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**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
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**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/24**

**2/24 Infantry Battalion**  
**January - February 1941**

# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/24 Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 41

To <sup>8</sup>~~10~~ Jan 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Deir Suneid	1 Jan 41		General holiday- Games played in morning and donkey race meeting held in afternoon. First casualty by death in Bn. occurred- <sup>21/Dec 40</sup> Pte Lloyd drowned accidentally while on leave at Tel-Aviv.	
" "	2 Jan 41	A M	Bn rehearsed for Div Parade- "B" Coy attended funeral of Pte Lloyd at Gaza Cemetery.	
		P M	Bn took part in Divisional Parade before Minister for Army Hon <del>P</del> Spender M H R ,Lt Gen Sturdee G G S & G O C I Aust Corps.	
" "	3 Jan 41		Normal training routine.	
" "	4 Jan 41		Normal Saturday toughening route march.	
			First news of 2/AIF successful initiation in battle at Bardia.	
" "	5/6/7 Jan 41		Normal training routine.	
	6 Jan 41		Lieut Dennett detached for duty with 7 Aust Div HQ as Assistant Camp Commandant	
" "	8 Jan 41		Coys commence night training.	

*G. Weir* Capt  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

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Unit 2/24 Bn Date and Time.—From 9 Jan 41 To 15 Jan 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dier Suneid	9 Jan 41		Normal routine.	
" "	10 Jan 41		Normal routine. 40 Members of Bn over age 35 marched out to Guard Bn.	
" "	11 Jan 41		Bn route march 16-17miles via Sum Sum, Bureir, Najd.	
" "			894 2oz tins of Tobacco & Papers issued to Bn by ACF also socks.	
" "	12 Jan 41		Sunday routine. Major Turner O C HQ Coy marched out for temporary attachment to 6 Div HQ.	
" "	13 Jan 41		Minature range practices commenced. Officers attended lecture by Col Rodgers-Corps HQ who was present at battle of Bardia. The operations were explained and followed with great interst. This was the first eyewitness account of modern battle procedure that officers had opportunity of hearing.	
" "	14/15 Jan 41		Normal training routine. Capt Weir to A G H .	

*W. Weir* Capt  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

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Unit 2/24 BN.

Date and Time.—From 16 JAN 41 To 25 Jan (incl)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA	16 Jan 41		Transfer of 60 R's to Ordnance - <del>23</del> Bde	
"	" " "		<sup>26</sup> 00 No 1 received - First Bde exercise attempted	Appx C 0.0's
"	17 Jan 41		Normal routine <sup>Bn</sup> 0.0. No 1 issued.	Appx C
"	18 Jan 41		Bde movement exercise carried out successfully - The exercise was movement to and occupation of assembly areas on the line BEIT TIMA - HU LEIQAT - BUREUR, prior to an advance towards JERUSALEM? The difficulty of inter-comm with the use of R/T 101 sets due to jamming of traffic at the control sta. was the principal lesson learnt. Air Raid Alarm received 0105 hrs night 17/18 Jan.	Appx C
"	19 Jan 41		Rain and <del>light</del> wind in morning. No church pde held.	
"	20 Jan 41		Bn acting as Foster Unit to 2/6 Fd Ambulance. Erection of tents commenced.	
"	21 Jan 41		Death of VX 35238 Sgt Fishlock E.A. at 1 A G H as result of operation - 2nd death casualty in Bn. News of AIF successes at TOBRUK. Bde 00 No 2 received.	Appx C
"	22 Jan 41		Bn 00 No 2 issued for Bde exercise 23 Jan.	Appx C
"	23 Jan 41		Bde movement exercise successfully carried out. A similar exercise to that held on 18 Jan with a slightly different assembly line. Opportunity taken to test method of <sup>moving</sup> Bn A Ech tpt by timed bounds to avoid passing through moving tps.	
"	24/25 Jan 41		Normal routine.	

