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18 Infantry Brigade
December 1940 - February 1941

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

S E C R E T

Army Form C.2113
(adapted.)

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Unit H.Q. 18 Aus.Mxd. Bde.

Date and Time.—From 1 To 31 Dec.40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA (H.M.T. L13)	12		Arrived Durban at about 1130 hrs. Lt. Col. A.J. Hobbs met the ship and informed the Brigade Commander that no South African money could yet be arranged for the troops. The troops were so prevented from going ashore on leave until 1730 hrs, the South African money having arrived at about 1700 hrs. We had previously called at Freetown to refuel.No leave was granted.	
	13		A.M. Ceremonial march through Durban of 9 & 10 Bns. A part of a very large body of troops from the whole convoy. P.M. Leave for all troops, less duties, from 1400 - 2359 hrs.	
	14		A.M. Bde. H.Q. placed under command of 9 Bn. for a march along the esplanade. P.M. leave as before.	
	15		A.M. Church Parades. P.M. No leave	
	16		0800 hrs. Convoy sailed from Durban.	
	25		A.M. Funds were collected from all officers of this Bde. and from regimental funds etc. Extra alcohol was purchased for the troops. Various Church parades were held, otherwise all ranks were free. P.M. Apparently a successful Christmas was held by all.	
	28		Anchored off Suez. Maj. Gavan Duffy, O.C. Foster Party reported on board with 2 liason officers.	
	29		Maj. Gavan Duffy disembarked at Ismalia in order to proceed by train to Alexandria to ensure proper preparations for our arrival.	
	31		Arrived Alexandria about 0900 hrs. Disembarked 1600 hrs and entrained 1730 hrs. for IKINGI MARYUT, arriving 2010 hrs. We found arrangements had been satisfactorily made by the	

Annex "A"

LECTURES FOR OFFICERS - H.M.T. 113.

Date	Subject	Detail	Lecturer	Remarks.
25 Nov.	Map Reading	Types of Military Maps. Map Setting - Scales Conventional Signs - Definitions	Capt. Good	Conventional signs to include signs used for representing military formations etc.
26 Nov.	" "	Systems of reference. Contours. Visibility - Gradients	Capt. Cooper.	
27 Nov.	" "	Construction of scales. Enlargements.	Maj. Daly.	Practice in constructive scales - Each student to prepare an enlargement.
28 Nov.	" "	Problems in visibility and gradients.	Capt. Cooper.	
29 Nov.	" "	Description of Area from map.	Maj. Wearne.	To include written description of defined area.
30 Nov.	" "	Road reports from map.	Maj. Wearne.	Students to report on selected piece of road from point of view of movement.
2 Dec.	Medical	Tropical diseases and simple rules for their prevention.	Capt. Brummitt.	
3/4 Dec.	Map Reading.	Prismatic Compass North Points. Night marching	Maj. Arnold.	Problems to be solved by students. (2 periods allotted).
5 Dec.	Tactics	Practice in message writing based on simple tactical situations	Maj. Daly.	Situations to be taken from Map.
6 Dec.	General	Customs of inhabitants of N. Africa etc. Current Military Geography of Western Desert.	Brigadier Morshead.	
7 Dec.	Map Reading	Simple Navigation Ship's Plotting position from Sun and Stars.	2nd. Officer.	
9 Dec.	" "	Illustration of reports by rough sketches.	Capt. Good.	
10 Dec.	General	The functions of L.A.D. Supply in the Field.	Capt. Reid. Capt. Fleming.	

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LECTURES FOR OFFICERS.

A series of lectures will be held throughout the voyage. The principle object of these lectures will be to improve the standard of map reading in the Brigade and in addition, lectures will be given on subjects, a knowledge of which is essential to all ranks engaged on active service in the Middle East.

2. Until further notice, lectures will commence at 1700 hrs daily, excepting Sundays, and will be held in the dining saloon. The duration of each lecture will be approximately 50 minutes.

3. All officers will bring with them to each lecture, a notebook and pencil and sheets 111 and 112, British Ordnance Maps - 1" to 1 mile.

4. Attached is the list of lectures covering a period of 16 days. Lecturers will be prepared to deliver their lectures, if necessary, 24 hours before the time stated.


Maj.
B.M. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

22 Nov. 40.

DISTRIBUTION.

H.Q. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.	6
9 Aus. Bn.	14
10 Aus. Bn.	14
"K" Sec. Sigs.	1
47 L.A.D.	1

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LECTURES FOR OFFICERS - H.M.F. 113.

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Date	Subject	Lecturer	Remarks
19 Dec.	War Gases and anti-gas measures	Lieut. Fisher	
20 Dec.	Decontamination	Lieut Fisher	
22 Dec.	Administration in the field	Capt. Hayward	
	Duties of Tpt. Officers	Capt. Parry-Oxendon	
23 Dec.	The characteristics of Bn. weapons and their tactical handling incl. Bren, Mortars, Boys A/Tk. rifle.		Lectures of half hour duration to be prepared by every Officer in Bde - Any Officer may be called upon to deliver either lecture.
24 Dec.	The Offensive battle	Brigadier Morshead.	
26 Dec.	First aid in the field	Capt. Yeates.	
27 Dec.	The defensive battle	Lt-Col. Martin	
28 Dec.	First aid in the field	Capt. Yeates.	
29 Dec.	Question and Answer		Any officer may be asked any question on previous lectures or on subjects from pamphlet "The Officer and his job."

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AMENDMENT.

LECTURES FOR OFFICERS - H.M.T. 113.

For 23 Dec. 40 now read:-

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
(a) The characteristics of Bn. weapons and their tactical handling incl. Bren, Mortars, Boys A/Tk. rifle.	Lectures of half hour duration to be prepared by every Officer in Bde - Any Officer may be called upon to deliver either lecture.
(b) Movement by Road.	

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18 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 8

1. It is inevitable that after a long period spent on ship-board that units will experience a falling off in the standard of smartness and discipline. Therefore, the primary object of training for the next fourteen (14) days will be the smartening and hardening of the Bde. In view of our proximity to the battle front, and the possibility of action at very short notice, the standard of discipline and smartness must reach a higher level than previously attained - All training until further notice must aim at accomplishing this.
2. The following phases of training will be given a thorough recapitulation :
 - (a) Squad drill with and without arms.
 - (b) Rifle exercises.
 - (c) Guards and Sentries.
 - (d) Platoon and Company drill.
 - (e) Marching.
3. TURNOUT - All the above smartening exercises should be combined with a continual and meticulous inspection of clothing, arms and equipment.
4. HARDENING EXERCISES - Route marches should not be attempted until satisfactory progress has been made in paras 2 & 3. Close order drill carried out vigorously and energetically will provide the initial hardening required before even medium route marches can be safely undertaken.
5. TRAINING OF OFFICERS - C.Os. should arrange special smartening parades for officers, particularly stressing marching and saluting. Only through example will the best results be obtained by officers from the men under their command.

 Major.
B.M. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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31 Dec. 40.

18 Bde

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit L.A.D. 47

Date and Time.—From 1 To 31 Dec. 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA	4		M.T. Drivers 1st Class Course of Instructions was commenced in accordance with training syllabus -Appx. "A"	
H.M.T. L13.	22		Armourers' School: Training generally in the Lewis and Boys Gun has been completed, and instruction is proceeding in the armouring of the Bren Gun. The M.T. Fitters and the 1st Class drivers' lectures have been proceeding in accordance with Appendix "B" (Nov. War Diary) and Appx. "A" (current).	
	31		Arrived at Port of Alexandria. Armourers' Instructions in the Rifle, Rifle Boys, Bren and Lewis Guns completed.	
			<i>Atkenny</i> Capt. O.M.E. L.A.D. 47.	

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M.T. DRIVERS 1st. CLASS COURSE OF INSTRUCTION - PART 1 - H.M.T. L 13.

<u>Date</u>	<u>1400 - 1600 hrs</u>	<u>Instructor.</u>
4.12.40	Dutes of M.T. Driver -----	S/Sgt. McMillan.
9.12.40	Maitenance of Vehicles (wheeled) -----	" "
11.12.40	Car of steering -----	" "
16.12.40	Insection of brakes -----	" "
18.12.40	Car and maintenance of motor -----	" "
23.12.40	Locing troubles and repairing same -----	" "

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

A.O. Blues Coy Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending *7 Dec 40.*

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>	*	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...				
Majors... ..		<i>1</i>		
Captains		<i>4</i>		
Lieutenants		<i>3</i>		
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
<i>Chaplain</i> District Officers		<i>3</i>		
TOTALS		<i>12</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

47 Lab (Unit). 7 Dec 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	9		
TOTALS	12	*	*

* 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.

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 OTHER RANKS.

13th Hussar Regt
 (Unit).

7 Dec 40
 19... (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	<i>1</i>		
Serjeants	<i>4</i>		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	<i>4</i>		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>47</i>		
TOTALS	<i>57</i>	*	*

* 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.
<i>Sgt. Labrie</i>	<i>4016</i>		
<i>Cpl. Norman</i>	<i>Postal Unit</i>		
<i>Mr. Belland</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>Cpl. Bulmer</i>	<i>Int. Corps</i>		
<i>Lt. Col. Goddard</i>	<i>"</i>		

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.

No. 18th Div Coy Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending *7 Dec 40.*

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>Supervisor</i> *	<i>1</i>		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors...	<i>1</i>		
	Captains ...	<i>4</i>		
	Lieutenants ...	<i>3</i>		
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	<i>Mapland</i> District Officers ...	<i>3</i>		
	TOTALS ...	<i>12</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brigadier		Woodward, G. J.		Yes		
2		Major		Daly		Yes		
3		Capt		Robinson, G.		Yes		
4		Capt		Wood		Yes		
5		Capt		Wright, J. H.		Yes		
6		Capt		Wright, G. W.		Yes		
7		Unit		Wright, G. W.		Yes		
8		Lieut		Wright, G. W.		Yes		
9		Lieut		Kirk, G.		Yes		
10		Major		Rich, G.		No		9 Bn
11		Major		Simon, R. A.		No		10 Bn
12		Major		Robinson, G.		No		12 Bn
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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.
Major		Lawless, H.			Major
<p>20. 18th Inf Bde (Unit.)</p> <p>7 Dec 40 (Date of Despatch.)</p> <p>T. L. Hayward (Signature of Commander.)</p> <p>20. 18th Inf Bde. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)</p>					

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

18th Hussar Regt (Unit). *1 Dec 40* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	<i>1</i>		
Serjeants	<i>4</i>		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	<i>4</i>		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>47</i>		
TOTALS	<i>57</i>	*	*

* 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.
<i>Sgt. Patricia</i>	<i>GAAC</i>		
<i>Cpl. Norman</i>	<i>Postal Unit</i>		
<i>Pte. Dollan</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>Cpl. Bulmer</i>	<i>Int. Corps</i>		
<i>Sgt. Goodacre</i>	<i>"</i>		

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).

40. 18th Inf Bde

Unit.

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

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

40. 18th Inf Bde
Unit.

F. Howard Capt.
Signature of Commander.
40. 18th Inf Bde

Date of Despatch *7 Dec 40*

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

40th Buss. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

14 Dec 40.

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>Brigadier</i>		<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels		<i>1</i>		
Majors...		<i>4</i>		
Captains		<i>3</i>		
Lieutenants				
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
<i>District Officers</i>		<i>2</i>		
TOTALS ...		<i>12</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>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</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).
<i>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>			

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		lieut		Wardlaw, L.J.		Yes		
2		capt		Hayward, SA		Yes		
3		capt		Stanning, SA		Yes		
4		capt		Scott, SA		Yes		
5		capt		Scott, SA		Yes		
6		capt		Scott, SA		Yes		
7		capt		Marshall, SA		Yes		
8		capt		Lundell, SA		Yes		
9		capt		Rank, SA		Yes		
10		chap		Steel, SA		Yes		
11		chap		Helmert, SA		no		9 Bn.
12		chap		Stenhouse, SA		no		12 Bn.
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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.
Ypca. Off.		Hawkins SA.		12 Nov 40	Off.

40. 18th Div. Inf. Bde
(Unit.)
14 Dec 40
(Date of Despatch.)

J. B. Hayward.
(Signature of Commander)
40. 18th Div. Inf. Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

40 Blus. Inf. Bde. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

40 Blus. Inf. Bde.
Unit.
Date of Despatch *14 Dec 40.*

James Hayward
Signature of Commander.
40 Blus. Inf. Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

47 LRD.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

7 Dec 40

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 ...			
	Majors...			
	Captains ...			
	Lieutenants ...			
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ...			

* 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	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.
	<i>Capt.</i>		<i>Head. A.S.</i>				
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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.

47 R.A.A.
7 Dec 40
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
[Text]
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

40. Blues Inf. Bde. (Unit.) For Week Ending *14 Dec 40.*

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> *	<i>1</i>		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	<i>1</i>		
	Captains	<i>4</i>		
	Lieutenants	<i>3</i>		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	<i>Chaplains</i> District Officers	<i>2</i>		
	TOTALS	<i>12</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.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>/</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).
<i>/</i>			

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		lieut		Worthington, L.F.		Yes		
2		capt.		Hayward, J.		Yes		
3		capt.		Hayward, J.A.		Yes		
4		capt.		Stanning, P.W.		Yes		
5		capt.		Seed, J.A.		Yes		
6		capt.		Watts, P. (W.A.A.F.)		Yes		
7		capt.		Marchant, G.		Yes		
8		capt.		Lundell, R.G.		Yes		
9		capt.		Burke, G.F.		Yes		
10		capt.		Steele, G.F.		No		9 Bn.
11		capt.		Wilmers, G.A.		No		10 Bn.
12		capt.		Schwenhauer, J.C.		No		12 Bn.
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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.
Major		Hawkins, H.H.		12 Nov 40	Staff Officer

40. 15th Div. Inf. Bde
(Unit.)
14 Dec 40
(Date of Despatch.)

J.W. Hayward
(Signature of Commander.)
46. 15th Div. Inf. Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

47 LAD (Unit.) For Week Ending 14 Dec 40.

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 ...			
	Majors... ..			
	Captains			
	Lieutenants			
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS			

* 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		Lt. Col.		Rad. A. J.		Yes		
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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.

47 Lt. Col.
14 Dec 40.
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

T. D. Hayward
(Signature of Commander.)
Lt. Col. Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

47 dals (Unit) 14 Dec 1940 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter 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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	9		
TOTALS	12	*	*

* 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.

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).

47 LAB

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

47 LAB
Unit.

T. D. Hayward
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14 Dec 10

H. B. ...
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No 18 Aus Inf Bde (Unit) 21 Dec 40

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Sergeants</i> *			
	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	3		
TOTALS ...	12		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Commander		Morsham, L.F.		Yes	
Major		Salt, L.F.		Yes	
Capt.		Hobbs, J.H.		Yes	
Capt.		Waring, Thudon, W.H.		Yes	
Capt.		Sturges, G.W.		Yes	
Lieut.		Marshall, A.		Yes	
Lieut.		Lyndell, R.G.		Yes	
Lieut.		Kirk, G.		Yes	
2 Chaplains		Stile, G.B.		No	9 Coy
Chaplain		Helmors, R.H.		No	10 Coy
Chaplain		Haberhausen, W.P.		No	12 Coy

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Y.M.C.A. Off.		Hawkins, H.L.		1940	Military Off.

No. 18 Huss Inf Bde
(Unit.)
21 Dec 40
(Date of Despatch.)

T. J. Hayward
(Signature of Commander.)
18 Huss Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

No. 18th Inf Bde (Unit) *21 Dec* 19*40* (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4		
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	549		
TOTALS	59	.	.

* 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.
<i>Sgt Hutchins CW</i>	<i>A&B</i>		
<i>Sgt. Hughes Wier G.</i>	<i>Inf Corps</i>		
<i>Sgt. Goodwin W.G.</i>	<i>Inf Corps</i>		
<i>Cpl. Dorman B.</i>	<i>Hospital</i>		
<i>W. Holland A.F.</i>	<i>Hospital</i>		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
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40 18th Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

40 18th Inf Bde
Unit.

J. Hayward
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 Dec 40

40 18th Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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No 18 Aus Inf Bde (Unit) 21 Dec 40

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Sugamer</i> *			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
<i>Quartermasters</i> ...	3		
TOTALS ...	12		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>(Empty table with diagonal line)</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)
<i>(Empty table with diagonal line)</i>			

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Commander		Morshead, L.F.		Yes	
Major		Lalor, J.F.		Yes	
Capt.		Stewart, S.A.		Yes	
Capt.		Spalding, H.		Yes	
Capt.		Payne, H. H.		Yes	
Capt.		Stirling, G. W.		Yes	
Lieut.		Marshall, A.		Yes	
Lieut.		Lyndell, R.G.		Yes	
Lieut.		Kirk, H.		Yes	
Chaplain		Stiles, O.B.		No	9 Bn
Chaplain		Helmors, R.A.		No	1st Bn
Chaplain		Haberhausen, W.P.		No	12 Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Y.M.C.A. Off.		Hawkins, H.		1900	Military Off.

40. Bliss Inf Bde
(Unit.)

21 Dec 40
(Date of Despatch.)

T. J. Hayward Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

No 18th Inf Coy (Unit) 21 Dec 40 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter 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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4		
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	249		
TOTALS	259	*	*

* 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.
Lt Col Hutchins	Adlt		
Lt Col Hughes	Inf Corps		
Lt Col Goodwin	Inf Corps		
Cpl Norman	Postal		
Mr Holland	Postal		

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

47 LHA (Unit) 21 Dec 40

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

47 H.A. (Unit) 21 Dec 40 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter 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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	9		
TOTALS	12	*	*

* 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.

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).

47 LAD

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

47 LAD
Unit.

Tom Hayward
Signature of Commander. *Capt.*

Date of Despatch *21 Dec 16*

47 LAD
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

No. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde. (Unit.) For Week Ending *28. Aug 40*

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>Surgeons</i>			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	<i>1</i>		
	Captains	<i>4</i>		
	Lieutenants	<i>3</i>		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	<i>Company</i> District Officers	<i>2</i>		
	TOTALS	<i>12</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	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		Capt		Worsley, L. J.		Yes		
2		Capt		Sally, S. J.		Yes		
3		Capt		Barwood, L. W.		Yes		
4		Capt		Spencer, G. W.		Yes		
5		Capt		Scott, R. H.		Yes		
6		Capt		Worsley, M. W.		Yes		
7		Sub Lt		Worsley, G. J.		Yes		
8		Sub Lt		Worsley, G. J.		Yes		
9		Sub Lt		Worsley, G. J.		Yes		
10		Sub Lt		Worsley, G. J.		No		9 Coy
11		Sub Lt		Worsley, G. J.		No		10 Coy
12		Sub Lt		Worsley, G. J.		No		12 Coy
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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.
Capt		Worsley, R. H.		11 Nov 40	Welfare Officer

40-18th Inf Bde
(Unit.)
28 Dec 40
(Date of Despatch.)

Sub Lt Worsley
(Signature of Commander.)
40-18th Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

No. 1000 Sup. Co 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

No. 1000 Sup. Co
Unit.

John H. ...
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *25 Dec 40*
D.3459.

No. 1000 Sup. Co
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

47 LAA. (Unit.) For Week Ending 28 Dec 40

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 ...			
	Majors... ..			
	Captains			
	Lieutenants			
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS			

* 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		Capt		J. H. H. H.		Yes		
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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.

47 1st LIA (Unit.)
25 1st LIA (Date of Despatch.)

J. H. H. H. Capt. (Signature of Commander.)
1st LIA (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

Army Form W. 3009
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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

47 L.A.S. (Unit) 28 Dec 19 40 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter 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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	9		
TOTALS	12	.	.

* 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.

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).

47 L.A.S.

Unit.

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(page 2)

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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

47 L.A.S.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

28 Dec 40

Subsequent

Signature of Commander.

H. Blum Lt. Col.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

1st. 18th. Inf. Bde. (Unit.) For Week Ending *28 Dec 40*

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> *	<i>1</i>		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
	Captains ...	<i>4</i>		
	Lieutenants ...	<i>3</i>		
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...	<i>3</i>		
	<i>Company</i>			
	TOTALS ...	<i>12</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	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		Sen g		hordhaag L. J.		Yes		
2		Capt		Jolly 2. J.		Yes		
3		Capt		Wardman J. D.		Yes		
4		Capt		Stanning G. H.		Yes		
5		Capt		Good J. H.		Yes		
6		Capt		James Shiden W. J.		Yes		
7		Leut		Wellschall G.		Yes		
8		Leut		Cundell G.		Yes		
9		Leut		Wark G.		Yes		
10		Leut		Weller G. S.		No		9 Co
11		Chap		Helmreich G. A.		No		10 Co
12		Chap		Holmhouse W. J.		No		12 Co
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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.
Major		Henderson G. H.		11 March 1940	Officer

40-18th Inf Bde
25 Dec 40
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

J. H. Hayward
M. Bliss Inf Bde
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

No. 1500 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

No. 1500 Inf Bde
Unit.

J. B. Hayward
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *25 Dec 40*
D.3439.

No. 1500 Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

H.Q. 18 AUS. INF. BDE.

