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EMBARKATION HEADQUARTERS  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2  
BY  
COLONEL L.W. WOOD, EMBARKATION COMMANDANT, BOMBAY

CONVOY US6

Transshipment

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1. The following Appendices are attached herewith:
  - A - Transshipment Time Table.
  - B - Ferry Programme.
  - C - Landing & Entraining Instructions.
  - D - Docking Programme.) For Embarkation Staff only.
2. Advance Parties. 1 officer or warrant officer and one other rank per unit will be collected by launch on the day of arrival of the convoy.
3. The larger units will proceed by rail immediately on disembarkation to camps at Poona and Deolali. The remainder will be accommodated in camps and hotels in Bombay.
4. All ranks will take ONLY one kitbag or valise to camp or hotel. If instruments are easily available, Infantry units will take bands.
5. The balance of personal baggage and all stores, equipment, rations etc. will be stored by the Embarkation Commandant, Bombay. A baggage party of one officer or warrant officer and two other ranks per each large unit and one for each small unit will remain in Bombay to look after the unit baggage. The officer will act as unit baggage officer for the embarkation and onward journey by sea from Bombay.
6. Feeding. On the day of disembarkation O.C. Troops will arrange for the ship to issue a Haversack ration to all ranks and for all water bottles to be filled. There will be no food on shore between breakfast and the evening meal on that day.
7. Each ship must have a party of guides at the orderly room available for use of the Embarkation Staff.
8. Disembarkation Returns. All ship's orderly room staff and a minimum of 6 typists per ship must be in the ship's orderly room when the Embarkation Staff comes on board.
9. The Embarkation Medical Officer and medical launch will visit each ship on the arrival of the convoy. The S.M.O. must meet the E.M.O. to discuss transfer of any sick to shore.
10. No shore leave is permitted whilst the transports are anchored in the stream or during entrainment. Country boats must not be allowed to tie up alongside. Official launch and barges must not be used by unauthorised persons.
11. Money changers will come on board soon after W2 and W3 anchor. They will come on board W.1. the next day.

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EMBARKATION HEAD QUARTERS: BOMBAY  
CONVOY US6  
TRANSHIPMENT TIME TABLE

D-1 day. Launch to W.1 for baggage party and advance party for Camps, and Provost  
Day of Company. Launch will pick up from W.2 and W.3 all advance parties for  
arrival camps. Time will depend on arrival of convoy. Launch will take Money  
of convoy changers on board in the following sequence:

W.2.

W.3.

W.1.

Party of Embarkation Staff to W.2. and W.3. Will O.C. Troops make  
arrangements for the party to sleep and feed on board.

do. P.M.

Ferry "R" ties up alongside W.2. and gives water.  
Ferry "V" ties up alongside W.3. and gives water.  
Baggage ship ties up alongside W.1 and takes on stores, equipment etc.,  
NOT the kit bag or suitcase etc. which will be taken by personnel to camp.

D1 day.

W.1. When all stores etc. are loaded into the baggage ship, it proceeds  
to 18 Alexandra Dock.

W.2. Early breakfast for those transshipping in Ferry "R".  
0700 hours - Transshipment to Ferry "R" commences. Each man carries  
one kitbag.  
1000 hours - Ferry "R" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.  
1030 hours - Ferry "S" comes alongside and transshipment commences.  
1330 hours - Ferry "S" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.

W.3. Early breakfast for those transshipping.  
0700 hours - Transshipment to Ferry "V" commences.  
0900 hours - Ferry "V" casts off and proceeds to 19 Alexandra Dock.

D2 day.

W.1 Early breakfast for those transshipping early.  
0700 hours - Transshipment to Ferry "S" Commences.  
1000 hours - Ferry "S" casts off and proceeds to 19 Alexandra Dock.  
1030 hours - Ferry "R" comes alongside and transshipment commences.  
1330 hours - Ferry "R" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.

W.3. Early breakfast for those transshipping.  
0700 hours - Transshipment to Ferry "V" commences.  
0900 hours - Ferry "V" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.

D3 day.

W.1. Early breakfast for those transshipping early.  
0700 hours - Transshipment to Ferry "R" commences.  
1000 hours - Ferry "R" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.  
1030 hours - Ferry "S" comes alongside and transshipment commences.  
1330 hours - Ferry "S" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.

W.3. Early breakfast.  
0700 hours - Transshipment to Ferry "V" commences.  
1000 hours - Ferry "V" casts off and proceeds to Ballard Pier.

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FERRY TIME TABLE

Day	Ship	Ferry	Dispersing centre	Unit	Strength				Camp	Dispersal arrange'ts				First meal in camp
					B.O.	W.Os	Sgts	R&F.		No Spl.	Time Dep.	Arr. Day	Destn. Time	
D-1	-	Launch	AD	Adv. Pty.	16	-	-	16	D	-	TS	-	-	
	-	Launch	AD	Adv. Pty.	3	-	-	3	P	-	TS	-	-	
				Total.	19	-	-	19						
D1	W1	Launch	AD	7 Div. Pro.	-	-	3	56	D	U1	1210	D1	1700	Evening Meal.
	W1	Launch	AD	Bagg. Pty	9	-	-	16	B	-	Road	-	1200	do.
				Provost Unit	1	1	4	50						
				Total. (Launch)	10	1	7	122						
	W2	"R"	BP	2/27 Bn.	39	7	40	856	D	U2	1415	D1	1910	do.
				7 Div. Pet Coy	6	2	15	282						
				Bagg. Pty.	4	-	-	6						
				HQ. 7 Div.	22	5	3	73	B	-	Road	-	1300	do.
				R.A.N.	-	-	-	2						
				Total. ("R")	71	14	58	1219						
	W2	"S"	BP	2/5 Fd. Amb.	10	3	14	214	D	U3	1810	D1	2300	do.
				2/4 Fd. Regt.	38	10	36	549						
				HQ. 7 Div. Arty	4	1	2	22						
				1 Aust Corps	1	-	-	-	B	-	Road	-	1700	do.
				2/1 Ord. Store	1	-	-	-						
				51 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11						
				Misc. YMCA. AANS	16	-	-	-						
				Total. ("S")	71	15	52	796						
	W3	"V"	AD	HQ 21 Inf Bde	7	1	4	54	D	U1.	1210	D1	1700	do.
				2/14 Bn.	39	7	40	856						
				Bagg. Pty.	5	-	-	7						
				21 A.T. Coy.	4	1	4	73	B	-	Road	-	1200	do.
				7 Fd. Cash O.	1	1	4	2						
				7 Div. Salvage	1	-	2	39						
				Misc. YMCA. SA&c.	29	-	-	19	B					
				Naval Pty.	5	12	-	32						
				Total ("V")	91	22	54	1082						
D2	W1	"R"	BP	HQ 20 Inf Bde	7	1	4	54	D	U5	1640	D2	2230	do.
				7 Div. Sy. Col.	13	4	29	420		U6	1810	D2	2300	do.
				7 Div. Ammn. Coy	9	2	17	362						
				2/17 Bn.	39	7	40	856	B	-	PSTO to arrange.			
				R.A.N.	-	-	-	2						
				Total ("R")	68	14	90	1694						
	W1	"S"	AD	2 A.T. Regt.	31	6	34	523	P	U7	1400	D2	1910	do.
				2/5 Fd. Regt.	38	10	36	549		U8	1500	D2	1940	do.
				7 Mob. Laundry	-	1	7	123						
				Total. ("S")	69	17	77	1195						
	W3	"V"	BP	2/16 Bn.	39	7	40	856	D	U4	1210	D2	1700	do.
				2/5 Fd. Pk. Coy.	1	1	7	153						
				Mob. Sch. Mech.	3	4	3	10						
D3				HQ. 7 div. Eng.	6	1	1	27	B	-	Road	-	1200	do.
				HQ. 7 Div. AASC	7	-	2	28						
				Total. ("V")	56	13	53	1074						
	W1	"R"	BP	7 Div. Sigs.	21	3	22	395	D	U9	1415	D3	1910	do.
				2/13 Bn.	39	7	40	856	D	U10	1510	D3	2020	do.
				Misc. YMCA &c.	3	-	-	-	B	-	Road	-	1400	do.
				Total. ("R")	63	10	62	1251						

Notes: AD denotes Alexandra Dock.  
BP " Ballard Pier.  
P " Poona Camp.

B denotes Bombay Camp.  
D denotes Deolali Camp.  
\$ includes 2 of 5 Gen. Hosp.