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

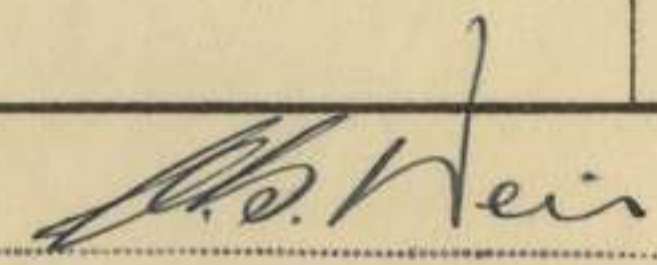
# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/24 BN Date and Time.—From 26 JAN 41 To 31 JAN 41 (incl)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA	26 Jan 41		Sunday routine and sports	
"	27 Jan 41	N	Normal routine- 15 O R's marched out to 2/1 Army Fd Wkshops A A O C	
"	28 Jan 41		Normal routine. Major Turner reported back to unit from attachment as L O to 6 Div.	
"	29 Jan 41		Normal routine - Major Turner lectured to offrs re 6 Div operations.	
"	30 Jan 41	0800-1200	20 officers attended demonstration of Bren & A Tk rifle at JAFFA range. 17 O R's marched out to Gd Bn. Otherwise normal routine.	
"	31 Jan 41	1100	Demonstration to selected personnel of using Bangalore Torpedoes for wire cutting and <del>of</del> road cratering. Successful experiment by attaching two angle iron pickets to the Bangalore Torpedo to assist cutting of wire and pickets	Appx C
		1800	Bn O O No 3 issued for exercise 1 Feb.	
		2200	2/6 Fd Ambulance marched in after some delay due to air raids in Suez Canal area.	Appx C

  
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REPORT AS AT 1 FEB 41

199/10/25

**1. PHYSICAL:**

Physical condition good. All doubtful men have now been transferred to Gd Bn.

**2. MORALE:**

Good.

**3. WEAPONS:**

(a) Bayonet: Fit.

(b) Rifle: Rifle Aiming and Firing instn persevered with in preparation for open range practices which commenced 2 Feb. Standard was low in previous attempts on the range, particularly in rapid practices, but anticipate improvement this occasion. Of the company whose returns have been analysed, results were:-

Rifle - 56 fired - 17 failed

Bren - 119 fired - 41 failed.

Those who scored less than half the total points are marked as failed.

(c) Bren: Good progress, but few yet really expert. By end of month should be reasonably proficient in handling.

(d) Mortar 2": With only one weapon progress unnecessarily slow but standard NOT bad among those few who have had instn.

(e) Pistol: No practices fired and no weapons.

(f) Grenade: None available. Practice with stones satisfactory as far as it goes.

(g) Range Finder: Untrained - no instruments.

(h) Boys Rifle: Fair. Simple weapon and should pick up knowledge of handling rapidly.

**4. SPECIALISTS:**

(a) Signals: Pl short of four men. Of remainder of Pl 14 are well adv and 8 quite fair. With good run and no interruptions in tng whole pl will need only four weeks to be fit.

(b) AA: Pl one man short. Good knowledge of gun but still need tactical tng and night work. Fit in four weeks.

(c) Gas: Respirator drill up to necessary standard. Eyeshields and ointments, anti-gas, required: also have not yet seen detectors which are essential. Decontamination tng untouched.

(d) Transport: 11 drs away on convoy. 2 others in hospital. All certified but NOT yet first class. Map reading and night driving required. All fit in six weeks.

(e) Pioneers: Short of carpenter and bricklayer. Pl Comd topped school recently and has brought men on well. Need night patrolling work. Decn knowledge required. All fit in six weeks.

**5. FIELD CRAFT:**

(a) Stalking: Quite fair.

(b) Use of Ground: Understood, but need a few shots coming over to have it observed automatically.

(c) Camouflage: Backward. Would like wire netting and other appurtenances if available.

(d) Field-works: Proceeding need experience.

(e) Map reading: Among senior NCOs - fair.

(f) Compass Marching: Good.

6. TACTICAL:

(a) Field Firing: Nil. Urgent necessity.

(b) Night Training: Quite fair. Considerable amount of night work done.

(c) T.E.W.T.S.: Satisfactory. Two in last fortnight.

