDENCE - INJURY TO PERSONNEL

- (a) Medical evidence taken by a Court of Inquiry into injuries sustained by personnel will be recorded on AAF A.2(b) and submitted with proceedings.
- (b) Supply of these forms are obtainable through this HQ.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 663)

85. OFFENCE REPORTS (AF B2069)

1. Attention is drawn to AIF (ME) Order No 1289 of 3 Oct 42.
2. This must be complied with in every case where a monetary penalty is awarded or where automatic forfeitures of pay are involved.
3. Where the soldier concerned is NOT in possession of a paybook a memorandum to that effect will be placed in the "Remarks" coln of AF B2069 and CPM will be requested to pass the necessary debit note.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 664)

86. ISSUES OF PISTOLS, REVOLVER, TO OFFICERS IN MIDDLE EAST

1. Pistols, revolver, are a personal issue to officers (but not their personal property)
2. An officer, on first commission, discharge from hospital, or on arrival in Middle East, if not already in possession of a pistol, will be issued with one by the first unit to which he is attached. A signed certificate showing briefly why the officer was not in possession of a pistol, will be retained by the issuing unit.
3. An officer, when transferred from one unit to another, will retain his pistol. The unit from which he is transferred will prepare issue vouchers showing the name of the officer and the registered number of the pistol and will forward them in duplicate to the unit to which the officer is transferred. One copy will be signed by this unit and returned to the unit making the issue.
4. A pool of pistols will be issued to OCTUs, training centres and reinforcement camps from which issues can be made in accordance with para 2. Indents to maintain the pool will be made once monthly accompanied by a summary of issues and certificates mentioned in para 2 made during the month.  
(Ref G.O. No 1657)



87. ROAD DISCIPLINE

The senior rank travelling in a vehicle is responsible for taking reasonable steps to ensure the observance of road discipline by the driver, and if he knowingly permits a breach of road discipline action may be taken against him as well as the driver.

(Ref Gen Order 1666)

88. 4-GALLON TINS, LIGHT, MADE FROM TERNPLATE.

1. Four-gallon tins made from template instead of tinplate are being issued as POL containers in NEF. In future, all template tins are being embossed with the letter "L" to enable them to be distinguished from tinplate tins.

2. Ternplate, which is steel-plate coated with lead, has poisonous properties and on no account will be used for water or foodstuffs of any kind.

3. Some thousands are already in circulation which have not been embossed "L" and every care will be taken to differentiate between them and tinplate tins which may continue to be used for the purpose indicated as hitherto.

4. Unpainted template tins can be identified by their dull colour and by the blackness which will appear on the fingers when rubbed on the tin. The painted tin can similarly be identified if rubbed inside the hole of the tin out of which the petrol has been poured.

5. Used ternplate tins will be punctured and flattened, and rendered unfit for use as containers immediately they are identified.

6. To be repeated in Unit Orders. (Ref Gen Order 1675)

89. AMN RETURN

Units will ensure that the monthly amn and explosives expenditure return reaches this HQ NOT later than 0800 hrs 21 Dec 42.

90. CLASSIFICATION AND OVERHAUL OF EQPT

Ref 9 Aust Div Q42/L/460 dated 12 Dec 42.

(a) When class 3 vehs are called into 2 Adv Ord Wkshop for repair under the arrangements set out in the above instn, VOLs as held, will be evacuated with the vehs. Before reissue to units, vehs will be re-equipped with VOLs. These will not be complete, but will be on a considerably fuller scale than at present held.

(b) Tpt Offrs and NCOs will ensure that this order is carried out. (Ref 9 Aust Div R O 666)

91. EQPT OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL

Rifles and w.b eqpt. (less packs and haversacks) of personnel evacuated to hospital will be sent by units to DADOS Dump BARBARA. (Ref 9 AUST Div R O 667)

92. UNIT COLOUR PATCHES

Unit colour patches will be worn on hats, jackets SD and greatcoats.

(a) With hats felt, on the right hand side of the hat centrally disposed with the bottom of the colour patch in coincidence with the bottom of the puggaree.

(b) With jackets SD and greatcoats centrally disposed on sleeve-head, one inch below shoulder seam presenting exactly the same appearance on both arms when viewed from the front.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 668)

93. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 19 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt D. E. TAYLOR	Capt E. WARING
Cinema Picquet	2/43 Bn	2/28 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		

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

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NOTICE

LOST : Between 11 Coy AASC lines and Plaza Theatre on 16 Dec 42,  
"Eversharp" silver propelling pencil, engraved L. GOOCH,  
the property of VX 32793 Dr GOOCH J L No 11 Coy AASC, 9 Aust  
Div.

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BY

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No 15.

KHASHA

20 Dec 42.

94. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat at 20 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt E. WARING	Capt D.F. EACOTT
Cinema Picquet	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		

95. DUTIES OF FIELD OFFICER

Ref APPX "A" to Bde R O No 1 dated 5 Dec 42.

Para 5 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

"He will report to Bde HQ at 1745 hrs and have evening mess at Bde HQ".

96. SLIT TRENCHES

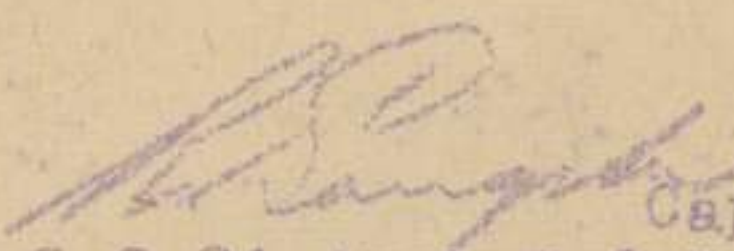
Slit trenches throughout units lines have been used for the dumping of rubbish. Units will take steps to ensure that slit trenches are kept clean and free from rubbish at all times.

97. URINE TROUGHS

It has been reported that cigarette butts, matches etc are being thrown into urine troughs.

Units will warn all troops against this practise.

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KHASSA

21 DEC 42

98. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting Retreat  
at 21 Dec 42

Next for Duty

Field Officer )  
Cinema Picquet )  
Camp Runner )  
Shower Fatigue )

Capt D.F. EACOTT  
2/32 Bn

Lieut R. RICHMOND  
2/43 Bn

*R. Richmond*  
Capt.  
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KHASSA

22 Dec 42.

99. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> <u>at 22 Dec 42.</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Lieut R. RICHMOND	Capt T. R. STENHOUSE
Cinema Picquet )		
Camp Runner )	2/43 Bn	2/28 Bn
Shower Fatigue )		

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S.C.24 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING H.Q. 24 AUST INF BDENo 1KHASSA23 Dec 42.1. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Capt J.H.WILTON MC	Lieut A.DONNELLY
Duty NCO	Cpl CORNISH G.	Cpl BOWLES J.

2. VACCINATION AND INOCULATION - TAB, Tetanus Toxoid and Smallpox.

- (a) TAB- All personnel without evidence of inoculation since 31 MAY 42 will be inoculated.
- (b) Smallpox - All personnel whose paybook does not show evidence of successful vaccination since 1 JAN 42 will be vaccinated.
- (c) Personnel for inoculation and vaccination will be paraded to 2/3 Aust Fd Amb MDS waggon at 1030 hrs 27 Dec 42.
- (d) No one will be vaccinated within 14 days before he is to go on leave.

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

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C.Q.M.S.  
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23 Dec 42.

100. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> at 23 Dec 42.	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt T. R. STENHOUSE	Capt H. G. DAVIES
Cinema Picquet )	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Camp Runner )		
Shower Fatigue )		

Distribution  
As per R.O. No 1

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

## ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.  
 COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 19.

KHASHA

24 Dec 42.

101. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting Retreat</u> at 24 Dec 42.	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt H.F. DAVIES	Capt D.C. SIEKMANN
Cinema Picquet )		M.C.
Camp Runner )	2/32 Bn	2/43 Bn
Shower Fatigue )		

102. NOMINAL ROLLS- LEAVE PARTIES

When making out nominal rolls allotting personnel to hotels, units will use a separate sheet for each hotel group.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 670)

103. USE OF MT

Attention is directed to DRO 626 and 648.

(a) Vehicles have been presenting at the veh check post at DIMRA work tickets which have not shown the number of personnel authorised to travel on the veh. Failure to observe DRO 648 in this respect may result in vehs being returned to unit.

(b) Vehs proceeding outside 9 Aust Div Area have been arriving at the traffic check posts without a Duty Pass. These vehs will NOT be allowed to pass the check post. They will be ordered to return to unit. Duty passes will be signed only by Staff Officers or Field Officers.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 672)

107. DESERT BOOTS

All desert boots held by units will be returned to DADOS Dump forthwith. AF G1035's will be exchanged.

(Ref 9, Aust Div R O 673)

108. CANTEENS PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

1. Canteen profits amounting to £A7125/7/6 have been distributed for the month of October 1942.

2. Total amount distributed to 30 Sep 42 is £A271.084/18/10.

(Ref AIF Order 1400)

Distribution

As per R O No 1

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

NOTICES

The Bde Comd proudly congratulates all ranks of the Brigade on the hard work, enthusiasm, excellence of turnout and precision of movement at the Div Parade held on 22 Dec 42.

Arrival of Mails in Australia

Advice has been received that mails posted in M.E. between 1 Nov 42 and 15 Nov 42 were received in Melbourne by 10 Dec 42.

GREETINGS

The Bde Comd wishes all Officers and men of this Bde the Compliments of the Season.

.... /over.



The A/Comd and Staff HQ 9 Aust Div extend best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all officers and men of the Division.

Church Parade

Bde Church Parade will be held at 0900 hrs 25 Dec 42.  
Place to be notified.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 26.

KHASHA

25 Dec 42.

109. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 25 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt D.C. SIERMANN M.C.	Capt H.J. FRIEDMAN
Cinema Picquet	2/43 Bn	2/28 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		

110. SPARE TYRES - SECURITY OF

1. Drivers of vehicles will be held personally responsible for the security and safeguarding of spare tyres and wheels on vehs.
2. Unit C.Os are responsible that arrangements are made for checking each veh morning and night to ensure that all spare tyres and wheels are complete.

(Ref AIF Base Area R O 1001)

Distribution  
As per R.O. No 1

*B. Evans*  
Capt.  
S C 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

The following greetings have been received :-

From General Sir Thomas Blamey, G in C Land Forces, Australia

"Heartiest seasonal greetings from all comrades in Australia. We are delighted with your successful operations. AIF in the Middle East is continually in our thoughts and those of the Australian community."

From General Sir B.L. Montgomery, G.O.C. in C Eighth Army

"Please convey to all ranks in 9 Aust Div my best wishes for Christmas and my very kind regards. I cannot adequately tell you how much I miss your Division, it was a great blow when you left my Army."

The General Officer Commanding AIF (WE) extends to all ranks of the AIF in the Middle East best wishes for Christmas and for every good fortune throughout 1943.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The following messages are issued herewith for promulgation to all ranks :-

FROM The Hon F.M. Forde, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army.

TO Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead, G.O.C., A.I.F.(M.E.)

"On behalf of the Government and people of Australia I extend to you and to every member of the AIF under your command the heartiest Christmas and New Year Greetings and best wishes for your future success and well being. It is also my privilege to send the cheers of comrades who were with you earlier in the year and who have had a special adventure in thrashing the Japanese. We have watched with profound pride and admiration the achievements of the AIF Middle East during recent months which have won the unstinted praise of all the Allied Nations.

Not only have you all played a vital part in the great victory which has lately been won in North Africa, but you have also added fresh distinction to the glorious name of the AIF.

Our hearts are with you all and the Australian Nation which has unshakeable confidence in you and will support you at all times to the limit of its strength.

Kindly convey this message to the Officers and men under your command"

.....

FROM Lieutenant-General R.G.W.H. Stone,  
General Officer Commanding, The British Troops in Egypt.

"The G.O.C. and all ranks B.T.E. send their best wishes to the G.O.C. and all ranks AIF for Christmas and the New Year.

.....

The following Special Order by Lieutenant-General Sir LESLIE MORSHEAD, K.C.B, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D., General Officer Commanding Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East is to be promulgated to all ranks.

" I wish heartily to congratulate all ranks on yesterday's parade. From beginning to end there was the fullest evidence of preparation, keenness and effort by every unit and every single individual, and of efficient and careful staff work. The arms drill and marching were excellent and I have never seen troops steadier and with higher bearing on parade. You all did credit to yourselves. Also the bands are to be highly commended on their performance.

Altogether it was a parade which we shall often recall and we shall always remember that salute to our Fallen Comrades".

ROUTINE ORDERSBYBRIGADIER B. EVANS D.S.O.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDENo 21KHASSA26 Dec 42.111. DUTIES

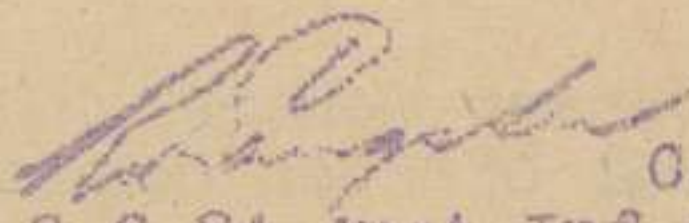
<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 26 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt H.J. FREEDMAN	Lieut J.E. WALKER
Cinema Picquet	} 2/28 Bn	} 2/32 Bn
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Courses		

112. Gd MT Maintenance Cadre and Fd Cookery Courses

Duty unit will supply a gd of 2 NCOs and 12ORs for MT Maintenance Cadres and Fd Cookery Courses in Lines 6 and 7, HILL 69, beginning 26 Dec 42.

Posts :- From 1600 hrs - 0800 hrs      4 Posts.  
           From 0800 hrs - 1600 hrs      2 Posts.

Distribution  
 As per R O No 1.

  
 Capt.  
 S C 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 22.


KHASSA

27 Dec 42.

113. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 27 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Lieut J. E. WALKER	Capt J. A. FLEMING
Cinema Picquet		
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue	2/32 Bn	2/43 Bn
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Courses		

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S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 23

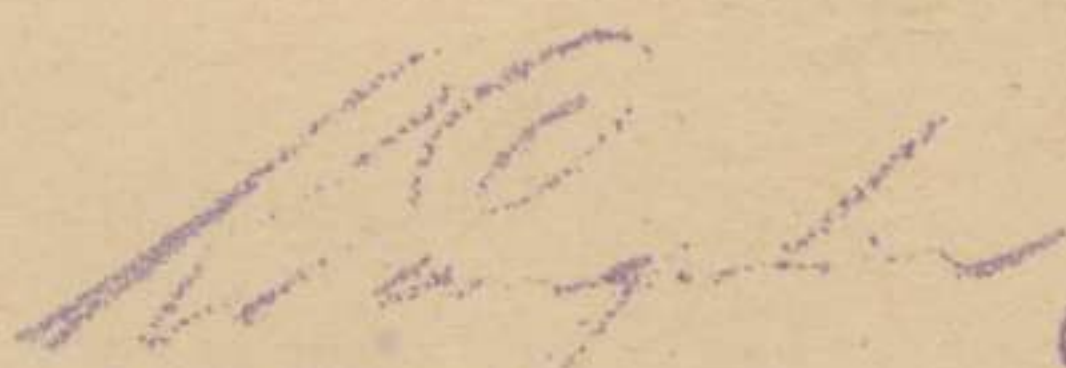
KHASSA

28 Dec 42.

114. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 28 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt J. A. FLEMING	Capt T. R. STENHOUSE
Cinema Picquet	)	
Camp Runner	)	
Shower Fatigue	) 2/43 Bn	2/28 Bn
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre)		
& Fd Cookery Courses )		

Distribution  
As per R O No 1.

  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

W.D.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 Aust Inf Bde.

No 24.

KHASSA

29 Dec 42.

115. DUTIES

Duty  
Field Officer

Mounting at 29 Dec 42  
Capt T R STENHOUSE

Next for Duty  
Capt G. E. DIXON

Od MP Maintenance Cadre  
& Fd Cookery Courses

2/28 Bn

2/32 Bn

116. QASTINA CAMP

QASTINA Camp is Out of Bounds to personnel of 9 Aust Div.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 674)


117. CITRUS ORCHARDS - OUT OF BOUNDS

(a) All citrus orchards will be placed Out of Bounds and in cases where unit areas adjoin orchards action will be taken to ensure that this is carried out.

(b) The citrus crop in PALESTINE this season is a particularly small one and at the same time there is a heavy demand for fruit.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 675)

Distribution  
As per R O No 1.

  
Capt.  
S.C.24 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES

The following message has been received from MAIN HQ 51 DIV.

(Begins) Best wishes for Xmas and New Year from Commander and all ranks 51 (H) DIV (ends)

The following reply has been sent.

(Begins) Comd and all ranks 9 Aust Div heartily reciprocate your best wishes for Christmas and New Year (Ends)

FOUND In leave tpt on return to lines from HAIFA 14 Dec.

1. 1 Greatcoat - marked QX 15705 AM Scott
2. 1 Greatcoat - no markings
3. 1 Haversack - marked "QX8161A. Langford"
4. 1 Haversack - no markings

FOUND Against Khassa Cinema after return of leave convoy from TEL AVIV 19 Dec.

Rifle No A25060. The above articles are available on application to No 11 Coy AASC.

FOUND Chromium wristlet watch found in the Men's Shower Shed on 23 Dec 42. Owner may collect same from Bde HQ.



ROUTINE ORDERSBYBRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 25

KRASSA

30 Dec 42.

118. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 30 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer (Cd MT Maintenance Cadre) & Fd Cookery Courses )	Capt G.E. DIXON 2/32 Bn	Capt D.E. TAYLOR 2/43 Bn

119. DISCIPLINE-LOOTING

The following is an extract from a letter from the C. in C.

This will be brought to the notice of all ranks, and in addition a copy will be sent to every President of a Court Martial convened to try any offence of the nature described.

"During the past month of the successful advance of the 8th Army the habit of "scrounging" assumed dangerous proportions and in many cases definite "looting", for which the penalty is two years imprisonment, has taken place.

While the organised collection of enemy weapons, ammunition and military stores and their subsequent issue and use by our own forces is legitimate, the collection of such articles by individuals for their personal use is a serious military offence. There are indications that weapons and equipment taken from the enemy are being freely offered for sale. Apart from the fact that these articles are urgently required for the equipment of our own and allied forces, their sale ensures that they reach persons who may use them against us when the occasion offers. Certain officers and other ranks have boasted of their success as looters, thus bringing discredit on the army and rendering themselves liable on their own statement to two years imprisonment. Much admirable work on salvage of equipment is being sabotaged by wanton scrounging of the dumps and destruction of valuable equipment to obtain souvenirs or parts of articles concerned. Orders have been issued from time to time in the above connection. These orders are being ignored.

The prevalence of these offences and the lack of discipline they display calls for the maximum penalties being inflicted in all cases brought to trial.

Formation and Unit Commanders will ensure that the above is brought to the notice of all ranks under their command."

(Ref AIF (ME) Admin Instrn No A13/42)

Distribution  
As per R O No 1

*B. Evans* Capt.  
S C24 AUST INF BDE.

NOTICES

Headquarters Concert Party will give a performance of a new routine in the PLAZA Theatre on Friday Jan 1 and Saturday Jan 2. There will be one performance nightly commencing 2000 hrs. Admission will be free, but by ticket only.

ROUTINE ORDERSBYBRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 26.

KHASHA

31 Dec 42.

120. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 31 Dec 42</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt D. E. TAYLOR	Capt E. WARING
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre) & Fd Cookery Courses )	2/45 Bn	2/28 Bn

121. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE - SPECIAL ENTRY, 1943

Applications are invited to fill three vacancies at a special 12 months course to be conducted at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, commencing 27 Mar 43.

2. Candidates for selection must be serving members of AIF, not below the rank of corporal.
3. To be eligible to attend the Special Entry Course a candidate must :-
  - (a) Pass the prescribed medical examination.
  - (b) Be unmarried.
  - (c) Be a British subject.
  - (d) Be over the age of 20 years and under the age of 23 yrs on 27 Mar 43.
  - (e) Have attained the following minimum educational qualifications :-  
A leaving (or equivalent) certificate, including at least one mathematical subject and physics at a public University examination.
  - (f) Be recommended by a Selection Board.
  - (g) Be approved by the Minister for the Army.
4. Applications are to be submitted through the usual Military channels.
5. Commanding Officers are to submit a confidential report on each candidate.
6. Closing date for receipt of applications at HQ AIF (ME) will be 7 Jan 43.
7. On conclusion of the course, successful candidates will be recorded as having graduated at the Royal Military College and will be appointed Lieutenants in the Australian Staff Corps with nominal salary commencing at £297 per annum (Standard Rate) with normal increments and promotion as prescribed.  
For the period of the war, however, rates of pay will be as prescribed in W.F.R.
8. Whilst at the Royal Military College, selected candidates will receive outfit allowance of £30 and a maintenance allowance at the rate of £262 per annum, from which deductions will be made to cover the cost of uniform and clothing, books, instruments, messing, washing and other approved expenses.  
Pocket money at the rate approved by the Commandant may also be drawn from this allowance.
9. Candidates holding commissions will be required to resign them from the date of joining the Royal Military College.
10. Applications from students at Schools are to be submitted through their respective units.

To be repeated in unit routine orders.

(Ref AIF (ME) Order 1407)

122. BOUNDS - HOTELS AND CAFES

The undermentioned establishments have been placed "Out of Bounds" to all ranks, wef 16 Dec 42.

New World Bar	- Jaffa
Soldier's Shop	- 21 Ben Yehuda St, Tel Aviv.

(Ref AIF (ME) Base Area R O  
1012)

123. "OUT OF BOUNDS" - OBSERVANCE OF :

1. It is notified that there is a serious outbreak of plague in certain areas of Tel Aviv.
2. "Out of Bounds" notices are displayed around all areas affected and all troops will be warned specifically that such notices will be obeyed.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel found "Out of Bounds"

(Ref AIF (ME) Base Area R O 1013)

124. FAT AND BONES - CONTRACT - OBSERVANCE OF CONDITIONS

1. Reference AIF (ME) Admin Instn No Q4 dated 6 May 42 and in particular para 3 thereof.
2. The contractor has reported that units are including pieces and scraps of meat etc., with the fat delivered to him.
3. This is contrary to the agreement with him and units will take steps to ensure that fat is properly rendered in accordance with the abovementioned para 3.

(Ref AIF (ME) Base Area RO 1014)

125. GUARDING OF STORES IN BACK OF VEHICLES

1. Many cases have occurred where stores etc., have been stolen from the back of vehicles when stationary or proceeding along roads.
2. When stores are being carried in the back of vehicles they will at all times be guarded by a sentry located with the stores etc., in the back of the vehicle.

(Ref AIF (ME) Base Area R O 1015)

Distribution

As per R.O.No 1

  
Capt.  
S.C.24 AUST INF BDE.

NOTICE

FOUND

The following identity disc has been found and may be collected at Bde HQ.

WX11412 A. CARTER.