(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	1 to 31 Jan. 41.	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	1 Jan.		The Bde. Gp. spent the day settling down in its new camp area at IKINGI MARYUT, and in general reorganisation. The Bde. Comd., accompanied by the Bde. Major reported to No. 1 L.O.C. Area. It is learned unofficially that the Bde. Comd. has been awarded the C.B.E.		
	2		The Bde. Comd. received a visit from Lt. Gen. Sir. H. Maitland Wilson, K.C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. in C. British Troops in Egypt. General Wilson discussed with the Brigadier the plans for an attack by 18 Bde. on the Italian Garrison at JARABUB.		
	3		The Hon. P. Spender, Australian Minister for the Army, accompanied by the C.G.S. Lt. Gen. V. A. H. Sturdee and the G.O.C. A.I.F. Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, arrived at 1300 hrs. and lunched at Bde. H.Q. During the afternoon the party visited certain units in the Bde. Gp. (9 & 10 Bns. 3 Fd. Regt., 1 A. Tk. Regt., 1 M.G. Bn., 18 Bde. A.S.C., 3 & 13 Fd. Coys.)		
	5		Training Instruction No. 9 issued.		Appx. "A"
	6		The Bde. Comd. departed by car for MA'ATEN BAAGUSH, from whence he intends to make an aerial recce. of the Jarabub area.		
	7		The Bde. Major and the Bde. Supply Officer, accompanied by the C.Os. of the 9 & 10 Bns. and 3 Fd. Regt. departed by car for SIWA to meet the Bde. Comd. and carry out a ground recce. Intelligence Summary No. 12 issued.		"B"
	8		The Bde. Comd. and Recce. Party met at SIWA and made plans for the recce. with CD 6 Aus. Cav. (Lt. Col. Ferguson).		
	9		At 0630 hrs. approximately 2000 reinforcements for various units of 6 Aus. Div. arrived at Ikingi Maryut, and were billeted by units of 18 Bde. Gp. Bde. Recce. party left Siwa and spent the afternoon reconnoitring the northern approaches to Jarabub, covered by two squadrons of 6 Aus. Cav.		

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WAR DIARY


Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

H.Q.18 AUS.INF.BDE.

(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	10		Early morning recce. carried out by Bde. Recce. party of the Eastern approaches to Jarabub. The Garrison proved very wide awake, and accurate artillery and small arms fire necessitated the Recce. party withdrawing, covered by a squadron of 6 Aus. Cav. There were no casualties.	
	11		Early morning recce. carried out of Western approaches to Jarabub. All quiet and no interference from the enemy. On completion of the recce. the Bde. Recce. party left for Ikingi Maryut travelling via GARN EL GREIN - MERSA MATRUH . 6 Div. Reinforcements moved forward from Ikingi Maryut. Leave to 20% of personnel was granted from 1400 to 2359 hrs. on 11/12. This was the first leave since Durban. Special leave trains were arranged to and from ALEXANDRIA.	
	12		Bde. had its first experience of a severe dust storm, which lasted for two days, and at times bringing visibility to less than 20 yds. The A.A.S.C., in spite of the severity of the storm carried out its functions without a hitch. Other training virtually ceased.	
	13		The Bde. Comd. proceeded to CAIRO to report to G.O.C. in C. the results of his recce.	
	16		3 Fd. Regt, less 6 Bty., proceeded to TOBRUK, coming under Comd. 6 Aus. Div.	
	17		Bde. Comd. with the Bde. Major left for Tobruk to view the preparations for the attack, and to observe the methods employed during the operation.	
	20		Major N.G. Dodds, D.A.A.G. 9 Aus. Div. visited Ikingi Maryut, and held a conference of Adjutants and Quatermasters of the Bde. Gp. Training Instruction No. 13 issued.	Appx. "C" 

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

H.Q. 18 AUS.INF.BDE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			1 to 31 Jan.41.	
IKINGI MARYUT	21		The attack on Tobruk commenced at 0540 hrs. The Bde.Comd.spent the initial stages at H.Q. 6 Div., and later with H.Q. 19 Bde. The Bde.Major acted as Liason Officer with 16 Bde.	
			The Staff Capt.accompanied by the Bde. I.O. proceeded to H.Q. ,B.T.E. Cairo, and received orders to prepare for an early move by sea route to Tobruk. The Bde. at present is almost completely without transport,the technical vehicles sent from England not having arrived, and the load carriers to be issued in this country not having yet materialised.It was stated, however,that lack of transport would not interfere with any role the Bde.might be called upon to carry out in the Tobruk area.	
	23		The Bde. Comd.and the Bde.Major returned from Tobruk. 18 Bde. took over guard duties at Ikingi Maryut,Bahig and Burg el Arab from the Polish Bde. at noon today.	
	24		Advance information regarding proposed movement to Tobruk issued. Message received from B.T.E. placing the Bde.at 6 hrs.notice to move. The Bde.Comd.was instructed to report immediately to Tobruk,receiving instructions from XlII Corps at FORT CAPUZZO .	Appx "D"
	25		The Bde.Comd.accompanied by the Bde. I.O. left by road for Tobruk.	
	26		Message received from B.T.E. containing order for road party to proceed to Tobruk on the following day. Administration Instruction No.14 issued.	Appx."E" "
	27		Road Party moved out at 0630 hrs. (vide Appx."F") Telephone message received about midday for 1000 all ranks to be prepared to move by 1500 hrs. Message cancelled at 1400 hrs.	
	28		Advice received that Brigadier L.J.Morshead,C.M.G.,C.B.E.,D.S.O.,E.D.to take over command 9 Div., and Brigadier G.F.Wootten,D.S.O. to assume command 18 Bde.	Appx."F" "
	29		Brigadier Wootten arrived Alexandria from Gaza, and was met by the Brigade Major and Staff Capt. Bde. H.Q. moved to new premises,the old ones being taken over by Advance party 1 Aus.Corps	


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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	31		<p>72 load carrying vehicles arrived for 18 Bde. This relieved the acute shortage of transport in the Bde. and was the first definite step of placing the Bde. on a war footing since our arrival in this country.</p> <p>Training, since arriving in Egypt, has been restricted, in the first place owing to the almost complete lack of transport, and in the second place to being placed on 6 hours notice. However, much time was spent in marching and other hardening training, designed to overcome the inevitable softness after a long sea voyage. In addition each unit carried out night exercises on at least three nights per week, resulting in a marked improvement in night work generally, and much valuable practice in the use of the prismatic compass. Dawn attacks were practised on several occasions, particular attention being paid to staff duties prior to the attack, i.e. movement to assembly areas, forming up places and laying of tapes etc. Altogether it was felt that, in spite of interference, and inevitable disadvantages resulting from the arrival in a new country, the month's training has by no means been wasted.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  MAJOR. H.Q. 18 AUS. INF. BDE. </div>	

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 9.

1. In view of the possibility of the Brigade Group being engaged in active operations earlier than was at first expected, the programme of Training as laid down in Training Instruction No. 8 must now be considerably accelerated. Consequently units will complete their hardening process in conjunction with more advanced training, the general policy of which is included in this instruction.

2. Training for desert warfare against a civilised enemy will not differ greatly from the normal training carried out in ENGLAND or AUSTRALIA. Most of the principles already taught will continue to be observed, although the shades of emphasis placed on individual phases of training will vary to suit the present conditions.

3. USE OF COVER.

Whereas in ENGLAND much use was made of cover above ground - i.e. hedges, woods, walls etc., more attention must now be paid to the skilful use of folds in the ground and small features. To this end, units must practice the use of field formations and open order manoeuvres. It must be the object of every commander to develop "an eye for country." Individual and section stalks, which will later develop into platoon and company movements, will do much to assist in achieving this object.

4. MAP READING.

A study of any EGYPTIAN map will bring home the necessity for constant practice in the use of the compass, both by day and by night. The compass should be used continuously on route marches, and well defined objectives, to be approached either by obscure tracks or across country should be given to every platoon proceeding on a march. In this way, the accurate use of the compass will become automatic, as indeed it must.

Every Comd. should become familiar with the meaning of ARABIC words which commonly appear on EGYPTIAN maps, as this will prove of considerable value in picking up landmarks, and so assist in the maintenance of direction in desert moves.

5. NIGHT OPERATIONS

Night operations will be practised continually until every officer, N.C.O. and man can move by night with the same confidence and assurance as by day.

Particular attention must be paid to silent moves by large bodies of troops, to patrolling, and finally, to night attacks.

6. PROTECTION.

In deciding on forms of protection, particularly protection at rest, the possibility of incursions by tribesmen must be considered. To counter this perimeter camps should be formed by sub-units. These will combine a maximum of security, combined with economy of sentries.

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7. M.T.

Maintenance of mechanical vehicles must reach a new standard. The life of M.T. in the desert is extremely short, and this must be prolonged to the utmost, by careful handling, thorough maintenance, and strict discipline. Replacement of vehicles will not be easy and the vehicle strength of a unit will be entirely dependent on the ability of units to preserve their vehicles in a serviceable condition.


Maj.
B.M. 18 Aus. Inf. Bds.

Ikingi Maryut.
5 Jan. 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Int. Sum. No. 12.

Information received to 1200 hrs.

7 Jan 43.

1. THE ATTACK ON BARDIA.

BARDIA is -- or was -- a very strong fortress "a second Hindenburg Line" garrisoned by some 30,000 troops of five divisions, viz: the 52nd and 63rd. Regular Divisions, the 1st and 2nd. C.C.N.N. (Blackshirts), elements of the 4th. C.C.N.N. (from SALUM) and a G.A.F. (Frontier Guards Division) of 5,000 men.

It was defended on a perimeter defence scheme extending about eight K.M. North and South from BARDIA and seven K.M. inland with a total circumference of some 32 miles. An anti-tank ditch 15 feet wide and varying from three to ten feet deep delineated the circumference, but shallow portions (being in very hard grounds) had been built up with walls to give the required depth of ten feet. In front of the ditch were several mine fields, and behind it were --

- (a) a continuous belt of double apron wire; and
- (b) 83 strongly built concrete posts each manned by a garrison of 70 men. Behind these posts again were reserves, artillery in plenty (mainly covering the Southern approaches, but able to switch somewhat to the West), and a fort on the coast which included the big gun "Bardia Bill" which had shelled SALUM every day.

Comd. 6 Aus. Div. divided the perimeter into three sectors - Northern, Middle and Southern. British mechanised units held the approach to the Northern sector to prevent reinforcements to the enemy and the escape of the BARDIA Garrison. The 16th Brigade were allotted the middle sector, and the 17th Brigade had the Southern sector. The 19th Brigade was in reserve.

The attack was planned for 3rd. Jan. but our forces took up their positions opposite their sectors several days beforehand. Extensive patrolling was carried out and the whole anti-tank ditch and many defences were plotted from information supplied by patrols. The R.A.F. supplied mosaics within 24 hours of request. The Royal Navy prevented reinforcements and supplies reaching BARDIA, and from two schooners captured as they were plying between BARDIA and TOBRUK collected valuable information. All of this information was collated by the 'I' service and over-printed onto maps of BARDIA.

The spot selected for the initial attack proved to be the very best possible. The enemy had expected the attack from the South where the 17th Brigade had created something of a demonstration and the broken country was suitable for an attack. The enemy had also seen all the mechanised units to the North. Some Free FRENCH forces were also in the North with orders to attack as opportunity offered though, in misfact, their troops were not engaged any any stage. The actual position chosen for the attack was roughly in the centre of the Middle sector on a frontage of 1,000 yards between two of the enemy garrisons. During the previous two nights the R.A.F. had bombed objectives and early on the morning of the 3rd (D.1) the Navy bombarded the Northern sector (thus not coming within range of the heavy concentration of guns in the Southern sector).

At 0530 hrs. (long before dawn) on D.1 the 2/1 Battalion commenced its attack, took the anti-tank ditch on a 1,000 yards front, penetrated about 150 yards and held their positions while the engineers rapidly prepared the hard ground for tank crossing. By 0800 hrs. the engineers had completed their task and the British 'I' tanks came forward and were supported by our infantry to take the first high ground.

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The 'I' tanks were so heavily armoured that they were enabled to go right up to field guns without sustaining damage. The practice was for two of them to charge a field gun while a third 'I' tank went around to the flank and machine-gunned the gunners. By 1900 hrs. on D.1 the 2/1 Bn., supported by other units of the 16th Brigade had penetrated to a depth of two miles on an eight-mile front, and had enabled the 2/5 and 2/7 Bns. to cross the anti-tank ditch in the lower half of the Middle sector, but these battalions became confused in the movement southward owing to their coming under fire from the ITALIAN guns in the Northern sector which were switched for the purpose. However only 3,000 of our troops had been employed on D.1, but they had taken 12,000 prisoners. Throughout the battle the ITALIAN gunners served their guns very well but very little resistance was put up by the enemy infantry.

On D.2 the 2/5 and 2/7 Bns. were still held up in the Southern sector but the 16th Brigade went forward and took the high ground overlooking BARDIA. That night the General defending the Northern sector desired to surrender to Brigadier Allen of the 16th Brigade who told him to let it stand over until the next morning which, in fact, the general did and surrendered on D.3 with 7,000 men.

On D.3 the 2/11 Bn. was allotted the task of mopping up the guns in the Southern sector which they did systematically approaching from the Middle sector, and killing or capturing battery after battery. By 1300 hrs. on D.3 the surrender of the enemy was complete.

Our casualties were approximately 500 all told being 424 all ranks who had passed through the M.D.S., plus killed. About 10 to 20 officers were killed. We captured about 30,000 prisoners, one Corps Commander (General Bergonzoli or "Electric Beard" who, however, has not yet been identified and is thought to be masquerading as a private), the whole of his staff and three other generals, over £1,000,000 worth of transport, other supplies and very valuable information about all ITALIAN forces in AFRICA including their whole order of battle.

During the course of the battle all services and the army combined excellently. Our Arty. shooting was very accurate and had been well rehearsed. At times the guns were ahead of the infantry. The information supplied by the F.O.O's. to Brigade H.Q. especially in the early stages, was most valuable. The guns moved forward at night in order to attack the inner defences. One Mortar sergeant and his section alone engaged a battery of enemy field guns and destroyed it.

Among the documents captured was the following translation of a message to General Bergonzoli from Signor Mussolini through Marshal Graziani dated 22nd. December 40 reading - "I have given you a difficult task suited to your courage and experience as an old and intrepid soldier, the task of defending the fortress of BARDIA to the last. I am certain that 'Electric Beard' and his brave soldiers will stand, at whatever cost, faithful to the last. Mussolini."

General Bergonzoli had replied "I am aware of the honour and I have today repeated to my troops your message -- simple and unequivocal. In BARDIA we are and here we stay. Bergonzoli."

Lessons learnt or relearnt are as follows:-

- (1). The victory was due to the excellent coordination of effort, the choice of the best spot for attack and the resolute start given to our forces on the first day. The 'I' tanks were invaluable and it is worthy of mention that the 'I' tank personnel have expressed themselves as quite happy to be accompanied by Australians on future occasions.
- (2) Our 25-pounders are useless for cutting wire which had to be cut by Bangalore torpedoes projecting one foot either side of the depth of wire; also by wire cutters carried by every section.
- (3) The taping of the starting line and the approaches thereto is absolutely necessary. All the compasses are a great help but it is considered that about 10,000 yards of tape should be carried by each Brigade Group. The 16th Brigade had fully taped their S.L. and approaches.
- (4) Although the ITALIAN gunners fought well and fired accurately their shells were almost ineffective as the burst was all upwards, e.g. a shell that landed five yards from a car did not even scratch it, whereas a shell from a 25-pounder would have completely wrecked it. The ITALIAN M.M.G's. and L.M.G's. are, however, quite good as is their transport (Many of our troops were subsequently seen driving around in FIAT light cars. They also took possession of the ITALIAN ground sheets which are considered superior to our own).
- (5) The ITALIAN Medium and Light tank is very weak in the rear end and were effectively knocked out by our two-pounders.
- (6) The 2/1 Bn. carried white patches on their backs mainly for the purpose of aircraft identification. This proved of very valuable aid. It was well worthy of note that the R.A.F. kept the ITALIAN Air Force in complete subjection throughout the whole course of the battle. It is considered that if the ITALIANS had been able to bomb our troops during their preparatory marches over open ground the story might have been entirely different. Captured ITALIAN Air Force prisoners have stated that they consider that they have very little chance with their two and four gun machines against our eight-gun Hurricanes and Spitfires.
- (7) The enemy were found to be in possession of all our code names and the location of all our wireless transmitters.
- (8) CARRIERS.

It is noteworthy that in the approach from SALUM to BARDIA one Brigade of 6 Aus. Div. endeavoured with their carriers to keep up to the transport with the result that most of their carriers failed to reach BARDIA. The 17th Brigade, however, drove their carriers slowly and arrived at BARDIA completely intact.

2. GREECE.

It is definitely known that the ITALIAN invasion of GREECE was entered upon simply to impress GERMANY with ITALIAN might and had every prospect of succeeding when the ITALIAN 'Q' arrangements completely broke down. The ITALIANS commenced by capturing all their initial important objectives.

The Fascist Party had been warned by the Opposition that the season was wrong and that supplies would fail. The Opposition advice proved correct. When the Greeks started their counter-offensive and captured their first batch of prisoners it was found that these prisoners had been without food for four to five days. The Greeks have now penetrated far beyond the line of defended localities which they never hoped to hold, and it is thought that the ITALIANS will shortly give up the whole of the Southern portion of ALBANIA and make their final stand in the mountainous country in the North.

3. GENERAL.

Past and current Intelligence Summaries have been promised by 1 Aus. Corps and further information will be supplied on their arrival.

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Capt.
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War Summary

Appx "C"

SECRET

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aus. Inf. Bde. Int Sum. No. 13.

From information received to 1200 hrs.

20 Jan. 41.

1. EGYPT, POLITICAL.

There is considerable political intrigue in Upper Egypt and the outcome is not apparent but there appears to be no chance of any immediate changes in the Government. To counteract their fear that Great Britain will curtail Egypt's liberties at the end of the war nearly every political group is busy formulating demands for an increase in Egypt's power. The Arabic press has carried out a subtle campaign of exaggerating Egypt's so-called participation in the overthrow of the Italians. Already the expression "the return of Libya to Egypt" is on every minor politician's lips and the sequel is now almost due. Unless a decided check is put to these budding aspirations a few months of political propaganda will soon convince the public of the justice of these demands which also cause irreparable damage to British propaganda among the Libyan tribes. The Wafd Party on the other hand, have contented themselves with demands of a more reasonable nature, such as the Suez Canal control and the Sudan.

2. ITALY & LIBYA.

The grand total to 30 Dec. of enemy aircraft casualties was 491 Confirmed and 165 Unconfirmed, while the Greeks claim a further 39 Confirmed and 12 Unconfirmed. During the last month however the R.A.F. has considerably intensified its operations and the Italians have sent considerable numbers of G.50 interceptor fighters, as reinforcements. The Italians have also formed a specially equipped torpedo squadron for air attacks against shipping.

On the ground British forces have cleared the area between BARDIA and TOBRUK of enemy troops and our advanced forces have penetrated 75 miles West of TOBRUK.

3. ITALIAN EAST AFRICA.

The situation here has been quite safe for raids and patrolling. The enemy intentions on the Somalia front have always been defensive save for the possibility of a general invasion of KENYA if the general military situation should make it feasible. This latter however was ruled out in the enemy's eyes by the gross over-estimate their Intelligence made of our strength in KENYA at that time (85,000 men in SEPTEMBER).

4. ALBANIA.

The Greek advance has so far maintained its momentum to a satisfactory extent. The Greek intention is to advance before the Spring to a point where the enemy will be compelled to withdraw from the country. A withdrawal on this scale involving at least 14 divisions with large numbers of non-divisional troops and services would at best be a difficult operation. It is thought that the enemy can only exist in ALBANIA if DURAZZO is kept open.

5. GERMANY.

Christmas week saw a recrudescence of the German "War of Nerves" particularly in Southern Eastern Europe. (Recent press reports clearly indicate that Germany is being given bases in ITALY and SICILY). The American press reports that up to 300,000 GERMAN troops were enroute for ROUMANIA, lack confirmation.

6. BULGARIA.

Owing to severe weather conditions, unsatisfactory food situation and lack of such equipment as bedding, under-clothing and quarters the army was demobilised to a strength of at most 200,000. Morale and discipline have suffered. The country is less inclined than ever to welcome a German military visitation of which there are at present no signs.

7. JUGOSLAVIA.

The army strength as a whole has been greatly reduced although divisions near the Bulgarian frontier are being kept up to war strength.

8. ROUMANIA.

The recent attempted coup of the Iron Guard with German connivance proved a boomerang for the Germans as the Roumanian army felt forced to draft fresh troops etc. in order to protect their interests in what threatened to develop into a major civil war.

The annual Winter oil transport problem is again serious for the Germans and it is thought that ITALY is also pressing claims for 2000 barrels of petrol.