(d) Tactical Exercises: All coys practiced as far as Pl work.

7. ADMINISTRATION:

(a) HQ: Satisfactory.

(b) Feeding: Good.

(c) Sanitation: Fair.

8. PERSONNEL.

(a) Offrs: High standard generally.

(b) NCOs: As above.

9. CONCLUSION:

Progress has been good but difficult to get a run for training. When range practices are completed, way should be clear for some time. Though equipment position not bad would be glad of anything available to speed up training, and would like particularly blank ammunition, fireworks of all sorts to lend realism. Signals equipment, carrier vehicles, grenades most necessary. Another A/Tk rifle or two would speed up training.

*Allan Spowers*, Lieut-Col.,  
Comd 2/24 Bn, AIF.

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APPENDIX A

CAS RETURNS

1 JAN 41 - 31 JAN 41



ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part 11

No 1.

by

LIEUT.-COL. A. SPWERS. D.S.O., M.C. ; COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

The following promotions and appointments and confirmations of Acting Rank are taken from "Daily Orders, Part 11, No 3":-

Sub No.	Regimental No.	RANK	NAME		REMARKS	DATE.
893	VX 34270	Pte	FRASER	C.K.	Appt. L/Cpl	16.11.40
897	VX 44365	Pte	COLLIER	V.W.	" L/Cpl	16.11.40
898	VX 20978	Cpl	SHEPHERD	R.	" L/Sgt	18.11.40
899	VX 37427	Cpl	JONES	B.J.	" "	18.11.40
<del>899</del>	<del>VX 37427</del>	<del>Cpl</del>	<del>JONES</del>	<del>B.J.</del>	<del>" "</del>	<del>18.11.40</del>
900	VX 28482	Cpl	MARSHALL	T.A.	" "	18.11.40
901	VX 35148	A/Cpl	MCCONNELL	L.J.	" A/L/Sgt	31/10/40
902	VX 33823	Pte	SULLIVAN	W.J.	Promoted Cpl.	16/11/40
903	VX 34497	Cpl	WILSON	G.T.	" A/Sgt	15/11/40
904	VX 15784	A/Cpl	McKINNON	A.H.H.	" A/Sgt	31/10/40
905	VX 34243	A/L/Sgt	WALSH	W.H.	" A/Sgt	20/8/40
906	VX 30994	A/WO II	McNAMARA	J.P.	Acting rank of WOII confirmed	16/11/40
907	VX 34090	A.Sgt	WILLIAMS	H.E.	Acting rank of Sgt. confirmed	16/11/40
908	VX 34733	A/Cpl.	BREHENY	F.McJ.	Acting rank of Cpl. confirmed.	16/11/40
909	VX 20176	A/Cpl	OPPY	H.D.	Acting rank of Cpl. confirmed	16/11/40
910	VX 24085	A.Cpl	CABBE	H.D.	Promotion to A/Cpl terminated	14/12/40
911	VX 32047	A/Cpl	HALL	L.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
912	VX 33909	A/L/Sgt	JONES	G.H.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
913	VX 33468	A/Cpl	COOKE	V.	Promotion to A/Cpl terminated.	16/11/40
914	VX 33468	Pte	COOKE	V.	Appt. L/Cpl.	14/12/40
915	VX 33706	A/Cpl	PARKER	W.A.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
916	VX 44187	A/Sgt	HANSON	A.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
917	VX 45961	A/Sgt	DAVY	R.C.	" " "	16/11/40
918	VX 32634	A/Sgt	CATHERALL	J.Mc.	" " "	16/11/40
919	VX 33859	A/Cpl	KENNEDY	H.B.	" " "	16/11/40
920	VX 33860	A/Cpl	CAPLE	J.H.	" " "	16/11/40
921	VX 30995	A/S/Sgt	PRICE	C.D.	" " "	16/11/40
922	VX 34497	A/Sgt	WILSON	G.T.	" " "	16/11/40
923	VX 15784	A/Sgt	MACKINNON	A.H.H.	" " "	16/11/40
924	VX 32716	A/Cpl	BERRY	G.T.	" " "	16/11/40
925	VX 31737	A/Cpl	HOGART	J.S.	" " "	16/11/40
926	VX 34243	A/Sgt	WALSH	W.H.	" " "	15/11/40
927	VX 34776	A/Cpl	GRIFFIN	J.D.	" " "	16/11/40
928	VX 35148	A/L/Sgt	MCCONNELL	L.J.	" " "	16/12/40
929	VX 40782	A/Sgt	MACKENZIE	I.S.	" " "	16/11/40
930	VX 40767	A/L/Sgt	FINLAY	J.T.	" " "	16/11/40
931	VX 48711	A/Cpl	BELL	J.W.	" " "	16/11/40
932	VX 35928	A/Sgt	NEWTON	H.C.	" " "	15/11/40
933	VX 40795	A/Sgt	GOLDIE	R.H.	" " "	16/11/40
934	VX 31736	A/Cpl	MARBROOK	V.	" " "	16/11/40
935	VX 25976	Pte	PLEWING	W.J.C.	Appt. L/Cpl.	14/12/40
936	VX 28832	Pte	BERGMANN	A.	Appt. L/Cpl.	14/12/40
937	VX 38879	A/Cpl	GALE	F.B.	Promoted to A/Sgt	15/11/40
938	VX 38879	A/Sgt	GALE	F.B.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
939	VX 32475	A/S/Sgt	SQUIRES	H.H.C.	" " "	16/11/40
940	VX 37705	A/Sgt	DALTON	R.J.	" " "	16/11/40
941	VX 31909	A/Sgt	WILKIE	G.	" " "	16/11/40