*WAR DIARY*

*JAN '43*

*Appendices*

FAB 198/25/148  
 25/12/42  
 0850

G 86/25/11

HQ 9 AUST DIV  
 28 Dec 42.

COURSES: COMBINED TRG, Serial 3.

1. Ref 9 Aust Div Trg Instn No 26 as amended, copies of which are forwarded to 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and AASC 9 Aust Div.

Serial 3 (para 3) will be run on 8 - 13 Jan 43.

2. 40 offrs will attend. The additional allotment of 10 offrs will be as follows :-

11 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	2	
A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	2	
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	4	(Comd or 2 i/c, adjt, coy comd and/other offr)
AASC 9 Aust Div	2	one

3. Assembly

Students will assemble at CTC KABRIT on the afternoon of 8 Jan 43, and the early morning of 9 Jan 43.

4. Movement

Offrs of the rank of Lt Col and above may travel in their own cars, taking other offrs with them. Remaining offrs will travel by rail leaving 8 Jan 43.

Trains for KANTARA - ISMAILIA are as follows :-

Depart MAJDAL	1820 hrs	
" GAZA	1945 hrs	
Arrive ISMAILIA	0426 hrs	(Detrain)

The number of offrs and OR to move by train will be forwarded to this HQ by 1200 hrs 3 Jan 43.

5. Joining Instns

Attention is drawn to ME Schools and Courses Joining Instns 1942, Sec 63, paras 1 - 8, 13 - 15.

6. Batmen

Batmen will be taken on the following scale :-

Div HQ	-	2/2 Aust MG Bn	1
26 Aust Inf Bde	5	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	2
RAA 9 Aust Div	3	AASC 9 Aust Div	1
RAE 9 Aust Div	1	Medical	1

*W. J. L. Lunn*  
 Lt Col  
 GS 9 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

- 20 Aust Inf Bde
- 24 Aust Inf Bde
- 26 Aust Inf Bde
- RAA 9 Aust Div
- RAE 9 Aust Div
- 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
- AASC 9 Aust Div
- Comd
- AQ (2)
- Medical.

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 Copy to :- HQ AIF (ME).  
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2/28

SECRET

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
Copy No. //...  
27 Dec 42.

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

COMBINED TRG

1. Combined trg will be carried out by the bde and att tps as follows :-

- (a) A course of 5 days duration C.T.C. KABRIT for senior offrs and staffs.
- (b) Trg of the bde and att tps at KABRIT, probably in Feb, for a period of 14 days.

2. The following are movement instns for the 5 days Comd and Staff Course:-

(a) Assembly  
Students will assemble at C.T.C. KABRIT on the afternoon of 1 Jan and early morning 2 Jan 43.

(b) Tpt  
Students and ORs will move as follows :-

	Veh	Car		Train	
		Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR
Bde HQ -	2	3	4	-	-
2/28 Bn-	1	2	3	2	-
2/32 Bn-	1	2	1	2	1
2/43 Bn-	1	2	2	2	-

Rail warrants will be issued by this HQ.

(c) Bde Rd Pty  
Will leave Bde HQ at 0730 hrs 1 Jan 43.

(d) Bde Rail Pty  
Will move from MAJDAL Sta at 1820 hrs 1 Jan arriving ISMAILIA at 0436 hrs 2 Jan where Pty will detrain into school tpt.

(e) Joining instns  
Attention is drawn to ME Schools and Courses joining instns 1942 paras 1-8, 13-15.

(f) Batmen  
Will be taken on the following scale.

Bde HQ	-	2
2/28 Bn	-	1
2/32 Bn	-	1
2/43 Bn	-	1

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

Copies to

- 2/7 Fd Regt
- 5 A Tk Regt
- 4 Lt AA Regt
- 2/3 Fd Coy
- 2/2 M.G. Bn
- 2/11 Fd Amb
- C.T.C. KABRIT

FAB



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

G 59/25/11

HEADQUARTERS,

9 AUST DIV  
24 Dec 42.

	<u>Rd</u>	<u>Re</u>
Y/29	2-2	2-0
Y/32	2-1	2-1
Y/43	2-2	2-0
Bde.	3-4	

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24 AUST INF BDE ✓  
RAA 9 AUST DIV  
RAE 9 AUST DIV  
2/2 AUST MG BN  
MEDICAL.

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Copy to :- DAQMG.  
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TRG IN COMBINED OPS - 2nd COURSE  
1 - 5 Jan 43

1. Assembly

Students will assemble at CTC KABRIT on the afternoon of 1 Jan 43, and the early morning of 2 Jan 43.

2. Movement

Offrs of the rank of Lt Col and above may travel in their own cars, taking other offrs with them. Remaining offrs will travel by rail leaving on 1 Jan 43.

Trains for KANTARA - ISMAILIA are as follows :-

Depart MAJDAL	1820 hrs	
" GAZA	1945 hrs	
Arrive ISMAILIA	0426 hrs	(Detrain)

The number of offrs and ORs to move by train will be forwarded to this HQ by 1200 hrs 27 Dec 42.

3. Joining Instns

Attention is drawn to ME Schools and Courses Joining Instns 1942, Sec 63, paras 1 - 8, 13 - 15.

4. Batmen

Batmen will be taken on the following scale :-

Div HQ	1	RAE 9 Aust Div	1
24 Aust Inf Bde	5	2/2 Aust MG Bn	-
RAA 9 Aust Div	2	Medical	1

*H. Lewis Maj*

Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

HQ 24 AUST INF BDE  
23 Dec 42.  
S1/155/203/4

9 AUST DIV

COURSES - COMBINED TRAINING

1. Ref your Trg Instn No 26 of 17 Dec 42.
2. The following officers have been selected to attend :-

Bde HQ

Brig B. EVANS, D.S.O.  
Maj D.R. JACKSON, D.S.O.  
Capt R.W. SANGSTER

2/28 Bn

Maj C.H.B. NORMAN, M.C.  
Maj A.V. TUNSTILL  
Capt P. MASEL  
Lieut J.F. HANNAH

2/32 Bn

Lt-Col T.H. SCOTT  
Maj R. JOSHUA, M.C.  
Capt J.H. BURN  
Lieut J.E. WALKER

2/43 Bn

Lt-Col W.J. WAIN  
Maj F.A. STRETTON  
Capt W.E.L. CATCHLOVE, M.C.  
Capt D. J. GORDON, M.C.



Brig.  
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.



H.Q. 24 INF. BDE

File 51/809/203/4

Date 19 Dec 62

Time 1820



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

G32/80/1B

HEADQUARTERS  
9 AUST DIV.

AMENDMENT No 1

9 AUST DIV TRG INSTN No 26

COMBINED TRG

Para 2:

- (a) Under 20 Aust Inf Bde
  - delete 9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt
  - insert 12 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt
  - delete 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
  - insert 10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
- (b) Under 24 Aust Inf Bde
  - delete 10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
  - insert 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
- (c) Under 26 Aust Inf Bde
  - delete 11 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt
  - insert 9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt
  - delete A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
  - insert D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

*John Capt*

for Col.,  
GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution -

- 20 Aust Inf Bde ✓
- 24 Aust Inf Bde ✓
- 26 Aust Inf Bde
- RAA
- RAE
- 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- Comd
- AQ
- Medical

	INITIALS
Brig.	
B.M.	
B.M.L.	
S.C.	
S.C.L.	
LO.I	
LO.II	
LO.III	
IO.	
T.O.	
A.O.	

File: G13/203/4-51/808/203/4

G22/80/1b

Date: 18 Dec 42

9 AUST DIV TRG INSTN No 26

Time: 1455 hrs.

COMBINED TRG

Dir.	
S.E.C.R.E.T	
B.M.L.	
S.C.L.	
L.O.I	
L.O.II	
L.O.III	
T.O.	

- Combined trg will be carried out by bdes and att tps as follows:-
  - A course of 5 days duration at the CTC KABRIT for senior offrs and staffs;
  - The trg of the bdes and att tps at KABRIT for a period of approx 14 days;
  - Bdes will train in the order 20, 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.

2. The following will be att to bdes for combined trg :-

20 AUST INF BDE	24 AUST INF BDE	26 AUST INF BDE
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	2/12 Aust Fd Regt
9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	10 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	11 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt
11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	12 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
One sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy	One sec 2/3 Aust Fd Coy	One sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	2/3 Aust Fd Amb

3. Courses have been arranged as follows :-

Serial 1	Div HQ and 20 Aust Inf Bde	26 - 30 Dec 42
Serial 2	Div HQ and 24 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 5 Jan 43
Serial 3	Div HQ and 26 Aust Inf Bde	still to be arranged.

4. Attendance will be as follows :-

(a) Div HQ	1	
Bde HQ	3	Comd, one G and one Q Staff Offr
Each bn or fd regt	4	Comd or 2 i/c, Adjnt Coy or bty comd
A Tk bty	2	One other offr
Lt AA bty	2	
Fd coy	2	
MG coy	2	Comd and one other offr
Fd amb	2	
Total	30	

Handwritten notes: BM, SC, Col Main, Col Scott, Lt Hannah, etc.

Ø ---- Will probably be included.

- The "one other offr" where shown, in each case may come from the unit or subunit or from HQ RAA, HQ RAE or the HQ of the A Tk, Lt AA Regts or the MG Bn respectively.
- The detail of offrs to attend serials 1 and 2 will be forwarded through normal channels to reach this HQ by 22 Dec 42.
- Joining instns will be issued separately.

5. Trg bdes and att tps -

- The trg at CTC will consist of practical work on ships and assault ladders etc loading of LCT and LCA and bde exercises. In the absence of landing craft the exercises may have to be done dry shod.
- The period of trg for 20 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will commence about 25 Jan 43. The dates for the other bdes are assumed to follow on this period but are not yet known.

H. Wells, Col., GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution :-

20 Bde, 24 Bde, 26 Bde, RAA, RAE, 2/2 MG Bn Comd, AQ(2), Medical.

Appx 2.

SECRET

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.  
27 Dec 42.

Ref: S1/158/203/1

2/28 Bn  
2/32 Bn  
2/43 Bn  
2/3 Pnr Bn  
AASC 9 Aust Div  
2/3 Fd Amb  
KSec Sigs  
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DEMONSTRATION BY PARACHUTE TPS

1. There will be a parachute jumping demonstration at GAZA Aerodrome at 0700 hrs Sat 2 Jan 43 for MB Tactical School.

2. The following are details :-

0700 hrs	Short talk by offr of parachute bn.
0715 "	Parachute jumps by sec of 8 men wearing full equipment.
0730 "	Completion of demonstration.

3. Parties of selected offrns will attend as follows :-

Bde HQ	2
K Sec Sigs	1
2/23 Bn	3
2/32 Bn	3
2/43 Bn	3

4. Any unit unable to take up its allotment will notify this HQ not later than 28 Dec 42.

5. Bde pty will leave in unit tpt from Bde HQ at 0610 hrs. Ref 9 Aust Div G73/25/31D of 26 Dec, 2/3 Pnr Bn, AASC 9 Aust Div and 2/3 Fd Amb parties will please join Bde pty by 0610 hrs, using own tpt (2/3 Fd Amb rep in Bde HQ tpt).

6. DR guides will meet parties at X rds 10071001 at 0645 hrs on Sat 2 Jan 43.

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

H.Q. 24 INF. BDE.

File S1/817/203/1

Date FAB 27 Dec 42

Time 0915 hrs

G 73/25/31D

SECRET

HQ 9 AUST DIV  
26 Dec 42.

DEMONSTRATION BY PARACHUTE TPS

1. There will be a parachute jumping demonstration at GAZA Aerodrome at 0700 hrs Sat 2 Jan 43 for ME Tactical School.

2. The following are details :-

0700 hrs	Short talk by offr of parachute bn.
0715 "	Parachute jumps by sec of 8 men wearing full equipment.
0730 "	Completion of demonstration.

3. Parties of selected offr will attend as follows :-

HQ 9 Aust Div	3	Sigs 9 Aust Div	3
20 Aust Inf Bde	12	2/2 Aust MG Bn	3
24 Aust Inf Bde	12	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	3
26 Aust Inf Bde	12	AASC 9 Aust Div	6
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	3	Medical	2
RAA 9 Aust Div	16	Ord	1
RAE 9 Aust Div	4		

4. Any unit unable to take up its allotment will notify this HQ not later than 28 Dec 42.

5. Movement will be arranged as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Under orders of</u>
20 Aust Inf Bde ) Sigs 9 Aust Div ) 2/2 Aust MG Bn )	20 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bde ) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn ) AASC 9 Aust Div )	24 Aust Inf Bde
26 Aust Inf Bde ) RAE 9 Aust Div )	26 Aust Inf Bde
Medical	Report to appropriate Camp Comd

Comds will ensure that the minimum of tpt is used.

6. DR guides will meet parties at X rds 10071001 at 0645 hrs on Sat 2 Jan 43.

*[Signature]*  
Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

List "A" less serials 10 - 15, 18 - 19, 22 - 26, 29.

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LO.I	
LO.II	
LO.III	
IO.	
T.O.	
AO.	

24 Aust Inf Bde O.C. No. 26

Ref Map GAZA 1/100,000

INFORMATION

1. A ceremonial parade to receive a presentation from the POLISH Army, will be held at Petrol Depot BARBARA 11321174 at a time and date to be notified. Not before 12 Jan 43.
2. Gen KOPANSKI who will make the presentation is expected to inspect the parade and to take the salute at a march past of representative dets of all units of 9 Aust Div.

INTENTION

3. Dets representing units of 24 Aust Inf Bde will parade at BARBARA.

METHOD

4. Parade Formation - see Appx "A" att.
  - (a) Units will be represented by dets consisting of Comd (Maj or Capt), 3 Offrs, 90 ORs (30 files). As far as possible dets will be of even height and will parade "dressed with intervals" giving frontage of 33 yds approx.
  - (b) Unit dets will be combined in gps of three.
  - (c) Diagrammatic layout of a gp as shown in appx "B" to 24 Aust Inf Bde O.C. No. 25 dated 14 Dec 42, with following amendments :-
    - i. for "Unit Comd" read "Gp Comd"
    - ii. for "sub Unit Comd" read "Det Comd"
    - iii. distance between "Gp Comd" and "Det Comd" for 14 paces read 9 paces.
    - iv. There will be no serrefile rank but distance between dets will remain the same.
  - (d) Offrs will remain in front of their dets evenly spaced along front rank and will not take post in review order.
5. Grouping
  - (a) 24 Aust Inf Bde comprises one Gp (B) of three dets.
  - (b) Comd:- Lt.Col. T.H. Scott.
6. Assembly

Gp will assemble in rear of posn on inspection line and move fwd on to inspection line at times to be notified.
7. Marking of Parade Ground

The following is being carried out under Div arrangements. Flags and signs mentioned in (a) below will be removed as soon as units are in posn.

  - (a) Inspection line will be spitlocked. Gp letters will mark the right and a flag on the left of each gp frontage. Pegs will mark right marker of each det.
  - (b) Passing line will be marked by small furled flags. Pts A, B, E & F will be marked by blue flags. Pts C & D will be marked by red flags.
  - (c) Forming up line will be marked with blue flags to show pos of right hand man of each leading three. White line will mark forming up line. White lines at right angles to forming up line will assist in rapid covering off.

8. Order of Parade is given in Appx "B" att. This starts with the approach of A/Div Comd.

9. Saluting

(a) On inspection line units not carrying rifles will remain at attention during present arms. All offrs will salute on every present.

(b) In March Past: Gp comd will order "Eyes right" as he passes Pt C and "Eyes front" when rear of gp clears Pt D. The whole gp will act on gp comds orders.

10. Words of Comd

(a) Orders will be given in accordance with appx "B" att.

(b) Procedure will be as per 24 Aust Inf Bde O.C. No.25 para 11 sub paras (b) & (c). For "unit comds" read "gp comds".

11. March Past

(a) At conclusion of presentation ceremony, gps will march past in "line of coln of threes". (see 'inset' Appx "A" att).

(b) Distance between gps when moving from their place on the inspection line and when marching past - 100 yds.

12. Rehearsal

(a) A gp rehearsal will be carried out at 1000 hrs 12 Jan at old rehearsal area. Units will send recce parties to area at 0900 hrs to view marking out of ground which is being carried out under Bde arrangements.

(b) 2/28 Bn will send a recce party to Div parade ground between 1400 and 1500 hrs on day before parade to locate debussing and assembly areas, parade posns.

13. Dress

As laid down in 24 Aust Inf Bde O.C. No.25 para 16.

14. P.A.D. & A.A. Protection

(a) Dispersal  
In event of warning tps will disperse to rear of parade ground.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde is providing A.A. protection.

ADM

15. Orders and movement table issued separately.

ACK.

Issued by L.O.  
T.O.S. hrs

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

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>O.O.No.</u>	<u>APPX A</u>	<u>APPX B</u>
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2	2	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3
Gp Comd	4		
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Appx 4

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14 Jan 43.

*War Diary*

24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 5.

Adm Instns for LIDDINGTON refer.

GENERAL

1. (a) This order deals with the move of 24 Aust Inf Bde from KHASSA CAMP to QASSASIN (TAHIG Staging Camp).
- (b) Details of move from QASSASIN to embarkation areas will be issued at TAHIG Staging Camp.

ROAD MOVE

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde convoy will comprise and move in the following order of march -
  - (a) HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
  - (b) K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div
  - (c) 2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn
  - (d) 76 Aust IAD
  - (e) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
  - (f) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
  - (g) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

3. Convoy Comd will be Lt. Col. W.J. VAIN - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

4. Date of departure will be 16 Jan 43.

5. Tp Carrying and Res Tpt

(a) Tpt carrying tpt has been allotted as follows :-

2/28 Bn	38 vehs
2/32 Bn	31 vehs
2/43 Bn	35 vehs

The above figures include 5 spare vehs per unit. These vehs are for use only in event of breakdown en route and will NOT be used for initial loadings.

(b) 12 Tractors F.A. will be transferred to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and will be held as a res at the disposal of the Convoy Comd. These vehs will NOT be loaded with personnel or stores except by the direction of the Convoy Comd.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 6. <u>Timings</u>           | } as per Appx A att. |
| 7. <u>S.Ps.</u>             |                      |
| 8. <u>Speed and Density</u> |                      |
| 9. <u>Staging</u>           |                      |
| 10. <u>Halts</u>            |                      |
| 11. <u>Route</u>            |                      |

ADM

12. Sups

(a) Road parties will carry the unexpired portion PLUS three(3) days dry scale rations.

(b) Rations will be drawn on the day following the day of arrival at QASSASIN under arrangements to be notified.

13. Water Units will move with water tank lorries and 2 gallon containers filled. These will be replenished as necessary at ASLUJ and East Bank of Canal Staging areas.
14. POL
- (a) All vchs will start with full tanks.
  - (b) Replenish at ASLUJ on day of arrival, and take on sufficient res to reach East Bank of Canal (175 miles).
  - (c) Replenish for 60 miles at East Bank of Canal. Those units which arrive after dark may replenish before departure next morning.
15. Rec
- (a) One(1) breakdown lorry will move at the rear of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
  - (b) The small number of rec vchs available will necessitate the towing by units of their own towable vch casualties.
  - (c) Should it be necessary to abandon a vch, units will notify the first Rec Patrol encountered or Staging Camp HQ., giving description and location of vch. Convoy Comd will be notified at Staging area of any vch casualties.
16. Medical One Motor Amb will report to each 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on 14 Jan 43, and move with those units.
17. Canteens
- (a) There is a NAAFI Canteen at ASLUJ.
  - (b) Canteen stores will NOT be available for purchase in bulk by units after departure from present locations. A minimum quantity of essential stores for one week should be taken.
  - (c) No beer will be taken by units for consumption during the move, and beer will NOT be purchased en route.
18. Traffic Traffic Control is being arranged by Areas concerned.
19. Disposal of
- (a) VCHS
  - (b) COOKING EQPT
  - (c) WATER AND PET CONTAINERS
  - (d) SURPLUS BLANKETS
- Detailed instns will be issued at T.HIG Staging Camp.
20. Staging and Transit Camp Staffs. Cooking staffs are established at 157 L & T Camp (SUEZ) and 169 L & T Camp (EL SHATT), but units will be prepared to detail cooks to assist while they are in these camps.
21. Baggage Whenever baggage is stacked, it will be so arranged that the white circle is visible on packages.



22. Strengths of Hy Baggage Escorts will be as follows :-

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	-	offrs	4	ORs
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1	"	10	"
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	1	"	10	"
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	1	"	10	"

Separate instns will be issued for the despatch Hy Baggage.

23. Pilfering

All ranks will be warned of the prevalence of pilfering in the Canal Area.

Units will be responsible for the security of their own stores at all times until stores are embarked.

INTERCOMN

24. 9 Aust Div Report Centre

Div Report Centre will be established at QASSASIN.

25. Liaison

(a) On the morning of departure from ASLUJ, units will send forward one lt veh with at least two offrs to report at Div Report Centre, QASSASIN, at 1500 hrs the same day. These reps will be shown the areas allotted to their units at TAHIG Staging Camp. They will return to units at East Bank of Canal and act as guides next day.

(b) Units will send one offr to Div Report Centre, as soon as possible after arrival in areas allotted at TAHIG Staging Camp.

(c) The location of Div Report Centre will be indicated by signposts, the first of which will be on the main rd ISMAILIA-CAIRO, at the turn off to TAHIG Staging Camp.

(d) Units will be prepared to keep an orderly at Div Report Centre if requested.

26. Synchronisation

On the morning of departure, units will check time with the camp telephone exchange.

EMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLLS

27. AFs W5169 will be marked "SECRET" in RED.  
Para 10 HQ AIF(ME) Adm Instn 1/43 dated 5 Jan 43 refers.

SECURITY

28. All ranks will be warned not to discuss their voyage prior to or after disembarkation at destination. Failure to observe this precaution may be disastrous.

It is the duty of all offrs to police this matter, and report any breaches to their C.O.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*R. Angster* Capt.  
S.C. 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	3
K Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div	4
2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	5
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Appx 'A' to 24 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No. 5 dated 14 Jan 43.

MOST SECRET  
OFFICER ONLY

S.P. KHASA Rd Junc. 11731213.  
ROUTE KHASA - BEIT JIRJA - KILO 89 - AIRPORT CORNER - ASLUJ - ISMAILIA - QASSASIN  
STAGING Night 16/17 Jan - ASLUJ; Night 17/18 Jan - EAST BANK OF CANAL.  
SPEED & DENSITY 17 mih 20 vtm  
HALTS will only be made as stated in Movement Table with the exception of a 10 min halt at 0700 hrs on 17 Jan.