9. SECURITY.

Much information continues to reach the Italians from EGYPT and most of this arrives from indiscreet talk by officers and other ranks in public bars, taxis, telephones etc.. The Germans have well organised Fifth Column activities.

10. OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT.(a) Enemy Order of Battle.

Having lost some ~~some~~ nine divisions (including one Maletti div.) together with more than nine divs. of arty. and a mass of transport the Italians have comparatively few troops left in LIBYA -- probably about three divs. and attached troops and services. The Royal Navy is preventing reinforcements from ITALY and it is thought that the Italians may be too apprehensive of the French in TRIPOLI to enable the Italians to transfer any divs. from TRIPOLITANIA.

(b) Enemy Resources.

A P/W states that there is a serious shortage of steel helmets in ITALY. Helmets of the Milizia are made of cardboard and varnish while the shortage is so acute that the metal "stiletto" is not issued any more and only ten or 20 men out of every 100 have them. Few steel helmets have been seen with P/Ws.. Every Blackshirt normally wears a stiletto

(c) Portable O.Ps.

These are ladders made of tubing each consisting of four vertical metal tubes. These when joined together form a square frame 4 ft. 4 in. wide and 26 feet high, but when folded up the ladders occupy little space and can be easily carried.

(d) Communications, Concealment of Road Traffic.

Cap. Docs. indicates that before and during operations on the Western Desert roads which were not asphalted were to be sprayed with bitumin after having been swept. This served a double purpose that not only did it reduce dust but the dark colour of the road was effective camouflage and little movement could be seen from the air.

(e) Enemy Morale.

Captured documents show that as far back as May last morale was low among both Italian officers and men. Many senior officers had to be sent home at this time for inefficiency, since the duty of many officers was deplorable and far too many were trying to dodge discomfort and to get a cushy billet with some Headquarters.

(f) Enemy W/T Interception.

Cap. docs. show what great attention the Italians have paid to intercepting both W/T and R/T traffic especially the latter. Examples of deductions made by the enemy include ----

- (i) Deduction of attack the following morning because of hearing of an issue of rum on the previous evening.
- (ii) Deduction of attack or movement by part of armd. div. about 2 Jan. because of hearing of A. of S.O..
- (iii) Many other examples about personnel especially senior officers going on leave.

Consequently we can never afford to relax our vigilance for signal security. Frequent changes of code names do help.

11. PRISONER OF WAR INTERROGATIONS.

It cannot be over-emphasised that the only information a prisoner will give is his number, rank and name but NOT his unit. The following questions were put to some British P/Ws. who were later taken off an Italian boat off BARDIA and will serve to indicate the type of questions prisoners may expect:-

- (a) Particulars of 2-in. Mortar;
- (b) What are the units represented by the following code names;
- (c) Organisation details of pls. up to div.;
- (d) Location of certain units;
- (e) Use made of captured material particularly diesel lorries;
- (f) Were supplies being brought by sea;
- (g) The armaments of the Bren carrier;
- (h) Was the Boys A.Tk. rifle being used;
- (i) Quality of food and clothing issued to troops;
- (j) When were we going to attack;
- (k) Location of ammunition and petrol dumps;
- (l) What was the damage done by their own arty. and bombing;
- (m) Was arty. attached to each Bn..

Questions like 'I' and 'L' are dangerous since a clever interrogator can enter into a discussion on these subjects and indirectly gains the information he desires. But to these and to all other questions NO answer of any kind will be given.

12. ARABS IN LIBYA.

(a) Generally these seem entirely friendly. Our patrols West of BARDIA have received assistance in rounding up parties of enemy endeavouring to reach TOBRUK and seem to have done so without expecting immediate reward and even though some Italians say they had paid them to conceal their whereabouts.

(b) Although the majority are probably glad to see the last of the Italians and glad to support a victorious newcomer it must be remembered that there will be many who have worked in close collaboration with the enemy for many years especially if they have relatives in ~~ITALY~~ Italian hands, who will give information of our movements. Cap docs. proved that the Italians were receiving information from such sources before the fall of BARDIA.

13. TOBRUK.(a) Garrison

61 Sirte Div. and G.A.F. troops perhaps numbering 7,000. The garrison may include elements of 64 Catanzaro Div. and 157 and 158 Inf.Bns., also some 25 or more batteries of G.A.F. arty of varying calibre plus Div. arty. of 61 Sirte Div., also two Lt. Tk. Bns., and the 21 Med. Tk. Bn..

(b) Defences.

These are probably strong on the East but elsewhere the outer ring of defences is probably less strong than that at BARDIA? ~~HERE~~ except that the posts seem to be sited with slight depth instead of with almost none, but there is however less wire to be seen, none around secondary posts at all and the main posts are not wired in rear. There are several old forts and, although conspicuous, are probably well protected with concrete. The inner line of defence seems to be more or less non-existent, but it is reported that camps are being established 6,000 to 10,000 yards inside the outer perimeter.

14. CONCLUSIONS.

With no adequate supplies of water East of DERNA and with comparatively few A.F.Vs. it seems probable that Arab rumours as to the stand being made before DERNA or even further West before CIRENE may be correct and that TOBRUK ~~may be left~~ will be left to its fate. The further West the more broken the country and so the less use can be made of our Armd. Div.; also we shall again have a long L. of C. whilst the enemy have a short one. If TOBRUK falls it seems unlikely that the Italians will for some little time have any appreciable superiority on land in numbers against us in CYRENAICA and already 6 Aus. Div. has assaulted and captured a garrison of some four times its own strength.

Apps. showing BARDIA defences and details of material etc. recently captured are in possession of this H.Q. and may be viewed on application. However the typical defended post may be of great interest and a diagram of it is therefore appended. The typical post holds two or three M.Gs. and one 47 mm A.Tk. gun. Immediately in the rear of each of the main positions is the entrance to the dugout which is constructed of concrete. Some posts have been holding two 47 mm A.Tk., 2 M.Gs. and two Breda 6.5 mms.

There is no concrete above ground.

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The actual fire positions are small circular ones protected by a low sangan. Behind these a concrete gallery leads down with recesses in it for ammunition. Later this leads to a bigger chamber to which the other fire positions are connected. These strong points are surrounded by wire tank traps. The tank trap consists of a trench nine feet wide sloping steeply on the outside which has a concrete lip. The inner side is stone faced with concrete lip also. The whole is covered with thin lathe planking about one-eighth to a quarter of an inch thick covered with dust and sand.

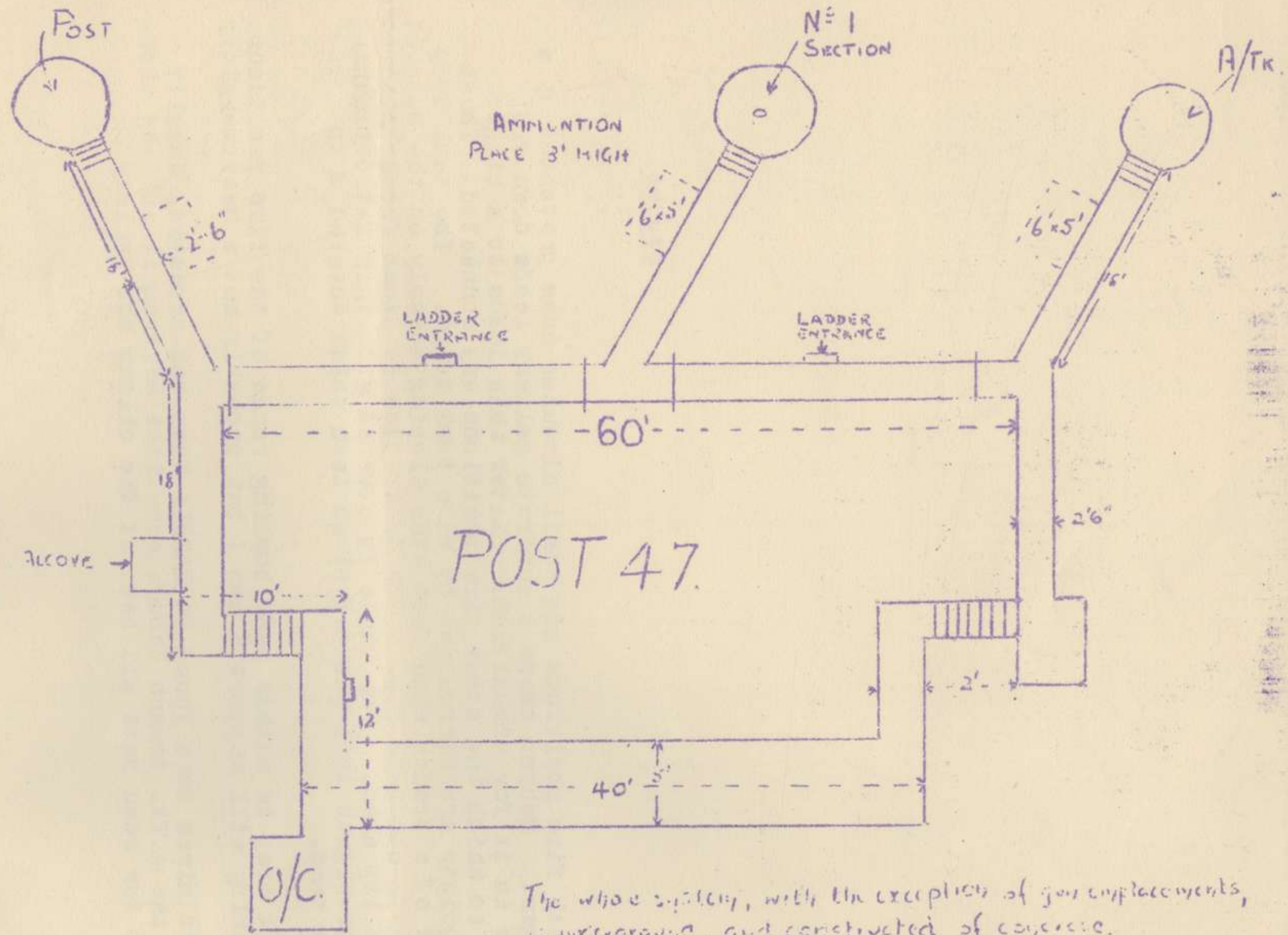
This tank trap is within hard bombing range of the fire positions. The covering will support a man (but probably not a heavyweight)

Many more mines were found in BARDIA than was expected, usually outside the A.Tk. trench though sometimes between it and the wire. Those so far seen have all been of the oblong box variety.

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PLAN of DUGOUTS.



The whole system, with the exception of gun emplacements, is underground, and constructed of concrete.

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 23 Jan. 41.

ADVANCE INFORMATION REGARDING MOVEMENT.

Nominal Rolls.

- (a) Embarkation - 6 copies, will be kept up to date by units. The following rolls will be forwarded to this H.Q. by 1500 hrs. ~~24~~ 24 Jan. together with statements showing the numbers of vehicles to move and the tare of each vehicle. In addition a statement is required showing the weight in tons (40 cub. ft. to 1 ton.) of stores to be shipped.
- (b) Road Party (Triplicate).
- (c) Ship Party (Triplicate).
- (d) Rear Party (Triplicate).

There is a possibility that this Bde's vehicles including carriers may arrive prior to or after the departure of main body and that the rear party should include sufficient drivers to deliver these vehicles to their destination. In view of the mobility of the 2/3 Fd. Coy., 2/5 Fd. Amb. and 2/3 Fd. Hygiene Sec. this instruction does not apply to those units.

Transport.

Transport at present held in this area will be allocated as follows:-

18 Bde. H.Q. Group	1 30-cwt.	An allocation of M/Cs. will be made later. These vehicles will travel by sea.
	2 15-cwts.	
	1 Water Truck.	
9 Bn.	3 30-cwts.	
	2 15-cwts.	
	1 Water Truck.	
10 Bn. & 12 Bn.	As for 9 Bn.	
2/5 Fd. Amb.	1 Water Truck.	

Care must be taken that these vehicles when being prepared for movement are not loaded more than two-thirds capacity.

Stores.

Surplus stores held by units will be returned under unit arrangements to D.A.D.O.S.

Kits.

The return of All ranks's personal gear including kit bags (Universal & Sea) to the Kit Store will commence 27 Jan.. Details will be furnished later.

Documents.

All Security documents, other than those to be taken into the field will be held ready for return to Records.

Any further information relative to this movement will be expeditiously communicated to units.

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H.Q. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.
26 Jan 41.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 14.

MOVEMENT ROAD PARTY IKINGI - MARYUT TO TOBRUK.

1. O/C Convoy. - Maj. Risson, 3 Fd. Coy.

Convoy will move as shown in App. "A".

O/C Convoy will be responsible for:-

- (a) Movement of convoy.
- (b) He will liaise with authorities at MATRUH on night 27/28 Jan; SOLLUM night of 28/29 Jan and road BARDIA - TOBRUK approx. 25 kilos EAST of TOBRUK night 29/30 Jan.
- (c) Rations 1 Feb. These will be drawn on 31 Jan under arrangements of 13 Corps

2. Rations. All units will carry the unconsumed portion of rations for 27 Jan as already drawn AND four days dry rations which will be drawn from D.I.B. as from 1930 hrs tonight.

3. Petrol and Water. Units will carry in reserve sufficient petrol for 100 miles per vehicle; and water trucks will be filled to 3/3 capacity.

4. Stores. Units will carry Field Service scale of stores and tentage and will carry four (4) blankets per m.n.

Tom D. Hayward Capt.
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Distribution.

- 9 Bn.
- 10 Bn.
- 12 Bn.
- 3 Fd. Coy.
- 2/5 Fd. Amb.
- "K" Sec Sigs.
- 47 L.A.D.
- H.Q. Amiriya Sub-Area.

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APPENDIX "A"

MOVEMENT TABLE - REF. MAP COAST SERIES 1/100,000

FROM IKINGI MARYUT to TOBRUK

S.P. Rd. Junction 988251
Route: IKINGI MARYUT - MATRUH - SIMI BARRANI - SOLIUM - TOBRUK

Speed: 15 m.i.h. Density 15 v.t.m.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Number of Vehicles	Start time	Remarks
1	27.1.40	3 Fd. Coy	32	0630	
2	"	{ R.Q.18 Bde. K Sec. Sigs { 47 L.A.D.	10	0640	
3	"	9 Bn 10 " 12 "	18	0645	9, 10 & 12 Bns Tpt to be marshalled by Bde. T.O. at 0615 at Rd. Junction 937228
4	"	5 Fd. Amb.	35	0653	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

9 Jan. 41.

T Part 1.

No. 246.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 9 Bn.
Next for Duty 10 Bn.

2. COURSES IN CHIROPODY.

The W.E. of an Inf. Bn. and a Fd. Amb. includes 1 Cpl (Chiropodist) A.A.M.C. attached. (A.I.F. Order 72 dated 12 Nov. 40 as amended).

In order to train chiropodists to fill vacancies on the W.E. it is intended to hold courses in Chiropody at 1 Aust. Gen. Hosp. Each course will take ten students for a period of ten days.

Units to submit to this H.Q. by 1500 hrs. 10 Jan. the names of men who are either employed in units as chiropodists or who wish to be trained as such. Any special qualifications for the duty are to be shown.

Unless already in the A.A.M.C. men who qualify as Chiropodists will be transferred to the A.A.M.C..

The names of approved candidates, the dates of courses and joining instructions will be notified later.

3. LEAVE.

Leave may be granted to 20 per-cent of unit and reinforcement personnel, not billeted troops, during the coming week-end, 11-12 Jan..

Special trains will run as follows:

Saturday: Depart Ikingi Maryut Station 1400 hrs.
Depart Alexandria 2200 hrs.

Sunday: Depart Ikingi Maryut Station 1100 hrs.
Depart Alexandria 2130 hrs.

All personnel to be in possession of a leave pass to expire at 2359 hrs.

FARE: Return fare Ikingi Maryut 4 P.T.
Tickets are obtainable at Ikingi Maryut Station.
To be bought under unit arrangements and sold to troops.

DRESS: Officers - Cloth, caps, belt and pistol.
O.Rs. - Service Dress, Hats, Gaiters and belt.

PICQUETS.

Duty Unit will supply a picquet at Ikingi Maryut Station of 1 offr., 1 N.C.O., 10 O.Rs, to mount at times of arrival and departure of leave trains.

Duties-- to ensure orderly entraining and detraining of leave personnel.

ALEXANDRIA PICQUET.

10 Bn. will supply a picquet for Alexandria area. To mount at 1700 hrs. 10 Jan and dismount 1700 16 Jan..

Strength - 1 W.O., 2 Sgts., 4 Cpls., 16 O.Rs.

Duties - To ensure orderly conduct of all A.I.F. troops in Alexandria area.

O.C. Picquet to report to Garrison H.Q., Mustapha Barracks, Alexandria for rations and accommodation.

Bde. H.Q. will issue rail warrants for picquet.

BLACKOUT.

Blackout restrictions will be strictly observed whilst in the Alexandria area.

AMENITIES.

The Australian Comforts Fund has organised and equipped the Atlantic Hotel, 6 minutes from the station, as a hostel for troops. Inclusive accommodation per diem is 25 P.T.

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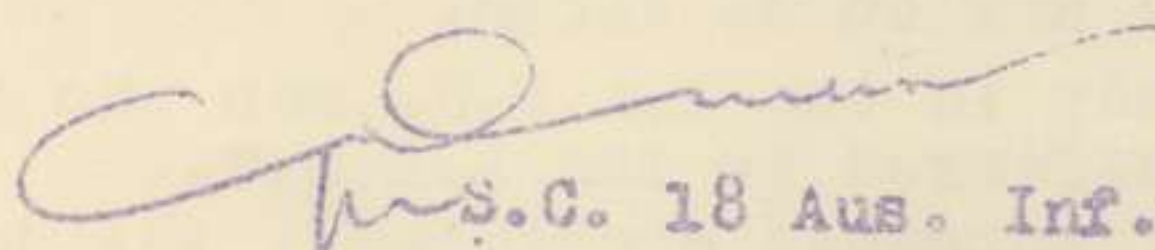
3. LEAVE (Contd.)

An Officers' Club is on the house-boat "Victoria". This is very comfortable, and the price for meals and accomodation is 45 P.T. per day. It is also a rendezvous for Australians. Anyone holding His Majesty's Commission can also have hon.membership of the Gezirah Club, which is a sporting club -- tennis, golf, polo and swimming. Subscriptions are 50 P.T. per week, or 100 P.T. per month .

OUT OF BOUNDS The Fleet Club is out of bounds to Australian troops.

4. CONSERVATION OF FUEL

Economy in the use of all forms of fuel must be practised owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies.


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No. 247

1. DUTIES.

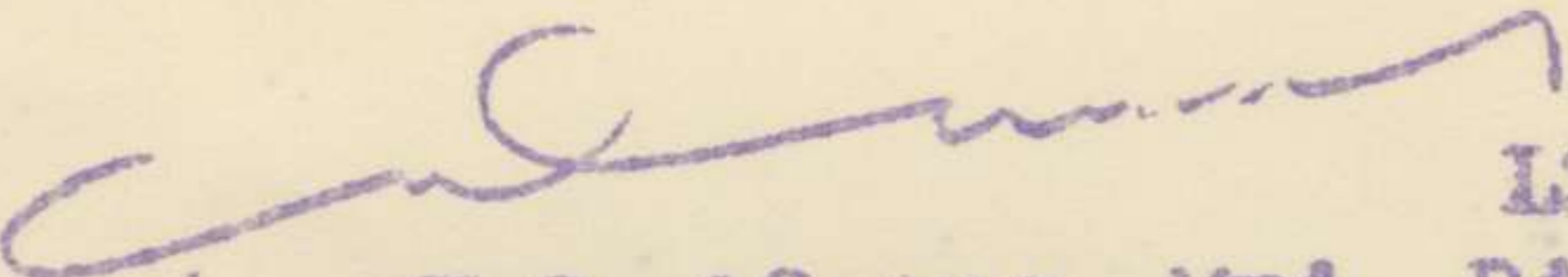
Duty Unit	10 Bn.
Next for Duty	12 Bn.

2. P.A.D.

In the present situation the Axis Powers are most likely to attempt to relieve pressure against the Italian Army in North Africa, by air action against sea communications and the base at Alexandria, in which elements of the German Air Force may participate. All units must ensure that there must be no relaxation of Passive Air Defence, and the Air Defence measures during the present moon.

3. BLANKETS.

In future indents for blankets must clearly indicate the entitlement of unit and numbers held on charge.


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11 Jan. 41. Part 1. No. 248

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 12 Bn.
Next for Duty 1 M.G. Bn.

2. RETURNS.

Units will now submit returns in accordance with Standing Orders for Palestine Para. 5.

3. BRIGADE SHOWERS.

Allocation of showers for week commencing 13th Jan. -

Monday	A.M.	9 Bn.
	P.M.	3 Fd. Coy., 13 Fd. Coy.
Tuesday	A.M.	10 Bn.
	P.M.	A.S.C., 5 Fd. Amb.
Wednesday	A.M.	12 Bn.
	P.M.	1 A.Tk. Regt.
Thursday	A.M.	1 M.G. Bn.
	P.M.	3 Fd. Regt.
Friday	A.M.	1 Pioneer Bn.
	P.M.	18 Bde. H.Q.