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Day	Ship	Ferry	Dispersing centre	Unit	Strength				Camp	Dispersal arrangts.				First meal in camp
					BOs	WOs	Sgts	R&F.		No. Spl.	Time Dep.	Arr. Day	destn Time	
D3	W1	"S"	BP	5 Gen.Hosp.	84	4	23	175	B	-	Road	-	1730	Evening Meal.
				56 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11						
				58 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11						
				52 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11						
				54 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11						
				7 Div.Mob.Bath	1	-	1	18						
				7 Div.Int.Corps	1	1	1	7						
				2/2 Fd. Hyg.	1	-	4	25						
				20 A.T.Coy.	4	1	4	73						
				7 Div.Emp.Plat.	-	-	1	33						
				2/5 Fd. Coy.	7	1	7	246						
				2/6 Fd. Coy.	6	1	7	245						
				HQ 7 Div.	-	-	-	51						
				Total ("S")	108	12	48	917						
	W3	"V"	BP	2/4 Fd.Amb.	10	3	14	214	D	U10	1510	D3	2020	do
				7 Div.Postal	1	-	2	23						
				59 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	B	-	Road	-	1200	do.
				Mob.Print.Sec	1	-	1	10						
				ATF Adm.HQ.	2	1	1	1						
				55 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11						
				Total ("V")	16	6	18	270						
				Grand Total.	642	124	519	9639						

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EMBARKATION HEADQUARTERS: BOMBAY.  
CONVOY US6  
Landing & Entraining Instructions

APPENDIX "C".

1. When the EMBARKATION STAFF OFFICER gives the signal for disembarkation to commence, troops carrying their kitbags will file down the gangway and proceed to the collecting area at the back of the berth.
2. A notice board will indicate the Assembling Place for each unit and in the case of large units, collecting place in companies etc. Officers and the men will dump their kit bags etc. in lines on their notice boards, sit down and wait for further orders.
3. When the ferry is empty units will be sorted out and checked at the collecting place.
4. RAILWAY TRANSPORT STAFF will then call forward units as required for entrainment.
5. Units and details remaining in Bombay will be taken over at the Collecting Place by BOMBAY AREA and despatched to camps or hotels.
6. Entrainment. Units will fall in at the Platform, dump their kit bags, suit cases etc. at the rear end of the platform, and then proceed as directed by the RAILWAY TRANSPORT STAFF, along the platform for entrainment.

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MOVEMENT ORDERSA - 11-11-40. Appendix. C-1-

1. GENERAL. Special Train No. N.8. will leave Deolali Military Siding to G.I.P. Railway Special Timings at 0625 hrs on 11-11-40, due Bombay, Alexandra Dock at 1145 hrs same date in accordance with the following time table:-
2. STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION.

<u>DUTIES.</u>	<u>RANK &amp; NAME.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>BO.</u>	<u>WC.</u>	<u>BORS.</u>	<u>DEST.</u>
O.C. Train.	To be detailed.	2/13.Bn.	1.	-	-	Bombay.
T.C.W.O.	-- do --	Rest Camp.	-	1.	-	"
		2/13.Bn.	39.	7.	873.	"
		HQ.20.Inf.				
		Bde.	5.	-	54.	"
		Total.	45.	8.	927.	

Composition of train:- 2.C., 1.WFCN., 14.T., 1.TLR = 84 Axles.

3. RAILWAYS.

(a).

The Station Master, Deolali, will kindly arrange for:-

- (i). The train to be formed up and ready for inspection and handing over at 0500 hrs on 11-11-40.
- (ii). A train examiner to be present for the inspection and handing over of stock at 0500 hrs on 11-11-40.

*G. P. Rawson*  
Capt.  
Movement Control Officer.

AWY.

TIME TABLE.

<u>STATION</u>	<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>DEPART.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>
DEOLALI.	-	0625 hrs.	11-11-40.
IGATPURI.	0737 hrs.	0807 hrs.	"
KASARA.	0836 hrs.	0841 hrs.	"
KURLA.	1055 hrs.	1105 hrs.	"
ALEXANDRA DOCK.	1145 hrs.		"



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SHIP. K. 306.

Sheet No. 1.

## ALLOCATION OF OFFICERS, W.O's SGTs ACCOMMODATION.

UNIT.	B.O.	CABIN Nos.	No of Berths.	DECK.	Remarks.
2/13 Bn.	S.M.O.	52.		"D" DECK.	
2/13 Bn.	O.C. Troops.	53.		---do---	
A.A.N.S.	4.	118.	6.	"C" Deck.	
L.A.D. )	7.				
2/4 Fd Amb )	5.	120 to 126.		"C" Deck.	
H.Q. 20 Inf Bde.	3.	132.	4.	---do---	
2/14 Bn	3.	117.	6.	---do---	
20 Inf. Bde.	3.	119.	4.	---do---	
2/13 Bn.	36.	187 to 194.	40.	---do---	

UNIT.	W.Os & Sgts.	CABIN Nos.	No of Berths.	DECK.	Remarks.
2/13 Bn.	32.	121 to 131.		"C" Deck.	
20. Inf Bde.	2.	133.		---do---	
20 Inf Bde.)					
& )	4.	135.		---do---	
2/13 Bde. )	-				
2/13 Bn.	16	134. & 137 to 145		---do---	
2/13 Bn. )	1. Sgt.				
& )		136.		---do---	
2/4 Fd. Amb.)	3. Sgts.				
2/4 Fd. Amb	10.	138 to 144		---do---	
L.A.D.	4.	50		"D" Deck.	
L.A.D.	2.	54.		---do---	
L.A.D.	2.	55.		---do---	

Cabin No. 146. Spare.

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UNIT.	B.O.R.'s	Cabin Nos.	DECK.	REMARKS.
H.Q. 20 Inf Bde.	54.	146 to 176.	"G" Deck.	
20 Inf Bde.)	3.	178.	do	
51 L.A.D.)	3.	18	do	
51 L.A.D.	8.	286 to 288.	do	
52 L.A.D.	8.	290 to 294.	do	
52 L.A.D.)	4.	296.	do	
54 L.A.D.)	6.	298 to 300.	do	
54 L.A.D.	2.	302.	do	
54 L.A.D.)	4.	304.	do	
55 L.A.D.	8.	306, 312, 320, 322.	do	
55 L.A.D.)	2.	324.	do	
56 L.A.D.)	10.	326, 328, 147, 149.	do	
56 L.A.D.	8.	151, 153,	do	
58 L.A.D.)	4.	155.	do	
58 L.A.D.)	8.	157, 159, 161.	do	
59 L.A.D.	4.	163.	do	
59 L.A.D.)	26.	165 to 177.	do	
2/4 Fd Amb.	56.	179 to 321.	do	
2/4 Fd Amb.				

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UNIT.	B.O.R's	CABIN Nos.	DECK.	REMARKS,
2/4 Fd Amb.	6.	323 to 327.	"C" Deck.	
2/4 Fd Amb.	68.	26 to 68 & 220 to 236.	"D" Deck.	
2/4 Fd Amb.	40.	238 to 268.	do	
2/4 Fd Amb	4.	270	do	
2/4 Fd Amb ) 2/13 Bn )	4.	272.	do	
2/13 Bn.	26.	25, 274 to 284 & 416 to 418	do	
2/13 Bn.	90.	27 to 69 & 223 to 235.	do	
2/13 Bn.	68.	237. to 281.	do	
2/13 Bn.	56.	283 to 285, 417 to 419, 2 to 23	"E" Deck.	

Hammock Space.

2/13 Bn.	34.	"C" DECK. Ford.
2/13 Bn.	165.	"E" DECK. AFT.
2/13 Bn.	259.	No. 2 Hatch.
2/13 Bn.	128.	No. 6 Hatch.

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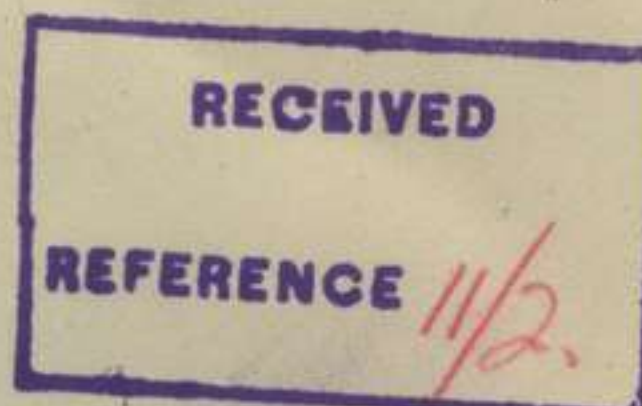
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Post Box No. 331, Bombay.  
2nd November, 1940.

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COLONEL L.W. WOOD, EMBARKATION COMMANDANT, BOMBAY.



SHIP - W-1.

CONVOY "US-6".

ARRIVAL OF SHIP. 1. The ship is expected to arrive on 4th November, 1940, and will anchor in the stream on arrival.

2. An E.S.O. (P), will board the vessel on 5th November, 1940 and will remain on board until transshipment is completed. O.C. Troops and one representative per unit will meet the E.S.O. at the Ship's Orderly Room on arrival.

TRANSHIPMENT. 3. Transshipment to Ferry Vessels will commence at 07-00 hours on 6th November, 1940. Units will be transhipped in accordance with the sequence contained in Appendix "A" to these orders.

KIT. 4. All ranks will take ONLY one kit bag or valise to Camp or Hotel. If instruments are easily available Infantry Units will take Bands.