Ser No. (a)	W.C. Ser No. (b)	UNIT (c)	Approx Strength All Ranks (d)	Approx no. of vehs (e)	Spare vehs incl in coln (e) (f)	T.P.P. mins (g)	KHASSA 16 Jan. T.P.S.P.		Arr at Check Post Airport Corner 16 Jan		ASLUJ 16/17 Jan				
							Head (h)	Tail (i)	Head (j)	Tail (k)	Arrive		Depart		
											Head (l)	Tail (m)	Head (n)	Tail (o)	
1	61188	Hq 24 Aust Inf Bde & att tps	183	44	-	8	1155	1203	1300		1555		0600		
2	61189	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1158	90	3	16	1205	1221							
3	29865	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	1003	75	3	13	1225	1238							
4	61190	2/45 Aust Inf Bn	1061	99	15	18	1242	1300	1405		1700		0705		

HALT KILO 134/150 (p)	HALT KILO 76/78 (q)	EAST BANK OF CANAL 17/18 Jan				QASSASIN 18 Jan		REMARKS (x)
		Arrive		Depart		Arrive		
		Head (r)	Tail (s)	Head (t)	Tail (u)	Head (v)	Tail (w)	
1015/1045	1330/1400	1650		0800		0955		
				1755		0905	1100	

SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS D.S.O.

COMMANDING TROOPS HMT VV 1491

24 JAN 43

1. GENERAL

(a) Ship's Standing Orders will be read to all personnel as soon as possible after embarkation.

Ship's Routine Orders will be issued as necessary.

Orders will be posted on all Coy, Sqn etc notice boards for perusal by personnel on duty.

(b) Ignorance of standing and Routine Orders will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach of discipline or failure to obey these orders.

(c) A moment's carelessness by an individual or a half-hearted compliance with orders may easily endanger the ship and its large complement.

PART I - SHIP'S ROUTINE

2. ROUTINE

Reveille		0600 hrs
Lights Out	Officers	2300 hrs
	WOs & Sgt	2245 hrs
	Other Ranks	2215 hrs

3. MESSING

Instructions and times for messing are issued in Appx C and D.

Messing instructions will permit no latitude and non-compliance will result in missing of meals.

4. BAR HOURS

- (a) Officers & WO's
  - (i) 1100 to 1800 hrs (spirits will not be sold during these hours)
  - (ii) 1700 to 1900 hrs
  - (iii) 2000 to 2200 hrs

(b) Spirits will not be supplied to anyone under the rank of WO II.

(c) "SHOUTING" will not be permitted.

This, a War Office Order, will be strictly enforced.

5. CANTEEN HOURS

- (a) Officers only
  - (i) 'A' Deck Amidships (Dry) 1100 to 1200 hrs.
  - (ii) Promenade Shop Piccadilly 0900 to 1200 hrs  
1400 to 1600 hrs

(b) Sgts & ORs -

- (i) 'A' Deck Forward 1100 to 1300 hrs  
(Wet & Dry) 1700 1900 to 2100 hrs
- (ii) Promenade Deck Forward  
Starboard side (Dry) ) 1100 to 1300 hrs
- (iii) Promenade Deck Aft  
Starboard side (Wet) ) and
- (iv) Main Deck Aft 1500 to 2100 hrs  
Port & Starboard  
sides (Wet) 1700

(c) Notices indicating routes to the Canteens are posted on the various decks. (See also Appx E).

6. DRESS

- (a) Summer dress will be worn by day.
- (b) Officers will dress for dinner (FS or Drill).
- (c) Personnel using open air decks will as far as possible be bare footed and stripped to the waist. Hats will be worn to parades on these decks for unit identification.

7. DUTIES

- (a) Units will be entirely responsible for local duties, and cleanliness of the ship within their own areas. These areas will be defined in Routine Orders.
- (b) Ship's daily duties will change at 0930 hrs.
- (c) Permanent and semi permanent duties are allotted in Appx F.

8. SHIP'S INSPECTION

Except on Sundays, Emergency Stations will be sounded daily at 0945 hrs, and Ship's Inspection will commence at 1015 hrs. (See also Appx G).

9. SHIP'S ORDERLY ROOM

- (a) The Ship's Orderly Room is situated on Main Deck Aft.
- (b) Units will deliver all despatches to Ship's Orderly Room, and three times daily collect despatches from unit pigeon holes.

10. BLACKOUT

Blackout will be absolute. Times for blackout will be advised in Routine Orders.

11. PORTHOLES

Under no circumstances will portholes be open during blackout hours (i.e. irrespective of whether lights are on or not).

12. WATER TIGHT DOORS

The ringing of bells near the water tight doors indicates that the doors are about to be closed. No attempt will then be made to pass through - alternative routes are available.

13. LIFTS

Lifts may be used only by officers of Field Rank, Ship's Staff and medical trooping party of the rank of Sergeant and above.

14. FRESH WATER

Due to limited supply fresh water is rationed, and utmost care must be exercised to eliminate waste.

15. LIFE BELTS

(a) Unit comds will inspect constantly to ensure availability of all ranks life belts.

(b) Instructions for continuous wearing or carriage of life belts will be issued when necessary in Routine Orders.

(c) Life belts will be worn for all emergency drills.

16. MATTRESSES

No mattresses or any other article will be removed from cabins for sleeping on the deck.

17. SHIP'S PROPERTY

Every precaution will be taken to avoid damage to ship's property. No nails will be driven, and there will be no interference with electrical fittings. Any defects or damage will be reported immediately through normal channels to the Ship's Orderly Room.

18. RADIOS, ELECTRIC IRONS & RAZORS

No radios, either electric or battery operated, electric razors or irons will be used on ship.

19. TOILET PAPER

No paper other than that supplied by the ship will be used for toilet paper. Newspaper will not be used.

20. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

Receptacles are provided for the disposal of refuse and litter, and nothing will be thrown overboard. Safety razor blades will not be thrown in toilets, but placed in receptacles.

PART II - DISCIPLINE

21. DISCIPLINARY POWERS

All officers and soldiers remain subject to Military Law whilst at sea, and may be dealt with summarily in the usual way by the various military authorities having power to award summary punishments. Superior authorities, C.Os. and O.S.Cs. still possess the powers over persons under their command conferred on them by A.A. 46, A.M.R. & O. 389-440. By virtue of D.A. 54 A and D.A. 55 the Army Act continues to apply.

SOUNDS

22. The following are out of bounds to all ranks except those on duty -

(a) Ship's Bridge, Engine Room, Crew's quarters and Canteens.

(b) Officers' Galley Deck.

(c) Engineer officers' cabins, wardroom and deck.

(d) Lifeboats and inboard rails of Boat decks, ship's rigging and masts and about any gun ports mounted on ship.

(e) Ship's dispensary and hospital.

(f) All areas marked 'Out of Bounds'.

(g) After hours of darkness - all open air decks.

23. Sports (tennis court) deck is 'In Bounds' to officers only.

24. Sun Deck and Promenade Deck are available to all ranks on a unit roster.

25. SHIP'S RAILINGS  
On no account will anyone sit on ship's railings or climb into exposed positions.

26. SMOKING  
Smoking is forbidden in the following places -

- (a) On open decks during blackout.
- (b) In cabins and sleeping quarters.
- (c) Mess halls.
- (d) Alleyways and stair heads.

Cigarette ends will NOT be thrown overboard, as they invariably blow back through portholes.

27. GAMBLING  
Gambling is NOT permitted. The games "Two-up" and "Crown & Anchor" are strictly forbidden.

PART III - SECURITY

28. SECURITY IN MAIL  
The extreme importance of secrecy regarding the movement will be impressed on all ranks, and officers franking correspondence will pay particular attention that no mention is made of -

- (a) The fact that we are changing stations.
- (b) Any details whatsoever of the convoy.

29. ARMS AND AMMUNITION  
No ship's armoury is available.

Security of arms and ammunition is a unit and individual responsibility.

30. CAMERAS  
Use of cameras is forbidden during the voyage.

PART IV - TRAFFIC CONTROL

31. POLICING

Ship's P.M. has under his control a staff of Ship's police, whose directions will be final. Close co-operation is requested with these personnel whose duties are difficult in a ship of this size.

32. TRAFFIC DIRECTION

(a) All traffic will keep to the RIGHT when moving about the ship.

(b) Main stairways may be used by all ranks in case of emergency.

(c) Main stairways and stair heads will not be used by troops, except those on duty.

(d) All ranks below rank of WO II will use small stairways forward and aft of each deck.

(e) Standing in stairways and stair heads is prohibited - continuous movement is particularly necessary on stairway No. 5 Deck C.

PART V - EMERGENCY DRILL

33. MAN OVERBOARD

The ship is NOT permitted to stop for a man overboard. The following action will be taken in case of such an accident; the person observing the accident will -

(a) Shout loudly "MAN OVERBOARD" and at once throw a lifebelt to him.

(b) Report to the nearest MP or officer, who will inform the Bridge.

34. FIRE

Any person discovering the outbreak of fire will break the glass of the nearest fire alarm (located in alleyways and stair heads). The glass only of the alarm will be broken and the button will NOT be pressed. Any possible action to control the fire should be taken immediately.

35. ACTION STATIONS

Bounded when air attack is imminent.

SIGNAL - Series of short rings on the electric bells and short blasts on klaxon horns throughout the ship.

ACTION - Duty personnel proceed to action stations allotted them and all other personnel proceed below deck to their quarters, lie down and face inwards.

ALL CLEAR - Verbally through ship's broadcasting system.

GROUPING OF UNITS AND ALLOTMENT OPEN AIR DECKS

1. To enable all troops to have at least a short period daily on the two main open air decks, units are allotted to four groups.

2. Organisation & Command

The groups are identical with those detailed in APPX 'D' for meal sittings, and their adm comd for this purpose has been appointed as follows :-

Group I	Lt. Col. W. J. WAIN	8/43 Bn
Group II	Lt. Col. A. V. GALLASCH	2/3 Pnr Bn
Group III	Lt. Col. J. A. WATSON	AASC 9 Aust Div
Group IV	Lt. Col. R. J. RISSON	RAE 9 Aust Div

3. Responsibility of Group Comds

- (a) Organise and allot deck space to unit comds in the group.
- (b) Ensure that the group is on deck or clear of the deck at the times required.
- (c) Ensure that the group parades promptly for meals and clears the Dining Saloons on time.
- (d) Supervise training on open air decks.
- (e) Supervise running of canteen in group area (1 wet canteen is nominally allotted for use of each group).
- (f) Provide duty officers to assist wet canteen staffs during bar hours.

4. Allotment of Decks

The Sun Deck and Promenade Deck will be used by two groups at a time -

Groups 3 & 4 - Morning

Groups 1 & 2 - Afternoon

Morning period will commence immediately after Emergency Drill.

5. Type of Work for Open Air Decks

Following allotment of time is given as a guide -

- $\frac{1}{2}$  hour - organised P.T. for all ranks
- $\frac{1}{2}$  hour - short lectures
- $\frac{1}{2}$  hour - recreational training - to include medicine ball games, boxing etc.

D. R. J.



EMERGENCY DRILL

1. Numbers carried in the ship and the associated problems of boat accommodation, traffic control, and the time factor, do not permit precise allotment of boat stations.

2. Emergency (Boat) Stations

Certain officers are permanently detailed for the voyage to Emergency Stations on the Promenade Deck.

When "Emergency Stations" is sounded, all personnel move quickly by the shortest route to the nearest section of the Promenade Deck to them. Emergency Stations Officers will move immediately to their stations and take control, assisted by any officers in the locality.

Personnel will fall in facing seaward.

Some crowding will obviously be necessary.

3. Abandon Ship

Upon the order "Abandon Ship", personnel will be passed up to the Boat Deck by the Emergency Stations Officers as required by the Boat Officers. There will be close liaison between the Boat Officers and Ship's Officers at the boats.

In the emergency, it is intended to give boats a light loading, then lower away. Rafts will also be lowered by the Ship's crew.

Personnel not lowered with the boats will be ordered to take to the water and should then be picked up by Ship's boats, rafts or by rescue craft.

4. E. B. S. and Boat Officers will be detailed in Routine Orders.

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MESSING INSTRUCTIONS

OFFICERS

1. Officers will attend mess in two (2) sittings as follows :-

1st SITTING

2/8 Aust Fd Amb	}	
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde		
2/38 Aust Inf Bn		
2/32 Aust Inf Bn		
2/43 Aust Inf Bn		
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn		
4 Aust Con Depot		
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg		Breakfast 0730
3 & 4 Aust Malaria 1 Control Units		Lunch 1200
Surgical Unit		Dinner 1800
24 & 41 Aust Dental Units		
Admn (Pay, Postal & 2 Ech)		
R.A.A.F.		
W. Os. (A.I.F.)		
6 A.G.H.		
1 Aust Boring Sec		

2nd SITTING

9 Aust Div Cav	}	
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div		
2/3 Aust Fd Coy		
2/7 Aust Fd Coy		
2/13 Aust Fd Coy		
24 Aust Fd Pk Coy		
Ships Staff (A.I.F.)		Breakfast 0830
AANS, VADs		Lunch 1300
HQ ASC 9 Aust Div		Dinner 1900
10, 11, 12 Coy's AASC		
2/2 Aust MG Bn		

2. Officers will be issued with a messing card which will show times for attendance at mess and must be produced upon entry. Officers failing to do so will be refused admittance.

3. Owing to the large number of personnel messing it is necessary that Officers strictly adhere to times set down. No Officer will be admitted for meal 15 minutes after the time shown.

4. Units will ensure that Officers on duty are relieved that they may attend their correct sitting.

5. In order to allow sufficient time to clear the tables for 2nd sitting Officers are requested to leave the Dining Hall immediately on completing their meal.

6. Food, Linen and Cutlery must not be removed from the Dining Hall and taken to cabins.
7. Meals in cabins will only be served on Medical certificate signed by Ships Medical Officer.
8. Members of A&NS, VADs & W.Os (AIF) will mess in Officers Dining Hall and will adhere to above instructions.
9. No alteration will be made to Ships Staff's allotment to tables.
10. If officers are still in the Dining room when gong is sounded for end of sitting (40 mins after commencement of meal), they are requested to vacate the dining room as quickly as possible.
11. Smoking in Dining Hall is strictly prohibited.

MESSING INSTRUCTIONS

\* O.Rs (including Spts)

O.Rs will mess in Main Dining Hall in four sittings as follows:-

1st SITTING

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	}	Breakfast 0630
2/43 Aust Inf Bn		Dinner 1130
		Supper 1630

2nd SITTING

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	}	
2/32 Aust Inf Bn		
2/3 Aust Par Bn		
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg		
4 Aust Con Depot		
3 & 4 Aust Malarial Con Units		Breakfast 0715
Surgical Unit		Dinner 1215
24 & 41 Aust Dental Units		Supper 1715
Admn (Persl) (Pay, Postal, 2nd Ech)		
AIF Concert Party		
9 Div Cam Training Unit		

3rd SITTING

1 Aust Boring Sec	}	
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div		
10 Coy AASC		Breakfast 0800
11 Coy AASC		Dinner 1300
12 Coy AASC		Supper 1800
2/2 Aust MG Bn		

4th SITTING

9 Aust Div Cav	}	
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div		
2/3 Aust Fd Coy		
2/7 Aust Fd Coy		Breakfast 0845
3/13 Aust Fd Coy		Dinner 1345
24 Aust Fd Fk Coy		Supper 1845
2/8 Aust Fd Amb		
6 A.G.H.		
RAAF Personnel		

2. A responsible Officer of each unit will report to Ships Orderly Room (AIF) immediately on embarkation with Unit Strength and obtain meal cards for Officers, A.Os and O.Rs.

3. Units will parade for mess in file, 10 minutes only before each sitting. Units on Main, A and B decks will parade midships on A deck near head of main stairway. Units on C and D decks will parade D deck midships on both Port and Starboard sides at foot of stairs.

4. Units will not move into Dining Hall until notified to do so by Ship's Police on duty at heads of columns.
5. Corridors and Stairways between Dining Hall and heads of columns must be kept clear of personnel during meal hours.
6. Meal cards will be produced at entrance to Dining Hall and any soldier not in possession, or with prior or later cards than that required, will not be admitted.
7. On completion of meal personnel will not leave mess until ordered to do so. On receiving this order which will be by long blast of whistle they will proceed as quickly as possible to their quarters.
8. Hot and Cold water will be available at Mess tables for the washing of personal messing utensils.
9. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the Dining Hall at all times.

CANTEENS

1. Bar and Canteen hours are shown respectively in paras 4 and 5 of Ship's Standing Orders.
2. Authorised price lists are posted on the walls of each Bar and Canteen. Any amendments to such lists will be published in Ship's Routine Orders.
3. The maintenance of discipline in each Wet Canteen will be the responsibility of Officers who will be detailed for such duties by Group Commanders. Officers for duty in Dry Canteens have been appointed by Ship's Orderly Room. A Warrant Officer will be responsible for maintenance of discipline in the Warrant Officers' Bar.
4. Ship's Canteen Officer(AIF) will -
  - (a) organise the working of all Canteens on the ship.
  - (b) arrange such permanent Canteen Staffs and picquets considered necessary.
  - (c) ensure that queues are organised, and troops dispersed from counter areas after purchases have been made.
  - (d) take necessary action for the maintenance of orderly conduct in Canteens.
5. Beer, draught or bottled, will be served on the basis of one bottle per man per day.

To regulate issues, the following procedure will be adopted :-

  - (a) Ship's Orderly Room will issue to units sufficient coupons to entitle each soldier to purchase one bottle of beer daily.
  - (b) Each soldier will present his beer coupon, with the requisite amount of money, at the bar counter. No beer will be issued without a coupon.
  - (c) Bottles will NOT be passed over the counter under any circumstances. Each soldier purchasing beer will be required to use his mess tin.
6. Soldiers will be warned that any disorderly conduct or infringement of these orders will certainly result in the closing of Wet Canteens.
7. Any complaints by personnel will be dealt with by the Ship's Canteen Officer (AIF).

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Appx 'P' to Ship's Standing Orders

FATIGUE DUTIES

Units will supply Fatigue Details as set out hereunder at times indicated.

Ser No.	Duty	Location	To Report to	Hour of Duty		Unit to provide	NCO	OR	Day to Report
				From	To				
1.	Officers Lounge Prepare for and clean up after Cinema and concerts	Prom. Deck	Lounge Steward T. PRINGLE	0700 1900	0800 2000	1 Aust Boring Sec	1	6	25 Jan
2.	Storeroom Assistants	Storerooms, D Deck	C/storekeeper	0900	1130	12 Coy AASC	1	30	25 Jan
3.	Canteen storing & empties	Main Bar, C Deck Troop Pantry	C/Barkeeper W. GRISDALE	0900 1700	1200 2100	11 Coy AASC	1	12	24 Jan P.M.
4.	Bar Stores & removing empties	Main Bar, C Deck. Troop Pantry	C/Barkeeper W. GRISDALE	2500	0300	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	2	60	24 Jan P.M.
5.	Bar Stores Assistant	Main Bar Troop Pantry	C/Barkeeper W. GRISDALE	0900	1200	10 Coy AASC	1	8	23 Jan A.M.
6.	Cleaning Fatigue	C Deck outside Troop Mess Hall	Mr. Baker	0945 1430 2000	1045 1500 2030	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	5	49	25 Jan P.M.
7.	Cleaning Fatigue	B Deck Square Aft. by Troops Barbers Shop	Mr. Bayliss	0915 1400 2000	1030 1430 2030	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	2	20	25 Jan P.M.
8.	Cleaning Fatigue	C Deck Aft Outside Officers' Dining Room by Ships Pay Office	Mr. Stagg	0930 2000	1030 2030	2/6 Aust Fd HYG Sec	2	20	25 Jan P.M.
9.	Cleaning Fatigue	C Deck Forward by C Deck Midland Bank	Mr. Wallace	0915 2000	1030 2030	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	2	40	25 Jan P.M.

Ser No.	Duty	Location	To Report to	Hour of Duty		Unit to provide	NCO	OR	Day to Report
				From	To				
10.	Cleaning Fatigue	Troop Mess Hall C Deck.	Mr. Giles	0930 1430 1930	1030 1530 2030	9 Aust Div Cav (1 officer & 8	60		24 Jan P.M.
11.	Cleaning Fatigue	Troops Wet Canteen Prom. Deck Aft	Steward i/c	0830 1300 2145	1000 1400 2215	24 Aust Fd Pk Coy 1	10		25 Jan A.M.
12.	Cleaning Fatigue	Main Deck Square Officers Quarters	Chief Bedroom Steward	0900 1900	1100 2000	24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	6		25 Jan A.M.
13.	Officers' Hairdressing Saloon	B Deck Forward	Mr. Richardson	0800		2/28 Bn (2) 2/43 Bn (1), Army Barbers	3		
14.	Dry Canteen	A Deck Forward	Mr. Hamer	0900		4 Aust Con Depot	1	20	25 Jan A.M.
15.	Waiters & Cleaners	WOCs Lounge	H. Potter			6 A.G.B.	5		25 Jan 1430 hrs
16.	Fruit	Fruitroom Working Alleyway	Fruitman	1400 Sundays & Thursdays		2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	1	50	
17.	Litter Bin Clearing Fatigue	Prom Deck Square	Troop Offr	0900 1400		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	2	40	To be arranged
18.	cleaning	Fwd end of Prom Deck	Bosun	0900 1200 1700		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	6	60	To be arranged
19.	Sweeping	Prom Deck Square	Bosun	0600		2/45 Aust Inf Bn (2 Sgts 4 Cpls 60 ORs)			To be arranged



Appx 'F5' to Ship's Standing Orders

PERMANENT MESSING DUTIES

HOURS OF DUTY

	As Arranged	As Arranged		From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	From To	
				2100 0400	1045 1300 1445 1700	0700 1300 1600 1900	0700 1000 1100 1400 1500 2000					0700 0900 1100 1400 1800 2000	0700 1030 1400 1700	0615 0900 1100 1330 1600 1900					
	MESSING	MESSING		KITCHEN ASSISTANTS	OFFICERS LOUNGE	BUTCHERS	COOKS	BAKERS	(OFFICERS) PANTRY DETAILS	POTATOE PEELERS	(TROOPS) PANTRY DETAILS								
	Officers	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs	NCO (Sgt)	ORs
2 Aust Div Cav	1	1	18																
2/5 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	18																
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	18																
2/12 Aust Fd Coy	1	1	18																
24 Aust Fd Fk Coy	1	1	18																
1 Aust Crd Sec		1																	
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde		1			6	10													
2/26 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	40																
2/62 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	40																
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	1	1	40																
2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	1	40																
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	1	1	40																
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div		1																	
No. 10 Coy AASC			18																
No. 11 Coy AASC			18																
No. 12 Coy AASC			18																
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	1	1	18																
5 A G.H.		1																	
4 Aust Con Depot		1																	

SHIP'S POLICE

TRAFFIC CONTROL

1. On account of the large numbers to attend meals, units will ensure that the rules laid down for Traffic Control in these orders be strictly adhered to.
2. The principles to be observed are:
  - (i) All traffic will at all times keep to the Right.
  - (ii) No loitering will be allowed in passageways, stairways or areas through which tps must pass, and Traffic Police will ensure that tps are continually kept moving.
3. Under direction of Ship's A.P.M. and Staff, Ship's Police have authority to exercise control of all traffic.
4. Ship's Police will be divided into three gps :-
  - (i) Messing Traffic Police
  - (ii) Stairway and Passageway Police
  - (iii) Mobile Police

5. Messing Traffic Police

Composition      1 offr  
                              3 Sgts  
                              6 Cpls  
                              22 ORs

Tour of duty      24 hrs  
                              During meal hrs, but may be called out  
                              at the discretion of A.P.M.