As British units in this area are also desirous of using showers these times may be subject to alteration.

4. SECURITY.

Attention is drawn to Security and Censorship Circular of 10 Jan..

5. TENTS.

All tents except E.P.I.P. must be rolled during the day.

6. CHURCH PARADE.

Church parades for Sunday 12 Jan. are subject to the following alterations:-

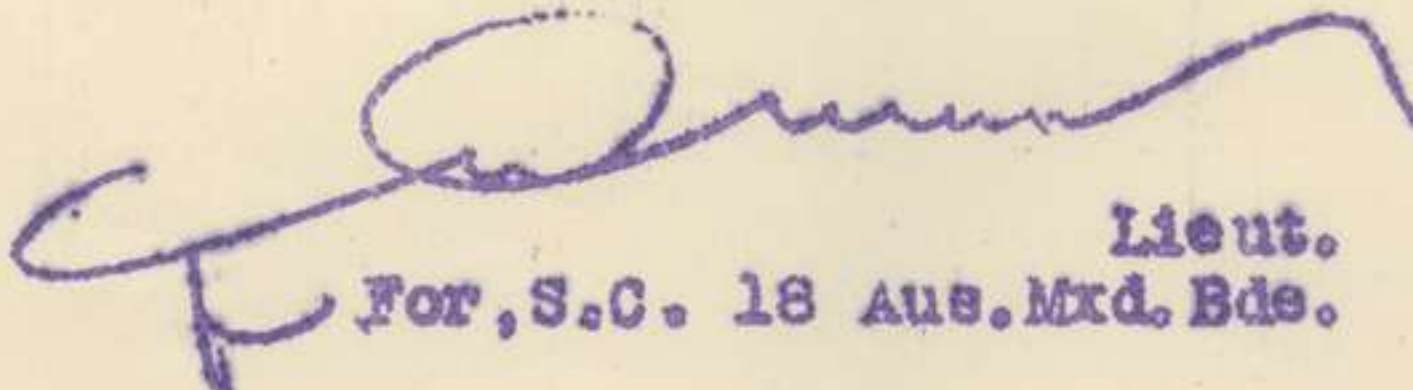
Protestant Services.

Services for 1 M.G. Bn. and 3 Fd. Regt. will be conducted in unit lines by Padres Genroux and McLeod respectively. Time of parade 0930 hrs. Units to arrange accommodation.

R.C. Parade.

<u>Location.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Units to attend.</u>
1 M.G. Bn.	0815 hrs.	1 M.G. Bn.
1 A.TK. REGT.	0900 hrs/	1 A.Tk. Regt., A.S.C. Coy.
9 Bn.	1000 hrs.	3 Fd. Coy., 13 Fd. Coy.
		9, 10, 12 Bns., 3 Fd. Regt.

Padres Steels and Daly will conduct the services.


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12 Jan.

No.249

1. DUTIES Duty Unit 1 M.G. Bn.
Next for duty 3 Fd. Regt.
2. BOUNDS Native villages are out of bounds to all ranks.
3. CAMOUFLAGE PAINT.
Units requiring Camouflage paint will indent for it direct at D.A.D.O.S. on a scale of 1 gallon per vehicle or gun.
4. GUARD Until further notice Duty Unit will mount a guard at 1700 hrs. each day on the A.D.O.S. store at IKINGI MARYUT next to the Town Major's Office. Strength of Guard 1 N.C.O. 4 O.Rs.
5. VEHICLE RETURNS
Units to submit to this Office by 1200 hrs. 14 Jan. return of vehicles held on charge showing type, make, engine no. and registration no.
6. BOOT REPAIRS
Boots which need repairing are to be delivered by units to D.A.D.O.S. office. Units to ensure that :-
(a) Boots are securely tied together and labelled.
(b) Placed in a sack or container and not transported loose.
The repairs should take 5 to 6 days to effect.
7. SECURITY Attention of all officers is directed to instructions contained in F.S.R. Vol. 11. Chap. 4. Sec. 36 concerning carrying in the Field of official documents.
8. LEAVE The Senior Officer of the Duty Unit on the day on which leave is granted will be O.C. leave train.
9. 'X' LIST
The following communication has been received from A.I.F. H.Q. : "Consequent upon the adoption of the A.F. W. 3006 an "X" List for each Unit will be maintained by the Officer -in-charge Records - 2nd Ech. A.I.F. for the purpose of accounting for personnel, who, though retaining Unit Identity, are struck off the fighting strength of the Unit, and accordingly are replaceable by reinforcements.
The 'X' list will be administered by O.I/a. Records Office.
Units will continue to show in the normal way casualties which will involve the personnel concerned being placed on the "X" List, but will not record the actual transfer.
Records Office, on receipt of notification in a Casualty Return of an evacuation beyond R.A.P., will take action to place the member concerned on the "X" List and issue the necessary Part 11 Order. Attention is drawn to F.S.R.1 Sec. 51.
The inauguration of the "X" List will preclude the return of personnel to their Units direct from Medical Units, detention barracks etc., as personnel so evacuated will have been transferred to the "X" list, and thus be replaceable by reinforcements.
On discharge from a medical Unit, detention barracks, etc., personnel will be sent to the Base Depot where they will be retained pending absorption. Such personnel will retain their unit identity, and will be drafted back to their parent unit on the authority of the D.A.G.
Change of Unit identity will occur only if the exigencies of the service so require and on the authority of the D.A.G.

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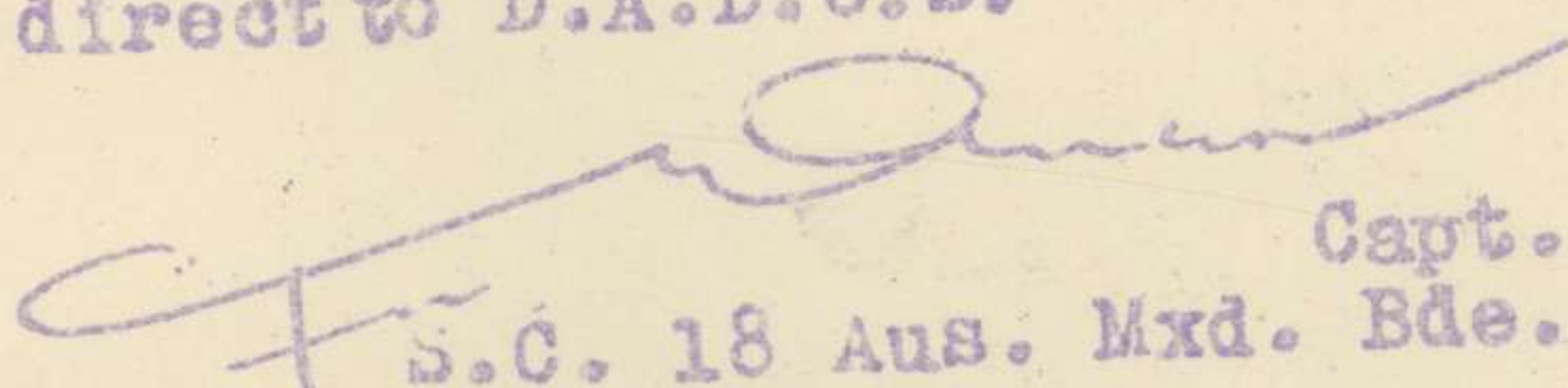
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COMMANDING 18th AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE

No. 250.

13 Jan. 41.

1. DUTIES - 3 Fd. Regt.
Next for duty - 1 A.Tk. Regt.
2. VEHICLES Requisitions by units to this H.Q. for a vehicle should be submitted if possible 24 hrs. before the vehicle is required.
3. BLANKETS Units which have not four blankets per capita should indent for them immediately direct to D.A.D.O.S.


Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.

NOTICES

LOST

- 1 Motor cycle No. 03649, taken from the lines of No. 5 recovery unit. This vehicle is distinguishable from others as it is fitted with a large air-cleaner.
- 1 Ford 30 cwt truck. No windscreen, painted with markings of Indian regiment - green and red diamond. No. 4156662.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER L. J. MORSEHEAD C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.
COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

14 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 251.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit

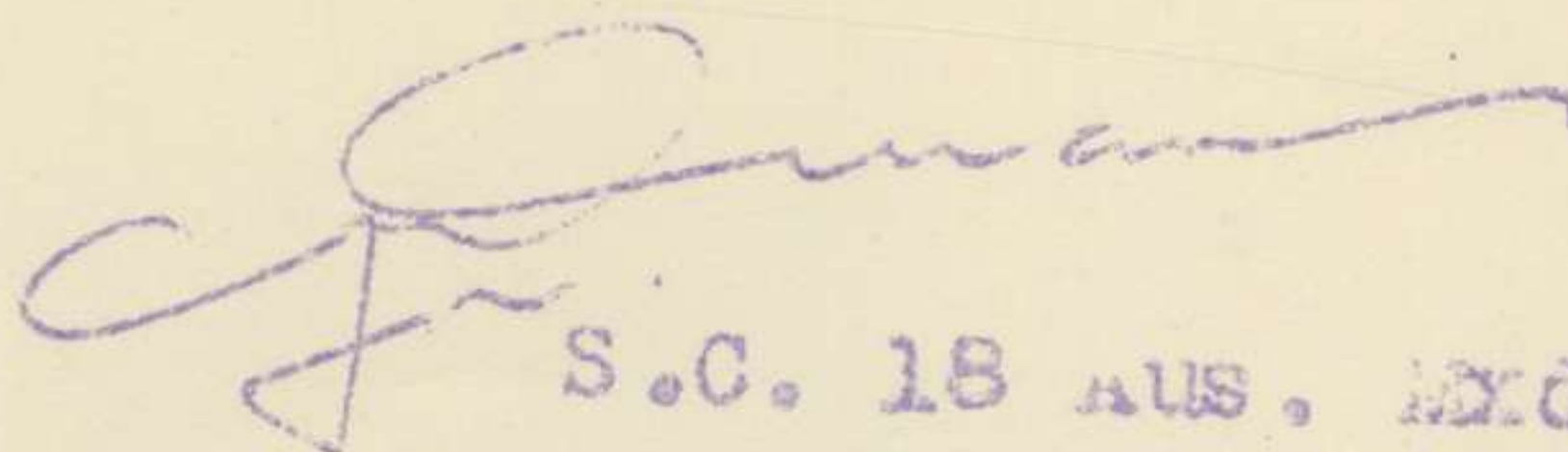
1 A.Tk. Regt.

Next for Duty

3 Fd. Coy. & 13 Fd. Coy.

2. DAILY STRENGTH STATES.

Attention is drawn to Sec. 50 of A.I.F. Part I Orders.
In this connection it is pointed out that a D.R. leaves
Bde. H.Q. at 0800 hrs/ each day. Therefore there is no
reason why these returns should not be on time.



Lieut.,
S.C. 18 AUS. MIXD. BDE.

NOTICES.

FOUND: One set of dentures. Loser may have same on
application to Bde. H.Q. .

Spare

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS

by
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COMMANDING 18 AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE

15 Jan. 41

Part 1

No. 252

1. DUPIES Duty Unit 3 Fd. Coy. & 13 Fd. Coy.
 Next for Duty 9 Bn.

2. CANTEEN - IKINGI MARYUT : Beer will be issued to the C.Q.M.S. of those units authorised to use this canteen, and only on the production of a nominal roll of those requiring same.

3. PICQUETS On and after 1700 hrs. 16 Jan. 41 the Duty Unit will cease to mount the picquet situated on the Southern end of the Ikingi Maryut road.

4. CONTROL POINT : A control point will be established at the junction of the Matruh and Alexandria Rd. under the Australian Provost Corps. The 9, 10, 12, & 1 M.G. Bns. each to supply one O.R. and the 1. A. Tk. Regt one cook. The above personnel to report to this H.Q. complete with personal equipment and bedding at 0900 hrs. 16 January 41.
 Tour of duty:- one week.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL - ALEXANDRIA : All military traffic will conform to the traffic circuits as shown in the Appendix attached to this Order.

6. PRIVATE PARCELS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR UNITS : The practice of making local purchases, or placing orders for personal consignments, and giving the name of the unit to which the purchaser belongs, together with the nearest station to that unit, must cease. The correct method of obtaining delivery of such purchases is to have the parcel addressed to the unit only, and for the parcel then to be taken or sent to the M.F.O. at Abbassia, Alexandria, or Lydda as the case may be. Should there be no M.F. Officer at the place of purchase the parcel can be given to the nearest R.T.O., who will arrange delivery. Parcels so consigned must not weigh less than 10 lb. or more than 112 lb. Parcels weighing less than 10 lb can be sent by Army Postal Services in the usual way, addressed Rank, Regtl. number, name, Middle East Force.

7. TRUCKS, 15 Cwt., 4-wheeled, FORD, CANADIAN TYPE.
 (a) The ground clearance of the truck, 15 Cwt., 4-wheeled, Ford Canadian type, is slightly less than that of the truck 15 cwt., 4 wheeled Morris, to which most units have been accustomed.
 (b) All drivers will be warned to be careful when driving this type of Ford vehicle over rocky or uneven ground, otherwise back axle casings may be damaged.

8. R.A.O.C. WORKSHOPS -CHANGE OF LOCATION R.A.O.C. Instrument and Wireless Section has been transferred from Advanced Ordnance Depot to the R.A.O.C. Workshops, Alexandria. * All wireless stores requiring third line repairs will be evacuated to No. 7 Sub Workshops, R.A.O.C., Alexandria. Apparatus requiring repairs beyond the scope of the Advanced Wireless Repair Section, will be sent to No. 4 Base Ordnance Workshops, Abbassia.

W.D.

9. LOOTING.

(i) Cases are prevalent in the Western Desert of the removal and appropriation by officers and other ranks of:-

- (a) Spare parts, accessories etc. from captured or broken down enemy vehicles;
- (b) Weapons, ammunition, equipment, effects etc. left by or captured from the enemy.

(ii) This practice will cease forthwith and will in future be regarded as looting, all cases of which will be severely dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

(iii) In no circumstances will vehicles, spare parts, accessories, weapons, ammunition, equipment, etc. whether captured enemy or British property, be removed except on the express authority of a Staff officer of the H.Q. of the Area concerned, or by personnel of units when actually on duty clearing up the battle field under the orders of the Area Commander concerned.

10. HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

Attention is drawn to F.S.R. (1930) Vol. 1 Chap. XVI, Sec. 145 with particular reference to the following extracts defining the responsibility of all officers in connection with hygiene.

(a) Officers will pay particular attention to the preservation of the health of the troops. The responsibility for efficient supervision and for the remedying of sanitary defects rests on Comdg. officers and through them on subordinate comdrs. Medical officers are charged with advising general and other Officers Comdg. who will incur grave responsibility if such advice is neglected without adequate reason.

(b) The Comdr. of every formation and unit in the field will be responsible for the sanitary condition of the area occupied by his command, irrespective of the period for which it may be occupied, and for the enforcement of all orders regarding health and sanitation.

The medical service will be responsible for advice and supervision, and for such technical work as is beyond the capacity of the troops, but it is the duty of all officers to ensure that the measures laid down in the Army Manual of Hygiene and Sanitation for the preservation of the health and fighting efficiency of the troops are carried out by all ranks under their command.

The cooperation of all ranks is particularly necessary in -

- (a) The systematic supervision and care of refuse disposal arrangements and the reduction to a minimum of places where flies breed.
- (b) Particular care and cleanliness in latrines and urinals where flies become infected.
- (c) Care in the preparation and handling of food to prevent flies from gaining access to food and passing infections to troops.

11. CAMP AREAS - CONTROL OF HAWKERS.

Attention is drawn to Standing Orders Palestine, Para. 3, Sec. 10, Para. 60, sub-para (a) which reads -

"Fruit sellers and hawkers of goods generally are NOT to be permitted entry to or to operate in the vicinity of camp areas. There is a tendency in camp areas for hawkers to be encouraged by personnel unthinkingly. The policing of camp areas in this regard is the responsibility of C.Os."

12. ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT.

Units will submit a return of all anti-gas equipment on charge to units to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 16 Jan. 41.

13. CANTEN PICQUET.

As from 1700 hrs. the Duty Unit will supply an additional 2 O.Ss. to Ikingi Maryut Canteen Picquet which will now consist of 1 sgt. and 6 O.Ss.

T. B. Hayman Capt.
S.C. 18 AUS. Mtd. Bde.

TRAFFIC CONTROL - ALEXANDRIA.

All military traffic will conform to the following traffic circuits:-

(a) Western Area of ALEXANDRIA.

In accordance with the diagram below.

Traffic to and from local civil and military installations WEST of GABBARI are obvious exceptions which will not interfere with the general scheme.

(b) Within ALEXANDRIA, to or from MUSTAPHA, SIDI GABER, SIDI BISHRI and ABUKIR.

(i) Eastward.

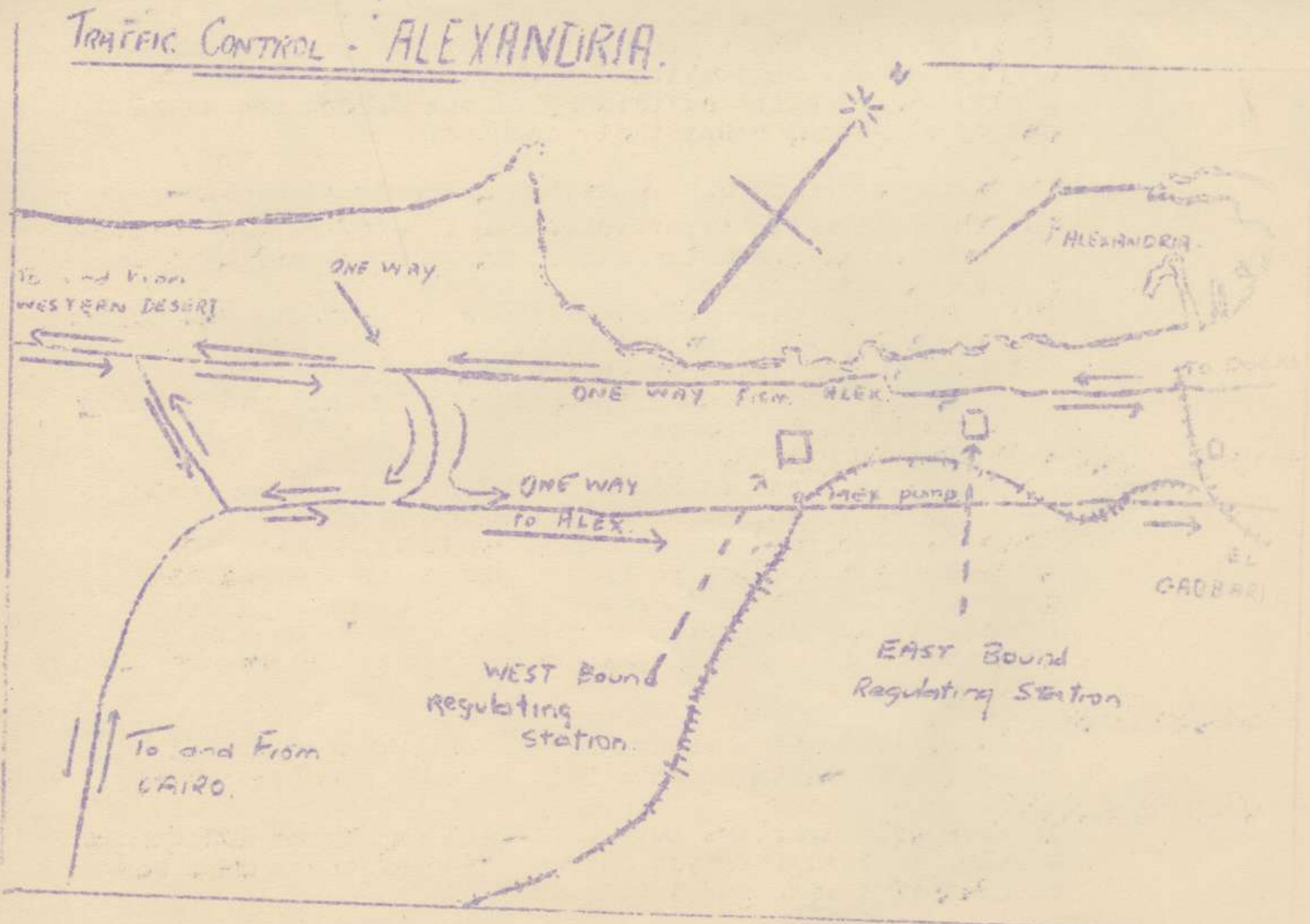
In accordance with diagram to railway crossing. Thence along canal to SHARIA ALBERT - N.W. to ABUKIR ROAD - thence EAST along ABUKIR ROAD.

(ii) Westward.

Along ABUKIR ROAD to traffic policeman at entrance to SHARIA FUAD - left to STATION SQUARE - thence WEST to MEL ROAD - thence in accordance with diagram.

(iii) Both routes are signposted in accordance with the above directions. YELLOW signs for WESTWARD route; GREEN signs for EASTWARD route.