942	VX 29464	Pte	MORTIMER	K.J.	Promoted Cpl	14/12/40
943	VX 31583	A/Sgt	THURMAN	E.B.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
944	VX 29657	A/Cpl	JONES	K.S.	" " "	16/11/40
945	VX 29686	A/Sgt	POIDREVIN	G.C.	" " "	16/11/40
946	VX 24646	Pte	DUNCAN	A.M.	Appt. L/Cpl.	16/11/40
947	VX 44114	Pte	MILLER	D.A.	" " "	16/11/40
948	VX 30290	A/Cpl	NICHOLS	G.E.J.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
949	VX 28512	A/S/Sgt	ALEXANDER	H.	" " "	16/11/40
950	VX 37702	A/Sgt	MORRISON	E.	" " "	16/11/40
951	VX 36666	A/Cpl	DOUGHTY	R.W.	" " "	16/11/40
952	VX 37685	A/Sgt	WHYTE	I.N.	" " "	16/11/40
953	VX 25955	A/Cpl	CRAWLEY	K.V.	" " "	16/11/40
954	VX 29904	A/Cpl	MICHAEL	J.J.	" " "	16/11/40
955	VX 38881	A/Cpl	MUNDS	C.	" " "	16/11/40
956	VX 24864	A/Cpl	SIBBIN	A.J.	" " "	16/11/40
957	VX 26678	A/Sgt	MOLLEN	J.	" " "	16/11/40
958	VX 21261	A/S/Sgt	O'KEEFE	A.J.	" " "	16/11/40
959	VX 28462	A/Cpl	MARSHALL	T.A.	" " "	16/11/40
960	VX 46385	A/Cpl	MALLEN	J.T.	" " "	16/11/40
961	VX 46988	A/Sgt	McKENNIE	R.S.	" " "	16/11/40
962	VX 28326	A/Sgt	MORE	C.W.	" " "	16/11/40
963	VX 32809	A/Cpl	DINGWELL	L.J.	" " "	16/11/40
964	VX 21576	A/Sgt	WILSHIRE	L.O.	" " "	16/11/40
965	VX 28708	A/Cpl	BILL	A.H.	" " "	16/11/40
966	VX 30311	A/S/Sgt	BROSN	H.G.	" " "	16/11/40
967	VX 34974	A/Cpl	RUSSELL	J.A.	" " "	16/11/40
968	VX 15912	A/Sgt	WILLIAMS	A.	" " "	16/11/40
969	VX 32624	A/Cpl	BURGE	E.A.	" " "	16/11/40
970	VX 34058	A/Cpl	BRYANT	R.B.	" " "	16/11/40
971	VX 31059	A/Cpl	FRASER	R.L.	" " "	16/11/40
972	VX 31573	A/Cpl	FRE	A.H.	" " "	16/11/40
973	VX 33414	A/Cpl	GRASHEE	H.	" " "	16/11/40
974	VX 34334	A/Sgt	McCOWELL	J.R.	" " "	16/11/40
975	VX 15936	A/Sgt	LEVITT	L.D.	" " "	16/11/40
976	VX 31699	A/Cpl	NICHOLSON	A.J.V.	" " "	16/11/40
977	VX 38616	A/Cpl	DARE	G.K.	Promotion A/Cpl terminated	14/12/40
978	VX 38610	Pte	DARE	G.K.	APPT. L/Cpl.	14/12/40