FEEDING. 5. On the day of disembarkation all ranks must be in possession of a Haversack Ration and all water bottles must be filled. There will be no issue of food on shore between breakfast and evening meal on that day. Haversack will contain Knife, Forks and Spoons.

VOYAGE PAY. 6. Imprest Accounts will be closed and balance of voyage pay together with Imprest Accounts duly balanced and closed will be handed over to the Embarkation Cashier who will visit ships in the stream.

7. For the onward voyage to final destination a new Imprest will be placed on board by this Headquarters.

DOCUMENTS. 9. Four copies of A.F. W-5169, supported by nominal rolls, are required for each unit. The forms will be supplied by this Headquarters and will be completed by units in the Ship's Orderly Room prior to transshipment. Completed forms will be handed in to the E.S.O. on board ship.

A further eight copies of A.F. W-5169 will be handed in on re-Embarkation from Bombay. These will be prepared by units in Rest Camps and handed in at the Port prior to Embarkation. O.C. Units will ensure that these returns are corrected and all casualties deleted up to the time of handing them in to the Embarkation Staff.

MAIL. All mail will be placed in sealed bags marked with the name of the ship and will be collected under arrangements made by the Sea Transport Officer, Bombay.

ADVANCE PARTIES. 10. One Officer or Warrant Officer and one other rank per unit of units proceeding to Camps outside Bombay will be collected by Launch on the day of arrival of the ship in Harbour.

BAGGAGE. 11. Unit baggage will be loaded into Baggage Ship and Barges under arrangements made by the ship. Sea Transport Officer Bombay  
Unit baggage parties, strength one officer or warrant officer and two other ranks per large unit, and one officer or warrant officer and one other rank per small unit, will be disembarked as soon as possible on 4th November, 1940. On arrival on the quayside they will be required to report to the A.E.S.O.(S) - Lieut. Archer, at No. 20 Alexandra Docks.



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DISEMBARKATION. 12. On arrival of the Ferry Vessel at the quayside the following procedure will be carried out :-

*Lieut Rogers  
Sgt Vincent*

- (a). One Officer and One Other Rank (Marker) from each unit will parade at the head of the gangway ready to proceed on shore immediately the gangway is in position.
- (b). These representatives will be taken on shore by the E.S.O. (P) and shown the Assembly Areas and Quayside Layout. The Markers will remain on shore on their respective Marker Boards and the officers will return to the ship and join their units.
- (c). When the order to move is given units will march ashore and will fall in on their respective marker boards in the Assembly Area. Troops will disembark carrying their Kitbags.

TRANSITION.

13. (a). UNITS REMAINING IN BOMBAY.

When disembarkation from the ferry vessel is completed and units are formed up in the assembly area, one officer per unit will report to the E.S.O.(P), who will conduct them to the S.S.O. in the Quayside Office for instructions regarding officers' accommodation. The officer detailed will be in possession of a nominal roll of all officers of his unit. When these officers have returned to the assembly area, E.S.O.(P) will hand over the party to the Camp Commandant for dispersal to Transit Camp.

Lady Nurses will be conducted to the S.S.O's Office by a representative of the Bombay Women's Auxiliary Corps, Indian Red Cross Society; and Hotel accommodation will be allotted to them by the S.S.O.

(b). UNITS PROCEEDING TO CAMPS OUTSIDE BOMBAY.

When disembarkation from ferry vessel is completed, units will be allowed to fall out in the baggage sheds under the orders of the E.S.O.(P).

Times at which units are required to parade for entrainment will be notified to Unit Commanders. A movement order showing times of departure of units from Bombay will be issued by the E.S.O.(R), on the quayside. E.S.O.(P), will hand over units for entrainment to the E.S.O. (R), in the Assembly Area.

(c). Os.C. Units are responsible that men do not leave the Dock Area prior to entrainment or despatch to Bombay Transit Camp.

*Canteens  
+ money  
changing*

*Guard  
Entrance to  
Quayside  
1/11/40 & 3.*

CANTEENS.

14. Canteens are situated on the quayside and will be pointed out by the E.S.O.(P). Unit Commanders will ensure that their men do not visit these canteens until they are dismissed from the Assembly Areas.

MONEY CHANGING.

15. <sup>10</sup> Money Changers will come on board on <sup>5</sup>th November, 1940. O.C. Troops will arrange for a suitable site to be made available for Money Changing. It is suggested that the Pursers Bureau be used but if this is not practicable one of the Public Rooms must be set aside for the purpose. O.C. Troops will arrange for Ship's Police to control the traffic. Orders will be issued by O.C. Troops that Military Personnel will not disembark in possession of Australian Currency.

*money to  
be exchanged on  
the board*

*W.S. Campbell*

AHS. 2/11.

Major;  
Embarkation Staff Officer (Personnel), Bombay.



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Movement Control Section.,  
Rest Camp, Deolali.,  
Dated the 8th Nov.1940.

MOVEMENT ORDERS  
BY  
CAPTAIN C.R. JANVRIN  
MOVEMENT CONTROL.

1. GENERAL.

Special Trains as enumerated in the appendices to these orders will leave Deolali for Bombay on the 9th, 10th and 11th November, 1940. Full details of Units proceeding are contained in these appendices.

2. RAILWAYS.

The attention of the Station Master, G.I.P. Railway, Deolali, is directed to the appendices to these orders.

3. ENTRAINMENT.

All Units will be formed up on the road alongside the Military Siding, for entrainment one hour prior to the departure of the trains, times of which are indicated in appendices and in accordance with the following Time Table:-

<u>TIME TO PARADE FOR ENTRAINMENT.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>SPECIAL NUMBER.</u>	<u>DEPART TIME.</u>
0525 hrs. 9/II/40.	2/I4 Bn.	N.1.	0625 hrs.
.. .. .	HQ.2I.Bde.	..	..
0640 hrs. 9/II/40.	2/27. Bn.	N.2.	0740 hrs.
0830 hrs. 9/II/40.	7.Div.Pet.Coy.	N.3.	0930 hrs.
.. .. .	2/5.Fd.Amb.	..	..
0525 hrs.10/II/40.	2/I7. Bn.	N.4.	0625 hrs.
0640 hrs.10/II/40.	2/I6. Bn.	N.5.	0740 hrs.
0830 hrs.10/II/40.	2/4.Fd.Regd.	N.6.	0930 hrs.
.. .. .	2.Fd.Pk.Coy.	..	..
0525 hrs.II/II/40.	20.Inf.Bde.H.Q.	N.8.	0625 hrs.
.. .. .	2/I3. Bn.	..	..
0640 hrs.II/II/40.	2/4.Fd. Amb.	N.9.	0740 hrs.
.. .. .	7.Div.Sup.Coy.	..	..
0830 hrs.II/II/40.	7. Div. Sigs.	N.10.	0930 hrs.
.. .. .	7. Div.Amm.Coy.	..	..
.. .. .	7. Div. Provost.	..	..



4. BAGGAGE.

- (a.) The O. C. each train will detail for his train a Baggage Officer and a loading party of 20 men to load kit into the covered waggons.
- (b.) The Baggage Party will report at the Military Siding half an hour before the arrival of troops, i. e.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before departure time of trains. No kit or luggage of any kind will be loaded into the Brake Van.

5. SUPPLIES.

The Officer i/c Supplies, Deolali, will supply uncooked rations to the Kitchen Cars of Special Trains in accordance with appendices to these orders.

6. CASUALTIES.

If for any reason, such as illness, an O. C. Unit forseees there will be an alteration in the strength of his Unit for return to Bombay, he will communicate IMMEDIATELY with the Movement Control Officer at Headquarters, Rest Camp.

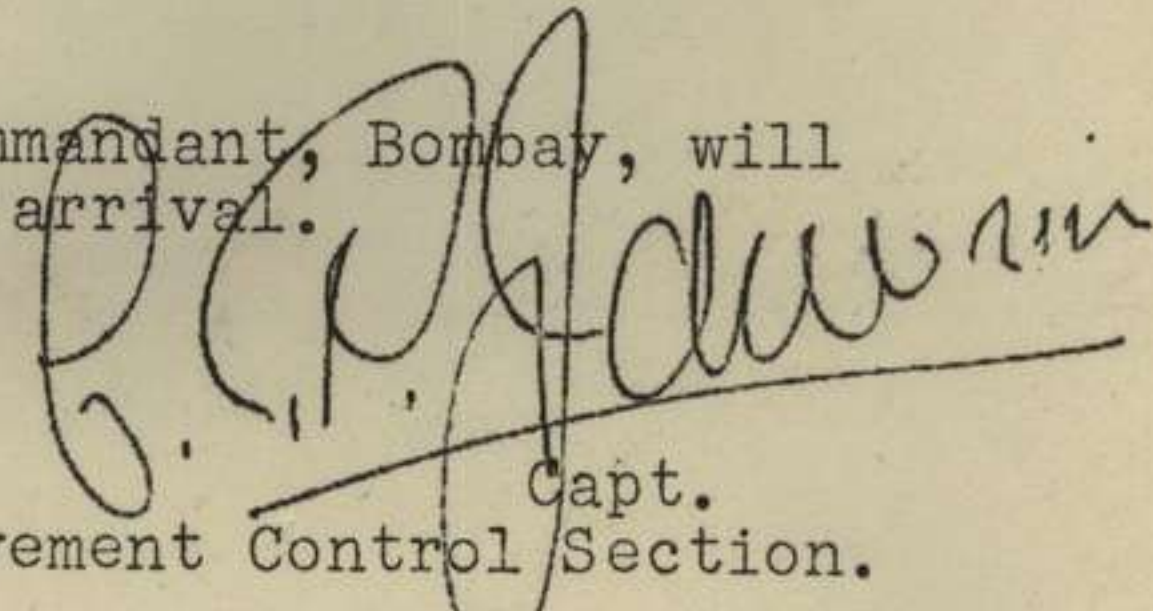
7. SUPPLIES - BOMBAY.