(c) No M.T. except cars will use the CORNICHE Road if any other route will do.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

18 Jan. 40.

Part 1.

No. 253.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 10 Bn.
Next for Duty 9 Bn.

10 Bn. will mount as Duty Unit at Retreat tonight in lieu of 9 Bn.

2. LEADED PETROL - PRECAUTIONS.

Almost all the petrol now being supplied from Military Depots and from Civil Pumps in Middle East contains a proportion of TETRA-ETHYL LEAD, which is poisonous and care will be taken by all concerned in its use. Petrol should not be used for the cleaning of garments or for any household appliances.

The practice of sucking petrol up a rubber tube, in order to syphon it out of the tanks of motor vehicles, will be discontinued.

If for any reason the hands have become contaminated with petrol, they should be washed as soon as possible. When petrol comes in contact with open wounds (scratches etc.) the wound should be thoroughly cleaned immediately.

3. CHURCH PARADES.

Church parades on Sunday 19 Jan. will be as for the previous Sunday with the exception of the R.C. Parade which will be as under:-

<u>LOCATION.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>UNITS TO ATTEND.</u>
9 Bn.	0830 hrs.	9, 10, 12 Bns., 3 Fd. Regt. H.Q. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.
1 A.Tk. Regt.	0930 hrs.	1 A.Tk. Regt. 1 M.G. Bn., A.S.C. Coy., 3 Fd. Coy., 13 Fd. Coy..

4. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS.

Units must ensure that returnable containers are returned immediately to D.I.D..

If this instruction is not carried out it will be necessary to deliver stores loose.



Lieut.
For S.C. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.

NOTICE.

LOST: The undermentioned M.T. have been lost from the 1 A. Tk. Regt.:-

FORD 8 gwt. No. Z4130050

B.S.A.M/8 No. C4344090

Special markings:

(a) Unit Serial No. 29417.

(b) Camouflage paint as used in U.K..

W.D.

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18 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No.

DUTIES

Duty Unit

12 Bn.

Next for Duty

1 M.G. Bn.

SIGNALS.

'K' Sec. Sigs. Office will not accept messages for higher formations without reference to Bde. H.Q..

SHOWERS.

Bde. Showers will be available to units as for the previous week.

Law & Hayward

Capt.

S.C. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.

W.D.

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL BRIGADE.

19 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 218.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 1 M.G. Bn.
Next for Duty 1 A.T. Regt.

2. ENTERTAINMENTS.

Commencing at 1930 hrs. Monday to Friday (inclusive) 8 Div. Concert Party will give a performance in the hall near the Pd. Cash Office at Ikingi Maryut.
Accommodation is limited to 250 persons.
The following units may attend in the proportion shown--

<u>Day.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Numbers to Attend.</u>
Monday	9 Bn.	180
	3 & 13 Pd. Coys	35 each.
Tuesday	10 Bn.	180
	A.S.C. & 5 Pd. Amb.	35 each
Wednesday	12 Bn.	180
	1 A.T. Regt.	70
Thursday	1 M.G. Bn.	180
	3 Pd. Regt. & Bde. H.Q.	35 each.
Friday	Pioneer Bn.	180
	Staging Camp	70

Duty Unit to supply picket of 1 N.C.O. and 10 O.Rs. at the hall.

3. PICKET.

Ikingi Maryut Canteen picket as from 1700 hrs. each day will consist of 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl. 9 O.Rs..

Duties: Maintain a guard on the canteen under instructions of W.O. in charge of canteen.

Mount guard over Sig. Office under command of O.C.

K. Sec. Sigs.

Maintain 24-hour guard on water tower at Ikingi Maryut railway siding.

O.C. Picket to submit to this H.Q. his guard report by 1200 hrs. on the following day.

Guard personnel to take blankets and rations for 24 hours.

4. PAY.

Leave personnel in Alexandria are not entitled to draw pay at the Alexandria Pay Office when they are on ordinary leave of less than two days duration.

L. J. Morsehead
S.C. 18 Amb. Mtd. Bde.

Max Head

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ROUTINE ORDERS
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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

20 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 257.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 1 A.T. Regt.
Next for duty 3 & 13 Fd. Coys.

2. EQUIPMENT LOSSES IN TRANSIT.

Returns in duplicate will be submitted by units of this Bde and attached units showing in detail the articles of equipment which have been lost in transit ex U.K. Returns are required by 1000 hrs 24 Jan in order that action may be taken for their replacement. Units will submit indents on A.F. G 997 for those articles included in the returns.

3. LEAVE.

O.C. Leave Trains will in future ensure that no personnel going to or coming from leave sleep on luggage racks.

4. SECURITY.

H.Q., B.T.E. circular 15 Jan 41 points out that there is espionage in Egypt and probably an organised fifth column. Certainly there have been fires in military stores; arms and ammunition are constantly being stolen and sabotage is practised.

All guards and sentries will be given strict instructions to examine the identity card or pass of everybody who is not personally known to them, including men in uniform, whether apparently Officers or not. As many passes etc., have been stolen or lost, the possession of one of these is not strict proof of identity. Other credentials such as identity discs should be examined in case of doubt.

The circular concludes, "Our recent successes may have induced a feeling of security which leads to carelessness. Nothing could be more dangerous, for 5th column activity and espionage are not dependent on the proximity of the enemy."

Lawrence H. Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

The following Pay Book has been found and may be obtained at this H.Q.
NX 25291 Pte. Biaggini, Maxwell.

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ROUTINE ORDER

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

21 Jan 41.

Part 1.

No. 258.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 3 & 13 Fd. Coys.
Next for Duty 9 Bn.

2. ENTERTAINMENTS.

Ref. para 2 R.O. 246. As from today the Duty Unit will cease to mount the piquet required at the Fd. Cash Office. This will now become the responsibility of the unit with the largest proportion attending each day.

3. CANCELLATION OF PASS.

As from today the contract let to Mahamed Ibrahim El Attar, washing contractor, is cancelled.

4. SABOTAGE TO SIGNAL LINES.

Bde. Sigs. report several instances of definite sabotage to their signal cables. Cables have been deliberately cut or so crushed as to cause shorting. It is impossible for Sigs to police all their lines and the co-operation of all rank is sought to prevent such sabotage and to bring suspicious characters before some H.Q. for interrogation. Anyone seen tampering with cables, especially at night, will be treated as a suspicious character.

[Handwritten signature]

Capt.
for S.C. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Upper set of dentures at IKINGI MARYUT Canteen.

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER L.J. MORSHEAD C.M.G. D.S.O., E.D.
COMMAND INCHIEF 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

22 Jan. 41.

Part I.

No. 259

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 9 Bn.
Next for Duty 10 Bn.

2. MAIL.

The Post Office is returning any newspapers, magazines or periodicals forwarded by units for transmission even though they bear censor stamps. The attention of units is drawn to A.I.F. Orders on this subject.

3. LOST & UNIDENTIFIABLE PROPERTY.

(i) All lost property found by R.T.Os. and ~~M.F.~~ M.F.Os. will be held for a period of two weeks in area in which lost, and if unclaimed will be forwarded to Lost Property Office, M.F.O., Abbassia, where it will be held for one month, after which time it will be sent to "Returned Store Depot."

(ii) Any officer or O.R. who, during the preceding month has lost, whilst on railway travel, any item of equipment or personal kit, should apply to the M.F.O., Abbassia, in order to identify and claim lost articles.

(iii) All ranks should, when applying for lost property, give the fullest possible description of it together with date and circumstances of loss, etc..

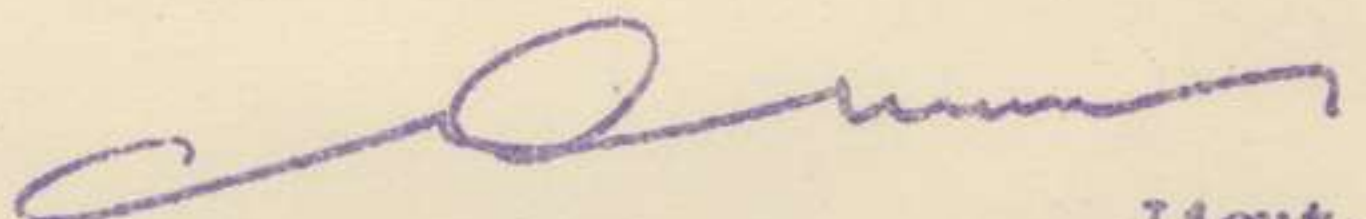
4. ISSUE OF STOCKINGS, KGAKI.

Approval has been given for an immediate initial issue of two pairs of stockings to all ranks of 9 Aust. Div. who have not already received an issue.

Indents for those units stationed in Egypt will be submitted to D.A.D.O.S. 9 Aus. Div. representative, Amiriya, who will submit them to the nearest Australian A.C.D..

5. RETURNS.

Weekly 3810 Return is required to reach Bde. Supply Officer at this H.Q. by 1000 hrs. on the Tuesday of each week.



Lieut.
For S.C. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.

NOTICES.

LOST: En route from H.M.T. L.13 - kit bags as under -

QX3127 Pte. Williams E.

QX25 Sgt. Burnheim T.T.

Finder will please return to 9 Bn.

FOUND: Identity Discs. NX18178 'Thome J.'.

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN MIXED BRIGADE.

23 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 250.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit	10 Bn.
Next for Duty	12 Bn.

2. CARE OF EMPTY PETROL TINS.

- (a) It has been noticed that many motor vehicle drivers throw away empty petrol tins after refuelling.
- (b) It is essential that empty petrol tins be carefully preserved by all concerned for return to A.A.S.C. Depots and eventual refilling at Base Installations.
- (c) Instructions will be issued to all M.T. drivers that empty tins from which they refuel enroute between depots are to be retained by them.

Len A Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Mtd. Bde.

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. MORSEHEAD G.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.
COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

24 Jan. 41.

Part I.

No. 381

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 1 M.G. Bn.
Next for Duty 1 A.Ik. Regt.

2. MAPS.

Units have today been issued with full war Estd. of maps. All maps previously issued by this H.Q. will be returned to the Int. Offr. by 1200 hrs. 27 Jan..

3. CANTEEN ORDERS.

Attention is drawn to A.I.F. Part I orders No. 139 relative to the stamping and signing of Canteen Orders.

4. SHOWERS.

The allocation of showers for the coming week will be as for the previous week.

5. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades will be as for last Sunday. An additional R.C. Service will be held at 0800 hrs. in the IKINGI MARIUT Camp for the following personnel --

H.Q. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.
"K" Sec. Sigs.
2 C.O.S.
5 Fd. Amb.
5 Recovery Unit.

This service will be held if weather permits (Dust storms).

6. CHANCE OF DUTY UNIT.

1 M.G. Bn. will mount duties at Retreat tonight in lieu of 12 Bn. who will mount on Sun. night 26 Jan..

7. STRENGTH STATES.

One copy only of Daily Strength States is to be forwarded to Bde. H.Q.. The other copy will be despatched direct to Records 2nd. Echelon.

8. ACCOMODATION STORES.

H.Q. Amiriya Sub-Area require return showing all accomodation Stores in unit lines by 1700 hrs. 26 Jan. These returns will be submitted to Bde. H.Q. for forwarding to the Amiriya Office.

9. S.O.M.E.

Capt. A.T. Reid, O.C. 47 L.A.D. will carry out the duties of S.O.M.E. in the Amiriya L of C Sub-Area.

10. LEAVE.

Leave for the coming week-end will be as follows:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>No. of Personnel to proceed on leave.</u>
9 Bn.	65
10 Bn.	65
12 Bn.	65
3 Fd. Coy.	43
1 M.G. Bn.	65
13 Bde. A.S.C.	40
5 Fd. Amb.	40
1 A.T. Regt.	65
2/3 Fd. Hyg. Sec.	23
Bde. H.Q.	27

These numbers may be allowed to proceed on leave each day, i.e. a total of 500 on Saturday and 500 on Sunday.

TRAINS.

A special train will depart Ikingi Maryut Station, stopping at El Amiriya, at 1000 hrs. and leave Alexandria at 2000 hrs..

ROLLS: The procedure for rolls will be as for the previous leave periods.

J. H. Hayward, Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Mxd. Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

25 JAN. 41.

Part 1.

NO. 262

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit

1 A.Tk. Regt.

Next for Duty

12 Bn.

2. ENTERTAINMENTS.

The allocation of personnel to attend the IKINGI MARYUT Concert Hall will be as for the previous week. The programme is changed every Monday.

L. J. Morshed, Capt.
S.C. 18 AUS. Inf. Bde.

Notices.

LOST: From H.M.T. L.13 - Universal Kit Bag "QX 484 Pte. E.B. Short". Finder please return to 9 Bn..

FOUND: Rifle No. 92095 - near 1 M.G. Bn. lines. Owner may obtain at Bde. H.Q..

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

26 Jan. 41.


Part 1.

No. 263.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit
Next for Duty

12 Bn.
9 Bn.


Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

27 Jan. 41

Part 1.

No. 264

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit	9 Bn.
Next for Duty	10 Bn.

2. ABSENTEES.-

Records has advised that absentees will be returned to unit strength until declared A.W.L. by Court of Inquiry assembled under A.M.R. 445.

I. A. Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

B. H.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDER.

BY
BRIGADIER L. J. MCNEHEAD C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.
Commanding 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

28 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

No. 265

1. DUPIES.

City Unit 10 Bn.
Text for Duty 1 M.G. Bn.

2. SALVAGE.

Any old clothing should not be destroyed but kept and will be sent to the Salvage Depot, Alexandria.

3. ACCOMMODATION STORES.

Arrangements are to be made so that all accommodation stores can be quickly collected and placed in one tent in each Company's lines.

4. OFFICERS - REPORTING ON LEAVE.

Para. "A" of General Order 382 of 1940 is republished.

There are still a large number of officers failing to comply with this order.

It is essential that the addresses of officers on leave are known at B.T.E. Headquarters and the necessity of complying with General Order 382 is to be brought to the notice of all officers.

(a) All officers visiting places, other than at which normally stationed, whether on leave or duty, will report themselves immediately on arrival to the following Headquarters or offices. Such reports will be made by signing their names and stating their units, addresses at which staying and period of stay, in "Visits and Leave Books" which will be maintained for this purpose by the Headquarters and Offices stated:-

Gairo	Headquarters B.T.E. (M.S. Branch) (Semiratis Hotel).
Alexandria	D.A.P.M.'s Office, New-el-Dik (opposite Main Rly. Station)
Ismailia/Masara	H.Q. Canal Zone & L. S. S. Area.
Other Stations (including Western Desert)	O.C. Troops Office or Garrison Headquarters, station concerned.

Capt.
S.G. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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29 Jan. 41.

Part 1.

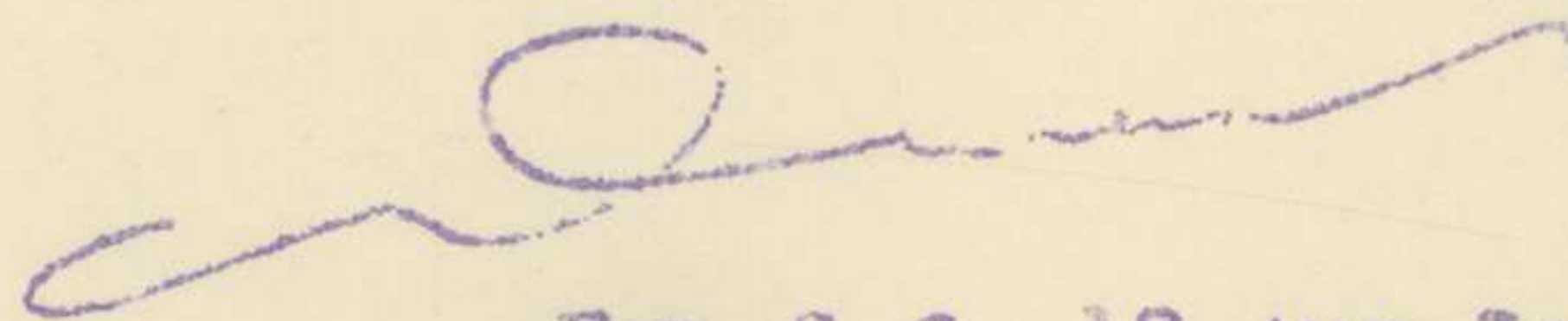
No. 200

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit	1 M.G. Bn.
Next for Duty	1 A.Tk. Regt.

2. PAY.

Unless notified to the contrary pay will be available tomorrow, 30 Jan. 41.



Lieut.
For S.C. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

W.D.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER L. J. MORSHEAD C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

31 Jan. 41

Part 1.

No. 268

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 12 Bn.

Next for Duty 9 Bn.

2. SECURITY LECTURE.

Capt. G. Robinson F.S.S., will deliver a lecture on Security Duties at Headquarters, AMIRIYA Sub-Area on Saturday 1 Feb. at 1100 hrs. Security Officers of all units will attend. Should the Security Officer be unavailable an officer will be detailed to attend in his stead.

3. LAUNDRY.

Units are now permitted to deal with Mahamed Ibrahim El Attar, Laundry Contractor.

Tom Atkinson Capt.
S.C. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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	M	Brig		Monahan J J		yes		
2	S	Capt		Dealy J J		yes		
3	M	Capt		Sturges J J		yes		
4	S	Capt		Fleming G W		yes		
5	S	Capt		Good J J		yes		
6	S	Capt		Parry S Kevin W/A		yes		
7	S	Lieut		Monshall A		yes		
8	S	Lieut		Kendall R G		yes		
9	S	Lieut		Smith J J		yes		
10		blat		Stable A B		no		9. Bde.
11		"		Helmert R A		no		10. Bde.
12		"		Holmes W P		no		12. Bde.
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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.

HQ 18 Aust Mounted Bde
(Unit.)
5 June 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Tas S Thompson Capt
(Signature of Commander.)
S. B. 14
9 5/11 41
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 18 Aus Mount Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
...			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ... <i>4 class</i>	3		
TOTALS ...	12		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

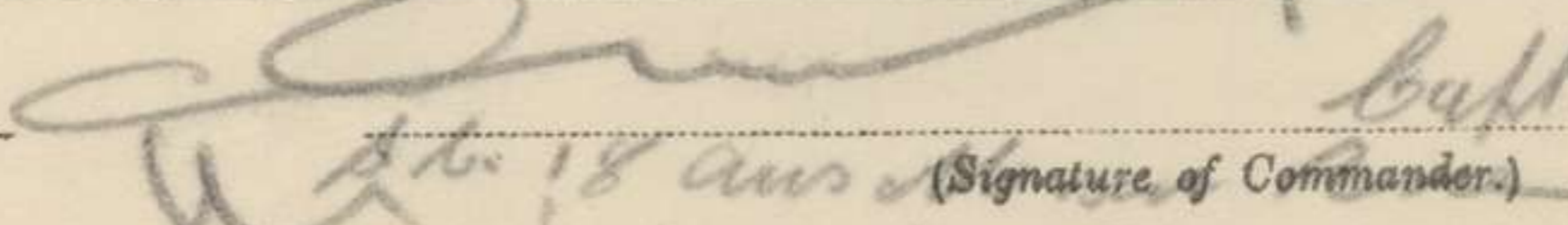
PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier	WX 8	Morgan Lewis L.F.	Bell bond	no	Visiting Force
Major	SX 1436	Daly L.F.	Bac abaf	no	Area.
Capt.	SX 1438	Hayward	S.C.	yes	
"	QX 6064	Blithing G.M.	B.S.O.	no	Visit. Force. Area.
"	WX 7	Good J.H.	B.I.O.	yes	
"	QX 6077	Harry. Chelms W.M.	B.T.O.	yes	
Lieut	QX 3817	Shirk G.S.	L.O.	yes	
"	SX 1152	Keeneyll	L.O.	yes	
"	QX 4398	Morgan L.H. W.	L.O.	yes	
Capt.	QX 6074	Stable O.B.	Capt	no	Att 9 Bn
"	QX 6078	Statenhouse W.P.	Capt	no	" 12 Bn
"	VX 197	Stebbins R.W.	Capt	no	" 10 Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut	WX 356	Dumont L.		3 June 41	Asst. S.S.

HQ. 18 Aus. Abn. Bde (Unit.)  Capt.
 11 Jan 41 (Date of Despatch.)
 18 Aus. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)
 9 Aus. Div.