Messing              At special sitting after fourth sitting

<u>Posts</u>	Main Deck	2 men	to control passageways at No. 3
	A Deck	4 "	do staircase
	B Deck	4 "	do
	C Deck	2 "	at foot of No. 3 Staircase
	C Deck	2 "	at top of Staircase from D Deck
	C Deck	4 "	at entrances to Dining Room
	C Deck	1 "	" " " Extra Dining Room
	C Deck	1 "	" after exit from Dining Room
	C Deck	2 "	" kitchen entrances

Police will ensure that the waiting columns of men are in file and keep close to the right so that passageway is available for other traffic.

6. Stairway and Passageway Police

Composition      2 offr  
                              4 Sgts  
                              12 Cpls  
                              70 ORs

Tour of Duty

From Reveille to Lights Out  
Two reliefs

Messing

At normal sittings

Posts

No. 1 Staircase	1 man	C Deck
	1 "	B Deck
	1 "	A Deck
	1 "	Main Deck
	1 "	Promenade Deck
No. 2 Staircase	1 man	C Deck
	1 "	B Deck
	1 "	A Deck
	1 "	Main Deck
	1 "	Promenade Deck
No. 3 Staircase	1 man	C Deck
	1 "	B Deck
	1 "	A Deck
	1 "	Main Deck
	1 "	Promenade Deck
No. 4 Staircase	1 man	C Deck
	1 "	B Deck
	1 "	A Deck
	1 "	Main Deck
	1 "	Promenade Deck
No. 5 Staircase	1 man	C Deck
	1 "	B Deck
	1 "	A Deck
	1 "	Main Deck
	1 "	Promenade Deck
No. 6 Staircase	1 man	C Deck
	1 "	B Deck
	1 "	A Deck

Passageways

Promenade Deck	1 man	Port side
	1 "	Starboard side
Main Deck	1 man	Port side
	1 "	Starboard side
A Deck	1 man	Port side
B Deck	1 man	Starboard side

7. Mobile Police

Composition

3 Offrs  
6 Sgts  
13 Cpls  
60 ORs

Tour of Duty

24 hrs from 0930.  
Three reliefs

Messing

Half to normal sitting  
Half to special sitting after  
fourth sitting

Duties

1 Sgt, 2 Cpls and 10 ORs will supply roving patrol from Reveille to Lights Out.  
Balance will stand by APMS office for emergency calls.  
Mobile police will also be required for irregular checks on smoking below decks.

8. Responsibility for Duties

Tps chosen for ship's police duties will continue to operate throughout the voyage.

Messing Traffic Police	8/43 Bn
Stairway/and Passageway Police	(2/32 Bn (2/2 MG Bn
Mobils Police	9 Div Cav

9. Blackout

Ship's Police are at all times responsible for the enforcement of blackout regulations and will report any breaches of these regulations to APMS office.

10. Smoking

Ship's Police will ensure that the smoking regulations as set out in Ship's Standing Orders are strictly enforced.

If after warning, any personnel do not cease smoking, they will be reported to APMS office.

11.

While on duty, Ship's Police will wear the red arm bands provided.

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SHIP'S GUARDS

1. Responsibility for Duties

Gps described in Appx 'B' will supply duties as under :-

- (a) Gps I & III      Sun Deck      Posts S1 to S3L  
                         Promenade Deck      Posts P1 to P14

In addition to the above, a guard will be supplied at the cells on E Deck amidships, port side, and B Deck forward port side, if required by A.P.M.

- (b) Gps II & IV      Main Deck      Posts M 1 to M 13  
                         A Deck                      "      A 1 to A 6  
                         B Deck                      "      B 1 to B 7  
                         C Deck                      "      C 1 to C 6  
                         D Deck                      "      D 1 to D 7

(c) The comd of Gps mentioned in 1 (a) and (b) will be responsible for sub-dividing the duties above.

2. Strength of Guards

- Gps I & III      2 Offrs, 4 Sgts, 12 Cpls and 105 ORs  
Gps II & IV      2 Offrs, 4 Sgts, 12 Cpls and 117 ORs.

3. Tour of Duty

- (a) 24 hrs from 0930 hrs.  
(b) Three reliefs, each 8 hrs on and 4 hrs off.

4. Dress

- (a) In accordance with daily routine orders, including hats K.P.  
(b) Guards will be armed with rifle and side arms. No amn will be carried.

5. Accommodation

As no accommodation is available for guard rooms, Gp Comds will arrange for guards to be supplied as nearly as possible from one area.

6. Messing

In order that guards can mess with their own units, personnel of Gps III & IV will relieve Gps I & II respectively in sufficient time for the latter to mess in the 1st and 2nd sittings, while Gps I & II will relieve Gps III & IV respectively so that they can mess in the 3rd and 4th sittings.

7. Duties

The duties of picquets are :-

- (a) To ensure that blackout regulations are enforced.  
(b) To ensure that smoking regulations are enforced.  
(c) To assist in the direction of traffic in the vicinity of posts, ensuring maintenance of right hand traffic, and that no loitering is allowed.  
(d) To know location of fire alarms in their vicinity.  
(e) To request assistance if necessary from any officer in the vicinity, and report irregularities to APMS office.

8. Special Duties

Instructions for special duties relating to each post are detailed in the attached chart.

9. Inspections

Inspections of posts will be carried out by Gd Comd at least twice by day, and once by night after 2200 hrs.

10. Reports

(a) Upon the completion of gd mounting, the Gd Comd of each Gp will report to APMS office at Austin Reid Annex, in the Main Square, Promenade Deck.

(b) On completion of duty he will furnish a written report to the same office by 1200 hrs.

(c) Any untoward incidents will be immediately reported to the Duty Offr at the APMS office.

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Appx F1 to Ship's Standing Orders

A. I. F. GUN CREWS

1. Ship's armament is skeleton manned by British and U. S. personnel.
2. Gun crews and sig staff will be built to full strength by unit personnel selected for permanent duty on the voyage.
3. Such personnel will mount for duty in three reliefs (Red, White, Blue), will attend their unit meal sitting and revert to their unit adm comd in off duty hours.
4. Senior offr of Gunner Party will be responsible for allotment, discipline, punctuality and training of AIF gun crews and sig personnel.
5. Units will provide permanent numbers as follows :-

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Gun Nos.</u>	<u>Supply Nos.</u>	<u>Sigs</u>
9 Aust Div Cav	6	72	51	
K Sec Sigs				36
2/28 Bn	1	39	27	
2/32 Bn	1	39	27	
2/43 Bn	1	39	27	
2/2 MG Bn		39	27	
2/3 Pnr Bn		39	27	
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	<u>9</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>36</u>

Duties are further sub-divided to -

<u>Guns</u>	<u>Gun Nos.</u>	<u>Ann Supply</u>
20 mm	87	
2 in U.P.	48	
Twin Bofors	48	72
3 in	60	90
6 in	24	24
<u>Sigs</u>	Telephones	21
	Talk backs	15

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Detail of ship's Guards Duties

<u>Post No.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Specific Duty</u>
	<u>Sun Deck</u>	
S 1	Entrance to sun deck forward, starboard side	To ensure blackout and smoking regulations are complied with
S 2	Entrance to sun deck forward, port side	do
S 3	Ladder leading to Bridge, starboard side	To prevent unauthorised access to Bridge, and see blackout and smoking regulations are complied with.
S 4	Ladder leading to Bridge, port side	do
S 5	Exit from Promenade Deck, starboard side	To ensure blackout and smoking regulations are complied with
S 6	Exit from Promenade Deck, port side	do
S 7	Ladder to games deck, starboard side	To prevent unauthorised access to games deck, and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
S 8	Ladder to games deck, port side	do
S 9	Exit from Prom. to sun deck stairs, Star. side	To ensure blackout and smoking regulations are complied with
S 10	Exit from Prom. to sun deck stairs, port side	do
S 11	Ladder to games deck, starboard side	To prevent unauthorised access to games deck and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
S 12	Ladder to games deck, port side	do
S 13	Exit from Prom. deck amidships, Starboard side	To ensure blackout and smoking regulations are complied with
S 14	Exit from Prom. deck amidships, port side	do
S 15	Engineers forward entrance, starboard side	(To prevent unauthorised access to engineers quarters (and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with.
S 16	Engineers forward entrance, port side	do
S 17	Engineers after entrance, starboard side	do
S 18	Engineers after entrance, port side	do
S 19	Engineers quarters, starboard side	To prevent unauthorised access to engineers quarters and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
S 20	Engineers quarters, port side	do



Post No	Place	Specific Duty
S 20	On top of ladder near No. 11 Gun	(To prevent unauthorised access to guns, and see blackout
S 21	On top of ladder near No. 12 Gun	and smoking regulations complied with
<u>Promenade Deck</u>		
P 1	Forward entrance to Prom. deck, starboard	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck, and see blackout
		and smoking regulations complied with
P 2	Entrance to "Picadilly Circus", Star. side	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck, and discourage
		loitering
P 3	Midway between Promenade & Main deck by Royal Standard	Guard Royal Standard
P 4	After entrance Offrs lounge, Starboard side	To prevent unauthorised access to lounge
P 5	Entrance to WOs mess, Starboard side	To prevent unauthorised access to WOs mess.
P 6	Outside canteen, starboard side	To maintain order and cleanliness and guard against
		burglary.
P 7	Outside canteen, port side	do
P 8	Inside aft canteen door, starboard side	do
P 9	Inside aft canteen door, port side	do
P 10	After entrance to Prom. deck, star. side	To ensure blackout and smoking regulations are complied with
P 11	After entrance to Prom. deck, port side	do
P 12	After entrance to Offrs lounge, port side	To prevent unauthorised entry to lounge
P 13	Entrance to Picadilly Circus, port side	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck.
P 14	Forward entrance to Prom. deck, port side	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck, and see blackout
		and smoking regulations complied with.
<u>Main Deck</u>		
M 1	Entrance to open deck, forward, star. side	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck, and see blackout
		and smoking regulations complied with.

Post No	Place	Special Duty
<u>Main Deck (contd)</u>		
M 2	Entrance to open deck, forward, port side	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck, and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with.
M 3	Sisters' area, Main Square	Prevent unauthorised access to Sisters' quarters
M 4	Sisters' area, No. 2 staircase	do
M 5	Sisters' area, forward door	do
M 6	Entrance to open deck aft, starboard side	To prevent unauthorised exit from deck, and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
M 7	Entrance to open deck aft, port side	do
M 8 & 9	By canteen on open main deck aft, port side	To maintain order and cleanliness
M 10 & 11	By canteen on open main deck aft, star. side	do
M 12	Top of ladder to 'A' Deck aft	To prevent access to docking bridge and to 'A' deck aft and to see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
M 13	Foot of ladder to A.A. Gun aft (docking bridge)	do
<u>'A' Deck</u>		
A 1	'A' deck forward entrance to forecastle	To prevent access to forecastle and see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
A 2	'A' deck forward outside canteen, port side	To maintain order and cleanliness and to prevent burglary.
A 3	'A' deck forward outside canteen, star. side	do
A 4	'A' deck after entrance to accommodation; port	To prevent unauthorised access to 'A' deck aft (crew deck) and to see blackout and smoking regulations complied with
A 5	'A' deck after entrance to accommodation; starboard	do
A 6	'A' deck at foot of ladder to main deck	do
<u>'B' Deck</u>		
B 1	Forward by door of forecastle	To prevent unauthorised entry to crews quarters.

Post No.	Place	Special Duty
<u>'B' Deck (contd)</u>		
B 2	Entrance to 'B' deck square forward (cells)	To prevent unauthorised entry to 'B' deck square
B 3	Top of companion way to C Deck	To prevent unauthorised access to crews working space
B 4	'B' deck aft, starboard side entrance to isolation hospital	To prevent unauthorised entry to isolation hospital.
B 5	'B' deck aft port side entrance to isolation hospital	do
B 6	'B' deck aft entrance to crew isolation hosp. at starboard side ( canteen)	do
B 7	'B' deck starboard annexe amidships Petty Officers quarters	To prevent unauthorised entry
<u>'C' Deck</u>		
C 1	Entrance to crews quarters forward	To prevent unauthorised entry to crews quarters
C 2	Outside main dining hall, forward end, port side	To prevent unauthorised entry
C 3	Outside main dining hall, forward end, starboard side	do
C 4	Main dining hall after staircase	To prevent use except exit from meals
C 5	Outside officers dining hall, after end port side	To prevent unauthorised entry
C 6	Outside officers dining hall, after end, starboard side	do
<u>'D' Deck</u>		
D 1	Top of companionway from C Deck aft, port side	To prevent unauthorised entry into crew working space
D 2	Door at No. 5 staircase, port side	do
D 3	Stores lift aft, port side	do
D 4	Butchers shop amidships, port side	do
D 5	Bacon and egg store amidships, port side	do
D 6	Crews kitchen forward, port side	do
D 7	Crews quarters and companionway forward, port side	do

SHIP'S INSPECTION

ROUTINE OF INSPECTION

1. There will be a daily Ship's Inspection except on Sundays, commencing at 1015 hrs.
2. For inspection purposes the Ship is divided into five areas, each of which will be inspected by a party consisting of 1 Ship's Officer, 3 Army Officers and 1 orderly.
3. Army personnel will assemble at PICCADILLY CIRCUS at 1010 hrs, and Ship's Inspection Party will move off at 1015 hrs.
4. Unit Orderly Officers will stand by in unit areas to contact the Inspection Party. Small units without officers will each provide one duty number in their areas.
5. Senior Army Officer with each Inspection Party will make his report to the Ship's Assistant Adjutant in Ship's Orderly Room on completion of inspection.

REQUIREMENTS

6. All accommodation will be in inspection order by 1000 hrs.
  - (a) Beds stripped and made neatly.
  - (b) Equipment, including personal effects, eating utensils, etc. laid out on bunks to a unit standard layout. Boots will be placed neatly on the bunks. Kit bags on banks, except in hammock sections where they will be placed on the tables.
  - (c) Mirrors cleaned and all dust removed from shelves and ledges.
  - (d) Floor scrubbed (cleaning gear will be obtained from the section stewards).
7. Troops will vacate their quarters on sounding of Emergency Boat Stations, and will be stood down in the vicinity of 1100 hrs. Exceptions are :-
  - (a) Men on night duty.
  - (b) Orderlies detailed for accommodation cleaning duties.
  - (c) Personnel granted exception by Senior Medical Officer.
8. Unit Duty Officers will inspect troop decks by 1000 hrs, and adjust irregularities prior to Ship's Inspection.
9. On approach of Inspection Party, orderlies will stand to attention.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Personnel Reporting Sick

The initial examination of sick or casualties will be made by RMOs. Sick will be paraded to officers in medical charge at the times and places notified in this Appx; punctuality is essential.

A sick report form will be made out in duplicate, and one copy, completed by the MO, will be returned to the Orderly Room of the unit concerned.

Units, dets etc without a RMO will be particularly careful in the completion of the sick report form, as such form will be their only indication of the medical condition and disposal of their troops reporting sick.

2. Allocation of M.I. Rooms and Times of Sick Parade.

All ranks will be informed of the RAP allotted to them. The allocation is shown in the following table :-

<u>Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Time of Sick Parade</u>
A12	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	0800
	2/2 Aust MG Bn	0900
A48	9 Aust Div Cav Regt	0800
	RAE 9 Aust Div	0915
B39	AASC 9 Aust Div	0900
B177	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	0800
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	0900
M147	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	0800
Main Dispensary Annexe (Main Deck Aft near Ship's Orderly Room)	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	
	9 Aust Div Can Trg Unit	
	det 2nd Ech, AIF	
	det A.A. Pay Corps	0800
	det A.A. Postal Corps AIF(ME) Concert Party det 8 Aust Spec Hosp	
do	4 Aust Con Depot	
	2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	
	24 Aust Dental Unit	
	41 Aust Dental Unit	
	3 Aust Malaria Control Unit	0900
	4 " " " "	
	1 Aust Boring Sec RAAF Personnel	
do	det 6 A.G.H.	0945
	4 Aust Fd Surgical Unit	

Sick parade for women will be held by 6 A.G.H. in the Main Dispensary annexe at 1100 hrs daily. One sister, in addition to those employed in the hospital, will attend daily from 1050 hrs until the parade is completed.

3. Equipment of M. I. Rooms

Where more than one unit is to occupy a M. I. Room, the equipment will be provided by the unit named first in para 2 above.

4. Staff of M. I. Rooms

No M. I. Room will ever be left unattended, and orderlies will sleep in the rooms.

The annexe to the Main Dispensary will be staffed at night by 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. Members of RAP staffs will sleep in other rooms; where more than one unit occupies a room, an orderly from each unit will sleep in the room.

5. Medical Inspection

On the day following embarkation and the day preceding disembarkation, a medical inspection of all units will be undertaken with a view to excluding transmissible disease or infestations. The result of the inspection will be notified to the SMO in writing; SMO will be informed immediately should infectious disease be discovered or suspected.

Staffs, units, dets etc without a RMO will be inspected by MOs from the medical units shown first in the groups in para 2 of this appx. Such staffs, units, dets etc will contact the appropriate medical unit to arrange a suitable time.

6. PAC

A PAC will operate in the M. I. Room situated in Cabin A12 until 24 hrs after the last troops have embarked.

7. Dental Treatment

Only such urgent dental treatment as is required for relief of pain will be performed during the voyage. All dental treatment will be arranged by liaison between RMO and dental officer. Patients requiring dental treatment will report sick to the RMO, and will not attend the dental theatre unless ordered by the RMO.

D. O. att 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will ensure that the dental theatre is never unattended.

The dental theatre is situated on 'A' Deck forward near No. 1 Staircase. It is approached only via 'B' Deck to that Staircase.

8. Troops Hospital - Bounds

The Troops Hospital is out of bounds to all ranks except AAMC and AANS on special duty, or such personnel as are sent to the hospital by RMOs.

9. Patients - Kit to be taken to Hospital

Patients going to hospital will take lifebelts, hats, and personal necessaries.

10. Medicine Bottles

Personnel to whom a medicine bottle has been issued will ensure that such bottle is returned to the appropriate RAP as soon as it is no longer required. RAP Staffs will clean these bottles and return them to the Main Dispensary as soon as practicable.

11. First Aid Posts

On the order 'Action Stations' or 'Emergency Stations', first aid posts will each be manned by one NCO and 8 men as detailed below. Each post will have 2 stretchers and 18 shell dressings, which materials will be stored as near the posts as possible. The materials will be drawn from the Dispensary. The men will not leave their posts until 'Abandon Ship' or 'All Clear' has been ordered.

Units will detail the squads by name, and will ensure that the men know how to reach their action positions.

Post	Site	Unit
1	Bridge. Boat locker, starboard side	2/8 Aust 'd Amb
2	Entrance to Staircase No. 5, Promenade Deck, Port side	4 Aust Con D. Lt
3	Entrance to Staircase No. 5, Promenade Deck, Starboard side	do
4	Entrance to Staircase No. 3, Promenade Deck, Port side	do
5	Entrance to Staircase No. 3, Promenade Deck, Starboard side	do
6	Promenade Deck, forward, near Cocktail Bar	2/8 Aust Fd Amb
7	Cabin B 39	6 A. G. H.
8	Cabin B 177	6 A. G. H.
9	Main Dispensary, Main Deck	2/8 Aust Fd Amb
10	Emergency squad Troops Hospital	do

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# THE TROOPS' TATLER



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1943

ONE PENNY

## WANT UNCONDITIONAL AXIS SURRENDER

### Churchill Confers With Roosevelt On Plans for 1943

LONDON, Wednesday.

It was revealed today that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have been in conference at Casablanca, in French North Africa, since January 14. They went by air, and their talks lasted for ten days. Complete agreement was reached on plans prepared by the chiefs of the Allied armed forces for offensive campaigns this year.

The combined Chiefs of Staff of both Britain and the United States were also present, and were in constant session, reporting progress at intervals to the Prime Minister and President. The entire field of war was surveyed, theatre by theatre, throughout the world.

Premier Stalin was invited, but was unable to be present because of the great military offensive he is himself now directing. He was kept fully informed of all plans and decisions made, and Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt also kept in close touch with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek.

An official communique issued this morning said that complete agreement had been reached by the leaders of the two countries and their staffs on the war plans of the campaigns to be initiated in 1943 against Germany, Italy and Japan, with a view to drawing the utmost possible advantage from the favourable turn of events at the end of 1942.

Referring to Premier Stalin's inability to be present at the conference, the communique said that the President and Prime Minister realised to the full the enormous weight of the war which Russia has had to bear along her entire front, and it was intended to lift as much of this weight as possible by engaging the enemy as heavily as possible at selected points.

At a Press conference in Casablanca, President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill described their talks as "the unconditional surrender meeting." Mr. Roosevelt explained that the United Nations were determined to bring about the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan. Only in this way could we be given a reasonable assurance of world peace.

This did not mean the destruction of the German, Italian and Japanese peoples, but the destruction of their philosophy.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the conference was concerned with the practical strategy of 1943. The size and scale of the United Nations offensive had made necessary discussions on a scale unprecedented in history.

The President added that the Chiefs of Staff had, in their talks, dealt with the whole world, as was required by a global war.

It was also announced that General De Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, and General Giraud, French Commander-in-Chief in North Africa, had met in Casablanca, and had arrived at an agreement to seek the participation of all Frenchmen in the Allied offensives and the liberation of France.

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### EIGHTH ARMY WEST OF TRIPOLI

General Montgomery's Eighth Army is reported to be in contact with the enemy west of the small village of Balsa, which was occupied on Monday. Correspondents say that the extent to which the enemy has been evacuating from Zuara harbour in the past two days indicates a speeding up in Rommel's withdrawal.

But the Axis rearguards are still holding up our advance as much as possible, making a stand in the best defensive positions during the day, and withdrawing by night.

With the Eighth Army now more than 30 miles west of Tripoli, which fell on Sunday, the Fighting French column has completed its 800-mile dash from the Chad country, entering Tripoli 39 days after crossing the Libyan frontier.

Among the first troops to enter Tripoli were the New Zealanders, who have been in the van of the British advance all the way from El Alamein.

Our fighter bombers have made Zuara one of their main targets for some days, while heavier bombers have attacked Sfax, Gabes, Tunis and Bizerta. Our aircraft have also continued their offensive against Sicily.

Last week-end the Germans made a short advance in Tunisia, in an attempt to keep clear a path of retreat for Rommel's forces, but this move was checked, and no large-scale operations have taken place since. The weather is the main obstacle to ground activity.