The Officer i/c ~~XXXXXX~~ ( Supplies ) Bombay, will arrange to collect packing material on the arrival of Special Trains at destination.

8. RECEPTION.

The Embarkation Commandant, Bombay, will arrange reception of details on arrival.

AWY.

  
Capt.  
Movement Control Section.

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APPENDIX "A" - SHIP - W-1.

SEQUENCE IN WHICH UNITS WILL TRANSHIP.

Date of Transshipment.	Unit.	Strength.			
		B.Os.	W.Os.	Sgts.	R & F.
4-11-40.	Advance Party.	-	-	-	-
	7 Div. Provost.	-	-	3	56
	Baggage Party.	9	-	-	16
	Provost Unit..	2	1	2	46
6-11-40.	H.Q. 20th Infantry Brigade.	9	1	3	57
	7 Div. Sy. Col.	13	4	30	423
	7 Div. Ammn. Company.	11	-	17	367
	2/17th Battalion.	34	2	54	827
	2 A.T. Regt.	32	5	33	509
	2/5th Field Regt.	38	10	32	553
	7 Mob. Laundry.	2	-	5	128
	R.A.N.	-	-	-	2
7-11-40.	7 Div. Signals.	23	2	15	371
	2/13th Battalion.	40	7	43	832
	Miscellaneous.	3	-	-	-
	5 General Hospital. (Including Nurses).	84	3	25	173
	56 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11
	58 L.A.D.	1	-	1	10
	52 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11
	54 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11
	7 Div. Mob. Bath.	-	-	1	14
	7 Div. Int. Corps.	1	1	1	7
	2/2nd Field Hygiene.	1	-	4	25
	20 A.T. Company.	4	-	6	72
	7 Div. Employment Platoon.	-	-	1	33
	2/5th Field Company.	7	-	3	247
	2/6th Field Company.	6	1	5	247
	H.Q. 7 Division.	-	-	-	50

0700



"B" Coy. 2/13 Bn  
Kilo 89.  
5 Dec 40.

PREPARATION OF DIMRA CAMP (L1) FOR  
RECEPTION OF INCOMING UNIT.

2/13 BN., A.I.F

Recd. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ref. 11/12

1. DATE OF ARRIVAL. (a) To be communicated.
- (2). LOCATION. Dimra Camp L1 Lines.
- (3) FOSTER UNIT. 2/13 Bn. (B Coy).
4. DUTY PERSONNEL.
  - (i) Liason Officer - O.C. B Coy.
  - (ii) Reception Officer - 2 i/c B Coy.
  - (iii) Messing Officer - O.C. 11 Pl.
  - (iv) Marshalling Officers - O.C.'s 10 & 12 Pls.
  - (v) Guides - 1 N.C.O. and 7 O.R's.
  - (vi) Camp Q.M. - C.Q.M.S. B Coy.
5. LIASON OFFICER.
  - (a) Will proceed to Transport S2 on receipt of instructions and report to unit commander.
  - (b) Will hand over A.I.F. Camp Standing Orders (Palestine) and other security documents for delivery.
  - (c) Assist in disembarkation.
  - (d) Accompany the O.C. of such train to which he is detailed.
  - (e) Ensure that the O.C. train is fully conversant with his orders.
  - (f) Acquaint unit commander of foster unit's preparation and procedure after detraining at camp lines.
6. RECEPTION OFFICER.
  - (a) Will proceed to GAZA railway station by M/T with 2 O.R's and board troop train, making immediate contact with L.O. and warning troops to prepare for de-training.
  - (b) Take over responsibility immediately all personnel are clear of the train and take charge of all further movements with marshalling officers and guides as detailed.
  - (c) Ensure that the troops are settled down with the maximum speed and minimum discomfort.
7. MESSING OFFICER.
  - (a) Will arrange to have meals appropriate to the hour of arrival ready for personnel one hour after arrival in camp.
  - (b) Endeavour to have prepared a separate meal in Officer's Mess. Sergeants will draw food from men's kitchens, and incoming unit will supply sufficient mess orderlies for this purpose.



(c) Ensure that all cooking utensils are thoroughly clean after first meal and are laid out ready for handing over.

(d) Submit to H.S.O. BARRABA ration indents based on the strength of incoming unit, covering one meal and three successive days from date of arrival. He will, if necessary, expend the allowance of 6 mils per man per day for the purchase of extras.

(e) Will see that sufficient liquid refreshments are available in Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

(f) Arrange to have canteen services established at the camp.

## 8. MARCHING AND GUIDE STAFF.

(a) Will marshal personnel into Company areas after detrainig is completed.

(b) Arrange for all officers, excluding Coy 2 i/c's and two subalterns from H.S. Coy to be guided to Officers' lines and mess.

(c) Guide Coy C.Q.M.S's to Camp Q.R. to assist in immediate issue of blankets.

(d) Arrange for all batmen to form loading and carrying parties for Officers' baggage.

(e) Guides allotted to Coys will guide them to coy. lines and indicate allocation of tents. After which troops will be taken to Q.Store for issue of blankets. When this is completed coys will be guided to their respective messes.

(f) Company guides will remain at camp for three clear days after arrival of unit.

## 9. CAMP QUARTERMASTER.

(a) Will prepare indents for camp stores and equipment based on the strength of the incoming unit.

(b) Prepare ration indents as directed by Messing Officer.

(c) Indent from Transport Officer, BARRABA, for three M/T's for transport of camp stores and equipment, baggage etc.. This transport to be taken over by unit on arrival.

(d) Supervise distribution of essential stores throughout unit lines as may be required for immediate use of personnel on arrival.

(e) Assist in the supervision of tent erection under direction of Lt. Faulkner.

(f) Supervise issue of blankets to all ranks of incoming unit assisted by C.Q.M.S's.

(g) Remain in camp for three clear days in order that all stores and equipment drawn by foster unit are checked and "handing over" states are completed.



10. R.A.P. R.N.O. attached foster unit will establish temporary R.A.P. for one clear day after arrival of incoming unit.
11. PROVOST. 7 Aust. Div. will provide personnel at detraining point for general patrol work.
12. COMMUNICATION. Arrangements have been made with Corps Sigs, GARA for telephone communication.
13. SECURITY. All personnel of foster unit will be warned not to discuss publicly on any occasion whatsoever the expected arrival or movement of incoming troops.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
C.O. FOSTER DETAILS.

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Ref.

"B" Coy.  
2/13 Bn A.I.F.  
KILO 89  
6 Dec. 40.

MOVEMENT ORDERS

20

1. GENERAL. B. Coy has been detailed to proceed from KILO 89 to DIMRA (L1) for preparation of new camp and fostering duties. On receipt of final instructions the following procedure will apply:-
2. DATE OF DEPARTURE. To be communicated.
3. DESTINATION. DIMRA Camp L1 Lines.
4. ROUTINE. (a) Reveille 0630 Hrs.  
Sea Kit Bags and Blankets  
Dumped outside coy Q. Store 0730 Hrs.  
Morning meal 0730 Hrs.  
Coy. Fall-in 0900 Hrs.  
March out 0910 Hrs.
5. ASSEMBLY AREA. Coy. Parade Ground.
6. ORDER OF MARCH. Coy H.Q., Nos. 10, 11, 12 Pls. less one section No. 12 Pl.. Platoons will march off place of assembly at intervals of one minute.
7. ROUTE. Main Road KILO 89 to DIMRA camp via DEIR SUNEID.
8. DRESS. (a) O.R's-Marching order, W. Dress, felt hats, respirators will be worn at "gas alert" position.  
(b) Dress for Officers - Marching order, shorts, shirts, respirators "gas alert" position.
9. BAGGAGE. (a) Officers' baggage to be dumped outside coy. Commanders' quarters by 0730 hrs.  
(b) Sea kit bags and blankets with officers' baggage to be loaded on M/T by 0830 hrs.  
(c) O.C. No. 10 Pl. will detail loading party of 4 O.R's.  
(d) Baggage will be unloaded on arrival at L1 at a point to be indicated by O.C. Advance Party.
10. ARRIVAL AT DIMRA (L1).  
(a) O.C. Advance Party will have foot baths prepared and ready for use on arrival.  
(b) O.C. Advance Party will ensure that a meal is available on arrival.  
(c) After first meal duty personnel will be detailed for preparation of camp.