HQ, 14 Amv Aband Base 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

HQ, 14 Amv Aband Base Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 11 Jan 44

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 18 Aus. Recon Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		/
...			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	4		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <i>46 hrs.</i> ...	3		
TOTALS ...	13		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Durant L. HX356</i>		<i>15 Jan 44</i>	<i>Seconded from 10 Bn to be Ball Committee Officer.</i>
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Foley G. E. J.</i>		<i>15 Jan 44</i>	<i>Seconded from 12 Bn to be L.O.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Shirk G. B.</i>		<i>15 Jan 44</i>	<i>Released to be seconded. Returned to 12 Bn.</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier	MX 8	Moore Lind J.F.	Regt. Comdr.	no	Visiting HQ 6 Aus Div.
Major	SX 1436	Daly J.F.	Regt. Comdr.	no	
Capt.	SX 1438	Hayward J.D.	S.B.	yes	
"	QX 6064	Folwing S.W.	S.B.S.	yes	
"	MX 7	Good S.H.	B.I.O.	yes	
"	QX 6077	Perry. Skelton W.M.	B.T.O.	yes	
Lieut	SX 1152	Concull R.G.	L.O.	yes	
"	QX 4398	Marshall A.	L.O.	yes	
"	QX 2160	Foley S.E.	L.O.	yes	
"	MX 356	Durand L.	H.O.	yes	
6 Lt. 411	QX 6074	Steele O.B.		no	9 Bn.
"	QX 6078	Stanton W.M.		no	12 Bn.
"	VA 197	Helmire R.A.		no	10 Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

HQ 18 Aus Abnd Bde
(Unit.)
18 Jan 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. K. Hayward Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)
h. b. 18 Aus Bde
9 Aus Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

HQ 18 Aus Mixed Bde Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

HQ 18 Aus Mixed Bde Unit.

T. S. Hayward Capt. S.C. 18 Aus Mixed Bde
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 18 Jan 41

9 Aus. Div. Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 18 Aus Mount Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
.. .. .			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters <i>4 blues</i>	3		
TOTALS	13		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brigadier	MX 8	Abott, head L.J.	Bar bond.	yes	
Major	SX 1436	Daly J. J.	B. I. O.	yes	
Capt.	SX 1438	Hayward L. B.	S. L.	yes	
"	QX 6064	Fleming L. W.	R. S. O.	yes	
"	MX 7	good S. H.	B. I. O.	yes	
"	QX 6077	Parry, Charles W. W.	B. I. O.	yes	
Lieut.	SX 1152	Turnbull R. G.	L. O.	yes	
"	QX 4598	Marshall A.	L. O.	yes	
"	QX 2160	Foley G. L. J.	L. O.	yes	
"	MX 356	Dunlop L. J.	A. O.	yes	
Chap. 4th	QX 6074	Stuart G. B.	Chap.	no	Act 9 Bn
"	QX 6078	Holmes W. P.	"	no	" 12 Bn
"	VX 197	Selmore R. A.	"	no	" 10 Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	MX 343	Reid A. J.	AADC LAD 47		LAD 47.

HQ 18 Aus. Abscd. Bde

(Unit.)

25 Jan 41

(Date of Despatch.)

J. B. Hayward, Capt.
A. B. 18 Aus. Abscd. Bde
(Signature of Commander.)
9 Aus Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 14 Australian Bde (Unit) 25 Jan 19 44 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter 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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3		
Corporals	5		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	50		
TOTALS	60	*	*

* 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.
S/Syts 2	LAD 47 AAOC	Ptes 2	AA Postal Unit
b/pls 1	LAD 47 AAOC		
Ptes 8	LAD 47 AAOC		
Syts 1	AAOC		
b/pl 1	Intell Corps		
	2	AA Postal Unit	
L/b/pl 1	Intell Corps		

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).
17X9220	PKC	Melby V.J.		Hospital - Alameda(?)

HQ 18 Aus Mounted 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

HQ 18 Aus Mounted Bde
Unit.

Ten S Hayward Capt.
Signature of Commander.
B. B. 18 Aus Mounted Bde

Date of Despatch *25 Jan 44*

9 Aus Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Appendix "A" 18 Bde Jan 41

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

JANUARY

ADDENDUM.

Army Form C. 21

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>Advance Party</u>	
<u>TOBRUK</u>	27		Brigadier Morshead, accompanied by Capt. Good reported to 6 Aust; Div. at Timini, and then to XIII Corps H/Q at Bomba. He learned that there was as yet no definite role for 18 Bde. and therefore returned to Tobruk, and established an Advanced H.Q. at the Bank Flats, Tobruk.	
	28		On receipt of a message that certain road parties of the Bde. Gp. had left for Tobruk Brigadier Morshead and Capt. Good made a recce. of the Tobruk Area within the former enemy perimeter and selected training areas and H.Q. for units.	
	29		Brigadier Morshead again visited H.Q. XIII Corps at Bomba, but could only ascertain that 18 Bde. would be relieving 16 Aust. Inf. Bde. of duties in the Tobruk area. Capt. Good completed a recce. of area. Brigadier Morshead returned 1500 hrs. Bde. Road parties consisting of a total of 4 Officers and 80 Ors. from the three Bns. together with the 2/3 Fd. Coy. and 2/5 Fd. Amb. arrived at Tobruk, and were guided to Bivouac Areas.	
	31		Brigadier Morshead accompanied by Major R. Risson, O.C. 2/3 Fd. Coy. and by Capt. Good, Bde. I/O left with 9 O.Rs. on two trucks on a reeee. of Derna and Mechili Areas. Arrived Derna at 1100 hrs. on day of occupation by our forces. Arrived Mechili 1700 hrs. and visited H.Q. of British Mechanised Forces there.	

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WAR DIARY

S E C R E T

Army Form C. 2118.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

47 L.A.D. (Attached to H.Q. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.)

(Erase heading not required).

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information 1 January to 31 January 1941	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	1		Disembarked from H.M.T. L13 and proceeded by train to IKINGI MARYUT.	
	2		Party of 1 S/Sgt. and 5 men attached to No.5 Field Recovery to assist in 6 Div.repairs.	
	3		Part of stores ex.ship arrived.	
	11		All L.A.D. stores and equipment, with the exception of M.T., has arrived in a satisfactory condition.	
	17		By arrangement L.A.D. 47 took over work that had been left after L.A.D. 41 had moved to Tobruk.	
	20		It was notified in 1 Aus. Corps R.Os. No.47 that O.C. L.A.D. 47 was appointed acting S.O.M.E 18 Bde. Group.	
	27		O.C. L.A.D. 47 and 2 O.Rs. left for TOBRUK with the Advance Party of 18 Bde.	
			On the journey to Tobruk a heavy sand storm was experienced making vehicle maintenance impossible.	

Askey Capt.
S.O.M.E. L.A.D. 47.

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	M	Capt		REID AT	AAOC	YES		
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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.

LAD 47
16-1-47
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

As Ready Capt
18th Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

LAD 47

Unit.

Army Form W.3009

(page 2)

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

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

LAD 47

Unit.

Askeid, Capt

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

16-1-41

18th Aus Mxd Bde

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

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	M.	Capt		REID AT	4000	YES		
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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.

LAD 47

16-1-41

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

A. J. Reid Capt.

18th Aus Div Bde

(Signature of Commander.)

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

Unit.

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

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

LAD 47

Unit.

Date of Despatch

16-1-41

Ashley Capt

Signature of Commander.

18th Aus Mad Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

L.A.D. 47 (Unit.) For Week Ending 18-1-41

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 ...			
	Majors... ..			
	Captains			
	Lieutenants			
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS			

* 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.
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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.

LAD. 47 (Unit.)

19-1-41 (Date of Despatch.)

Asst Rmdy Col (Signature of Commander.)

18th Aus Med Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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

LAD 47

Unit.

Date of Despatch

19-1-41

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18th Aus Mixed Bde

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

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WAR DIARY

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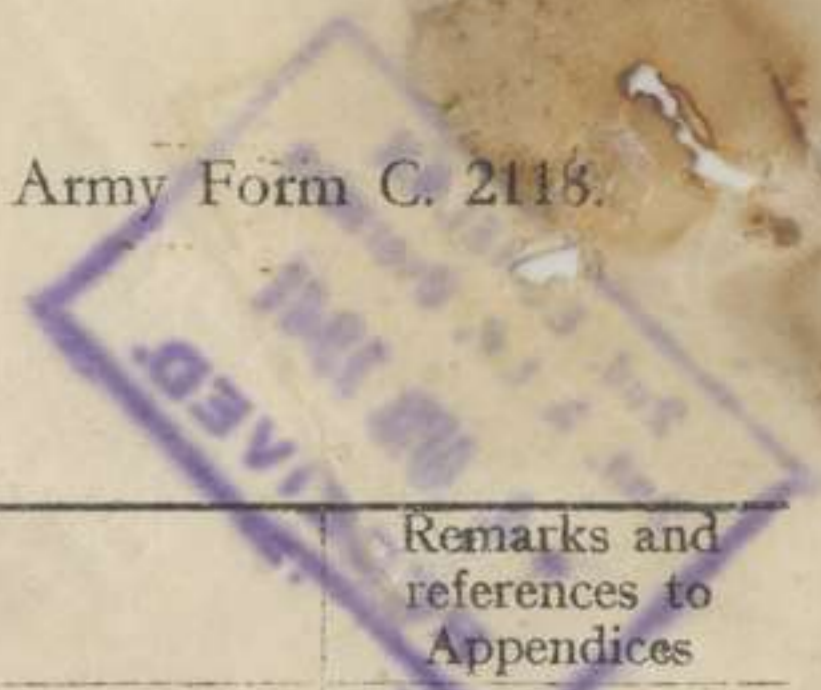
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

H.Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	1 to 28 Feb. 41.	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARYUT	1		Items omitted from January War Diary.		Appx. "A"
TOBRUK (Adv. Party)	1		Brigadier Morshead and Party made recces. of area around Mechili assisted by advice from H.Q. British Troops. The Party returned to Tobruk 1800 hrs. and Brig. Morshead met Brig. Wootten. At 2100 hrs. ,after conference, Brig. Morshead handed over 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. to Brig. Wootten. Message sent to XIII Corps rptd. 6 Aust. Div. advising. Brig. Morshead left Tobruk at 2100 hrs. for Ikingi Maryut to report to 1 Aust. Corps.		
	2		<u>Adv. Party</u> - Brig. Wootten with Capt. Good reported XIII Corps at Bomba at 1200 hrs.		
	2 - 5		Advanced H.Q. at Tobruk daily expected arrival of rest of the Bde. , and billeting arrangements were made at Base. H.Q., but despite assurances of Mov. Control to the contrary no further troops arrived.		
IKINGI MARYUT	3		<u>Main Body</u> - Verbal advice received from Mov. Control for 1080 all ranks to embark at Alexandria 4 Feb. to move to Tobruk.		
	4		9 Bn., 3 Coys. 10 Bn. and details 2/5 Fd. Amb. entrained at Amiriya station at 0720 hrs. The train left Amiriya at 0840 hrs. A baggage train with the Bde. Stores left Ikingi Maryut 1430 hrs. Embarkation at Alexandria was completed by 1200 hrs. on the "Ulster Prince". The "Ulster Prince" sailed at 1400 hrs. At 1900 hrs. the Bde. Major received verbal advice from H.Q. Amiriya Sub Area that it was likely that the "Ulster Prince" would return to Port on or before the following morning, owing to the enemy having sown mines in the Tobruk harbour and along the coast.		
	5		Verbal advice received by telephone from Amiriya Sub Area at 0700 hrs. that the "Ulster Prince" had returned to port. But it was not known whether personnel would disembark. At 1200 hrs. verbal advice was received that all personnel would return to Ikingi Maryut by train during the afternoon or evening. Disembarkation was actually completed by 1700 hrs. A troop train was hastily marshalled and left Alexandria at 1930 hrs., arriving at Ikingi Maryut about 2345 hrs. Everyone was very disappointed .		

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1 to 28 Feb. 41

Remarks and
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Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
TOBRUK	5		<u>Advance Party</u> - Brigadier Wootten visited Derna and made a recce. 2/3 Fd. Coy. placed by XIII Corps under Comd. C.R.E. Tobruk, and advised accordingly.
	6		Mov. Control advised at Tobruk that owing to a very severe dust storm the ships carrying the rest of Bde. would be delayed 24 hrs. and would arrive at 0800 hrs. tomorrow.
IKINGI MARYUT	6		<u>Main Body</u> - Settling down again; still at 6 hrs. notice, with all stores remaining under guard at No. 71 dock Alexandria. Advice received of a visit on the following day of the Prime Minister of Australia.
	7		The Prime Minister of Australia, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies, K.C., P.C., arrived by 'plane at Dikheila airport, accompanied by G.O.C. A.I.F. The arrival was originally arranged for Amiriya aerodrome, but owing to a dust storm this was not practicable. He was met by the acting Bde. Comd. Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, 9 Bn., accompanied by the Bde. Major and Staff Capt. A Bde. parade had been arranged and the Prime Minister accompanied by the G.O.C. inspected all units of the Bde.
TOBRUK	7		<u>Advance Party</u> - Ascertained from "K" ^{Base} Sec. Sigs. at Tobruk that messages from Ikingi Maryut might be delayed several days. Movement Control at Tobruk advised that troop ships with our Bde. would berth at 0800 hrs. Transport was accordingly arranged and waited at wharf all day, but no ships arrived.
	8		At 0800 hrs. Mov. Control advised that ships would berth within the next hour, but a similar fiasco - no ships arriving. Brig. Wootten met the Prime Minister of Australia with the G.O.C. AIF and learned that the rest of the Bde. was still at Ikingi yesterday. Received an order from XIII Corps that our Bde. would supply one Coy. for garrison duties at Derna.
IKINGI MARYUT	8		<u>Main Body</u> - Verbal advice received from Movement Control Alexandria that the Bde. could now be considered to be at 12 hrs. notice.

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			Summary of Events and Information	1 to 28 Feb. 41	Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour			
TOBRUK	9		<u>Advance Party</u> - Movement Control Tobruk stated that they had no knowledge if and when our troops would arrive. 16 Bde. H.Q. advised that it had now been ordered to supply the duty coy. at Derna.		
IKINGI MARYUT	9/10		<u>Main Body</u> - Units proceeded on leave to Alexandria once more, after having been standing to for three weeks.		
	11		Verbal instruction from Movement Control Alexandria received placing 18 Bde. at 6 hrs. notice to move.		
TOBRUK	11		<u>Advance Party</u> - Brigadier Wootten left Tobruk for Ikingi Maryut in order to find out the situation regarding the Bde. Fresh billeting arrangements made for our Bde., if and when it should arrive.		
	12		Five (5) tons of escorted mail arrived Tobruk.		
IKINGI MARYUT	12		<u>Main Body</u> - Brigadier Wootten returned to Ikingi Maryut at 0700 hrs.		
TOBRUK	13		<u>Advance Party</u> - Message received at advance H.Q. Tobruk from 18 Bde.H.Q. that movement was still pending.		
IKINGI MARYUT	13		<u>Main Body.</u> - Main bodys baggage train arrived from No.71 Dock Alexandria with Bde.Stores.		
TOBRUK	15		<u>Advance Party.</u> - Movement Control Tobruk advised that the Bde. was last on the list of priority arrivals at Tobruk.		
	16		Received message at Tobruk from 18 Bde. that no movement of the Bde. was expected before 10 Feb. This message was sent on the 7Feb. and its delay was typical of the chaotic state of communications to and from Tobruk.		
	17		At 1530hrs. Adv.H.Q. received orders from H.Q. Tobruk Base Sub Area for the return of all 18 Bde. Dets. to Amiriya		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			1 to 28 Feb.41.	
TOBRUK	18		<u>Advance Party</u> .--Arr. for movement made and for the carriage of extra personnell and baggage by empty trucks of A.A.O.C.	
IKINGI MARIUT TOBRUK.	18		<u>Main Body</u> .--Bde.Transport Officer Capt. Parry-Okeden carried out an exercise with Bde.Transport personnel	
	19		<u>Advance Party</u> .--All personnel and baggage of our dets. in Tobruk left Tobruk by road at 0700hrs. subsequently reporting back to Ikingi-Mariut at 1230hrs. 21 Feb. and were surprised to find Bde.H.Q. still at Ikingi-Mariut because Base Sigs. at Tobruk had received word from Sigs at Ikingi-Mariut that our Bde.was not known in that area.	
IKINGI MARIUT	19		<u>Main Body</u> --G.O.C.,A.I.F. Lt. General Sir Thomas Blamey C.B.,C.M.G.,D.S.O. visited Brigadier Wootten at Ikingi-Mariut and generally discussed the future employment of the Bde.	
IKINGI MARIUT	20		Training resumed Battalion exercises carried out between Ikingi-Mariut and Berg-El-Arab	
IKINGI MARIUT	21		Advance party returned from Tobruk having received orders to do so from Comd. Tobruk Sub area.	
IKINGI MARIUT	24		Capt.E.W.Fleming A.A.S.C. who had carried out the duties of Bde.Supply Officer since the formation of the Bde. received verbal approval from D.D.S.T. for a transfer to the 9 Bn. accordingly he was immediately transferred to that unit pending appointment. His duties are being carried out by Lieut.W.H.S.Hall A.A.S.C. pending the appointment of a new Bde.S.O.	
IKINGI MARIUT	26		Intelligence Summary No. 14 issued.	Appx."B"
IKINGI MARIUT	27		Training Instruction No.10 issued.	" "C"
IKINGI MARIUT	28		Course on interpretation of Air Photography commenced at Bde.H.Q. under Bde.I.O. the lecturer being Lieut.Isaacs I.O.9 Bn. who had recently finished a course on this subject The new course is for the I.O. and 1 O.R. of each Bn. with Bde.I.O. and 2 O.Rs. of Bde. "I"Section. Course to last 5 days.--Capt. Parry-Okeden Bde.T.O. left for Suez to see about the arrival and unloading of Bde.Vehicles.	

[Signature]
Maj.
B.M.18 Aust.Inf.Bde.

Appendix "B"

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY



18 Aust. Inf. Bde. Int. Sum. No. 14.

From information received to 1200 hrs.

26 Feb. 41.

1. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Apart from the war in EUROPE and AFRICA the most important thing in world affairs today is the situation in the FAR EAST, which has deteriorated rapidly and is now grave. There has been a great deal of speculation as to JAPAN'S intentions, but it appears that the following factors are the cause for JAPAN'S bellicose activities.

First the collapse of FRANCE reduced the number of JAPAN'S opponents in the PACIFIC ring to two - the British Empire and the United States. Furthermore she has obtained a footing in INDO-CHINA and by acting as intermediary in the THAILAND-INDO-CHINA dispute, she has gained importance - in her own eyes at least - and doubtless hopes to gain something more concrete.

Secondly, all hopes of a free hand for JAPAN in the Far East rest on an Axis victory. Yet ITALY has been thrown out of CYRENAICA, has her back to the wall in EAST AFRICA and is getting the worst of it in ALBANIA, while the promised GERMAN invasion of GREAT BRITAIN ~~has~~ and the dissolution of her empire have not materialised. In the meantime BRITAIN'S war effort is expanding with very considerable assistance from AMERICA. But AMERICA is by no means yet prepared herself, and any threat to AMERICA and her dependencies would result in an increase in her own preparations at the expense of the help she is sending across the Atlantic. This is what GERMANY wants and there is evidence of German pressure on JAPAN to the attainment of this end.

Thirdly, JAPAN has got herself heavily involved in the war with CHINA. Chinese morale which was deteriorating, has been restored by loans from GREAT BRITAIN and the UNITED STATES and continued assistance from RUSSIA. Furthermore, the BURMA road remains open despite heavy Japanese attacks on its vital links. JAPAN, therefore, needs Axis help to restore her position.

Fourthly, JAPAN is economically most unsound and conditions in the country are appalling. Exports from the British Empire to JAPAN are ^{by DPs} strictly limited on economic warfare grounds. But control of the Far East, including the wealth of the Dutch East Indies, could restore her to a sound footing.

It seems, therefore, that the crux of the matter is whether JAPAN, pressed on by GERMANY or inspired by her own ambitions, is in the position to choose her own plan and if so whether she considers herself able to further her cause by aggressive action and whether the time for such action is ripe.

There are factors, however, which must have a cooling effect on Japanese aspirations. Should she choose to attack the DUTCH EAST INDIES or even AUSTRALIA, she lays herself open to attack by British naval forces in those waters, probably supported by the Dutch East Indian fleet which is by no means insignificant, and possibly supported by the American Pacific Fleet should the UNITED STATES be forced to declare war on JAPAN. Should JAPAN choose to attack down the Malay Peninsula she will eventually find herself faced by a strong British and Indian force, recently augmented by Australian troops, and backed up by the strong fortress of SINGAPORE. Should she attack BURMA, she will not find us unprepared. Furthermore, her navy has never had to fight a first class naval force; her Army, deeply involved in CHINA, has never been tried out in the type of warfare that we know in EUROPE today; while her Air Force is virtually untested. JAPAN numerically is strong, but her fighting efficiency is open to doubt.

JAPAN, however, cannot afford to become involved in a long war on another front. Any aggressive action she may have in mind must succeed and succeed quickly. German pressure and German promises may force her to take this action, but it is possible that realisation of the odds has made it merely a high pressure war of nerves, at which the members of the Tripartite are so adept.

2. EGYPT POLITICAL

The tension between the Wafd Party and the Palace has greatly increased reaching the stage of almost open enmity. At a meeting of the party on 10 Feb. it was decided to boycott all Palace functions and courtesies and refrain from publishing Palace news in the Wafdist press. Since the fall of the Wafdist Government in 1938 an underground persecution of Coptic officials in Government service has been systematically carried on. This policy, undoubtedly encouraged by the Palace has resulted in the dismissal of minor officials and the transfer and lack of rightful promotion of numerous departmental heads whose only fault was their Christian belief. The result has been an alarming number of conversions to the Mahomedan faith which Coptic leaders view very seriously. One prominent leader has threatened that if the persecution continues the Copts with the Wafds will appeal to the British Embassy claiming that a return to British rule will be the only chance of justice that the community may expect.