## POWERFUL AIR BLOWS AGAINST JAPS

A large Japanese ship was set on fire in the fourth successive daylight raid on Rabaul harbour, and the eighth attack in 10 days, General MacArthur's Headquarters reported yesterday.

American heavy-bombers, particularly Flying Fortresses, have been prominent in a series of powerful air blows against Japanese bases in the S.W. Pacific, extending from Timor through New Britain, to the Solomons.

On Monday, a 2,000-ton vessel, believed to be carrying ammunition, was hit and exploded. A hole was blown in the side of another medium-sized vessel.

Enemy airfields have also been heavily attacked, Lae being bombed for 13 successive days, while Gasmata, in New Britain, Salamaua, and Finschhafen have also been dealt with.

The only reports of land fighting come from the Solomons, where the Americans have made further advances and captured seven Japanese positions. American planes there damaged a Japanese destroyer and a supply ship.

### EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of *The Troops' Tatler*, the sole purpose of which will be to keep you informed of the progress of world events, and so help to prevent the spread of those foolish rumours which play the enemy's game by disturbing our minds.

We have already heard the old familiar rumours, as well as some shiny new ones, because the real news has not been available for a day or two. Mussolini has NOT sued for peace; Tokyo has NOT been bombed by 1,000 bombers for nine hours, and none of those other fantasies of idle imaginations have been confirmed by London—or Berlin!

We hope to give you as many items of home news as possible, also items of interest about our life aboard ship.

There will be room for contributions—paragraphs, verse, or ideas—but always remember that space is extremely limited, so these should be kept brief.

All contributions should be left at the Editorial Office, Midland Bank, "C" Deck forward, off Staircase No. 1.

*The Troops' Tatler* will be available every morning at 0900 hours, except Sundays. War-time conditions have made paper a scarce commodity, and there will be a strictly limited number of copies printed. The *Tatler* can only be obtained through your unit orderly room.

## Only 12,000 of Doomed 6th Army Now Alive

LONDON, Wednesday.

Only 12,000 men remain alive of the 200,000 whom Hitler threw in against Stalingrad in the last desperate bid to take the city. They are dispersed and doomed.

A special communique from Moscow tells how on January 10, Hitler ordered the trapped force to reject honourable terms of surrender. In 16 days since then, the Russians have killed 40,000 Germans and Roumanians of the Sixth Army, captured 28,000 and regained over 550 square miles of territory.

Rich booty has also fallen into the hands of the Red Army, including 1,300 tanks, 3,000 guns, 49,000 motor vehicles, and 500 aircraft.

Berlin has admitted in the past two days that the Sixth Army is fighting without hope, under the worst possible conditions, and the German people have been prepared by their newspapers and radio commentators for a general retreat along the whole Russian front. "Everything is now at stake," one Berlin statement said in telling the Germans that their armies were "retreating to a main line of defence, in order to shorten the front."

Moscow has announced Russian successes all along the southern front, from Voronezh, now finally cleared of the enemy, to the Kuban, where the Red Army is now approaching Tikhoretsk, key rail junction, only 100 miles south of Rostov. On the Donetz front, north of Rostov, the Russians now have cleared the Moscow to Rostov railway down to Kamensk, 70 miles from the Black Sea.

As the Red Army nears Rostov, the Germans are counter-attacking with great ferocity, but all have been driven back and progress made.

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### R.A.F. ATTACKS U-BOAT BASE IN FRANCE

R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked the big German U-boat base at Lorient, on the French Atlantic coast, for the fifth time in the last fortnight. Other bombers flew further afield to bomb Bordeaux, further down the coast towards the Spanish frontier. Two of our machines did not return.

Fighters escorted Boston bombers which attacked Flushing, scoring direct hits on the docks and fuel storage tanks.

These raids followed daylight attacks on targets at Bruges, in Belgium, and fighter sweeps over Northern France.



# THE TROOPS' TATLER



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1943

ONE PENNY

## Martial Law Forecast Within Germany

### DEFEATS IN RUSSIA AND LIBYA REFLECTED

LONDON, Thursday.

With their armies in retreat along the whole Russian front, the Sixth Army destroyed at Stalingrad, and Rommel's vaunted Africa Korps being driven out of Libya into Tunisia, the German people were last night warned of the imminent proclamation of martial law in Germany itself.

German broadcasters last night forecast the proclamation of martial law throughout Germany, and a nation-wide call up of all men between the ages of 16 and 65 and all women between the ages of 17 and 45.

In a broadcast in the German home service last night, one commentator said, "The Homeland must subject itself to harsher laws."

He recalled a law of 1689 which enacted the death penalty for soldiers who left their posts, whether on the battlefield or in a garrison, and added, "These martial laws are no longer confined to soldiers. Modern war is total war."

Another speaker said that legislation was in preparation, and laws probably soon would be proclaimed to bring about the necessary results.

Goebbels, writing in *Das Reich*, said that the new call up would provide Hitler with reserves adequate to meet all eventualities.

Hitler will broadcast on Saturday, the 10th anniversary of National Socialism.

In Russia yesterday 7,000 more Germans surrendered, 5,000 of them west of Voronezh and 2,000 at Stalingrad.

On the Voronezh front the Russian drive has reached a point only 75 miles from the German base at Kursk, with the recapture of six towns, including an important rail junction 60 miles south-west of Voronezh.

In the Caucasus the Russians are advancing upon the Maikop oilfields from the Black Sea port of Tuapse, while other forces are only 38 miles from Rostov. Converging armies are both only 20 miles from Kropotkin, and other forces are closing in on Tikhoretsk.

The Red Army approaching Rostov from the south-east has passed Ataman and is 38 miles from the Don port. Of the two converging armies moving on Kropotkin, one is at Gregorskaya, on the trans-Caucasian railway, and the other at Novo-Alexandrovskaya, due east of the junction. Both armies are only 20 miles from Kropotkin.

At Stalingrad the Russians report the capture of 2,000 more

Germans near the central part of the city, and in a nearby sector 1,500 more were taken. North of Stalingrad the Russians yesterday were wiping out isolated groups of the enemy.

It is estimated that only 8,000 now remain of the 200,000 Axis troops trapped at Stalingrad by the winter offensive. Four at least of the German divisional generals have left their doomed troops by air. They are the commanders of the 384, 377, 79 and 305th Divisions.

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### LOSSES IN PAPUA LESS THAN HALF JAPS'

General MacArthur announced yesterday that Allied losses in the Papuan campaign were less than half those of the enemy. This includes casualties from sickness.

In the air, our losses were much less than half those of the Japanese, and at sea they were negligible.

General MacArthur said that probably no campaign in history against a thoroughly prepared and trained enemy had produced such complete results with such small expenditure of men and materials.

Yesterday's communique told of further Allied air raids on Timor, New Guinea and New Britain. One of the heaviest was on Lae, main Jap base on the New Guinea mainland.

American aircraft off Wake Island in the Central Pacific, intercepted five Japanese Zero fighters, destroying two of them. All the American planes returned.

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### NEW COMMANDO RAID

British land and Naval forces made a successful raid on the Norwegian coast. This has been announced by Combined Operations Headquarters, which said that the Germans had issued untrue accounts of the raid.

"These small raids are continually made, and are part of a broad general programme being carried out by our Commando troops," it was stated.

### EIGHTH ARMY 50 MILES FROM TUNISIAN BORDER

The British Eighth Army's forward patrols have now occupied the village of Sabratha, which means that our forces pressing along the coast have advanced more than 40 miles from Tripoli.

They have covered two-thirds of the distance between Tripoli and Zuara, and are not much more than 50 miles from the Tunisian frontier. Our forward columns are on the fringe of a strip of open marshy country which borders the coast for 25 miles to Zuara.

The column further south is at least keeping pace with the troops on the coastal road, and may be ahead.

The Allied troops in Tunisia, now separated by barely 200 miles from the Eighth Army, are consolidating local gains in the Useltier valley, won by them two days ago, and on the Susa-Kairwan pass, now dominated by our guns.

The First Army and its French and American allies have gained a five miles advance, destroyed 15 German tanks, and captured some Axis prisoners.

British submarines in the Mediterranean are reported to have hit five more Axis supply ships, sinking at least three of them.

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### GERMAN SPY EXECUTED

A German secret service agent has been executed at Wandsworth Prison, England. He was Francis Johannes Winter, a 39-year-old Belgian. He was sent to Britain as a ship's steward, posing as a refugee.

Winter was to have reported to the Nazis on the movement of ships and convoys in which he sailed. British authorities, however, did not accept his story when he arrived last July. After persisting in his story for a long time, Winter at last broke down and confessed.

He was tried at Old Bailey in December and convicted. His appeal was dismissed last week.

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### U.S. Minister to Australia

The Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate has approved the nomination of Mr. Harold J. Sims, as U.S. Minister to Australia. The nomination was approved by 13 votes to 10.

### U.S. Bombers in Daylight Raids on Reich

LONDON, Thursday.

The war from the air against Germany entered a new phase on Wednesday, when United States Flying Fortresses and Liberators flew unescorted in daylight to make heavy attacks on the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven and other important targets in northern and western Germany.

It was the first attack by U.S. bombers on Germany, and was carried out with great success. The raids fulfilled Mr. Churchill's promise that soon the giant American bombers would introduce a new element into the air war, with high-level bombing in daylight.

Three U.S. bombers are missing, but three enemy fighters were shot down.

The R.A.F. was also over Europe in daylight on Wednesday. Fast Mosquito bombers caused considerable damage in the first British raid on Copenhagen, the Danish capital. They swooped to within 50 feet to drop their bombs on factories turning out war equipment for Germany. One machine failed to return.

Our fighters made daylight sweeps over France, shooting up railway targets.

Last night our heavy bombers were out over Germany again. One of the main targets was Dusseldorf, great armament centre in the Rhineland.

Several tons of bombs were dropped by our Lancasters and Halifaxes in a 20-minute attack. The glare of fierce fires was seen. Six of our bombers are missing.

Some enemy raiders were over Britain today. They did considerable damage in an attack on one S.E. coast town, and there were some casualties. Four other enemy aircraft attacked a town on the south coast, but a terrific A.A. barrage drove them off. No bombs were dropped.

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World comment has underlined the significance and importance of the Casablanca meeting between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, when plans were agreed upon for the offensive campaigns of 1943.

On Wednesday in Moscow, Premier Stalin was handed a joint statement on the conference by the American Ambassador, Admiral Stanley, and the British Charge d'Affaires, who remained for a half-hour conference.

# THE TROOPS' TATLER



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1943

ONE PENNY

## All Services Confer OFFENSIVE PLANS

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Following the Casablanca conference between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, the leaders of the Allied fighting forces met at General Eisenhower's headquarters at Algiers for further discussions.

This conference, which has now ended, was concerned with putting into practical shape the strategic policy arrived at by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill.

The leaders of all the British and United States services who attended the Casablanca conference went on to Algiers. The three chief men present were General Marshall, U.S. Chief of Staff, General Sir Harold Alexander, Commander-in-Chief Middle East, and General Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief N. Africa.

Others were Admiral King, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Navy, Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord, General Sir John Dill, head of the British Staff Mission in Washington, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined Operations, Lieutenant-General Somerville, U.S. Army Supply Chief. Mr. Averill Harriman was there as President Roosevelt's representative.

It was learned today that President Roosevelt, on his return journey from the Casablanca conference, visited the negro republic of Liberia. He also conferred with President Vargas, of Brazil, at Natal. Details of this conference will not be disclosed until President Vargas returns to Rio de Janeiro.

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## WAR AGAINST JAPANESE

General MacArthur's bombers and long-range fighters have been out again in force over the islands north of Australia. Today's communique tells of Allied raids on Japanese airfields and shipping at 10 different points.

An aerodrome in New Guinea was heavily bombed, Flying Fortresses blasting buildings.

An Allied bomber on a sweep in search of shipping was attacked by five enemy fighters. It drove them off, shooting down one.

In Burma the R.A.F. are keeping up their attacks on Japanese positions in Arakan, and on Akyab island, while Blenheims have also attacked enemy river shipping further north.

In China a Japanese attempt to land a force on the east coast of Kwantung province (north of Canton) has been repulsed with heavy losses.

## U.S. TROOPS NEAR EAST COAST OF TUNISIA

American troops are reported to have reached the town of Mecheguigue, 65 miles west of Sfax, in Tunisia. Big United States troop movements in Tunisia have been reported by the German radio for some days.

Throughout Tunisia, enemy troop concentrations and transport have been attacked by Allied fighter-bombers and fighters. Allied bombers have attacked rail communications in southern Italy and harbours in Italy, Sicily and Tunisia.

In the extreme south of Tunisia, where the frontiers of Tunisia, Algeria and Tripolitania meet, General Giraud's French troops have captured the Ghadames Oasis, which has been evacuated by the Italians.

General Giraud's troops have linked up with the Fighting French from the Chad at Ghadames, last Saharan border fortress in Italian hands.

In Tripolitania, the British Eighth Army is maintaining contact with the Axis rearguard, and is now only 40 miles from the Tunisian frontier.

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## SMUTS SEES TURN OF THE TIDE

Field Marshal Smuts has asked the Union Assembly to allow South African volunteer troops to fight outside the African continent.

After three years of hard struggle, the Axis had been turned back in Europe, Africa and the Pacific, he said. Africa was now practically clear of the enemy, while the supremacy in the air, most decisive factor in this war, had turned from Germany to the Allies.

"The tide has turned, and we can look forward to victory," he declared.

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## AIR WAR IN WEST

On Thursday, Allied fighters made widespread attacks on transportation targets in Occupied Europe.

The German-controlled Danish Radio admits that the R.A.F. daylight raid on Wednesday on the Burmeister and Wain works at Copenhagen, caused extensive industrial damage.

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It has now been disclosed that great floods occurred in south-east England during the second week in January, and in the Medway valley one village was under water for 12 hours.

## NAZIS MOBILISE FOR DEFENCE OF REICH ITSELF

On the eve of the tenth anniversary of Hitler's seizure of power, the Nazis have decreed that all German men between the ages of 16 and 65 and women from 17 to 45 must register for the defence of the Reich.

Hitler's man-power dictator has been given the important task of replacing the terrible losses suffered by the German army in Russia.

The main burden will fall on the German women and the "little man," who were largely responsible for Hitler's rise to power. Those employing five workers or less are now liable for call-up, and every married woman with no children under six years of age.

The German Labour Minister, Ley, last night emphasised Germany's desperate man-power shortage. "We have among us today more than 7,000,000 foreign workers," he said. "German workers are few and far between, and French and other foreign workers often do not share the views of German workers."

In Britain Labour Minister Bevin has announced the extension of the call up for women from 18 to 30 years to 18 to 40 years. Most of the new classes are married women, who will be given part-time work in war industry.

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## IN TOUCH WITH SOVIET

In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said that the British Government had every intention of keeping in touch with the Soviet Government in the general formulation of post-war policy. Certain such matters were already under discussion between the two governments.

Mr. Eden was asked if any approach had been made to the Soviet Government with a view to unifying the various insurgent forces in Yugoslavia in a common effort against the enemy. His reply was, "Yes."

## Threat to Nazi Army's Escape CAUCASUS MOVES

New Russian advances on both flanks of the southern offensive are announced by the Soviet High Command. On the right wing of the offensive the Russians have captured the railway junction of Kastornoe, where the Voronezh to Kursk railway crosses the line from Moscow to the Donetz basin.

Some of the Germans and Hungarians retreating from Voronezh have been cut off by this new move.

Nearly 500 miles to the south, the Red armies threaten to cut off the way of escape for the German forces in the Caucasus. Two forces are converging on Tikhoretsk junction, the only rail link between Rostov and the Germans in the Kuban.

The Russians are less than 20 miles from Tikhoretsk by road and 30 miles by rail.

Another Soviet force coming up the trans-Caucasian railway from the south is only seven miles from Kropotkin, another rail junction.

German troops holding the Maikop oilfields are now also threatened from three sides. Soviet forces from the Black Sea port of Tuapse are advancing north-eastward, and other Russian troops are moving down the railway from Armavir.

At Stalingrad the 297th German Division has surrendered in a body. It was led into captivity by Lieut-General Retzke. By yesterday only 5,000 men remained of the 22 divisions which once formed the Sixth Army.

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## No Paper Tomorrow

There will be no issue of *The Troops' Tatler* tomorrow (Sunday), so our next publication will be on Monday morning. You will be kept informed of the latest news of world developments tomorrow through the ship's broadcasting system.

## OUR SHIP

*Grey she is as a passing cloud, grey as the drifting water,  
And she glides as a spirit down the sea, as a Sea King's wayward daughter,  
Forgetting the brilliant halls of Peace, the glint of gold and the laughter.  
A warrior, too, whose service we shall tell of long, long after,  
When the seas are purged of the unclean things that we in hate devise,  
And ship and man do battle with the tides and shattered skies.*

E. SIMMONS, V.A.

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Address made to the A.I.F. (M.E.) by General Hon. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, K.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., Commander in Chief, The Middle East Forces at a parade of the A.I.F. held in Palestine on 22nd December, 1942, in commemoration of Fallen Comrades.



**O**FFICERS, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Australian Imperial Force; these great days we are living in are a time for deeds rather than words, but when great deeds have been done there is no harm in speaking of them. And great deeds have been done.

The battle of Alamein has made history, and you are in the proud position of having taken a major part in that great victory. Your reputation as fighters has always been famous, but I do not believe you have ever fought with greater bravery or distinction than you did during that battle, when you broke the German and Italian Armies in the Western Desert. Now you have added fresh lustre to your already illustrious name.

Your losses have been heavy indeed and for that we are all greatly distressed. But war is a hard and bloody affair, and great victories cannot be won without sacrifice. It is always a fine and moving spectacle to see, as I do today, worthy men who have done their duty on the battle field assembled in ranks on parade, and those ranks filled again with young recruits and fresh reinforcements.

To these future warriors I extend a warm welcome and greet them as brothers in arms who have come to join the forces in the Middle East which it is my honour to command.

What of the future? There is no doubt that the fortunes of war have turned in our favour. We now have the initiative and can strike when and where we will. It is we who will choose the future battlegrounds, and we will choose them where we can hit the enemy hardest and hurt him most.

There is a hard and bitter struggle ahead before we come to final victory and much hard fighting to be done. In the flux and change of war individuals will change. Some will come; others will go. Formations will move from one theatre to another, and where you will be when the next battles are fought I do not know. But wherever you may be my thoughts will always go with you and I shall follow your fortunes with interest and your successes with admiration. There is one thought I shall cherish above all others—under my command fought the 9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 24 AUST INF BDE

(Unit.) For Week Ending

2/1/43

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*				
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*				
* <i>Brigadier</i>		1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...				
Majors... ..		1		
Captains ... ..		9		
Lieutenants ... ..		2		2
2nd Lieutenants ... ..				
Quartermasters ... ..				
District Officers ... ..				
TOTALS ... ..		13		2

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Downey A.H.</i>	<i>AIF</i>	<i>29.12.42</i>	<i>Transferred to 2/32 Coy. Causes to be seconded &amp; resumes regular duties</i>

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	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		Col	T/King	Evans B	AEF	NO		Att Comd's Course
2		Major		Jackson DR	-	NO		✓
3		Capt		Wilton JA	-	yes		BML
4		Colt		Sampson RW	-	NO		Att Comd's Course
5		Colt		Stebbins CH	-	yes		SCL
6		Colt		Lancaster C.G	-	-		TO
7		Lieut	T/King	Hobson H.S	-	✓		LO
8		Lieut		Harry G.H.W	-	-		LO
9		Went		Pearce E.T.S	-	NO		TO School
10		Capt		Band T	AAChD	NO		Patrol 2/43
11		Capt		Thomas G	✓	✓		2/32
12		Capt		Johnson W	✓	✓		2/28
13		Capt		Arbutnot DJ	AAASC	yes		BASCO.
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut		Werner J E	2/32 Bde		Att for Duty

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.  
(Unit.)  
2 January 1918.  
(Date of Despatch.)

W. W. M. Lt Col  
(Signature of Commanding Officer)  
9 Const Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

9 January 1943.

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	* Brigadiers	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors ...	1		
	Captains ...	9		
	Lieutenants ...	3		1 L.O.
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ...	14		1

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Wormer J.S.	AIF	29.12.42	Appointed Ammunition officer Vice Lt E.V. Brubaker & remains seconded in his Unit Vice AIF app'ts + Promotions List 113.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Col	T/Brig	Evans A	AIF.	Yes.		Command
2		Major		Jackson DR				B.M.
3		Capt		Wiltken JH				B.M.
4		Capt		Sangster RW				SC
5		Capt		Fischer HJ				Sch
6		Capt		Lancaster CG				To
7		Capt		Arbuthnot DG				BASCO
8		Lieut	T/Capt	Robson H.S.				LO
9		Lieut		Parry G.L.W.				LO
10		Lieut		Werner JF				Am. OFFR.
11		Lieut		Scarce KTS		No		School
12		Capt		Gard T	AACHD	No		Padre 2/43 Bn
13		Capt		Thomas S				✓ 2/32 ✓
14		Capt		Johnson A				2/28 ✓
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

H. Q. 24 AUST. INF. BDE.

9 January 1915. (Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

*4th Aust Cav Regt* (Unit). *2 January 1943* (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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class-III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	1		
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	3		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	5		1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	52	2	
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Capt	Corps Intelligence		
1 Sgt	2/32 Aust Cav Regt		
2 Ptes			
1 Pte	2/28 Aust Cav Regt		
2 Sgts	2/48 Aust Cav Regt		
2 Ptes			

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

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



*9th Aust Inf Bde* Unit.

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

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

*9th Aust Inf Bde* Unit.

*W. J. ...*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *2 January 1943*

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

*2nd Aust Inf Bde* (Unit). *9 January* 194*2* (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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	1		
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	3		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	* 5		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	54	1	
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<i>66</i>	* 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 CPL	} 2nd Aust Inf Bde		
1 L/CPL			
1 Sgt	} 2/321 Bn		
1 Pte			
1 Pte	2/28 Bn		
3 Sgts	} 2/13 Bn		
2 Ptes			

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

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

*1st Aust Div* Unit.

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

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

*1st Aust Div* Unit.

*9 Aust Div*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *9 January 1913.*

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

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSO.