11. AMMUNITION. C.Q.M.S. will draw from Guard Room 500 Rounds S.A.A. on the night prior to move, and issue as instructed by Coy. Commander.
12. CARE OF ARMS. All ranks will be instructed on arrival that special care is to be taken of arms and ammunition, as per Camp Standing Orders.
13. STORES etc. (a) C.Q.M.S. will draw from Dima Ll camp stores all the necessary equipment required for the preparation and occupation by B Coy..
14. TRANSPORT. Requisitions for transport to be lodged with Transport Officer one clear day prior to move.
15. DUTY PERSONNEL. (a) Advance Party.

- (1) C.C. Adv. Party- Coy. B 1/c.-  
Capt. R. Gillan.
- (ii) C.C. Tent Erection- Lt. F. Faulkner.
- (iii) Camp Q.M.- C.Q.M.S. Hummerston.
- (iv) A/Storeman - Fte. Clothier.
- (v) A/Cook - Fte. Courtney.
- (vi) Tent Party- L/Cpl Watchman and  
No. 7 Section.

(b) Advance party will march out in accordance with instructions to be issued later.

Capt.

C.C. Adv. Coy.

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A.I.F. BASE AREA.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 15

26 Feb 41.

1. GENERAL: The following will move from GAZA Area to MERSA LATRUH commencing on 27 Feb 41.

H.Q. 20 Aust Inf Bde and 1 Sec.  
Inf Bde Sig Sec (as detailed by 7 Aust Div).  
20 A.Tr Coy.  
58 L.A.D.  
2/13 Bn.  
2/15 Bn.  
2/17 Bn.

2. CODE WORD for the move is 'BASSWOOD'.

3. ADVANCE PARTY:

Road - 3 Offrs 1 O.R., 1 veh will proceed independently.

Rail - H.Q. 20 Aust Inf Bde 1 Offr 6 O.R.s.  
Each Bn. 1 Offr 15 O.Rs.  
will report R.T.O. GAZA at 1230 hrs 27 Feb 41.

4. MAIN BODY: Rail - in accordance with Appendix "A"  
Road Parties will move in two convoys in accordance with Appendix "B".

(a) All road parties will bivouac the first night of the move at ASLUJ. They will stage the second night of the move at ISMAILIA.

(b) Units will move in groups of NOT more than 16 to 20 vehs. Each group will be despatched at intervals of approximately 45 minutes in order to reduce congestion at ISMAILIA.

(c) ROUTE - Units Location - BEERSHEBA - ASLUJ - ABU-AWEIGLA - ISMAILIA.

(d) STAGES & DISTANCES - The move will be in three stages :-

Stage 1. Units Location - BEERSHEBA - ASLUJ. Distance BEERSHEBA - ASLUJ 20 miles.  
Stage 2. ASLUJ - ABU-AWEIGLA. Distance 50 miles.  
Stage 3. ABU-AWEIGLA - ISMAILIA. Distance 120 miles.

(e) SPEED & DENSITY -

	m.i.h.	v.t.m.
Stage 1.	25	20
Stage 2.	20	20
Stage 3.	25	20

(f) HALTS - All vehicles will halt for 30 minutes after three hours continuous driving.

(g) DISPERSION - Maximum dispersion allowed by ground will be effected at ISMAILIA. Vehicles will NOT close up when halted on road.

(h) INTERCOMMUNICATION -

(i) Communication with both EGYPT and PALESTINE can be made from ABU-AWEIGLA by telephone.

(ii) O. i/c Road Party will inform Movements Canal by telephone of time of departure of head of column from ABU-AWEIGLA.

N.B. Special attention is drawn to h(ii).



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## APPENDIX "B"

Serial		No Veh	GAZA - ASLUJ			ASLUJ - ABU AWEIGLA			ABU AWEIGLA - CANAL E			CANAL E - CANAL W			
			Day	Dep	Arr	Day	Dep	Arr	Day	Dep	Arr	Day	Dep	Arr	
1.	HQ 20 Inf Bde )	11	27	1330	1600	28	0600	0830	28	0900	1500	28	1500	-	)
2.	Sig Section )	4	27	1330	1600	28	0600	0830	29	0900	1500	28	-	-	)
3.	13 Inf Bn )	54	27	1330	1600	28	0600	0830	28	0900	1500	28	-	2200	)
4.	15 Inf Bn )	54	28	1330	1600	1	0600	0830	1	0900	1500	1	1500	-	)
5.	17 Inf Bn )	54	28	1330	1600	1	0600	0830	1	0900	1500	1	-	-	)
6.	L.A.D. )	4	28	1330	1600	1	0600	0830	1	0900	1500	1	-	0300 2 Mar	)



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2 MAR 41.

20 AUST INF BDE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

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INFORMATION

1. As given verbally.

INTENTION.

2. 20 Aust Inf Bde will move to TOBRUCH 415437

METHOD.

3. Move ment

Personnel will be transported by composite carrying coy. Vehicles will report to unit lines during night 2/3 Mar 41. Embussing points will be arranged by units..

4. Stages.

First stage on 3 Mar 41 MERSA MATRUH - BUQ BUQ 5 63371.

Second stage on 4 Mar 41 BUQ BUQ - TOBRUCH 4 1 5 4 3 7.

REMARKS

5. Route.

COAST RD - MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI 598379 - TOBRUCH.

6. Order of March.

Bde HQ  
2/13 Bn  
2/15 Bn  
2/17 Bn

7. Starting Point.

CROSS RDS WEST of DID.

8. Starting Time.

Bde HQ 0700 hrs  
2/13 Bn 0730 "  
2/15 Bn 0815 "  
2/17 Bn 0900 "

9. Adv Pty.

1 offr & 4 HCOs from Bde HQ and from each bn will report to Bde HQ at 0500 hrs. Composite carrying coy will supply 1 - 30 cwt vehicle to report to 2/17 bn by 0430 hrs 3 Mar 41 for transport of adv pty.



10. Blocks

1. Bde HQ - CO - Bde TO
2. 2/13 Bn - CO - CO 2/13 Bn
3. 2/15 Bn - CO - CO 2/15 Bn
4. 2/17 Bn - CO - CO 2/17 Bn

11. Divocag. for night 3/4 Mar 41 at BUA BUA.

12. Guides.

Adv pty w ill meet units at BUA BUA turn off

13. VTH. - 14.

14. MM - 12. ( to be maintained in accordance with state of road. Max speed 30 MPH )

15. AA Defence.

- (a) AA Defence will be active.
- (b) AA LMG will be mounted on vehicles.
- (c) AA Sentries will be posted on each vehicle.
- (d) Vehicles will be marked ("L" & "R") throughout blocks & will move off rd left & right respectively on approach of hostile aircraft.
- (e) Vehicles with AA LMGs mtd will remain on the rd.
- (f) Personnel ( except on AA LMGs vehicles i.e. personnel manning the LMGs will abandon vehicles & take cover )

16. Halts

- (a) Halt for night 3/4 Mar 41 at BUA BUA
- (b) During move - 10 mins after 1 hr. 5 mins to even hr.
- (c) Run on 1155 hrs to 1200 hrs.

ADMINISTRATION.

17. Rations.

- (a) Units will draw rations for 3 Mar 41 from BUA on 2 Mar 41.
- (b) AASC will supply rations for 4/5/6/7 Mar 41 during the move.

18. Water.

Units will fill all available containers from BUA WP on 2 Mar 41.

19. Petrol.

Petrol w ill be supplied direct to units & composite carrying coy by Ann Sub Pl.

20. Staff for Inf trans bn. Will remain in BUA BUA TRANSIT CAMP.

Maj Williams 2/17 Bn - I/O.  
Personnel, w ill move to ANKYN 3 TACIED CAMP by train & thence to Aust Gen Base Depot Gaba.



INTERCOMMUNICATION.

51. Bde HQ closes down at 1800 hrs at 0000 hrs 3 Mar 41 & reopen at 0600 hrs on arrival.  
Bde will travel at head of convoy.

52. ACK

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*John C. ...*  
Maj.  
HQ 80 Aust Inf Bde.

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Relief 6 Aust Div by 9 Aust Div.

Admn Order issued in conjunction with O 451 of 2 Mar 41.

1. 20 Bde Gp.

(a) Will leave TOBRUK 6 Mar in transport of 345 Coy R.A.S.C. Representative of 345 Coy will report to H.Q., 20 Bde in TOBRUK as soon as possible.

(b) Details of Move.

Night 6/7 Mar

Stage at DERNA

7 Mar

(i) One Coy to BARCE to take over from C Coy 2/6 Bn. Tpt will remain until the relief is complete and will then convey C Coy to TOBRUK independently.