3. OPERATIONS.(a) Libya.

The Italian 10th Army has now ceased to exist and the whole of CYRENAICA is in our hands with the exception of GIARABUB where the garrison continues to hold out although 644 Libyans have deserted. The remainder should be finding the question of supplies increasingly difficult.

The 5th Army in TRIPOLITANIA lost many units in CYRENAICA including two M.G. battalions and two Arty. Regts.. It is estimated that something over 20,000 prisoners were taken in the last stage, also 129 guns were captured in the action South of BENCHAZI and over 100 new M.13 tanks. It is considered that about 70 of these tanks are either in first class condition or can be made so with the materials available, and it is expected that a special unit will be formed to operate these captured tanks. The tactics employed by the enemy force South of BENCHAZI were pathetic even though they were completely surprised by the armoured division. Although the tanks deployed off the road the guns and the infantry met one very long column still on the road having an advance guard of one infantry battalion only. They thus presented a perfect target. The deployment by the enemy advance into "penny packets" was a failure as was one last effort made by 30 tanks to break through. A flame thrower was among the captured equipment.

Arab looting has been a troublesome feature of the last stage of the battle and many of the Italian civil population believe with some justification that they are in danger of their lives.

The Italian Air Force has been conspicuous by its absence and all information suggests that the morale of the Italian Air Force in LIBYA was and is low.

The speed of the advance along the coast (by 19 Aust. Inf. Bde on transport provided by A.S.C. and Ed. Regts.) was so great that on more than one occasion Italian D.Rs. on meeting British columns halted, saluted, and then handed over most interesting despatches to an officer.

German aircraft have been much more active in recent weeks in LIBYA and with bombs and mines in the Canal area. As far back as September last the Germans were experimenting in LIBYA with a Ju88 (medium-range dive bomber), a Heinkel 111 (long-range bomber) and a Ju52 (troop transport). Early in January it was reported that there were some 300 German aircraft in ITALY and some of these based on SICILY were operating in LIBYA.

On 30 Jan. bombs and magnetic mines were dropped in the SUEZ CANAL; there were no casualties but up to 1 Feb. one dredger had been damaged. Since the fall of BENGHAZI German aircraft have been making low flying attacks over CYRENAICA on military and non-military objectives by bombing and machine gunning but certainly not without loss to themselves. One indiscriminate raid on BENGHAZI killed at least 93 persons and caused considerable damage to property.

The Italians in the last few months have been paying special attention to torpedo attacks by aircraft against our shipping. So far only two torpedo bomber units have been identified.

The Italians have now in the whole of Northern AFRICA probably only two divisions less most of their artillery and some units. A January report stated that reinforcements, possibly as much as three divisions were on the way from ITALY but there was no confirmation of this and subsequent Intelligence Summaries do not refer to the report.

Italy.

Turkish broadcasts on 13 Jan. mentioned rumours that the Fascist Grand Council had a majority in favour of a separate peace but that Mussolini was strongly opposed. Censored press messages from LISBON quoted similar reports. Italian air operations have been on a very reduced scale as the Italian Air Force appears to be demoralized. MALTA, however, has received a large number of attacks but has accounted for some 90 odd dive bombers in 11 days.

(c) Roumania (External).

Strong German rumours have made ROUMANIA frightened of the Russian menace and provided the excuse for Germany to bring in more troops at Antonescu's request.

Press reports indicate that the Germans have some 600,000 troops on the South and Eastern borders of ROUMANIA and are filtering through into BULGARIA. There is no information available as to the probable effect of the recent TURKO-BULGARIAN Pact.

(d) Iraq.

Pan-Arab extremists have been considering the resumption of guerilla warfare in PALESTINE and the Mufti is in favour of an early start. However, there is some hold-up pending the provision of arms and funds and the cooperation of neighbouring Arab states. The rank and file of the rebels are hanging back and demanding proper safeguards against misappropriation of funds as they know that some of their leaders pocketed the lion's share of money supplied by the Axis for subversive purposes. The Mufti is trying to secure additional sources of income from Arabs in AMERICA and for this reason the pro-Axis members of the present Government have decided to establish an IRAQI Legation at WASHINGTON and to send a pan-Arab delegation to AMERICA for propeganda purposes. Closer contact with the Nazi authorities is also aimed at. The Iraqi Army Officers Club has indicated very clearly its antagonism to BRITAIN.

4. INVASION RUMOURS.

(a) Egypt.

In order to avoid a direct attack on TURKEY it is possible that the Germans may transport troops by ship from the Roumanian port of CONSTANZA to BATUS across the BLACK SEA and thence transported by Russian Railway across the CAUCASES to the Persian frontier near TABRIZ. It would then not be far to go to MOSUL as a base for a further move across SYRIA towards the Suez Canal.

(b) England.

The Germans attempted an invasion of ENGLAND on 14 Sept.. The R.A.F. caused 30,000 deaths off the coast of NORMANDY (2 eme Bureau estimate) by means of liquid acetylene bombs. Of the above total one-third died immediately and the remainder later of burns. German officers under the influence of liquor invariably stated that the invasion would take place in IRELAND.

One source now stated that the Germans have prepared to invade ENGLAND at the end of the first week in March, the main force to sail from ST. NAZAIRE -- NANTES at night westwards and ultimately to make for the Bristol Channel. At the same time forces from the North Sea and Channel ports will carry out deceptive attacks on the East and South coasts. Air activity will be intensified over LONDON and S-E ENGLAND, the landing from the West being attempted without air support.

Censored press messages from both British and neutral sources stress the imminence of a full-dress onslaught of GREAT BRITAIN and ~~xxxxx~~ suggest that German activities in the MEDITERRANEAN are designed to keep ITALY on her feet long enough to detain vital units of the British fleet in the MEDITERRANEAN over the critical period.

The invasion plan is stated to be most unpopular with the German troops accentuated by the news of the fate of the full-dress rehearsal or attempted invasion of 14 Sept. as above mentioned.

5. BOMB INTELLIGENCE.

Further reports have been received of the German use of 1 Kg. incendiary bomb containing a small explosive charge which explodes some three to five minutes after the bomb starts to function. Every one Kg. bomb should be approached with a wet blanket folded double hanging over the arm.

The Italians used Air Force bombs of medium calibre as anti-tank mines for portion of the second line of defence of TOBRUK. The bombs were dug down leaving only the top of the vanes visible the latter being protected by a mound over which a board was laid.

6. ROAD PALESTINE-EGYPT.

Full notes on this road may be obtained from this Headquarters.

7. GAS.

All Italian shells and aircraft bombs with chemical chargings are marked with a coloured GENEVA Cross in White, Black, Red or Green. The shells may be found in any calibre. The tear-gas 25 Kg. bomb is marked with a cross and the word "Furetto."

8. BOOBY TRAPS.

It is recommended by B.G.S., 1 Aus. Corps. that troops should be warned at frequent intervals to be on their guard against booby traps. A description of the Italian Anti-personnel Land Mines, Booby trap mines and Thermos bombs may be obtained from this H.Q..

9. BATTLE OF TOBRUK.

Information hereon will be supplied at an early date.

Capt.
B.Z.O. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 10.

1. Since collective training has been resumed a number of exercises have been carried out during which, as will always be the case, a number of errors have crept in. The object of this instruction is to point out these errors, and to lay down a policy to be followed by the Bde. for their correction.

2. PROTECTION.

Protection comes under the heading of Security and as such is a principle of war, and no matter what the circumstances may be, it must always be considered.

Although the nature of the terrain in which we are training differs considerably from any to which we have been accustomed, the principles which have always been taught still hold. The only difference lies in the extent to which they will be applied. Where previously it was sometimes possible to ignore the possibility of an attack from some direction, now, a comd's responsibility is increased by the fact that his force may be attacked from almost any quarter without warning.

It is essential, therefore, that the enemy should be denied the opportunity of approaching unobserved. This will entail picquets or patrols operating at a distance from the main body, in such positions as to enable the comd. to receive adequate warning of an impending attack either from ground or air. In addition, the main body should be disposed in such a manner that it can be readily deployed to meet a threat from any direction.

At rest, the problem is simplified but must not, as is frequently the case, be overlooked. This applies particularly to "B" Echelon, which may often be separated from the main body, and consequently particularly vulnerable. Quartermasters and R.Q.M.S's are sometimes inclined to develop the "Q" complex to such an extent as to completely overlook the tactical aspect. The protection of "B" Echelon must be considered and a plan for its defence put into operation, before any thought can be given to the "Q" functions. War is purely applied commonsense with a little foresight, and the first duty of "B" Echelon is to keep alive. There are no worse cooks than dead ones. Therefore, it will be the duty of the Q.M. or T.O. to insist on having his sufficient means at his disposal to provide adequate protection for his group before leaving the main body.

Flank protection should always be included in a commander's plan for an attack. This may be given by Arty, A/Tk guns or M.M.Gs. etc.. If one or all of these are not available it will be necessary to improvise with L.M.Gs. and Boys Rifles. To ignore this aspect is to court disaster. Nothing could be more demoralising than a sudden attack by A.F.Vs. on an exposed flank while approaching an objective.

Air.

The almost complete absence of real air threat since leaving ENGLAND has unfortunately resulted in a corresponding lack of care by subordinate commanders. It is not intended to enumerate the dangers of air attack or to suggest methods for overcoming them. This is not a matter of tactical dogma, but should by now be instinctive. However, to ensure that some protection is always available it will be regarded as a standing order in this Brigade for at least one Bren per pl. to be mounted for A.A. protection at every halt. The mounting of the others must depend on the

comd's appreciation of the danger of attack from ground or air. In all circumstances, however, L.M.Gs. mounted for A.A. tasks, will be in a position to come into action against ground forces should the occasion demand.

3. RESERVES.

In some cases it has been noticed that there is a tendency to keep reserves too far in rear of the forward troops, and dispersed to such an extent as to make rapid manoeuvre impossible.

While depth in the attack, and a certain amount of dispersion is essential, reserves must be sufficiently handy to enable a C.O. to take advantage of any fleeting opportunity that presents itself. It is therefore necessary for them to be as far forward as is consistent with security, and in such a formation that they can be rapidly moved without undue time being wasted in collecting widely dispersed sub-units. This again will depend entirely on the conclusions reached by the C.O. in his appreciation of possible roles for his reserve, but no matter what that role is, a handy and mobile reserve will be to his advantage. It should always be borne in mind that the best results are obtained from swift and determined action. An attack must be kept moving, exploitation should follow fast on the capture of the objective and the enemy must not be granted a moment's respite to reorganise

4. M.T.

An enemy airman who has flown three or four hundred miles with a heavy load of bombs, prefers to find a target for them that is worth while. If a unit declines to make such a target available, he may search elsewhere. Therefore, it may be assumed that any officer who allows a conglomeration of M.T. to assemble is guilty of criminal neglect and is inviting a bombing attack. With the expanse of desert available there can be no excuse for lack of dispersion. On no account will M.T. be parked closer than 150 yards between any two vehicles. In addition, far more attention must be paid to the necessity of avoiding skylines. Vehicles on a skyline can be easily picked up five miles away, whereas those below a skyline, although not actually hidden, are difficult to observe at distances greater than 2000 yds..

5. DISCIPLINE.

In some cases, the standard of battle discipline has been regrettably low. Many instances have been observed, of men, with a task of protection removing their equipment, leaving it lying on the ground together with their arms anything up to 50 yds. from their positions. This is usually followed by a siesta, with no attempt at control by the officers or N.C.Os. concerned. In very few cases were specific sentries posted, in spite of the fact that enemy A.F.Vs. were stated to be active. The conclusion one draws from observing this is a complete lack of drive and interest on the part of the officers with a corresponding lack of enthusiasm on the part of the men.

This is not an academic point, but one of vital importance, if a commander is going to avoid being taken by surprise

Should it be necessary to remove equipment for any reason (such as digging), officers and N.C.Os. will ensure that it is properly laid out, in such a position that it can be readily replaced in case of an emergency.

6. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

On every occasion that orders are issued, watches will be synchronised. A system should be adopted that will preclude this very important point being overlooked. Probably the safest way is for watches to be synchronised on the first occasion during the issue of an order on which a time is mentioned, i.e. "No forward movement of tpt after 2100 hrs."

"The time is now -----."

Another method is to make a special para at the conclusion of orders but in times of haste this is often liable to be overlooked.

7. R/T.

Training in R/T will be carried out by all units vide 9 Div. G.172/202/3 of Jan. 41. N.C.Os from "K" Sq. Sigs. may be made available to units if required.

J. J. Dalry
Maj.
B.M. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

27 Feb. 41.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE.
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
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COMMANDING 10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

2 Feb. 41.

Part Ia

No. 279

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit
Next for Duty

10 Bn.
1 A.I.C. Coy.

T. J. Hayward Capt.
S.O. 10 Aus. Inf. Bde.

W.D.

IMPERIAL FORCE

CIVILIAN PROPERTY

1. The following items are to be returned to the Commanding Officer, I. of C. Sub-Area or Town-Major, Ikingi Maryut, as soon as they are available. The items are: (a) all personal effects, (b) all books, (c) all papers, (d) all maps, (e) all instruments, (f) all tools, (g) all equipment, (h) all stores, (i) all furniture, (j) all other articles of value.

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10. PAY ARRANGEMENTS: Australian personnel on duty leave in ALABAMA must be paid under unit arrangements. Individual leave to be paid at A.I.F. Headquarters.

11. SAFEGUARDING OF SECRET DOCUMENTS: Reference notes on the safeguarding of secret documents are given in R.A. B.T.R. letter No. 10/14/35/2. It is to be noted that the safeguarding of secret documents is the responsibility of the individual concerned. A report will be rendered by the Commanding Officer of Sub-Area as to the number of secret documents held on charge and the arrangements made for their safeguarding.

6. AWARDS: Attention is drawn to the fact that an award of detention, if not exceeding seven days, should be made in hours.

7. OUTBREAK OF TYPHUS: (i) An outbreak of Typhus has occurred amongst the native and Bedouin population of BAHARI. Troops will be required to take the following precautions:- (a) Keep away from all native dwellings and avoid contact with natives employed by you. (ii) The symptoms are - FEVER, HEADACHE and MUSCULAR PAINS and later a RASH. Any men feeling off colour should report at once and if the M.O. considers necessary they should be sent to IKINGI MARYUT for inspection. Arrangements will be made for an ambulance of 100 Light Fd. Amb. to be used for this purpose as it can be disinfected. (iv) All native villages are strictly out of bounds.

8. SHOWERS? The following is the allotment of showers in this sub-area for the dates shown:-

Sat. 15 Feb.	18 Aust Bde.
Sun. 16 Feb.	" " "
Mon. 17 Feb.	" " "
Tue. 18 Feb.	1 Hampshire Regt, until 1230 hrs. Coy. Cheshire Regt, after 1230 hrs.
Wed. 19 Feb.	1 Aust. Corps Sigs, until 1230 hrs. 2/4 Aust. Gen. Hosp, after 1230 hrs.
Thu. 20 Feb.	2/1 Aust. M.G. Bn., until 1230 hrs. 2/1 Aust. A.Tk. Regt., after 1230 hrs.
Fri. 21 Feb.	A.I.F. Staging Camp, until 1230 hrs. Transit Camp & H.Q., after 1230 hrs.

W.D.

9. CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

No Officer, N.C.O. or other rank will enter any house in AMIRIYA L. of C. Sub-Area without written permission from H.Q. AMIRIYA L. of C. Sub-Area. The TRINGI Area written permission from the Town Major, IKINGI may be obtained in lieu. Personnel in possession of authorized fittings, furniture, store equipment etc. must return same immediately to H.Q. AMIRIYA L. of C. Sub-Area or Town Major, IKINGI. Commanding Officers will take disciplinary action against any member of their unit who are in possession of unauthorized articles. The removal of engineering stores or equipment is prohibited. The removal of unauthorized removal of civilian and military property has reached large proportions and drastic action will be taken against offenders.

No unit may take possession of any billet for military or other purposes without express permission and then only by application through the proper channels.

10. PAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Australian personnel on leave in ALEXANDRIA must be paid under unit arrangements. Under no circumstances will individuals on leave be paid at A.I.F. H.Q., Alexandria.

11. SAFEGUARDING OF SECRET DOCUMENTS.

Reference notes on the safeguarding of Secret documents is quoted in H.Q. B.T.R. letter No. CR/E/2/12291/G.S. of 12 Dec. 40 issued under Headquarters L. of C. District letter CR/ICD/142/3/G, a report will be rendered by units through Headquarters of Sub-Areas, as to whether the numbers of files and stationery boxes held on charge are satisfactory, and in accordance with their requirements. Attention is drawn to the fact that an award of detention, if not exceeding seven days, should be made in hours.

OUTBREAK OF TYPHUS

(i) An outbreak of Typhus has occurred amongst the native and Bedouin population of the area. A vaccination of the population will be carried out in the following order: (a) Bedouin population (b) Native population. (ii) The symptoms are - FEVER, HEADACHE and MUSCULAR PAINS and later a RASH. Any men feeling off colour should report at once and if the M.O. considers necessary they should be sent to IKINGI MARYUT for inspection. Arrangements will be made for an ambulance if 100 Light Pk. Amb. to be used for this purpose as it can be distinguished.

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S/4 Aust. Gen. Hosp., after 1230 hrs.	
S/1 Aust. M.G. Bn., until 1230 hrs.	
S/1 Aust. A.K. Regt., after 1230 hrs.	
A.I.F. Staging Camp, until 1230 hrs.	
Transit Camp & H.Q., after 1230 hrs.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
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No. 282

15 Feb 41.

Part 1

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit
Next for Duty

1 A. Tk. Regt.
12 Bn.

2. CHURCH PARADES.

R.C. Church Parades will be held in 9 Bn lines at
0830 hrs 16 Feb 41 and at 0930 hrs in 1 A. Tk. lines.

T. Hayward Capt.
S.C. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

3. THEATRE

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18 Feb 41.

Part 1

No. 283

DUTIES.

Duty Unit: 12 Bn.
Next for duty: 9 Bn.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

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T. H. Hayward

Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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18 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 284

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit 1 M.G. Bn.
Next for Duty 10 Ba.

2. COURTS-MARTIAL - WITNESSES FOR

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

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

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

3. "B" VEHICLES - LORRIES CHEVROLET 2/3 TON TYPE XTWES.

Instances have occurred of fracture of the rear engine support of vehicles of the above type. These are attributed to failure to keep the holding down bolts tight.

All vehicles holding these vehicles on charge will ensure that regular maintenance action is taken to keep the bolts tight.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Except where otherwise instructed, all correspondence addressed to 18th Bde. H.Q., which by its nature will be required to be submitted to higher authority, will be forwarded in duplicate.

5. TYPEWRITER MECHANIC.

A vacancy exists at H.Q. 9 Aust. Div. for the above tradesman (Private - Trade Group 1). Units will forward applications with the recommendation of C.Os. to reach this H.Q. by 19 Feb..

6. SUPPLIES

Ref. R.Os. No. 283 of 17 Feb. para 2. For "Kerosene Lights $\frac{1}{2}$ pint per lamp per day" read "Kerosene Lights $\frac{1}{4}$ pint per lamp per day."

Law & Hayward, Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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19 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 285.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit	10 Bn.
Next for Duty	1 A.Tk. Regt.
Orderly Medical Officer	Capt. Brummitt 10 Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt. Yates 9 Bn.

2. IKINGI MARYUT CANTEEN PICQUET.

In future an officer from the Duty Unit will inspect the IKINGI MARYUT Canteen Picquet once by night and is requested to contact the Sgt. in charge of the Canteen to ensure that the picquet is carrying out its duties.

3. LOSS OF ARMS.

1. Standing Orders for War, British Troops in Egypt, para 76 (b), (1) and (ii) are cancelled.
2. The following procedure will be instituted:-
 - (a) As soon as the loss is reported the Comd. Officer will decide whether the individual concerned shall be placed on a charge or not.
 - (b) The matter will be investigated at once and a report rendered to the Bde. or Area Comd. together with recommendations for the disposal of the case.
 - (c) The Bde. or Area Comd. will then dispose of the case provided that it falls within his financial powers (see King's Regulations, App. (iv) Sec. 11(B)).
 - (d) All cases which fall under King's Regulations App. (iv) notes to Sections 1 para (i) will be referred to H.Q. B.T.E.
 - (e) In all cases a final report will be rendered to H.Q. B.T.E. stating the action taken and the amount of the loss written off as a charge against the Public.
3. The above procedure is introduced in order to simplify the disposal of cases and is in no way intended to imply a lessening of the degree of seriousness with which the loss of arms is to be viewed.