O.C. TROOPS HMT VV 1491

No. 1

24 JAN 43

1. SHIP'S STAFF

O.C. Troops	Brigadier B. EVANS DSO	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Ship's Adj't & Q.M.	Major D. R. JACKSON DSO	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Ship's Asst Adj't	Capt R. W. SANGSTER	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Ship's Asst Q.M.	Capt H. G. ROBSON	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Senior Medical Officer	Lt. Col. B. S. HANSON DSO	2/8 Fd Amb
Ship's A. P. M.	Major A. B. GILLESPIE	2/32 Bn
O.C. Ship's Standing Gd	Capt H. B. STANILAND	2/2 MG Bn
Ship's Baggage Master	Major F. A. STRETTON	2/43 Bn
Ship's Messing Officer	Major A. V. TUNSTALL	2/28 Bn
Ship's Asst Messing Offr	Capt D. J. ARBUTHNOT MC	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Senior Canteen Offr	Major R. C. GUTHRIE	9 Aust Div Cav
Ship's Amenities Offr	Major E. C. WILLIAMS	2/2 MG Bn
Senior Offr of Gunner Party	Capt J. IRVING	9 Aust Div Cav
Ship's L. S. O.	Major A. G. ALLAWAY	A. A. L. D.
Ship's Paymaster	Capt H. M. THOMSON	A. A. P. C.
Ship's R. S. M.	WO I HAMPTON H. E.	2/43 Bn
Ship's R. Q. M. S.	WO II ADAMS H. C.	2/28 Bn
Ship's O. R. S.	WO II CHINNER R. C.	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Ship's Troop Deck Sgt	WO II THOMPSON N. L.	2/32 Bn

2. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	24.1.43	Maj V. R. NORTHWOOD - 2/28 Bn
Next for Duty	25.1.43	Maj G. E. DIXON - 2/32 Bn
Ship's Duty Officer	24.1.43	Lieut R. D. BURROUGH - 2/28 Bn
Next for Duty	25.1.43	Lieut A. D. STEWART - 2/32 Bn
Duty Unit	21.1.43 to 28.1.43	- 2/28 Bn
Next for Duty	28.1.43 to 1.2.43	- 9 Div Cav

3. BLACKOUT HOURS

24/25 Jan 43 - 1815 to 0545 hrs.

4. CANTEEN

All canteens will remain closed until embarkation is complete. They will be opened only on authority of O.C. Troops.

5. LIFEBELTS

Personnel will carry lifebelts at all times.

6. SHIP'S INSPECTION

Ref Standing Orders, para 8 and Appx 'G' para 2. Ship's inspection parties will be provided as follows :-

- Gp Comd
- 1 officer (nominated by Gp Comd)
- M.O. (nominated by S.M.O.)
- Gp Comd's orderly
- A fifth inspection party will be formed by C.O., 1 officer and orderly 9 Aust Div Cav, and 1 M.O. nominated by S.M.O.

7. PAY

Pay at the rate of £2/10/0 for Officers and 10/- for ORs will be made available as early as possible after embarkation. Units will draw when advised from the Ship's Pay Office 'C' Deck Aft.

8. NEWSPAPERS

All newspapers and flimsy periodicals will be withdrawn from personnel and disposed of as refuse by 1800 hrs 26 Jan 43. A report that this has been done will be rendered to Ship's Orderly Room by 27 Jan 43.

9. MAIL

(a) Units will forward franked mail in bulk to Ship's Orderly Room daily between 1400 and 1430 hrs.

(b) Ship's Duty Officer will apply censor stamp and forward mail to Aust Army Postal Det.

(c) Secondary censorship may be applied by Ship's Staff.

10. BOUNDS

The following areas are in bounds to women only -

A.A.N.S. and V.A.D. quarters Main Deck forward.  
Women's section on Sun Deck starboard forward.

11. Time - Synchronisation

(a) Unit Orderly Officers will synchronise on time with Ship's Orderly Officer outside Ship's Orderly Room at 0915 hrs daily.

(b) Time on ship's clocks will NOT be observed.

12. ORGANISATION

The following Base and L of C units are grouped for adm and discipline during the voyage :-

Comd: Lt. Col. G.F.HILL 6 A.G.H.

Sub-Comd - Major H.W. ANDERSON  
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
3 A.M.C.U.  
4 A.M.C.U.

Sub-Comd - Major J. BELL  
6 A.G.H. details  
'A' Surgical Unit  
24 Aust Dental Unit  
41 Aust Dental Unit

Sub-Comd - Lt. Col. G.F.HILL  
4 Aust Con Depot  
1 Aust Boring Sec  
AIF(ME) Concert Party

13. WATER POINTS

Units are responsible for permanent picquets on all water points on their top decks. Such picquets will -

- (a) Prevent waste and individual overdrawing of water;
- (b) Enforce any water restrictions that may be ordered.

14. STANDING ORDERS - Amendment No. 1.

Ship's Standing Orders para 5 - "CANTEEN HOURS".

Sub para (b)(i), for "1900" read "1700"

Sub paras (b)(ii) (iii) (iv), for "1500" read "1700".

15. ALLOCATION UNIT ORDERLY ROOMS

As per attached.

Maj.  
Ship's Adj't & Q.M.

Distribution - List 'A'

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div (5)  
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div (4)  
9 Aust Div Cav Regt  
1 Aust Boring Sec  
9 Aust Div Can Trg Unit  
2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
2/43 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust MG Bn  
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn  
2/8 Aust Fd Amb  
6 A.G.H. det  
AANS  
VADs  
'A' Aust Fd Surgical Unit  
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
3 Aust A.M.C.U.  
4 Aust A.M.C.U.  
24 Aust Dental Unit  
41 Aust Dental Unit  
4 Aust Con Depot  
AIF(ME) Concert Party  
2nd Ech det  
Finance det  
Postal det  
O.C. Troops  
AIF Ship's Staff  
British Ship's Staff  
U.S. Ship's Staff

Captain  
Staff Captain  
Troop Officer  
Purser (2)  
Chief Steward  
Staff Chief Engineer  
Ship's M.O.

Ship's Notice Boards (45)

L.H.Q. Australia (2)  
2 Ech Australia  
Mov & Tptn Australia (3)

File (2)  
War Diary (2)

ALLOCATION OF OFFICES - VV 1491

PROMENADE DECK

+ Austin Reed's Shop, Picadilly Circus	-	A.F.M.
+ Smith's Shop " "	-	Gunnery Officer
Promenade Port Office " "	-	9 Aust Div Cav Regt & Major J. Bell Gp
+ Promenade Starboard Office, Picadilly Circus	-	RAE 9 Aust Div

MAIN DECK

No 3 Staircase Port Office	-	2nd Echelon
No 3 Staircase, Starboard Office	-	AASC & Maj H.W. Anderson Gp
No 5 Staircase, Port Office	-	Ships Orderly Room
No 5 Staircase, Austin Reed's Shop	-	2/28 Bn

'A' DECK

+ Midland Bank, No 3 Staircase	-	A.A. Postal C
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'B' DECK

Tourist Kiosk, No 5 Staircase	-	2/32 Bn
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'C' DECK

Midland Bank, No 1 Staircase	-	2/2 MG Bn
+ Tourist Purser's Office, No 5 Staircase	-	Ships Paymaster
+ 3rd Class Purser's Office, No 1 Staircase	-	2/43 Bn & Lt-Col G.F. Hill Gp
+ Midland Bank, No 5 Staircase	-	2/3 Pnr Bn

+ Offices marked thus have telephones fitted.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSOC. C. TROOPS HMT VV 1491No. 225 JAN 4316. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	25.1.43	Major G. E. DIXON - 2/32 Bn
Next for Duty	26.1.43	Major H. J. WILLIAMSON - 2/43 Bn
Capt of the Day	25.1.43	Capt R. C. CRONK - 2/32 Bn
Next for Duty	26.1.43	Capt R. A. WIEGENER - 2/43 Bn
Ship's Duty Offr	25.1.43	Lieut H. D. STEWART - 2/32 Bn
Next for Duty	26.1.43	Lieut B. L. HARVEY - 2/43 Bn
Duty Unit	24.1.43 to 26.1.43	- 2/28 Bn
Next for Duty	28.1.43 to 1.2.43	- 9 Div Cav

17. BLACKOUT

Blackout times until further advice - 1815 to 0645 hrs.

18. LIFEBELTS

Personnel will carry lifebelts at all times from 1200 hrs 25 Jan 43.

19. Emergency Stations Drill

(a) First Emergency Stations Drill will be held on afternoon 25 Jan.

(b) Detail of Emergency Stations Officers is attached, and these officers will meet for instruction by the Troop Officer in Main Lounge, Starboard side, at 0930 hrs 25 Jan.

20. Fresh Water Supply

From this date, fresh water will be available only between 0530 - 0900 hrs.

21. MESS DISCIPLINE

NO equipment, cloth or food will be carried away from messes.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any person attempting to do so.

22. PERSONAL LOSSES

Ship's police duties do not include investigation of minor private losses - these are a matter for unit adm.

23. NOTICE BOARDS

Units are responsible for documents posted by Ship's Staff on notice boards in their own areas. Ship's Standing Orders will remain posted on all Notice Boards. Their presence will be noted on Ship's Inspection.

*B. Evans*  
Maj.  
Ship's Aijt.

Distribution

List 'A'

To List 'A' add US Gunnery Offr



EMERGENCY STATIONS FOR CONTROL OFFICERS

		PORT			STARBOARD
		RANK: NAME: REG'T:			RANK: NAME: REG'T
FO' CASTLE DOOR APPROACH		Lieut	A. G. EVERITT	Lieut	T. D. ASHE
			2/43 Bn		2/43 Bn
FORE WELL TO FORE MAIN	TOP	"	W. G. FOLEY	"	THORNTON E. W.
DECK LADDER	BOTTOM	"	B. L. HARVEY	"	A. V. CLIFFORD
FORE MAIN TO FORE PROM.	TOP	"	H. J. WRIGHT	"	R. B. QUINN
DECK LADDER	BOTTOM	"	A. KENNEDY	"	W. T. ADNAMS
FORWARD ENTRANCE TO PROM. DECK		"	B. S. BEATON	"	K. D. HOWARD
FORWARD ENTRANCE TO	TOP	"	E. G. ANDERSON	"	L. H. DOST
SUN DECK LADDER	BOTTOM	"	E. L. WALLER	"	M. H. E. C. GLOVER
TOP OF FORWARD STAIRCASE ON SUN DECK		"	J. C. COEN		
FORWARD STAIRCASE ON PROM. DECK				"	W. S. LONNIE
APPROACH TO BRIDGE	TOP	"	G. H. LUSH	"	R. R. MCKEE
LADDER	BOTTOM	"	V. P. O'DEA	"	R. G. WILLIAMS
PROMENADE ESCAPE	TOP	"	M. F. E. MCGREGOR	"	W. R. BRAY
LADDER	BOTTOM	"	P. L. FERRIER	Capt	T. R. STENHOUSE } 2/28 Bn
BOAT DECK TO TENNIS	TOP	Capt	G. R. KEALL	"	T. I. GELLEBRAND
DECK LADDER	BOTTOM	"	E. WARING	"	J. M. HEAD
			2/28 Bn		2/28 Bn
ENTRANCE TO SUN DECK	INSIDE	Lieut	D. W. PIPER	Lieut	N. K. OSBORNE
ACCOMMODATION	OUTSIDE	"	W. E. PHILPOT	"	C. R. W. PATERSON
LADDER TO GAMES DECK	BOTTOM	"	R. D. BURROUGH	"	R. BOEKEMAN
ESCAPE FROM PROMENADE	TOP	"	H. C. GILES	"	M. MAHER
DECK AMIDSHIPS	BOTTOM	"	M. C. HALL	"	C. MITCHELL
ENGINEERS' ENTRANCE		"	D. KENNEDY	"	P. CRABB
LADDER	BOTTOM				
AFTER ENGINEERS'	TOP	"	W. KINGSBURY	"	R. J. BAKER
ENTRANCE LADDER	BOTTOM	"	P. F. ROOKE	"	A. H. G. LUSHINGTON
VERANDAH GRILL	INSIDE	"	E. THOMAS	"	R. S. PRICE
ENTRANCE	OUTSIDE	"	L. H. GILES	"	P. JAMIESON
AFT BOAT TO PROM. DECK	TOP	"	A. E. WILLIS	"	R. A. GARDNER
			2/32 Bn		2/32 Bn
	BOTTOM	"	J. R. HALLIGAN	"	K. A. GARNSEY
AFT EXIT FROM PROM. DECK		"	D. B. MCKINVEN	"	K. MCCULLOUGH
AFT PROM. TO AFT MAIN	TOP	"	H. D. STEWART	Capt	R. E. CARTWRIGHT
DECK LADDER	BOTTOM	Capt	J. E. WALKER	Lieut	T. R. HAMILTON
AFT EXIT FROM MAIN DECK		Lieut	W. R. AMBROSE	"	P. MEERS
AFT MAIN TO 'A' DECK	TOP	Capt	R. G. CRONK	"	E. G. GREEN
LADDER	BOTTOM	Lieut	W. D. LAING	"	G. A. SCOTT
'A' DECK EXIT		"	W. M. BUCKLEY	"	L. G. CARTWRIGHT
EXITS TO PROMENADE		"	R. I. McDERMOTT	"	J. J. THORNTON
FROM 4 MAIN		"	M. J. KEELEY	Capt	E. V. BRUTON
STAIRWAYS		"	A. HAMILTON	Lieut	A. P. A. DENNESS
		"	E. E. CRABB	"	T. P. GLANVILLE } 9 Div Cav
ON MAIN DECK OF		"	G. G. TOMS	"	R. J. BLACK
			9 Div Cav		9 Div Cav
4 MAIN STAIRWAYS		"	J. W. K. FISHER	"	R. A. BLACKBURN

BOAT OFFICERS

<u>Boat No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	Lieut	G. STANFORD	2/43 Bn
2	"	C. D. SCOMBE	
3	"	K. M. STOKES	
4	"	D. M. REID	
5	Capt	E. C. GRANT	
6	Capt	R. S. TIBBITS	HQ AASC
7	"	A. J. WATERS	
8	"	V. R. ROBERTS	10 Coy AASC
9	"	D. H. SHEA	
10	"	E. B. GATES	
11	"	J. A. DONALD	11 Coy AASC
12	"	F. B. LAURIE	
13	"	R. G. ELLIS	
14	"	I. ROBERTS	12 Coy AASC
15	"	D. E. PROTHERO	
16	"	J. S. HARVEY	
17	Lt. Col.	W. N. MUNTZ	9 Aust Div Cav
18	Mej	A. E. MCINTYRE	
19	"	T. H. NEWTON	
20	"	H. M. HANCOCK	
21	Capt	J. IRVING	
22	"	J. M. CLEMENTS	
23	"	E. J. LEGOE	
24	"	A. W. STALEY	
25 & 25A	"	H. F. SYFFE	
26	"	T. A. RICHARDSON	
27	Lieut	W. G. INGLES	
28	"	S. LEGOE	
29	"	A. M. STEWART	
30	"	L. T. ALLEN	
31	"	E. D. SIMMONS	

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS

O.C. TROOPS HMT VV

No. 3

25 Jan 45

24. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	25.1.45	Major H. J. WILLIAMSON	2/43 Bn
Next for Duty	27.1.45	Major T. H. NEWTON	9 Div Cav
Capt of the Day	26.1.45	Capt R. A. WEGENER	2/43 Bn
Next for Duty	27.1.45	Capt A. W. STALLEY	9 Div Cav
Ship's Duty Offr	26.1.45	Lieut B. L. HARVEY	2/43 Bn
Next for Duty	27.1.45	Lieut L. T. ALLEN	9 Div Cav
Duty Unit	24.1.45 to 28.1.45	- 2/28 Bn	
Next for Duty	28.1.45 to 1.2.45	- 9 Div Cav	

25. BLANKETS

Units will make a thorough check to ensure that all personnel are not holding more than one Aust pattern blanket. All blankets in excess of one will be delivered to Ship's Q.M.S. at No. 1 Hold 'A' Deck Forward at 0900 hrs 27 Jan 45.

26. PORTHOLES AND DEADLIGHTS

All Portholes and Deadlights on 'D' Deck will be closed and remain closed until further notice.

27. CLEARANCE OF UNIT BOX

Unit box in Ship's Orderly Room will be cleared daily at 0830, 1130, 1430, and 1730 hrs.

28. GUARDS

1. Offrs of Guards will report to A.P.M.'s Office at 0930 hrs daily.
2. Ref Appx F8 to Ship's Standing Orders, Guards mentioned in Para 2 will, in future, continue their duties for the period during which their unit is Duty unit (i.e. four days). On the day previous to that laid down for duty units to change Offrs and NCOs of relieving Guards will report to APM's Office at 0900 hrs to obtain information regarding posts and duties.

29. TRAFFIC DIRECTION

Attention is drawn to Para 32 Ship's Standing Orders. The instructions therein will be strictly enforced. Offrs will ensure that tps are conversant with these regulations.

30. UNIT ORDERLY ROOM REPS

Unit Orderly Room Reps and Unit 2nd Echelon Reps will report to 2nd Echelon Office Main Deck No. 3 Staircase at 0915 hrs 26 Jan 45.

31. MESSING

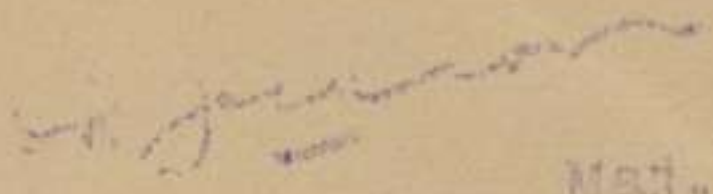
Unit NCOs will be held responsible for ensuring that all tables are filled to capacity at meals. All personnel must produce tickets on entering their meals. Replacement of lost tickets will only be made on production of CO's certificate. Disciplinary action will be taken against any person losing his ticket.

32. BAGGAGE

1. UNIT Baggage labelled WANTED ON VOYAGE is accessible at H. Deck No. 1 Hold between 0900 and 1000 hrs daily. Entrance in vicinity of No. 1 Hatch Well Deck.

2. Nurses and V.A.D's heavy baggage will be available between 0900 and 1100 hrs daily as from 27 Jan. Guide will be provided from Main Deck Square. Deck space will NOT permit of more than 20 ladies being present at one time.

3. Officers' heavy baggage will be made accessible ONCE only during the voyage. Officers will be advised through R.Os when their baggage is available.

  
Maj.  
Ship's Adjt.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSOO.C. TROOPS HMT VV 1491

No. 4

27 Jan 48

33. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	27.1.48	Major T.H. NEWTON	9 Div Cav
Next for Duty	28.1.48	Major H.G.M. ROSEVEAR	2/3 Pn Bn
Sept of the Day	27.1.48	Capt A.W. STALLEY	9 Div Cav
Next for Duty	28.1.48	Capt C.C. KNOTT	2/3 Pn Bn
Ship's Duty Offr	27.1.48	Lieut L.T. ALLEN	9 Div Cav
Next for Duty	28.1.48	Lieut L.H. WALLMAN	2/3 Pn Bn
Duty Unit	24.1.48 to 28.1.48	- 2/28 Bn	
Next for Duty	28.1.48 to 1.2.48	- 9 Div Cav	

34. BOUNDS - WOMEN

Except Officers' Dining saloon on "C" Deck and No. 5 stairway to it, all decks below MAIN DECK are out of bounds to women.

35. BLACKOUT

In future, blackout hours may not be available in time to appear in RO's and will be chalked on notice boards outside the following places:-

A.P.M.'s Office	PICADILLY CIRCUS
Ships Ord Rm.	MAIN DECK AFT
OFFR'S & WO's Saloon	C DECK AFT.

Comds will ensure that these times are promptly posted on Unit notice boards.

36. EMERGENCY STATIONS DRILL

Ref Appx A to Ships S.O.

Personnel will parade at attention, wearing lifebelts correctly tied, from 0945 hrs. until order to stand down (in vicinity 1000 hrs). Personnel are then at comd of Gp Comds but will not move off Promenade and Sun Decks.

37. SHIPS INSPECTION

Ref Appx G to Ships S.O.

(a) Orderlies accompanying Ship's Inspection parties will be buglers.

As Inspection Party enters a new section, bugler will move forward and sound a "G".

On this signal all resting and duty personnel in the section will stand to attention until inspecting Party has passed on.

(b) Add to exempted personnel:-

" (d) Ship's Permanent Duties"

38. CANTEENS.

(a) Ref Ships S.O. 6

As from 27 Jan, Canteen hours will be:-

1100 -- 1300 hrs

1400 -- 1600 hrs

1900 -- 2100 hrs

(b) Beer will be issued on a new basis from 28 Jan.

A coloured card system will operate entitling each man to draw one bottle in his mess tin once in each three day period.

38. CANTEENS (cont)

(3) Canteen Staffs will be increased by the following for part time duty:-

5 Officers	2 provided by group 111
	3 " " " 1V
4 Sgts	}
7 Cpls	
46 ORs	
	" " " 111

These personnel will report to Capt Taylor AASC in TOURIST LOUNGE, PROMENADE DECK aft, at 1600 hrs 27 Jan.

39. PRESSING ROOM.

A Ships pressing Room, A Deck Stbd, will operate with AIF Staff for Officers & WOs only.

Pressing Room will open at 1500 hrs 27 Jan and the following roster will then apply:-

0730 -- 0930 Gp 111 then Gp 1V on alternate days.  
1115 -- 1300

1300 -- 1445 Gp 1 then Gp 11 on alterante days.

1500 -- 1700 AANS and VAD

Offr i/c pressing room will lock up nightly at 1700 hrs and return keys to Chief Stewards Office.

40. PAY-- WOs

WOs Class 1 and 11 are permitted to draw GI-C-C on each pay period.

41. MAIN AND WOs LOUNGES

Main & WOs LOUNGES are available for booking for Offrs and WOs lectures etc between 0900--1700 hrs on week days. Such bookings should be forwarded to Ships Ord Rm as early as possible.

42. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Clothes will not be hung on Ships Fire Fighting Eqpt.

Distribution  
As per List 'A

*K. Jackson*  
Maj.  
Ship's Adjt.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSOS.O. TROOPS HMT VV 1491

No. 5

28 Jan 43

43. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	28.1.43	Major H.O.M. ROSEVEAR	2/3 Par Bn
Next for Duty	29.1.43	Major G.C. BROWN	2/2 MG Bn
Capt of the Day	28.1.43	Capt C.G. KNOTT	2/3 Par Bn
Next for Duty	29.1.43	Capt J.G. CAMERON	2/2 MG Bn
Ship's Duty Offr	28.1.43	Lieut L.E. WALLMAN	2/3 Par Bn
Next for Duty	29.1.43	Lieut W.D. ARMSTRONG	2/2 MG Bn
Duty Unit	24.1.43 to 28.1.43	- 2/28 Bn	
Next for Duty	28.1.43 to 1.2.43	- 9 Div Cav	

44. FATIGUE DUTIES

The following amendments to Appx "F" Ship's S.O. will apply from 0600 hrs 29 Jan 43:-

Serial 1	For "0700 to 0800"	read	"0645 to 0745"
" 3	" "11 Coy AASC"	"	"2/43 Aust Inf Bn"
" 11	" "24 Aust Fd Pk Coy"	"	"2/28 Aust Inf Bn"
" 12	" "24 Aust Fd Pk Coy"	"	"2/3 Aust Par Bn"
" 19	" "2/43 Aust Inf Bn"	"	"RAE"

45. SHIP'S POLICE

The following additional para will be added to Appx "F5" of Ship's S.O.:-

"7a. CANTEEN TRAFFIC POLICE

1 Offr)	
2 Sjtts)	2/2 Aust MG Bn
5 Gpls)	
14 ORs)	
1 Offr)	
2 Sjtts)	A.A.S.C. 9 Aust Div.
5 Gpls)	
14 ORs)	

Duties of these Traffic Police are to control traffic outside Canteens and will be detailed by A.P.M.