2/13 C Coy

(ii) One Pl to MADDALENA N 8526 to take over from One Pl of B Coy 2/6 Bn. When relief is complete, tpt will convey Pl of B Coy to TOBRUK, moving with C Coy 2/6 Bn.

2/13 B Coy  
em 2 Pls

(iii) Remainder of Coln stage night 7/8 Mar TOCRA Area

8 Mar

One Bn (less one Coy and one Pl) to BEDA FOMM W 2081 to take over from A Coy 2/5 Bn. Sufficient tpt to remain, to convey outgoing unit to TOBRUK as soon as relief is complete; balance of tpt to return to BENGHASI to pick up 2/6 Bn (less dets) a.m. on 9 Mar arriving TOBRUK 11 Mar.

Remainder of Coln stage night 8/9 Mar approx 20 kilos North of AGEDABIA. 6 Aust Div will select the area and will send a representative to meet the Coln.

(c) Rations and P.O.L.

4 days rations and max. P.O.L. to be brought from TOBRUK.

2. 17 Bde Gp.

(a) Will leave forward area 10 Mar (2/6 Bn vide para 1) in transport which lifted 20 Bde.

(b) Stages.

Night 10/11 Mar

TOCRA

11/12 "

DERNA

12 "

arrive TOBRUK

/(c) Rations .....



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(c) Rations and P.O.L.

- (i) Rations for consumption up to incl 11 Mar to be brought from forward area.
- (ii) P.O.L. and rations for consumption 12th to be drawn at DERNA.
- (iii) On leaving TOBRUK on 23 Mar, rations for one day only will be drawn from TOBRUK. Rations for remainder of journey will be drawn at SOLLUM and MATRUH. P.O.L. at TOBRUK, SOLLUM and MATRUH.

3. 16 and 19 Bde Gp.

Rations for one day only to be drawn at TOBRUK. Rations for remainder of journey will be drawn at SOLLUM and MATRUH.

P.O.L. to be drawn at TOBRUK, SOLLUM and MATRUH.

*A.S. Dawson*  
Major  
for

Issued through Signals.

Lieut-Col.,  
A.Q.M.G., Cyrenaica Command.

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C Coy 2/6 Bn. A.I.F. (BARCE)	
(who will inform Pl of B Coy at MADDALENA)	15
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Ref Maps AGEDABIA )  
EL AGHEILA )  
MARADA ) 1 - 500,000  
SIRTE )

1. Not later than 2400 hrs night 9/10 Mar adm instrn 20 Aust Inf Bde will be as under

2. Bde HQ  
(a) Fwd - All branches of staff and services are established three miles along track running E from main TRIPOLI rd at 20 kilo stone.  
(b) Rear - B ech tp, Q store, 58 LAD is established on track running W of main BENGHASI rd 7 kilos N of AGEDABIA

3. WP MARSA BREGA open from 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs daily.

4. Sup, Pet, Amn - SP, PP, AP 2 miles on track running E from main TRIPOLI rd at kilo stone 835 open from 2000 hrs daily.

5. Medical - ADS at area 1 1/2 miles on track running E from main TRIPOLI rd at kilo stone 20 N MARSA-BREGA.

6. Ordnance  
(a) 7 Div Sec Ord Fd Park at MADDALENA area N 860260 from which all replacements will be made under inst issued by DADOS.  
~~(b) Units will immediately submit requisitions and arrange to draw on BENGHASI for A Tr rifles, Bren guns, 3 inch mortars to war establishment - 1st line tp will be used.~~

7. Recovery -  
(a) L-1 tp for 1st line repair to 58 LAD.  
(b) Tp for other than 1st line repair to 2/2 A Fd Wkshps at BENGHASI.

8. Postal - All mail to rear Bde HQ. *Cancelled*

9. POW - CP at fwd Bde HQ. Units will provide suitable escort.

10. Burials - Until a div cemetery is located burials will be carried out under unit arrangements in own area. Graves will be located near a prominent feature, preferably main road and exact measurements from kilo stone on either side of site will be given in graves return AFW 3114.

11. Traffic - Tp other than that under special authority of COs will NOT move along main rd between fwd area and AGEDABIA between hrs of 0700 and 1700.  
No vehc will enter MARSA-BREGA before 1900.

12. Canteen - A canteen pt is established at 19 kilo stone N of AGEDABIA

13. Inst regarding pay, salvage and location of Div HQ will be promulgated later.

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SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

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20 AUST INF BDE - OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 1

Ref Maps AGEDABIA and EL AGHEILA.

INFORMATION

1. As given in SITREPS and Int reports to date.

INTENTION

2. NOWA will relieve CEHA in the fwd area.

METHOD

3. Owing to shortage of tpt the following programme will be carried out:

- (a) Night 19/20 Mar - One coy plus one pl of NOWA will relieve one coy plus one pl of CEHA which will move back to BEDA FOMM.
- ✓ (b) Night 20/21 Mar - One coy and one pl of CEHA will move from BEDA FOMM and relieve NOWA at BARCE and MADELINA.
- ✓ (c) Night 21/22 Mar - One coy and one pl NOWA will move from BARCE and MADELINA to BEDA FOMM.
- (d) Night 22/23 Mar - One coy NOWA will relieve one coy CEHA.
- (e) Night 23/24 Mar - As for (d)
- (f) Night 24/25 Mar - As for (e) plus one pl CEHA will relieve one pl NOWA at AGEDABIA AERODROME.
- (g) Relief of Bn HQ and HQ coy CEHA will be carried out under mutual arrangements of comds CEHA and NOWA.

4. Recce - Comds will arrange for recce prior to movement.

ADM

5. Transport

- (a) NOWA will be responsible for movement of NOWA from BEDA FOMM. to fwd area and of CEHA from fwd area to BEDA FOMM.
- (b) CEHA will be responsible for movement of CEHA from BEDA FOMM to BARCE and MADELINA and of NOWA from BARCE and MADELINA to BEDA FOMM.
- (c) Demands for extra tpt will be submitted to SC SEAR by 17 Mar.

INTERCOM

6. Keyword

The keyword for the move will be BARBARA.

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BN 20 Aust Inf Bde

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Guide  
 Rec 1 off 17/18 18/19 Tues Wed B ech + Carrier platoon  
 4 NCO 19/20 Wed Thurs D Coy + one platoon B Coy  
 10 off 4 NCOs 18/19

15  
 ditto  
 D + 1 M C

Rec 19/20 20/21 Sig ~~Proneers~~ A/A  
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ditto

Rec 20/21 21/22 A Coy  
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Rec 21/22 22/23 C Coy  
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Rec 22/23 23/24 B Coy 2 pl X  
 2-4 B A Q RAR S.B.  
 1 Sect Police

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24/25 Evans Legre Tommoran  
 Walker Road work etc  
 Situation map

Messaged by  
 Guide on Rd  
 0530-

Kilo 805

Coy Comd  
 re order

William return to

Wade

Memo

40 Grad battery

Moya Swine

D Coy - No vehicle

AA section



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2/13 BN CO NO 3

REF MAP:

AGEDABIA and EL AGHEILA

INFORMATION:

1. As given verbally

INTENTION:

2. NOWA will relieve CEHA in fwd area.

METHOD:

- (a) One coy of CEHA will move from BEDA FOMM and relieve C Coy NOWA at BARCE on 20 Mar 41.
- (b) C Coy NOWA will move from BARCE on 20 Mar 41 to BEDA FOMM. Guides from B Coy will meet head of col ~~to~~ at turn off from main rd and guide C Coy to D Coy posn.
3. HALTS: C Coy NOWA halt for night 20-21 Mar 41 at TOCRA area.
4. MOVEMENT: Move of NOWA from BEDA FOMM to fwd area will be in accordance with Appx "A".
5. DISPOSITIONS: Coys will occupy posns in fwd area in accordance with attached sketch - guides from adv party will lead coys into posn.
6. AA DEFENCE: AA Defence will be in accordance with previous instns.
7. ADM:
  - (a) NOWA will be responsible for the movement of NOWA from BEDA FOMM to fwd area and of CEHA from fwd area to BEDA FOMM.
  - (b) CEHA will be responsible for the movement of CEHA from BEDA FOMM to BARCE and of NOWA from BARCE to BEDA FOMM C Coy
  - (c) Additional adm details will be issued separately.

8. INTERCOM:

Keyword. The keyword for the move will be "BARBARA".