Tom B Hayward
Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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20 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 285.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit

1 A.Tk. Regt.

Next for Duty

12 Bn.

Ord. Med. Officer

Capt. Braithwaite

12 Bn.

Next for Duty

Capt. Yates

9 Bn.

2. FIELD OFFICER OF THE DAY.

A Field Officer of the Day will be appointed daily by the Duty Unit. He will report at Bde. H.Q. at 1000 hrs. each day and will accompany the Ord. Medical Officer on his tour of inspection.

All Majors other than those administering commands will be included in unit duty rosters. Roster may also include senior captains.

For the tour of inspection transport will be provided by Bde. H.Q..

Gen Hayward
Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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21 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 287.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit	12 Bn.
Next for Duty	9 Bn.
Ord. Medical Officer	Capt. Yates 9 Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt. Dalton 1 A. Tk. Regt.

2. BRIGADE BATHS.

The following is the allotment of baths for the Bde. Group. It will be seen that each unit has been allotted two bathing periods. This is so that each man has at least two baths per week.

Friday	10 Bn.	A.M.
	12 Bn.	P.M.
Saturday	1 M.G. Bn.	A.M.
	9 Bn.	P.M.
Sunday	1 A.Tk. Regt	
	& A.S.C.	A.M.
	10 Bn.	P.M.
Monday	12 Bn.	A.M.
	1 M.G. Bn.	P.M.
Tuesday	9 Bn.	A.M.
	1 A.Tk. Regt.	
	& A.S.C.	P.M.

3. AMBULANCE.

An ambulance is attached to this H.Q. and is available to units when required to evacuate personnel to the C.R.S..

4. SICK REPORTS.

Units will forward to this H.Q. each day with their parade states a summary of their sick reports.

T. H. Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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22 Feb. 41

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No. 239

22 Feb. 41

Part 1.

No. 239.

1. DUTIES.

	Duty Unit	IX	9 Bn.
	Next for Duty		1 M.G. Bn.
IX	Ord. Medical Officer		Capt. Dalton 1 A.Tk. Regt.
	Next for Duty		Capt. Douglas 1 M.G. Bn.

2. AMMUNITION REQUIREMENTS

Units which have not replied to relative to supply of practice ammunition require any of these supplies must be submitted by 1000hrs today. If such is not the case, returns will be made.

J. K. Hayward

S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. Capt.

LIAISON OFFICER

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23 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 289.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit.	1 M.G.Bn.
Next for Duty.	10 Bn.
Ord. Medical Officer.	Capt. Douglas 1 M.G.Bn.
Next for Duty.	Capt. Brummitt 10 Bn.

2. LEAVE.

Returns are required at this office by 1200hrs Tuesday the 25 Feb. 41. showing the number of personnel going to Alexandria next weekend on leave (If it is granted.) Units will be responsible for the amount of fares as shown in these returns

3. AMMUNITION RETURNS.

Units which have not replied to the memo from this office relative to supply of practice ammunition presumably do not require any of these supplies. If such is not the case, returns must be submitted by 1600hrs today.

4. LIASON OFFICER.

All units except Inf.Bns. will have an officer reporting at this Headquarters at 0900hrs. every day for the purpose of liasing between Bde.H.Q. and their unit.

J. D. Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
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24 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 290.

1. MESSS.

Duty Unit	10 Bn.
Next for Duty	1 A. Tk. Regt.
Ord. Medical Officer	Capt. Brummitt 10 Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt. Braithwaite 12 Bn.

2. PAYMENT OF A.I.F. PERSONNEL IN HOSPITAL WITHOUT PAYBOOKS.

(i) Approval is given to make payments not exceeding the amounts stated below to A.I.F. personnel who have been evacuated to hospital without paybooks.

Officers - 1000 mils per week (Palestinian or Egyptian)
O.Rs. - 500 mils per week (Palestinian or Egyptian).

The following method will be adopted:-

(a) Personnel arriving in hospital without paybooks will be issued with a numbered Hospital Pay Card by the Pay Sergeant and all payments made will be signed for on the usual acquittance form and entered on the card. Instead of the paybook number the Hospital Pay Card Number and line number will be quoted on the acquittance form.

(b) On issue, the relevant particulars will be entered on the Hospital Pay Card which will be duly entered in a manifold book, copies of the register being forwarded to the C.P.M. each week.

(c) On leaving Hospital the Pay Card will be obtained from the soldier by the Pay Sergeant and promptly forwarded to the C.P.M., the soldier's destination being shown thereon. The date of forwarding the card will be entered against the entry of issue in the Register of Hospital Pay Cards.

(ii) A declaration of loss form will be completed after one month if the paybook cannot be located, or a lesser period if it is thought that the paybook is irretrievably lost, and will show the date of admission to hospital, from which date credit earnings will be credited in the Duplicate paybook.

3. SUMMARY OF "Q" RETURNS.- UNITS IN EGYPT.

Attention is drawn to 9 Aust. Div. Administrative Instruction No. 14 of 17 Feb. 41 relative to Summary of "Q" Returns to be lodged by units in Egypt.

Tom S Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

25 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 291

1. DUTIES.

Duty Unit	1 A. Tk. Regt.
Next for Duty	12 Bn.
Ord. Med. Officer	Capt. Braithwaite 12 Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt. Yates 9 Bn.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY.

The following firms are authorised to develop and print films:-

- (a) Kodaks Ltd, Avenue Fouad lss ALEXANDRIA
- (b) Quality Shoppes, 10 Rue Fouad lss "
- (c) Selo Stores, 27 Rue Fouad lss "
- (d) Garrison Photographers, Mustapha Barracks, ALEXANDRIA.

From date of promulgation of this order all ranks are forbidden to take films elsewhere for developing and printing.

3. CENSORSHIP STAMPS.

Units Censorship Stamps, issued in England and now replaced by MIDDLE EASTERN issue, will be destroyed by defacing. A certificate will be rendered to this H.Q. signed and witnessed by an officer stating that the defacement has been effected.

4. BOUNDS.

The Luna Park Hotel, Midan Kantaret el Dekka, CAIRO, is placed "Out of Bounds" to all ranks.

5. ENEMY MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES.

It has been brought to notice that some individuals have in their possession captured enemy material of an explosive nature and that such material is sometimes being tested or experimented with by unqualified personnel. Possible deterioration or damage to such material, and particularly unqualified interference therewith, can only result in the possibility of serious accident. The retention of such material by unauthorised personnel is forbidden, and any now held is to be handed in to Unit H.Qs. for appropriate disposal.

6. SUMMARY AWARDS BY COMMANDING OFFICERS.

A number of instances are occurring in which C.Os. are dealing summarily with charges which they are not empowered to deal with by A.M.R. & O. 409. Before dealing summarily with any charge, a Commanding Officer must satisfy himself that he has the necessary authority to do so.

7. A.F. W. 3008 - FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

- 1. A copy of A.F. W. 3008, compiled in accordance with A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No. 84 of 26 Oct. 40, para 2, will be forwarded by units direct to H.Q. A.I.F..
- 2. The first return will be for the week ending midday, SATURDAY 22 Feb. 41 and thence each week thereafter.
- 3. The original return will continue to be forwarded to Officer-in-charge, 2nd. Echelon, A.I.F.
- 4. A copy of the above will also be forwarded to this H.Q. for information.

Jan D Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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COMMANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 222. 203.

DUTIES.

Duty Unit	18 Bn.	
Next for Duty	9 Bn.	Regt.
Ord. Med. Officer	Capt. Yates	9 Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt. Dalton	1 A.Tk. Regt.

PISTOLS - Privately Owned.

O.Rs. will NOT be in possession of privately-owned revolvers, Automatic Pistols, ammunition or weapons of any description. All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with the owner's name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody. The possession of privately owned weapons by O.Rs. will constitute a disciplinary offence. This order will be repeated in all unit R.Os.

5. OFFICERS MESS EQUIPMENT.

Approval is given for Officers Messes to purchase mess crockery and table accessories from Base Ordnance Depot. Units will submit indents for their requirements through the usual channels, giving the name of the mess and marking the indent "On Repayment."

[Handwritten Signature]
Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Notice.

FOUND: Paybook - QX1641 Rushton, William Larkin -
at Picture Theatre at AMIRIYA on night of 21 Feb.
Owner may obtain same at Bde. H.Q..

W.O.

Australian Imperial Force.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier G.F. Wootten D.S.O.

Commanding 18th Australian Infantry Brigade.

23 Feb. 41.

Part 1.

No. 294.

1. Duties.

Duty Unit	1 M.G. Bn.	
Next for Duty	10 Bn.	
Ord. Med. Officer	Capt. Douglas	1 M.G. Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt. Brummitt	10 Bn.

2. Returns.

When returns are called for and times stated at which they are to be at this H.Q. these instructions are to be carried out; also, it will be understood that Nil returns must always be submitted.

3. A.W.Ls.

Units to advise each day the number of personnel A.W.L. within their units this return to accompany the Daily Parade State.

Units will also submit each week the Regimental No., Rank and Name and period of absence of all personnel who have been A.W.L. throughout the week as at 1200 hrs. each Saturday - to accompany the Weekly Offence Reports.

4. Supplies.

It is apparent that some units are still forwarding indents for kerosene and petrol direct to D.I.D.. Q.Ms. will ensure that all indents are forwarded through the Bde. Supply Officer.

John A. Hayward Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
ROUTINE ORDERS
BY

BRIGADIER G. F. WOOTTEN D.S.O.
COM ANDING 18TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

27 Feb. 40.

Part 1.

No. 293.

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1. DUTIES.

	Duty Unit	9 Bn.
1.	Next for Duty	1 M.G. Bn.
2x	Ord. Med. Officer	Capt. Dalton - 1
	Next for Duty	Capt. Douglas - 1

G. F. Wootten
Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

W.D.

With regard to damage sustained by the tanks in action the armour appeared proof to all small arms fire. The 2-pdr. penetrated with ease all the armour except the face plate protecting the cannon. It appears also that the general design has too many vertical or nearly vertical faces and very little effort has been made to produce inclined surfaces which would assist in the deflecting of shells. It was the exception to find **marks** where the 2-pdr. had been deflected from the surfaces, the rule being that the shells went through the armour which showed fairly clean, sharp holes and the shells broke up inside. In no cases did shells go through both sides of the armour plate.

Of the 31 tanks which it is suggested should be broken up, approximately half had been on fire but most of these would yield useful parts as in every case tracks and wheels were untouched.

In Benghazi area tanks were at the following places:-

Shemines, 8 kilos South - 1 tank burnt.
 Benghazi 12 kilos South - 1 tank 1st Line.
 N'th of Benghazi 25 kilos from Driana - 1 tank burnt.

Tanks with Nos. from 2887 plus have done an average mileage 380 Kilometres. Below No. 2887 mileage varies up to 2000 Kilometres.

Capt.
 L.A.D. 47.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

4 Mar. 41.

To: S.O.M.E.
6 Aust. Div.
From: L.A.D. 47.

Subject: Inspection M.13 Tanks in Area 70 miles
South of Benghazi.

APPX. "A"

Total no. of tanks supposed to be in district about 110.

Total no. of tanks inspected including 3 in immediate Benghazi area was 99. There are said to be M.13's in Benghazi area and in the area between Barce and Tobruk.

The 99 tanks were estimated to require repairs as follows:-

1st Line repairs constitute the work which can be done by unit and L.A.D..

2nd Line repairs constitute the work which would take approximately 2 days. Tanks in this category are all tanks that have done over 1000 kilometres on the speedometer, though undamaged by warfare, and also those tanks which have received minor damage in warfare.

3rd Line repairs constitute heavier work which would be done in Base Workshop.

Condition of Tanks M.13.

1st. Line Repairs	18	Also in this area are approx.
2nd. Line Repairs	22	3 tons of spare parts comprising
3rd. Line Repairs	28	Valve Springs, valves, gaskets,
To be broken up for parts	31	Cylinder heads, brake linings etc.
Total	99.	and 120 storage batteries.

With this are four exhibits in bottles labelled as follows:-

- (1) Oil from Traversing Turret Motor.
- (2) Gear Box Oil.
- (3) Sump Oil.
- (4) Buffer Oil 47/32 mm. Cannon.

Two publications are attached, being the Manual of the M.13 Ansaldo-Fiat and the Vehicle Outfit List.

Observations.

Should the intention be to put as many of these tanks as possible in first line condition it appears that they should all be evacuated to a Base Workshop, for example, the Workshop at Benghazi which is fully equipped for reconditioning and testing disabled tanks.

The Benghazi Workshop also has three hydraulic brakes with necessary equipment for tuning the motors on the bench; this is particularly necessary in the case of the S.P.A. Diesel (8-cyl) with which these tanks are equipped. The tanks should be used as little as possible pending the analysis of and the obtaining of supplies of lubricating oil. Apparently M.13 tanks used at Bardia and Tobruk all failed through engine trouble.

It is suggested that translations of the two attached manuals should be made and each driver given a copy. In these publications figures are given for speeds and loadings.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. L.A.D. 47.
(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	1 to 28 Feb. 41.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK	2		L.A.D Advance Party at Tobruk proceeded to place in working order captured Italian vehicles. ; and organised recovery of damaged vehicles in the 18 Bde. Area.		
	13		O.C. visited Corps H.Q. ,DERNA, and proceeded to BARCE staying the night at 17 Bde.H.Q.		
	14		Visited 6 Div H.Q. BARACCA and was instructed by SOME to make a report on the mechanical condition of captured Italian Tanks in the battle area near AGED ABIA.		
	14		Accompanied S.O.M.E. and D.A.D.O.S. to 6 Div to BENGHAZI.		
	15		The same party arrived at AGEDABIA battle area.		
	16/17		Proceeded with a squadron 6 Reece.Regt. to make a complete survey of tanks.		
	17/18		Submitted report, Appx. "A" , to SOME. 6 Div.		Appx."A".
	18		Returned Tobruk.		
	19		Left Tobruk with 18 Bde. Advance Party for the return journey to Ikingi Maryut.		
	21		Arrived Ikingi Maryut 1230 hrs. Approximately 40% of vehicles on road journey had spring leaves broken.		

Askey
Capt.
S.O.M.E. L.A.D. 47

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H.K. 11 HUNT. INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 9 Feb 1941

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).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	4		
	Lieutenants	4		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers	3		
	CHAPLAIN.			
	TOTALS	13.		

* 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				NY 462 W. WITTEN		No		T. B. R. U. K.
2				SX 4236 T. J. URELY		Yes		
3				SX 4238 E. D. HAYWARD		Yes		
4				NY 41 S. H. GOLD		No		T. B. R. U. K.
5				NY 1099 W. PARRY-KEDEN		Yes		
6				NY 604 E. W. FLEMING		No		T. B. R. U. K.
7				NY 353 C. L. DURANT		Yes		
8				NY 4378 A. MARSHALL		Yes		
9				SX 4152 R. C. GUNDELL		Yes		
10				NY 2140 C. E. J. FOLEY		Yes		
11		CHAP		STEELE		No		9. Br
12				HELMORE		No		10. Br
13				HENHOUSE		No		12. Br
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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.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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

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

15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Unit.

[Signature] Lieutenant
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 2/11

15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H.Q. 15th Aust. Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 15.2.41

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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	* Brigadier	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	+		
	Lieutenants	+		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	CHAPLAINS	3		
	TOTALS	13.		

* 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).

RT D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		BRIG.		N. M. WOOTTON. C.F.		LIEUT.		
2		MAJOR		SX1438 DALY T.J.		YES		
3		CAPT		SX1439 HAYWARD I.D.		YES		
4		CAPT		VX17 GOOD S.H.		NO		T.
5		CAPT		AX1017 PARRY-CREEDEN. W.		YES		
6		CAPT		AX1114 FLEMING. E.W.		NO		T.
7		LIEUT.		AX356 DURANT. C.W.		YES		
8		"		AX1398 MARSHALL A.		NO		T.
9		"		SX1152 CUNDELL. R.C.		YES		
10		"		AX1110 F. LEY G.E.T.		YES		
11		CHAP.		STEELE		NO		T.
12		"		HELMORE		NO		T.
13		"		H. HENHOUSE		NO		T.
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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.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H. I. 13. 1st + 2nd Bde. (Unit.) For Week Ending *1st Feb 1941*

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 ...	1		
	Captains ...	4		
	Lieutenants ...	8		
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	CHAPLAINS	3		
	TOTALS ...	13		

* 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>Reg.</i>	<i>G. J. Wootton</i>	<i>H. I. A. I. 3.</i>	<i>1.2.41</i>	<i>Appoint. All Comms.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Reg.</i>	<i>G. J. Marshalls</i>	<i>1st Aus Corps</i>	<i>1/2/41</i>	<i>Appoint. + B. C. G. 2nd Div.</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		Brig		Went		No		
2		Major		Went		No		
3		Capt		Went		No		
4		"		Went		No		
5		"		Went		No		
6		"		Went		No		
7		Lieut		Went		No		
8		"		Went		No		
9		"		Went		No		
10		"		Went		No		
11		Chap.		Went		No		
12		"		Went		No		
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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. G. 18 Aust. Inf Bde.
(Unit.)
19th Feb 1941
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
for 5 C 18 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

H.Q. 18th HUST 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.							REMAI			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
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Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
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Equipment Repairers... ..																				
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Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
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Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

H.Q. 18th HUST INF BDE Unit.

Date of Despatch 20. 2. 41

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

H.Q. 18th HUST INF BDE
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Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H.H. 16 AUST. INF BDE (Unit). 1. 2. 41 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	50		
TOTALS	61	*	*

* 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.
INTELLIGENCE		VX 11/143 H. L. D. H. D. H. J.	POSTAL UNIT (9th Div)
VX 11/50 H. L. M. E. - N. I. R. G.	INTELLIGENCE		
NX 11/12 B. G. D. A. R. E. N. G.	do		
VX 11/144 Y. G. O. N. G. H. L.	POSTAL UNIT (9th Div)		
QX 11/11 D. R. M. A. N. E. T.	do		
NX 11/50 H. A. L. C. R. O. W. J. W.	do		

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.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
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Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

HQ 18th AUST INF BDE
Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 20.2.41

S.C. 18 AUST INF BDE
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Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H Q 18 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending *22 2 41*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	4		
	Lieutenants	4		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	<i>Chaplain</i>	3		
	TOTALS	13.		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig		Wootton G F	B/Cmndr	Yes		
2		Major		Waly J J	A/M	"		
3		Capt		Hambard J A	V/C	"		
4		Capt		Yoon J A	B/O	"		
5		Capt		Perry-O'Keefe W N	O	"		
6		Capt		Hecking E W	A/O	"		
7		Lieut		Stewart C L	B/O	"		
8		Lieut		Marshall A	L/O	No		School
9		Lieut		Cundell R C	L/O	Yes		
10		Lieut		Zoley C E J	L/O	"		
11		Chap.		Steele O J		No		9 Bn
12		"		Hobson		"		10 "
13		"		Hobson		"		12 "
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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.
Capt		Reid A J	A A O C		1/10 47 LAD
Lieut		Reid B B	"		2/10 47 LAD

H 18 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)

22/2/41
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

S.C. 19 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H.Q. 18. Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 22 : 2 : 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	49		
TOTALS	60	*	*

* 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.
S/Lt 1.	47 R. A.D.A.A.C.	Privates 2.	R.A.M.C.
Cpl 1.	do		
Privates 9	do		
Cpl 1.	Intell Corps		
Lt 1.	do		
Cpls 2.	9. Div Post Unit		
Priv 2	do		

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).
NX 9220	Pte	KEETTY VJ.		HOSPITAL ALEXANDRIA

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

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

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Date of Despatch 22 : 2 : 41

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18 AUST INF BDE

GIARABUB

MAR 41

OPERATIONS

MOVEMENT Ede HQ moved from IKINGI MARYUT to MERSA MATRUH 14 Mar, MELFA 16-17 Mar, QARRET-EL-TAMMA 20 Mar.

BATTLE PLAN was in two phases - (1) to capture southern fortifications and (2) capture defences and enemy positions in plantation to the north.

TROOPS U/C see appendix attached.

21 MAR
0515 HRS arty concentration laid down and 2/9 Bn penetrated perimeter wire, isolating southern escarpment. Strong enemy resistance was encountered and a severe dust storm limited visibility to 1000 yards.

0620 HRS 6 Aust Div Cav attacked and penetrated northern defences. Overcoming enemy resistance objective, of line running E-W was attained by 1100 hrs.

0800 HRS first phase completed and one Coy 2/9 Bn moved around left flank, meeting with stiff resistance, but occupying allotted positions by 1000 hrs.

1100 HRS Right Coy 2/9 Bn advanced, entering plantation where all resistance collapsed at 1300 hrs.

1430 HRS Final mopping up completed.

ARTY Due to reduced supply of amm, after initial barrage, no arty support was used.

CASUALTIES were - killed 1 offr 160Rs; wounded 1 Offr 76 ORs.

PRISONERS
TAKEN 50 offrs 1150 ORs.

MOVE TO IKINGI
MARYUT commences 22 Mar 41.

PHOTOGRAPHS and negatives showing various scenes of all phases of GIARABUB "incident."

APPENDICES
INCLUDE BATTLE REPORTS & OPERATION MAPS & SKETCHES, LOGS & MESSAGES,