46. BERTHING AND MEAL CARDS

All personnel will write their Regtl No., Name and unit on reverse side of Berthing, Meal, and Beer Cards.

47. SHIP'S DAMAGES

Inventories of damaged ship's equip and fittings on Troop decks, as at time of embarkation, are now due.

48. CANTEENS

As from 28 Jan 43, the Canteen on "A" Deck Fwd will be reserved from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs daily for Permanent Messing Duties holding a Yellow Messing Duties Ticket.

This Canteen will remain open nightly from 2100 hrs to 2300 hrs for the convenience of Provost and Guard personnel only.

49. BULK CIGARETTE PURCHASES

Due to heavy purchasing, pipe and cigarette tobacco and cigarettes are practically exhausted.

In order to ensure a fair distribution of the remaining stocks (American brands only) purchases will be limited to 3 pkts of cigarettes per man per day.

49. BULK CIGARETTE PURCHASES (CONTD)

Bulk purchases from Regtl Funds may be made weekly. For this purpose a certified strength state will be submitted to the Offr in charge Dry Canteen, Cabin Main 37, between 1100 hrs and 1200 hrs each Friday. These purchases will be made on the basis of 3 pkts per man per day.

50. WASHING

Wet towels and washing will not be hung in Cabins, but will be carried on Deck and dried during Boat drill.

51. SHIP'S INSPECTION

Unit Orderly Officers will be on duty in Unit areas to receive inspection parties.

52. RAFTS AND WINCHES

Sitting on Rafts and Winches is prohibited at all times. All Officers will ensure that this order is enforced.

53. MAIN AND WO'S LOUNGE

Ref Ship's RO 41 dated 27 Jan 43. Permanent bookings can NOT be made for Lounges. Units will submit requests 24 hrs in advance.

*J. O. [Signature]*  
Maj.  
Ship's Adj.

Distribution

List 'A'



ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSO

O. C. TROOPS HMT VV 1491

No. 6

29 JAN 43

54. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	29.1.43	Major C. C. BROWN	2/2 MG Bn
Next for Duty	30.1.43	Major J. N. DUNCAN	AASC 9 Div
Capt of the Day	29.1.43	Capt J. G. CAMERON	2/2 MG Bn
Next for Duty	30.1.43	Capt A. J. WATERS	AASC 9 Div
Ship's Duty Offr	29.1.43	Lieut W. E. ARMSTRONG	2/2 MG Bn
Next for Duty	30.1.43	Lieut R. BROWN	AASC 9 Div
Duty Unit	28.1.43 to 1.2.43	9 Div Cav	
Next for Duty	1.2.43 to 5.2.43	RAE 9 Aust Div	

55. SHIP'S GUARDS

Appx F5 to Ship's S.O. will be cancelled and the attached Appx will be substituted.

56. SMOKING

The attention of ALL RANKS is directed to the importance of rigidly observing Ship's Standing Orders in regard to smoking. Ship's A.P.M. will in future carry out periodical raids in areas where smoking is forbidden, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

57. EMERGENCY DRILL - CONTROL OFFRS

A conference for all Control Offrs will be held in Offrs' Lounge at 0915 hrs 29 Jan 43.

58. PAY

All foreign currency must be changed with Ship's Paymaster by 31 Jan 43.

59. BERTHING

Alterations in the berthing as allotted by the Embarkation Staff will not be made unless approved by Ship's Adj't.

Alterations which have been made without this authority will be advised to Ship's Orderly Room by 1200 hrs 29 Jan 43.

60. LEAVE

The following extract from LANDFORCES Cable is published :- "Leave will NOT be granted to Military personnel on arrival of the convoy at any port of call, and no personnel may go ashore excepting those being disembarked, or actually concerned with the disembarkation."

61. RETURNS

One copy only of casualty returns are now required.

62. BOUNDS

The Women's Emergency Boat Station, Sports Deck, is out of bounds to all ranks between 1000 hrs and 1100 hrs daily.

63. SPORTS

34. BROADCASTING

Units desirous of making announcements over the ship's Broadcasting system will make the necessary arrangements by contacting Ship's Staff Announcer, Lieut. S. Birch, Cabin M96.

WILLIAM H. BIRCH

Maj.  
Ship's Adjt.

1941 NOV 14

NOTICE

The following cable has been received from the Lord Mayor, Perth, and will be promulgated to all personnel:-

WILLIAM H. BIRCH, G.O.C. A.M.F. (M.E.) WOULD YOU KINDLY  
ADVISE ME PERSONALLY AND CONVEY TO WEST AUSTRALIAN UNITS UNDER  
YOUR COMMAND THE FOLLOWING XMAS MESSAGE: "COUNCILLORS AND  
MEMBERS OF PERTH JOIN WITH LADY MAYOR AND MYSELF IN EX-  
PRESSING TO YOU SEASON'S GREETINGS. WE ARE DEEPLY SENSIBLE OF  
THE MAGNIFICENT WORK YOU ARE DOING AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT  
THE VICTORY OF WHICH WE ARE ALL SO CERTAIN MAY BE ACHIEVED IN  
THE NEAR FUTURE."

(Sgd) WILLIAM H. BIRCH, Lord Mayor

SHIP'S GUARD

Look to Ship's B.O. will be cancelled and the attached  
List will be substituted

SMOKING

The extension of all Rules is directed to the importance  
of strictly observing ship's Standing Orders in regard to smoking  
Ship's A.P.M. will in future carry out disciplinary action  
in areas where smoking is forbidden, and disciplinary action  
will be taken against offenders.

EMERGENCY DRILL - CONTACT ORDER

A conference for all contact order will be held in  
lounge at 0915 hrs on 14th.

TALE

All foreign currency must be changed with Ship's Paymaster  
by 21 Jan 42

SMOKING

Attention is directed to the fact that the extension  
of all Rules will not be made unless approved by Ship's Adjt.  
Attention should also be drawn to the fact that the extension  
will be subject to the ship's Orderly Room by 1200 hrs on 14th.

LEAVE

The following extension of leave is authorized  
Leave will not be granted unless approved by Ship's Adjt.  
at the time of application and no extension will be  
granted unless the leave is approved by the ship's Adjt.  
at the time of application.

SMOKING

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SHIP'S GUARDS1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DUTIES

Gps described in Appx 'B' will supply duties as under:-

- (a) Gps I & III (i) Sun Deck posts 31A, 32A, 31-18 Total 20 posts  
 (ii) " and Prom. Decks posts 319-322, 31-16. Total 20 posts
- (b) Gps II & IV (i) Main Deck Posts M1-M15  
 A " " A1-A5  
 B " " B1-B5 Total 25 posts.  
 (ii) B " " B4-B7  
 C " " C1A, C1-C1C  
 D " " D1-18 Total 23 posts

2. STRENGTH OF GUARDS

- (a) Gps I & III - 4 Offrs, 4 Sgts, 12 Cpls, 120 ORs.  
 (b) Gps II & IV - 4 Offrs, 4 Sgts, 12 Cpls, 128 ORs.

3. TOUR OF DUTY

- (a) 4 days from 0930 hrs on day of relief.  
 (b) Three reliefs, 3 hrs on and 4 hrs off.

4. DRESS

As per instructions given to 3d Comds by A.P.M.

5. ACCOMMODATION

As no accommodation is available for guard rooms, 3d Comds will arrange for guards to be supplied, as nearly as possible, from one area.

6. MESSING

Mess cards for one relief will be exchanged between Gps I & III and Gps II & IV. The exchange of tickets will be made at the A.P.M.'s Office at times notified to 3d Comds.

7. DUTIESGeneral

The duties of pickets are:-

- (a) To ensure that blackout regulations are enforced.  
 (b) To ensure that smoking regulations are enforced.  
 (c) To assist in the direction of traffic in the vicinity of posts, ensuring maintenance of right hand traffic and that no loitering is allowed.  
 (d) To know location of fire alarms in their vicinity.  
 (e) To request assistance if necessary from any Offr in the vicinity, and to report irregularities to A.P.M.'s Office.  
 (f) To prevent unauthorised access to out of bounds areas

8. SPECIAL DUTIES

Instructions for special duties relating to each post are detailed to 3d Comds.

9. INSPECTIONS

Inspections of posts will be carried out by 3d Offrs at least 4 times by day and twice by night, once before midnight and once after.

10. REPORTS

- (a) All 3d Offrs will report to A.P.M.'s Office at Austin Reed's Annex in the Main Square, Prom Deck at 0930 hrs daily.  
 (b) On completion of duty a written report will be submitted to the same office by 1200 hrs.  
 (c) Any untoward incidents will be immediately reported to the Duty Offr at the A.P.M.'s Office.

11. RELIEFS

- (a) Relieving Gd Comds will report to A.P.M.'s Office at 0930 hrs together with NCOs on the day before that on which the relief is to take place.

12. GUARD ON CELLS

- (a) In addition to the above mentioned Gds a Gd of 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls and 9 ORs will be supplied by Duty Unit to mount at 0930 hrs daily.
- (b) One Sjt to control the Gd on Cells will be supplied as a permanent duty by 2/28 Bn.

28 Jan 43.

F.A.S.

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSO

O.C. TROOPS HMT VV 1491No. 730 JAN 43**65. DUTIES**

Field Offr of the Day	30.1.43	Major J.N. Duncan	AASC 9 Div
Next for Duty	31.1.43	Major D.O. Muller	RAE 9 Aus Div
Capt of the Day	30.1.43	Capt. A.J. Waters	AASC 9 Div
Next for Duty	31.1.43	Capt. V.M.L. Walker	RAE 9 Aus Div
Ship's Duty Offr	30.1.43	Lieut. R. Brown	AASC 9 Div
Next for Duty	31.1.43	Lieut. G.A. Blackburne	RAE 9 Div
Duty Unit	30.1.43 to 1.2.43	9 Div Cav.	
Next for Duty	1.2.43 to 5.2.43	2/43 Aus Inf Bn	
		(in lieu of RAE 9 Div)	

**66. ELECTRIC FANS**

Electric Fans will NOT be left running in unattended cabins or sleeping berths.

**67. SHIP'S HOSES**

Ship's hoses on Main deck, Stbd side, Fwd, may be used for ablution purposes.

**68. GUARDS;- RELIEF FOR MEALS**

The next for duty Unit will relieve casual guards supplied by Duty Unit during meal times.

**69. BLOCKING OF PASSAGE WAYS**

Eqpt and baggage will not be left in passage ways or gangways.

**70. LIFEBELTS**

Numbers of lifebelts issued exceed the number of personnel on board.

A thorough inspection of lifebelts will be made by all Units and any surplus returned to the store, Port side, Prom Deck.

**71. COMPLAINTS**

Complaints and requests for servicing of any Ship's eqpt will be forwarded through normal channels to Ship's Ord Room, and NOT represented direct to the Ship's Offrs.

**72. WASHING.**

Sundays will be washing and mending day.

Water will be left on until 1900 hrs, but strict supervision will be carried out by units.

Clothes lines are being erected on upper decks for the drying of clothes.

**73. WATER.**

Water is being used very extravagantly and stricter water discipline will be enforced, otherwise a more severe rationing will have to be imposed.

*J. A. Jackson*  
Maj.  
Ship's Adjt.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS DSO

O.C. TROOPS HMT VV 1491

No. 3

31 Jan 43.

74. DUTIES

Field Offr of the Day	31.1.43	Major D.O. MULLER RAE 9 Div
Next for Duty	1.2.43	Major V.R. NORTHWOOD 2/28 Bn
Capt of the Day	31.1.43	Capt V.M.L. WALKER RAE 9 Div
Next for Duty	1.2.43	Capt J.C. NEWBERRY 2/28 Bn
Ship's Duty Offr	31.1.43	Lieut G.A. BLACKBURNE RAE 9 Div
Next for Duty	1.2.43	Lieut G. BARNES 2/28 Bn
Duty Unit	28.1.43 to 1.2.43	9 Div Cav
Next for Duty	1.2.43 to 5.2.43	2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

75. DRESS FOR MEALS

- (a) Officers - From this date Offrs may dine at night in slacks, and shirts with long sleeves, and ties.
- (b) ORs - Will wear shirts, shorts and footwear for all Mess parades.

76. TRAFFIC CONTROL - MEAL PARADES

- (a) Units will fall in for meals 15 mins only before time for sitting.
- (b) Officers in charge of meal parades will ensure that all personnel stand in file close to right wall of alleyways, and do NOT sit during the parade.

77. PRECAUTION AGAINST HEAT STROKE

All persons are advised to eat extra salt with their meals, as a precaution against heat stroke. Those working below deck should take at least one teaspoon-full per day.

*B. Evans*  
Maj.  
Ship's Adj

Distribution

List 'A'

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

No 27

KHASSA

1 Jan 43

126. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 1 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer Gd MT Maintenance Cadre) & Fd Cookery Courses )	Capt E. WARING  2/28 Bn	Capt H. G. DAVIES  2/32 Bn

Distribution  
As per R O No 1.

*B. L. Davies* Capt.  
S.C.24 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W.J.WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No 28

KHASSA

2 Jan 43.

127. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 2 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer Gd MT Maintenance Cadre ) & Pd Cookery Course )	Capt H.G.DAVIES 2/32 Bn	Capt C.R.RICHMOND 2/43 Bn

Distribution  
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*H. G. Davies*  
Capt.  
S.C.24 AUST INF BDE.



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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUSTR INF BDE

No 29

KHASSA

3 Jan 43

128. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 3 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer Gd MT Maintenance Cadre ) & Fd Cookery Course )	Capt C.R. RICHMOND 2/43 Bn	Capt L.H. LYON 2/28 Bn

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*L. H. Lyon* Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No 30

KHASSA

4 Jan 43

129. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 4 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt L.H. LYON	Capt D.F. SACOTT
Camp Runner	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Shower Fatigue		
Cinema Picquet		
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre		
& Fd Cookery Course		

Distribution  
List "A".

*W. J. Wain*  
Capt.  
S.C.24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

FOUND : The following identity disc has been found and may be collected at Bde H.Q.

A.W. CURWOOD VX 56788

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No 31

KHASSA

5 Jan 43

130. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 5 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt D.F. RAGOTT	Capt R.E. LONGBOTTOM
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
Cinema Picquet	2/32 In	2/43 In
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Course		

131. PERSONNEL FOR DETENTION

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 656. Units requiring accommodation for personnel will apply to this HQ before 1400 hrs daily.  
(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 679)

132. CHRISTMAS HAMPERS A.C.F.

- (a) Units will advise this HQ by 9 Jan 43 number of hampers required to make up deficiencies in December distribution.
- (b) Issues will be made from Camp Staff Officer as soon as supplies are available.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R O 681)

Distribution  
List "A".

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

NOTICES

Accident Rd Khan Yunis - Gaza 20 Dec 42.

1. Information is urgently required regarding an accident in which an Arab child was injured on the rd Khan Yunis - Gaza on the afternoon of 20 Dec 42.
2. The veh is alleged to be a large WD lorry driven by an Australian and it is also alleged that an Australian Cpl picked up the child who was then driven to hospital.
3. Any information regarding this accident should be forwarded to this HQ without delay.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

AIM COMB 24 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE.

No 32

KNASSA

6 Jan 43

133. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 6 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt R E LONGBOTTOM	
Camp Runner	)	
Shower Fatigue	)	
Cinema Picquet	)	
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre	)	
& Fd Cookery Courses	)	
	2/43 Bn	2/28 Bn

134. COURT OF INQUIRY

1. A Court of Inquiry consisting of

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	
Capt J.C. NEWSBERRY	2/28 Aust Inf Bn
<u>MEMBERS</u>	
Lieut K.M. STOKES	2/43 Aust Inf Bn
Lieut R.G. WILLIAMS	"

will assemble at 2/32 Aust Inf Bn at such time as is appointed by the President to investigate and report on the following :-

- (a) Loss of sea kit bag on charge to WX18236 Pte PARFITT R. - 2/32 Bn
- (b) Loss of 3 Boots and one sock on charge to WX16680 Pte O'DONNELL T M - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) Loss of 2 boots, 1 sock and Rifle No 7070 on charge to WX18645 Pte NOLAN J E - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- (d) Loss of Rifle No 12663 on charge to WX17406 Pte MacDONALD M.M. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- (e) Loss of Rifle No 62160 on charge to WX14194 Pte McKENZIE C.J.
- (f) Loss of rifle No 80713 on charge to WX4191 Pte MITCHELL D.W.
- (g) Loss of Rifle No 4663 on charge to WX18658 Pte PARKE D.H. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

2. The Court will in particular take evidence and report upon

- (a) The circumstances in which the loss occurred.
- (b) Items lost
- (c) Unit or individual in whose charge they were.
- (d) Value of items lost.
- (e) Whether the loss was due to, or contributed to, by misconduct neglect of duty, or other offence on the part of any and which person.
- (f) Whether, in the opinion of the Court the C.O. is relieved of his personal liability and if so which of the conditions (a), (b) or (c) in AMR & O 693 apply.

3. Attention is drawn to AMR & O 663, 680, 693 and 694. All evidence will be taken on oath and complete proceedings will be forwarded to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde not later than 8 Jan 43.

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List "A".

*W. J. Wain*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

FOUND Conway Stewart "International" Pen. Owner may collect pen from Bde H.Q.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. RAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No 33

KHASSA

7 Jan 43

135. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 7 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt R. J. FREEDMAN	Capt G. E. DIXON
Camp Runner )		
Shower Fatigue )		
Cinema Picquet )	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Gd MT Maintenance Co (ns) )		
& Fd Cookery Course )		

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUSTR INF BDE

No. 34

KHASSA

8 Jan 43

180 DUTIES

Duty:

Mounting at 8 Jan 43

Next for Duty

Field Officer	}
Camp Runner	
Snowar Fatigue	
Cinema Picquet	
CC MP Maintenance Cadre & PA Cookery Course	

Capt G. E. DIXON

Capt A. C. GEORGE

2/33 Bn

2/43 Bn

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

War Diary

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT. COL. W. J. WAIN

AIN COMD 24 ABST INF BDE

No. 35

CLASS 4

9 JAN 45.

137. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting 9 Jan 45</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt A. G. GEORGE 2/45 En	Capt T. I. WELLS 2/28 En
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
Cinema Request		
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Course		

138. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by courts-martial are published for information:

- (a) A private soldier convicted of wilfully injuring another person subject to military law with intent thereby to render that person unfit for service (AA 18(2)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (b) A warrant officer convicted of fourteen charges of fraudulent misapplication of funds belonging to a Sergeants' Mess (AA 13(4)), was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks, to undergo detention for six months, and to be put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of £P25.258 so misapplied.
- (c) A signaller convicted of pawing a military vehicle (AA 40), absenting himself without leave for 20 days (AA 15(1)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (d) A private soldier convicted of absenting himself without leave for 130 days (AA 15(1)), improperly wearing the badge of rank of a sergeant (AA 40), ten offences of forgery (AA 41), and nineteen offences of obtaining money by false pretences (AA 41), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for eighteen months and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £A72/4/0.

To be repeated in unit orders. (Ref AIF Order No. 1410)

139. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at 0830 hrs 10 Jan 45, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine, to investigate and report on the following:-

1. Loss of clothing, equipment and paybooks on charge to :-

WX4455	Sgt	MUIR	)	
WX19014	Pte	HIGGINS E.	)	
WX19526	"	MONKS R.J.	)	
WX15845	"	HUNT J.A.	)	
WX9853	Cpl	CLARK A.C.	)	2/28 Aust
WX13315	Pte	BOSSACK A.C.	)	Inf Bn
WX25088	"	HELLIWELL D.	)	
WX4466	L/Cpl	RULE T.	)	
WX5264	Cpl	COULTES T.C.	)	

2. Loss of rifle belt No. 12349 on charge to SX10169 Pte BRADSHAW C, 2/43 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 C.O. is relieved of his personal liability.
- (d) When a C.O. is relieved of his personal 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.
- (e) All evidence will be taken on oath, and complete proceedings will be forwarded to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde by 1800 hrs 11 Jan 43.

President  
 Capt J.J.G. DAVIDSON 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Members  
 Lieut N.J. HESLOP )  
 Lieut M.J. KIRBY ) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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

Distribution  
As per R. Os No. 34.

NEW YEAR GREETING

The following message has been received from Field Marshal J.C. SMUTS, C-in-C. U.D.F. -

"I wish you and your gallant officers and men a happy and successful new year".



ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt. Col. W. J. WAINAIF COMD 24 AUSTR INF BDE

No. 36

KRASSA

16 JAN 43

140. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting 16 Jan</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	Capt T. I. GULLIBRAND	Lieut J. E. WALSH
Camp Runner		
Showers		
Patrol		
Cinema Picquet	2/28 Bn	2/32 Bn
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Course		

141. REPATRIATION OF WIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE AIF.

With reference to AIF (ME) Order No. 1270 of 19 Sep 42, the policy regarding the repatriation of wives of members of the AIF who married during the period of their active service abroad has now been determined by the Government of Australia as follows:-

- (i) Free passage scheme be suspended, that is, no further action to be taken by the Commonwealth towards arranging passages until after the war;
- (ii) Australian Repatriation Commission to continue to have discretionary powers to consider applications from any eligible persons who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to them, irrespective of the question of escort, the equivalent of the normal third class fare;
- (iii) Provided that if circumstances arise, which in the opinion of the Minister, render it imperative that this policy should be temporarily waived, the Minister may authorise such action as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation.

A circular in terms of the above is being forwarded to all wives who have been recruited in the Middle East.

142. THEFTS BY NATIVES

Thefts by natives in unit lines during the night between 0200 and dawn are becoming increasingly prevalent especially in the Julia Area. Their ability to enter and remove goods undetected should not be under-rated and it is essential that guards and picquets be extremely alert in order to suppress these activities and protect area and equipment.

During the day natives should not be allowed off the roads except those engaged on RE work.

This last applies particularly to children who appear very friendly but have in fact been sent by men to obtain information as to the locality where a good haul may be made in proposed raids.

(Ref 9 Div R.O. No. 682)

143. DISTRIBUTION LISTS

In future distribution lists for Routing Orders and Adm Instns will include O&R AIF HQ.  
This applies to units of level of Inf Bns and above.

(Ref 9 Aust Div.H.O. 683).

144. OFFICERS AND NCOs RELINQUISHMENT OF RANK

All officers and NCOs holding temporary or acting rank who recently returned to units, incl X List, Reinft Depot, Trg Staff and Reinforcements, relinquish temporary or acting rank unless they are taken on strength of their unit with their present rank in accordance with the W.E.

Units will ensure that all such offrs and ORs holding acting or temporary rank revert to their substantive rank immediately they return to unit.