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APPENDIX 7A

MOVEMENT OF NOWA FROM BEDA FOMM TO FWD AREA

Serial: No	DATE	ADV AND RESCUE PARTY	DATE	COYS		RELIEF	TPT
				MAIN	BOBY		
1	Night 17-18 Mar 41	Pnc Offr, QM, 4 NCOs	Night 18- 19 Mar 41	B Ech, No 4 Pl Sec No 2 Pl			All available tpt to return to BEDA FOMM on the morn- ing of 19 Mar 41.
2.	Night 18-19 Mar 41	1 Offr, 3 NCOs	Night 19- 20 Mar 41	D Coy		to relieve D Coy CEHA	Tpt NOWA to return CEHA personnel to BEDA FOMM on night 19-20 Mar 41.
3.	Night 19-20 Mar 41	2 Offrs, 4 NCOs	Night 20- 21 Mar 41	HQ Coy less details		Relieve similar com- position of CEHA	Tpt NOWA to return CEHA personnel night 20-21 Mar 41
4.	Night 20-21 Mar 41	1 Offr, 3 NCOs	Night 21- 22 Mar 41	A Coy		Relieve A Coy CEHA	do do Night 21-22 Mar 41.
5.	Night 21-22 Mar 41	1 Offr, 3 NCOs	Night 22- 23 Mar 41	C Coy		Relieve B Coy CEHA	do do Night 22-23 Mar 41
6.	Night 22-23 Mar 41	1 Offr, 3 NCOs	Night 23- 24 Mar 41	B Coy		Relieve C Coy CEHA	do do Night 23-24 Mar 41.
7.	Night 22-23 Mar 41	1 Offr, 1 NCO	Night 23- 24 Mar 41	Bn HQ incl RAP, SB, 1 Sec Regtl Police		Relieve similar com- position CEHA	do do Night 23-24 Mar 41.

ROUTE: Main rd TRIPOLI - turn off to CEHA indicated by figure "56" on left of rd near 805 kilo post. Guides will meet  
coys at this pt.

TPT: (a) Tpt carrying adv party personnel to fwd areas will return to BEDA FOMM on same night.  
(b) Details of tpt for movement of coys to fwd areas will be issued later.



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2/13 BN ADM INSTN NO 1 ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OO NO 3

1. TRAFFIC:

- (a) Tpt. other than that under special authority of Comd Offr, will NOT move along main rd between fwd area and AGEDABIA between the hours of 0700 and 1900.
- (b) No vehicle will enter MARSA-BREGA before 1900 hrs.
- (c) There will be no movement of vehicles by day in fwd area with the exception of vehicles carrying mens' meals.
- (d) Tracks already in use will only be used.

2. WP - MARSA-BREGA open from 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs daily. Coys will be responsible for the drawing of water. After issue to Coy Kitchens etc vehicles will return to B Ech.

3. SUP FET AMN. SP - PF - AP - 2 miles on track running east from main TRIPOLI RD, at KILO STONE 20 north MERSA-BREGA.

4. RATIONS.

- (a) Rations will be drawn nightly from QM at B Ech (time of drawing to be notified).
- (b) Bn HQ personnel will mess with HQ Coy.
- (c) When relief of B Ech of NOWA and CEHA is complete, rations will be drawn by Coys from respective QMs in the area in which they are situated.

5. PW. CP at Bn HQ - Coy will supply suitable escort for captured prisoners.

6. AA DEFENCE. AA Defence will be passive, i.e. no fire at aircraft unless the posn is actually attacked by aircraft within range of 1500 ft.

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Adjt 2/13 BN AIF

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20 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE CO No. 2.

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## Ref Maps:

EL AGHEILA	1/500,000
AGEDABIA	1/500,000
BENGASI	1/500,000

ENEMY

## 1. ENEMY

Vide Intelligence reports and SITREPS to date.

## 2. OWN TROOPS

- (a) 5 Arm'd Bde is securing left flank from B-EL-GHAY (a) B6577 to B-ES-SUBRA (a) B5765 and further south to the line of WADI EL FARACH.
- (b) AASC 9 Div is under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) Mobile Sec of 2/8 P'd Amb is under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (d) 339 Bty, 104 Regt RHA and det 1 Lt AA Regt will come under comd support gp 2 Arm'd Div at 1900 hrs on 22 Mar.

## INTENTION

- 3. 20 Aust Inf Bde (less one coy at BARCE) and att tps will withdraw from present posn to area CHINA (a) S1572 - ER REGINA (s) S2170.

## METHOD

## 4. LOCATION OF NEW AREAS

- (a) Fwd Bns
  - Right - 2/17 Bn - North of RWY LINE from ANTI-TANK DITCH to 1000' due east
  - Left - 2/15 Bn - South of RWY LINE and RD - from ANTI-TANK DITCH to 1000' due east
- (b) Reserve Bn
  - 2/15 Bn - South of RWY LINE and RD due south of ER REGINA RWY STE (s) S2170.
- (c) Boundary
  - All incl 2/17 Bn - RD and RWY LINE.

## 5. ROLE

Protection of rds running EASTWARDS from BENGASI (s) R97.

## 6. ROUTE

MAIN RD - AGEDABIA - BENGASI - RD JUNG (s) R9675 - RD to ER REGINA (s) S2170.

## 7. MOVE - RES BN

2/13 Bn will move during night 22/23 Mar to new posn.

## 8. MOVE OF FWD BNS

- (a) No withdrawal before 1930 hrs.
- (b) Present posn to be denied till 2015 hrs.
- (c) Rear parties cross line running N and S through 19 Kilo stone from MERSA BREGA XB50 on MAIN RD by 2200 hrs.
- (d) Assembly Posns - In present bn areas.
- (e) Staging:
  - 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn and Bde HQ will stage during hours of daylight on 23 Mar at CHEMINES (s) R92.
  - Orders for move from CHEMINES to new area will be issued at CHEMINES.
- (f) Guides:
  - 1 Offr and 5 NCOs from 2/15 Bn and 2/17 Bn will meet SC Bde HQ at 1400 hrs on 22 Mar.



9. ORDER OF MOVE

- (a) Bde HQ will pass junc of turn off to Bde HQ and MAIN RD 100<sup>x</sup> NE of Kilo 20 from MERSA BREGA at 1920 hrs.
- (b) 2/17 Bn will pass RD HOUSE at 17 Kilo post from MERSA BREGA on MAIN RD at 1930 hrs.
- (c) 2/15 Bn will pass 5 kilo post from MERSA BREGA on MAIN RD at 2030 hrs.
- (d) VTM - 15.
- (e) MMH - 10.
- (f) Halts - at 20 miles, 40 miles and 80 miles from starting points vide speedometer.
- (g) No lights will be used during move.

10. RECCE PARTY

Recce party consisting of 1 pl from 2/13 Bn and 1 Oftr per coy and 1 NCO per pl will be supplied from each bn to meet Lieut McMaster at 1400 hrs on 22 Mar at RD JUNC (s)W0781.

11. REAR GUARD

- (a) Outpost coy of 2/17 Bn astride RD at XB5082 will be relieved by one coy of THR, support gp, 2 Armd Div. Fwd coys of 2/15 Bn will be relieved by 1 coy of FREE FRENCH under comd support gp 2 Armd Div.
- (b) Posns will be occupied by reliefs by 1700 hrs.

ADMINISTRATION

12. TRANSPORT

RASC will supply 28 3 ton lorries to 2/13 Bn, 40 3 ton lorries to 2/15 Bn, 30 3 ton lorries to 2/17 Bn on 22 Mar for carrying of personnel.

Units will provide guides to meet RASC representatives as follows:

- 2/13 Bn at MAGRUM (s)R9713 at 2300 hrs
- 2/15 Bn and 2/17 Bn at 19 kilo stone from MERSA BREGA at 1600 hrs.

RASC will be laagered and dispersed in Bn areas.

13. RATIONS

- (a) 2/13 Bn will despatch one lorry to draw two days' rations at MAGRUM at 2330 hrs on 22 Mar.
- (b) Bde HQ, 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn will draw two days' rations at CHEMINES on 23 Mar.

14. WATER

- (a) All water containers will be filled by 1900 hrs on 22 Mar.
- (b) Arrangements re water at CHEMINES will be issued on arrival.

15. POL

- (a) 2/13 Bn will draw POL at MAGRUM.
- (b) Bde HQ, 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn will draw POL in bulk from Supply Point at Kilo 39 before 1200 hrs on 22 Mar. Further issues will be made at CHEMINES on 23 Mar.

16. MEDICAL

Mobile Sec 2/8 Pd Amb will move in rear of Bde HQ. Location at CHEMINES and in new area will be notified on arrival.

INTERCOMM

17. BDE HQ

Bde HQ will close down present location at 1900 hrs will move at head of column during night 22/23 Mar - will reopen at CHEMINES at 0600 hrs on 23 Mar - will close down at CHEMINES at 1900 hrs on 23 Mar - will move at head of column during night 23/24 Mar - will reopen in ER REGINA (s)S2170 at 0500 hrs on 24 Mar.



18. COMD

COMD of present area will pass from 20 Aust Inf Bde to support gp, 2 Armd Div at 1900 hrs on 22 Mar.

19. RELIEF PASSWORD

Relief password will be WHACKO.

20. ACK.

Signed at 1700 hrs

Method of issue DRCS

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2/8 Pd Amb	9
9 Div, AASC	10
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BM	12
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Ref Maps Special AGEDABIA 1/500,000  
Bengasi 1/500,000.

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde will move to bivouac areas in general area BENINA-ER REGIMA, to arrive in that area by 1800 hrs 23 Mar. 41. Marching personnel will be carried in RASC lorries under arrangements being communicated to 20 Aust Inf Bde by 2 Armd Div.
2. 20 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for arranging the details of the move. The following general principles will apply:-
  - (a) All movements SOUTH of AGEDABIA will be in hours of darkness only.
  - (b) When moving in daylight, vehicles will travel at a density of NOT more than 5 v.t.m.
  - (c) When halted vehicles will be widely dispersed.
  - (d) AA LMGs will be mounted on vehicles to be distributed throughout each convoy.
  - (e) ADMS will arrange for ambulance cars to accompany each unit
3. ROUTE. Route will be AGEDABIA - GHEMINES - BENGASI - BENINA. Convoys will NOT proceed through BENGASI itself but will take the bypass road.
4. WATER. Units in BENINA - ER REGIMA area will draw water from water point at BENINA rlwy station. This water point is manned by RAAF personnel and units will ensure that the privilege of using it is NOT abused. Units EAST of ER REGIMA will draw water from EL ABIAR.
5. SUPPLIES AND PETROL
  - (a) The last delivery of supplies by composite coy AASC 9 Div will be on 22 Mar for consumption on 23 Mar. Supplies for consumption on 24 Mar will be drawn by units in 1st line tpt from RASC DID BENGHASI not later than 1630 hrs on 23 Mar and so on.
  - (b) Petrol will be/in unit first line tpt from RASC dumps in BENGHASI. drawn
  - (c) Units EAST of EL ABIAR will draw supplies and petrol from RASC depots in BARCE in first line tpt.
  - (d) Composite Coy AASC 9 Div (less amn sec) will remain present location until further orders.
6. AMN
  - (a) The manning of the present AP by AASC 9 Div personnel terminates at 0900 hrs 24 Mar.
  - (b) Composite Coy AASC 9 Div will establish an AP (SAA only) on
7. MEDICAL ) EL ABIAR - BARCE rd ten kilos EAST of EL ABIAR by 1800 hrs 24 Mar.  
2/8 Fd Amb will move to EL ABIAR area on 23 Mar under arrangements to be made by ADMS. Locations of Medical facilities for the evacuation of casualties will be notified later.
8. GENERAL  
Details regarding ORDNANCE, Recovery, Salvage, Provost, Pay and postal will be notified later.

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20 AUST INF BDE - CO No. 3.

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sheets Nos. 5, 6, 12 & 13.

# INFORMATION

## 1. ENEMY

See 20 Aust Inf Bde Int summary No. 5.

## 2. OWN TFS

(a) ROLE OF 2 ARMD DIV - 2 Armd Div is now operating from the general line AGHEILA-WADI FARECH with instns to deny by active patrolling the area between the TRIPOLITANIA frontier and our foremost tps to the enemy. Should the enemy adv in force 2 Armd Div is instructed to:

- (I) Deny their adv and take any opportunity of hitting them in flank or rear.
- (II) Manoeuvre in general on the EASTERN flank of the enemy with the object of shepherding him into the plain between the escarpment at ANIELAT 3347-SCOLEIDIA 3341 and the sea.
- (III) Retard his adv northwards and in particular prevent his support tps and maintenance echelons joining his advanced arm'd forces.
- (IV) If the enemy continues his adv northwards to shepherd him into the plain between the escarpment ER REGINA-TOCHA (held by 9 Aust Div) and the sea.
- (V) Protect the left flank of 9 Aust Div and prevent the enemy moving out of the coastal plain across country to BARGE or DERNA.

## (b) Tps on right flank

26 Aust Inf Bde (less one bn) with under comd one bty 51 Fd Regt, 2/13 Fd Coy RAE (less one sec) to deny to the enemy from TOLMEDA to excl inter bde boundary line of WADI from BU ZUETINA (3508)-3706-HILL 323 (4004)-HILL 360 (4103).

## (c) TPS UNDER COMD

The following tps are under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde:

51 Fd Regt, RA (less one bty)  
2/7 Fd Coy, RAE (less one sec).

## (d) RAAF

LYSANDER aircraft for Tac R are available at four hours' notice from receipt of demand at 20 Aust Inf Bde.

## (e) TANKS

A tank offr is att bde HQ for expert advice.

## 3. INTENTION

20 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will deny enemy access to escarpment from line of WADI BU ZUETINA (3508)-WADI GATTARA.

## METHOD

## 4. FDLs

FDLs will include - line of Escarpment from BU ZUETINA 3508 to WA DI GATTARA 2063.

## 5. Allotment of Units

2/17 En - (All incl) - line of the WADI from BU ZUETINA 3508-3706-HILL 323 4004-HILL 360 4103 to (all excl) HILL 237 1974-RLWY and RD CROSSING 2775.

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Allotment of Units (Contd)

2/13 Bn (less one coy at BA ROE) All incl HILL 237 1974-RLWY and RD CROSSING 2775 to all incl WADI GATTARA from 2063 to 3167.

6. Inter Bn Boundary

TRACK JUNC 137739-HILL 237 1974-RLWY and RD CROSSING 2775 all incl 2/13 Bn.

7. REAR BOUNDARY

All incl fwd bns HILL 407 4597. TRIG 417 4093-CAF BUGREN 3383. RLWY and RD CROSSING 2775-HILL 271 2973-WADI GATTARA 3167.

8. TIME OF OCCUPATION

Bns will commence occupation of defensive posn not before 0600 hrs on 27 Mar 41 and will complete movement of all tps by 1800 hrs on 27 Mar 41.

Bns will complete plans forthwith to move tps at 30 minutes' notice, in the event of emergency.

9. LOCATION OF RESERVES

2/15 Bn - from Rear boundary to WADI GATTARA 3167-WADI BIR IUSEF 5074.

10. ROLE OF RES

(a) Protection of left flank.

(b) Deliberate counter attack on high ground due east of ER REGIMA.

(c) Preparation of routes for immediate counter attacks to fwd bn areas.

(d) Protection of EL ABIAR 4483 and 4484.

11. DISPOSITIONS

The number of tps committed to the static defence will be reduced to bare requirements to cover by fire minefields and RD BLOCKS.

The maximum number of tps will be retained in res with the greatest possible degree of mobility.

Observation posts will be manned along the whole front.

12. ARTY *TWO*

(a) ~~One~~ tp will provide defensive fire astride RD and RLWY 199722. *1872*

(b) OPs and Bty posns will be prepared to fire on likely enemy approaches.

13. A Tk Arty

(a) One pl, 20 A Tk Coy, will cover A Tk mine field astride Rd and RLWY 199722. *1872*

(b) 20 A Tk Coy (less one pl) will remain in reserve on wheels in vicinity Bde HQ. *Res Arty*

(c) Equipment will be transported and fought PORTER.

14. RAE

(a) Will mine 600' astride RD and RLWY fwd of ANTI-TANK DITCH 199722. *1872*

(b) Will prepare demolition of RD and RLWY at 3 pts west of ER REGIMA.

15. PATROLLING

Fwd bns will carry out continuous patrolling during hours of darkness.

16. ROAD BLOCKS

Efficient ROAD BLOCKS (IRON RAILS and concrete) will be prepared on all likely enemy approaches.

All RD BLOCKS must be covered by fire.

ADM

17. SUP, ARM, POI

Sup, Arm, POI will be drawn in accordance with Adm Order No. 1 of 22 Mar. When operationally necessary sup, arm, POI will be drawn from dumps being established at TECHNIS (9318).

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WP - In accordance with Adm Order No. 1 of 22 Mar.

18. TPT

- (a) MT will be dispersed with at least 200 yds interval between vehicles and will be dug in and camouflaged.
- (b) Each tpt will be located to allow maximum tpt to be rapidly available for movement of tps to fwd area in the event of a break through on any sector of the front.

19. Traffic Circuits

All routes to HQ to be continued where possible to another track or 400 yds beyond HQ.

20. Recovery

- (a) Tpt for 1st line repair to 58 LAD.
- (b) Tpt for other than 1st line repair to No. 2 Recovery Sec, BENGASI.

21. MEDICAL

- (a) All casualties to be evacuated to 4 AGH, BARGE.
- (b) ADS will be notified later.

22. RESTRICTION ON LIGHTS

No lights will be used during hours of darkness.

INTERCOMM

23. BDE HQ

- (a) Advanced HQ at 305800.
- (b) Rear HQ at (will be notified later)
- (c) Will close down at present location at 1000 hrs on 28 Mar and reopen at 305800 at 1200 hrs on 28 Mar.

24. SIG ARTERY

- (a) Main - Line along main rd ER REGIMA-EL ABIAR.
- (b) Alternative - (a) Direct lines - all units.  
(b) Wireless communication.

25. SDF

Green over Red over Green.

26. ACK.

Time of Issue 1200

Method of Issue D R L S

*[Signature]*

(J. F. McCARTNEY) Maj  
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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