(Ref 9 Aust Div.R.O. 684)

145. COURTS OF INQUIRY.

Units will expedite proceedings of Courts of Inquiry at present assembled, completed proceedings to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 11 Jan 43.

Subsequent proceedings will be dealt with without delay.

(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 685)

146. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at 0830 hrs 11 Jan 43, and thereafter at such times and places as the President may determine, to investigate and report on the loss of clothing and equipment on night 9/10 Jan 43 on charge to the following personnel of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

WX18814	Pte	REDMOND L.J.
WX18691	"	POTTER W.J.
WX18404	"	OSMUNDSEN A.
WX19046	"	BARNETT G.
WX18892	"	WILLIAMS W.D.
WX25050	"	JONES L.P.
WX19598	"	EMERY E.L.
WX14809	"	RUMBOLD J.M.
WX17698	"	STANFORD L.J.

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

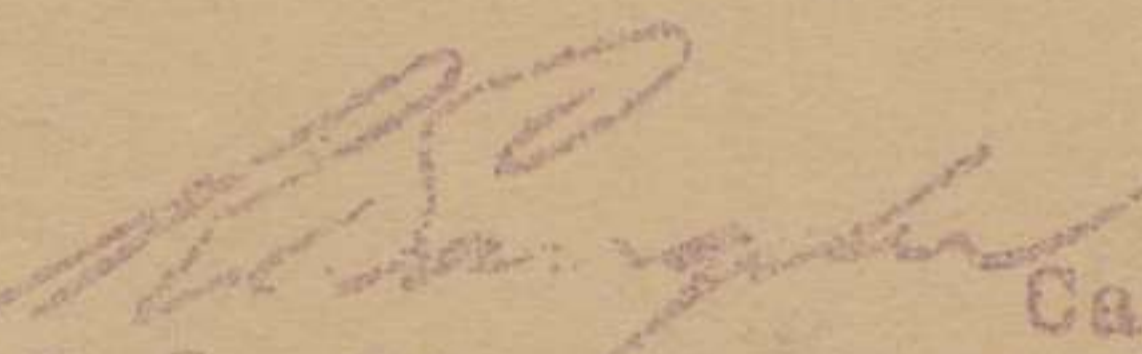
(c) Opinion as to whether C.O. is relieved of his personal liability.

(d) When a C.O. is relieved of his personal liability, opinion as to which of the conditions (a), (b) or (c) in AMR 5 O 693 apply, and if (a), to whose wrongful act, default or neglect is the loss due.

(e) All evidence will be taken on oath, and complete proceedings will be forwarded to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde by 1800 hrs 11 Jan 43.

President  
Capt. D.E. TAYLOR 2/43 Bn

Members  
Lieut L.H. COST 2/43 Bn  
Lieut E.M. CONNOR 2/43 Bn

  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES

LOST

Taken from Cairo leave train at Majdal at 0520 hrs  
5 Jan 43 -

1 suit case, yellow, 30" x 18" x 9", initials W.D.T.  
in light blue letters, property of Sub Conductor TIMMS  
c/- RTO Gaza, containing clothing and personal gear.  
Thought to have been taken by 9 Aust Div personnel.

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ROUTINE ORDER

BY

LT. COL. W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 37

KHASSA

11 JAN 43

147. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting 11 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	) Lieut J. E. WALKER	Capt A. C. GEORGE
Camp Runner	)	
Shower Fatigue	)	
Cinema Picquet	) 2/52 Bn	2/43 Bn
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Course	)	

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- BY

LT. COL. W. J. WALIN

ADM COMP 24 MUST INF BDE

No. 38

10085A

12 JAN 43.

148. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting 12 Jan 43</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Field Officer	) Capt A. G. GEORGE	) Capt G. KELL
Camp Runner	)	)
Shower Fatigue	)	)
Cinema Picquet	) 2/43 Bn	) 2/28 Bn
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Course	)	)

As from and incl Retreat 13 Jan 43, Gd at MT Maintenance Cadre  
and Fd Cookery Course will not be required.

Distribution  
List 21

*W. J. Walin*  
Capt.  
S:G. 24 Must Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

B1

Lt-Col. H. G. WATSON

1st Bn. 2nd Div. 1st Inf. BDE

No 39.

13 JAN 43

13 Jan 43.

140. DUTIES

	<u>Duty</u>	
Field Officer	}	
Camp Runner		
Shower Fatigue		
Cinema Picquet		
Gd MT Maintenance Cadre & Fd Cookery Course		

Mount. C. 1st Jan 43  
 Capt. H. BRILL

2/28 Bn

Next for Duty  
 Capt R. G. CRONK

2/32 Bn

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*H. G. Watson* Capt.  
 S.O. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER B. EVANS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BDE

No 10.

KHASSA

1 Jan 43

13. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting at 0830 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Offr

Lieut A. DONNELLY

Capt D. J. ARBUTHNOT

Duty NCO

Cpl G. K. CORNISH

Sgt H. GARDNER

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*B. L. Fisher*  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde. Capt.

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BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No 11

KHASSA

2 Jan 43

14. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Capt D J ARBUTHNOT	Capt H. G. ROBSON
Duty N.C.O.	Sgt H. GARDNER	L/Cpl L. A. CROWTHER

Distribution  
List "B"

*L. Archer*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.



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BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

No 12

KHASSA

3 Jan 43

15. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Capt H. G. ROBSON	Capt C. G. LANCASTER
Duty N.C.O.	L/Cpl L. A. CROWTHER	Sgt G. S. WARRY

Distribution  
List "B"

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

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADE

C of E and other Protestant denominations at Camp Theatre, 1000 hrs Sunday 3 Jan 43.

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*W.D.*  
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BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

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No 12

KHASSA

4 Jan 43

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16. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting at 0830 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Of fr

Capt C.G. LANGASTER

Lieut J.F. WORNER

Duty N.C.O.

Sgt G.S. WARRY

Cpl J.A. ELLIS

Distribution  
List "B"

*W. J. Wain*  
Capt.  
S.C. 24 AUST INF BDE.

WD

BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W.J. WAIN

ADM COMD HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

No 13

KHASSA

5 Jan 43

17. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Officer	Lieut J.F. WORNER	Lieut G. PARRY
Duty N.C.O.	Cpl J.A. ELLIS	Sgt H. GARDNER

Distribution  
List "B"

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

NOTICES

Accident Rd Khan Yunis - Gaza 20 Dec 42

1. Information is urgently required regarding an accident in which an Arab child was injured on the rd Khan Yunis - Gaza on the afternoon of 20 Dec 42.
2. The veh is alleged to be a large WD lorry driven by an Australian and it is also alleged that an Australian Cpl picked up the child who was then driven to hospital.
3. Any information regarding this accident should be forwarded to this HQ without delay.

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BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WALN

ADM COMD 24 AUST INF BDE

No 14

KHASSA

6 Jan 43.

18. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Offr	Lieut G. PARRY	Lieut A. DONNELLY
Duty N.C.O.	Sgt H. GARDNER	Cpl J. FOWLER

Distribution  
List "B"

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

WD

BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COI W. J. WAIN

ALM COMD HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

NO 15.

KHASSA

7 Jan 43

19. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
Duty Officer	Lieut A DONNELLY	Capt D J ARBUTHNOT
Duty N.C.O.	Cpl J FOWLER	L/Cpl L.A. CROWTHER

Distribution  
List "B".

*J. J. Powell*  
Capt.  
S.C.24 Aust Inf Bde.

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BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

ADM COMD HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 16

KHASSA

8 Jan 43

20. DUTIES

DUTY

Mounting at 0830 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Officer

Capt D. J. ARBUTHNOT

Capt H. G. ROBSON

Duty M. C. O.

L/Cpl L. A. CROWTHER

Sgt WARRY G.

21. TENT PICQUET

Each Tent Comd will detail one man to remain in the tent during the hours of darkness.

Distribution  
List "B"

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

BRIGADE HQ ROUPINE ORDERS

BY

Lt. Col. W. J. WAIN

ACW CCMD Hq 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 17

KHASSA

9 Jan 43

22. DUTIES

<u>DUTY</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
<u>Duty Officer</u>	Capt H.G. ROBSON	Capt C.G. LANCASTER
<u>Duty NCO</u>	Cpl GORNISH G.K.	Cpl BOWLES J.

23. DISCIPLINE

The undersentenced sentences by courts-martial are published for information :-

- (a) A private soldier convicted of wilfully injuring another person subject to military law with intent thereby to render that person unfit for service (AA 18(3)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
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- (c) A signaller convicted of pawning a military vehicle (AA 40), absenting himself without leave for 20 days (AA 15(1)), and absenting himself without leave for 7 days (AA 15(1)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (d) A private soldier convicted of absenting himself without leave for 130 days (AA 15(1)), improperly wearing the badge of rank of a sergeant (AA 40), ten offences of forgery (AA 61), and nineteen offences of obtaining money by false pretences (AA 62), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for eighteen months and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £A72.4.0.

To be repeated in unit orders.

(Ref AIF Order No. 1410).

*Capt. S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.*

Distribution

As per R.O. No. 18

NEW YEAR GREETING

The following message has been received from Field Marshal J.C. SMUTS, C-in-C. U.D.F. :-

"I wish you and your gallant officers and men a happy and successful new year."

BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt. Col. W. J. WAIN

AIM COMD H, 24 AUST INF BDE

No. 18

KNASSA

10 JAN 43

24. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
<u>Duty Officer</u>	Capt C.G. LANCASTER	Lieut J.F. WORNER
<u>Duty NCO</u>	Cpl BOWLES J.	Cpl FOWLER J.

25. REPATRIATION OF WIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE AIF

With reference to AIF(ME) Order No. 1270 of 19 Sep 42, the policy regarding the repatriation of wives of members of the AIF who married during the period of their active service abroad has now been determined by the Government of Australia as follows:-

- (1) Free passage scheme be suspended, that is, no further action to be taken by the Commonwealth towards arranging passages until after the war;
- (ii) Australian Repatriation Commission to continue to have discretionary powers to consider applications from any eligible persons who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to them, irrespective of the question of escort, the equivalent of the normal third class fare;
- (iii) Provided that if circumstances arise, which in the opinion of the Minister, render it imperative that this policy should be temporarily waived, the Minister may authorise such action as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation.

A circular in terms of the above is being forwarded to all wives who have been recorded in the Middle East.

21. SAFEGUARDING ARMS AND AMN.

- (a) Each individual officer and soldier is responsible for the safeguarding of such arms and amn and equipment as may be issued to him, placed in his charge or belonging to him.
- (b) Except when required for duty all arms will be kept in the Bde HQ Armoury.

22. THEFTS BY NATIVES

Thefts by natives in unit lines during the night between 0200 and dawn are becoming increasingly prevalent. Their ability to enter and remove goods undetected should not be under-rated. Guards and picquets will be extremely alert in order to suppress these activities and protect arms and equipment.

During the day natives will not be allowed off the roads except those engaged on RE work.

This last applies particularly to children who appear very friendly but have in fact been sent by men to obtain information as to the locality where a good haul may be made in proposed raids.

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(Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. 682).



NOTICES

LOST

Taken from Cairo leave train at Majdal at 0520 hrs  
5 Jan 43 -

1 suit case, yellow, 30" x 18" x 9", initials W.D.T.  
in light blue letters, property of Sub Conductor TIMMS  
e/- RTC Gaza, containing clothing and personal gear.  
Thought to have been taken by 9 Aust Div personnel.

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No. 18

KHASSA

11 JAN 43

23. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
<u>Duty Officer</u>	Lieut J.F. WORNER	Lieut G.L.W. PARRY
<u>Duty NCO</u>	Cpl FOWLER J.	Sgt MANNING C.M.

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24. DUTIES

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Mounting at 0830 hrs</u>	<u>Next for Duty</u>
<u>Duty Officer</u>	Lieut G. L. W. PARRY	Capt J. H. WILTON
<u>Duty NCO</u>	Sgt MANNING C. M.	Cpl ELLIS J. A.

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25. DUTIES

Duty

Mounting at 0330 hrs

Next for Duty

Duty Officer

Capt. H WILTON

Lieut A DONNELLY

Duty N.C.O.

Cpl ELLIS J.A.

Cpl CORNISH G.

26. PAY

Pay will be available at 1350 hrs 13 Jan 43 and 0900 hrs 14 Jan 43.  
No Pay will be available after 1200 hrs 14 Jan 43.

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27. DUTIES

HQ Duty Offr	Capt N. S. SMITH
Next for Duty	Capt E. W. G. LUNN
Duty N. C. O.	Cpl MCGILL R. K.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl SUCKLING J. E.
Duties Change	0830 hrs daily

28. LIFEBELTS

Personnel will carry lifebelts at all times  
Lifebelts will NOT be used as cushions or pillows.

29. EMERGENCY STATIONS DRILL

Ref Appx A Ships S.Os.

Personnel will parade at attention, wearing lifebelts correctly tied, from 0945 hrs until ordered to Stand Down (in vicinity of 1000 hrs). Personnel are then at comd of this HQ Duty Offr but will NOT move off Promenade and Sun Decks.

30. BLACKOUT

Blackout hours may not be available in time to appear on Ships R.Os and will be chalked on Notice Boards outside

A.P.M's Office	-	PICCADILLY CIRCUS
Ships Ord Room	--	MAIN DECK AFT
Offrs & W.Os Saloon-	C	DECK AFT

Duty NCO will chalk these times on Unit Notice Board.

31. SHIPS INSPECTION

As inspection party enters a new section orderly bugler will sound a "G".

On this signal all resting and duty personnel in the section will stand to attention until inspecting party has passed.

(Ships R.O. 37)

32. CANTEENS

Ref Ships R.O. 5

(a) As from 27 Jan 43 Canteen hours are :-

1100 hrs - 1300 hrs
1400 hrs - 1600 hrs
1900 hrs - 2100 hrs

(b) Beer will be issued on a new basis from 28 Jan 43. A coloured card system will operate entitling each man to draw one bottle in his mess tin once in each three day period.

(Ships R.O. 38)

33. FIELD CENSORSHIP

1. AIF (ME) Order 1153 of 1942, which prohibits accounts in letters of personal experiences in battle unless specifically authorised by Order, is hereby cancelled.

2. Recital of personal experiences is now permitted.
3. This Order in no way relaxes existing censorship regulations, and such accounts will be written with due regard to security.
4. Green envelopes (A.F. W3078) will NOT be used for the purpose.
5. Unit censors will handle such correspondence with special attention to security, criticisms and alarmist statements.  
(Ref AIF (ME) Orders No 1422.)

34. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Attention is drawn to Ships Standing Orders, para 32. WOs and NCOs will ensure that tps are conversant with these regulations.

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- S.C.
- C.S.M.
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NOTICES

Arrival of Mails in Australia

Advice has been received that mails posted in M.E. between 2 Dec 42 and 10 Dec 42 were received in Melbourne by 10 Jan 43.

BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-COL W. J. WAINADM COMD HQ, 24 AUST INF BDE

No 21

28 JAN 43

35. DUTIES

HQ Duty Offr	Capt E.W.G. LUNN	28 Jan 43
Next for duty	Lieut E.T.S. PEARCE	29 Jan 43
Duty N.C.O.	L/Cpl SUCKLING J.E.	28 Jan 43
Next for duty	Cpl CORNISH G.K.	29 Jan 43

36. BERTHING AND MEAL CARDS

All personnel will write their Regtl No, Name and Unit on reverse side of Berthing, Meal, and Beer Cards.  
(Ship's R.O. 46)

37. CANTEENS

(a) As from 28 Jan 43, the Canteen on "A" Deck Fwd will be reserved from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs daily for permanent Messing Duties holding a Yellow Messing Duties Ticket.

This Canteen will remain open nightly from 2100 hrs to 2200 hrs for the convenience of Provost and Guard personnel only.  
(Ship's R.O. 48)

(b) Ref R.O. 32 - Holders of blue cards will draw beer on 30 Jan and thence each third day.

38. BULK CIGARETTE PURCHASES

Due to heavy purchasing, pipe and cigarette tobacco and cigarettes are practically exhausted.

In order to ensure a fair distribution of the remaining stocks (American brands only) purchases will be limited to 3 pkts of cigarettes per man per day.

(Ship's R.O. 49)

39. WASHING

Wet towels and washing will not be hung in Cabins, but will be carried on Deck and dried during Boat drill.

(Ship's R.O. 50)

40. RAFTS & WINCHES

Sitting on Rafts and Winches is prohibited at all times. All Offrs will ensure that this order is enforced.

(Ship's R.O. 52)

41. PRESSING ROOM

A Ship's pressing room A Deck Starboard will operate with A.I.F. personnel for Offrs and WOs.

It will operate on a roster, this HQ 28 Jan and thence alternate days - 1200 hrs - 1445 hrs.

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ADM COMD HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

No 22

29 JAN 43

42. DUTIES

HQ Duty Offr	Lieut E.T.S. PEARCE )	Tour of Duty:-
Duty N.C.O.	Cpl CORNISH G.K. )	29 Jan - 4 Feb.

43. SMOKING

The attention of ALL RANKS is directed to the importance of rigidly observing Ship's Standing Orders in regard to smoking. Ship's A.P.M. will in future carry out periodical raids in areas where smoking is forbidden, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

44. PAY

All Foreign currency must be changed with Ship's Paymaster by 31 Jan 43.

45. BERTHING

Alterations in the berthing as allotted by the Embarkation Staff will not be made unless approved by this HQ.

Alterations which have been made without this authority will be advised to this HQ by 1200 hrs 29 Jan 43.

46. LEAVE

Leave will NOT be granted to Military personnel on arrival of the Convoy at any Port of call, and no personnel may go ashore excepting those being disembarked, or actually concerned with the disembarkation.

47. BOUNDS

The Women's Emergency Boat Station, Sports Deck, is out of Bounds to all Ranks between 1000 hrs and 1100 hrs daily.

48. SPORTS

Sports will not be played on Sports Deck before 0630 hrs daily, and Medicine Balls will not be used with Deck Tennis Nets.

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

NOTICES

The following cable has been received from the Lord Mayor, Perth, and will be promulgated to all personnel:-

"GENERAL MORSHEAD, G.O.C., A.I.F. (ME). Would you kindly accept personally and convey to West Australian Units under your command the following Xmas message:- COUNCILLORS AND CITIZENS OF PERTH JOIN WITH LADY MAYORESS AND MYSELF IN EXTENDING TO YOU SEASON'S GREETINGS. WE ARE DEEPLY SENSIBLE OF THE MAGNIFICENT WORK YOU ARE DOING AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE VICTORY OF WHICH WE ARE ALLSO CERTAIN MAY BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE". (sgd) MEAGHER, Lord Mayor



BRIGADE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

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ADM COMD HQ 24 AUST INF BDE

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30 JAN 43.

49. ELECTRIC FANS  
Electric Fans will NOT be left running in unattended cabins or sleeping berths.  
(Ships R.O. No 66)
50. SHIP'S HOSES  
Ship's hoses on Main deck, Stbd side, Fwd, may be used for ablution purposes.  
(Ship's R.O. No 67)
51. BLOCKING OF PASSAGE WAYS  
Eqpt and baggage will not be left in passage ways or gangways.  
(Ship's R.O. No 69)
52. COMPLAINTS  
Complaints and requests for servicing of any Ship's eqpt will be forwarded through this HQ and not represented direct to the Ship's Offrs.  
(Ship's R.O. No 71)
53. WASHING  
Sundays: will be washing and mending day.  
Water will be left on until 1900 hrs, but strict supervision will be carried out by Offrs, W.Os and NCOs.  
Clothes lines are being erected on upper decks for the drying of clothes.  
(Ship's R.O. No 72.)
54. WATER  
Water is being used very extravagantly and offrs, W.Os and NCOs will enforce stricter water discipline, otherwise a more severe rationing will have to be imposed.  
(Ship's R.O. No 73.)

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5. DRESS FOR MEALS

(a) Officers - From this date Offrs may dine at night in slacks, and shirts with long sleeves, and ties.

(b) ORs - Will wear shirts, shorts and footwear for all Mes parades.  
(Ship's R.O. 75)

56. TRAFFIC CONTROL - MEAL PARADES

(a) Units will fall in for meals 15 mins only before time for sitting.

(b) Personnel will stand in file close to right wall of alleyway and will NOT sit during the parade.  
(Ship's R.O. 76)

57. PRECAUTION AGAINST HEAT STROKE

All persons are advised to eat extra salt with their meals, as a precaution against heat stroke.

Those working below deck should take at least one teaspoonfull per day.

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

SHIP'S ADM INSTRUCTION NO. 1

CONTROL OF GAMBLING

1. Despite Ship's S.O. No. 27 forbidding all forms of Gambling, it is most noticeable that this order is being ignored on some decks, including a number of Public Places.
2. The enforcement of this Order on Tp decks is a matter for Unit discipline and in other places is the responsibility of the Op Comd. Ship's Police are available to assist in the matter if required, but their strength is entirely inadequate to deal with the situation completely. It has now become necessary to operate a series of Offr Patrols which will continue until the Order has been enforced.
3. Units will provide the following detail of Offrs who will be called upon by the A.P.M. as necessary. It is essential that 50% of these Offrs are at least of the seniority of a Senior Capt:-

9 Aust Div Cav Regt	-	3 Offrs incl one Capt or Major
RAE 9 Aust Div	-	4 " " " " "
1 Aust Boring Soc	-	1 Offr.
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	-	3 Offrs incl one Capt or Major
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	-	3 " " " " "
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	-	3 " " " " "
2/2 Aust MG Bn	-	3 " " " " "
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	-	3 " " " " "
AASC 9 Aust Div	-	4 " " " " "
6 A.G.H.	-	1 Offr
2/8 Fd Ambulance	-	1 "

4. (a) Offrs called up will report to A.P.M.'s Office at 0900 hrs daily to receive orders for the day.
- (b) Gambling schools found will be broken up and any boards, cloths, dice etc. confiscated and handed in to A.P.M.'s Office together with the name and particulars of personnel to be charged.
- (c) Patrols may be given other tasks by A.P.M. during their anti-gambling tour with regard to the enforcement of Ship's S.Os.

30 Jan 43.

*Dr Jackson*  
Maj.  
Ship's Adjt.

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SHIP'S ADM INSTRUCTION NO. 2

GENERAL

1. The following points in connection with CANTEENS are submitted for attention by Units.

CONTAINERS

2. All personnel must produce mugs, dixies or containers sufficiently large to hold one bottle of beer.
3. Containers must also be produced for soft drinks.

CHANGE

4. Personnel must pay, as near as possible, the correct amount of money for their purchases if efficient service is to be maintained.

BULK PURCHASES

5. Bulk cigarette purchases will only be made as stated in Ship's Routine Order No. 49 dated 28 Jan 43.
6. Bulk purchases of other dry goods will be made daily between 1100 hrs and 1130 hrs through Capt R. S. TIBBETTS, Cabin Main 37.
7. Bulk purchases will only be made as stated above and not direct from Canteens.

31 Jan 43.

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*W. R. Gordon*  
Maj.,  
for Ship's Adjt.