979	VX 34994	L/Cpl	WOLBER	L.	Promoted Cpl.	16/11/40
980	VX 29495	Pte	THURLING	W.E.	Appointed L/Cpl	16/11/40
981	VX 34758	Pte	BOOLEY	S.	" " "	16/11/40
982	VX 35238	Pte	FISHLOCK	H.A.	Promoted to Sgt.	16/11/40
983	VX 34203	Pte	THOMPSON	J.A.	Appointed L/Cpl	14/12/40
984	VX 35929	Sgt	NEWTON	H.C.	Promoted to S/Sgt.	15/12/40
985	VX 32569	Pte	NORTON	T.A.	Appointed L/Cpl	16/11/40
986	VX 32559	Pte	GRAY	J.C.	" " "	16/11/40
987	VX 34359	Pte	LEACH	R.	" " "	16/11/40
988	VX 31932	Pte	GRIFFIN	J.D.	" " "	16/11/40
989	VX 31161	Pte	DAVIDSON	J.L.	" " "	16/11/40
990	VX 31650	A/Cpl	BAKER	L.T.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
991	VX 28541	A/Cpl	McKENNIE	G.F.	" " "	16/11/40
992	VX 28862	A/Cpl	FRANCIS	A.A.	" " "	16/11/40
993	VX 44289	A/Cpl	GRIMANI	P.	" " "	16/11/40
994	VX 45084	A/NO 11	STAFFORD BROWN	L.J.	" " "	16/11/40
995	VX 36228	A/Cpl	TRAVIS	G.B.	" " "	16/11/40
996	VX 43753	Pte	JAMES	F.	Promoted Cpl	16/11/40
997	VX 34367	Pte	KEMP	F.P.	Appt. L/Cpl	16/11/40
998	VX 34437	Pte	BIRMINGHAM	W.C.	" " "	16/11/40
999	VX 32913	Pte	Thornycroft	W.G.	" " "	14/12/40
1000	VX 37361	A/Cpl	O'KEEFE	H.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
1001	VX 37361	Cpl	O'KEEFE	H.	Appointed L/Sgt	16/11/40
1002	VX 34260	Pte	BLACKWELL	J.V.	" " "	14/12/40
1003	VX 47361	Pte	THOMPSON	C.R.	" " "	14/12/40
1004	VX 33868	A/Cpl	KING	R.S.	Act. Rank confirmed	16/11/40

1005	VX 33872	A/Cpl	HEWITT	E.J.	Act. rank confirmed	16/11/40
1006	VX 33882	A/Cpl	Bailey	L.K.	" "	16/11/40
1007	VX 34874	A/Cpl	TONZING	F.W.	" " "	16/11/40
1008	VX 36227	A/L/Sgt	SINGLETON	D.B.	" " "	16/11/40
1009	VX 41584	A/Cpl	HOLLINGSWORTH	F.G.	" " "	16/11/40
1010	VX 33719	A/Cpl	GOLDSMITH	N.D.	" " "	16/11/40
1011	VX 34544	A/Cpl	McIntosh	F.J.	" " "	16/11/40
1012	Vx 35023	A/Cpl	GAMMON	W.G.	" " "	16/11/40
1013	VX 23495	A/Sgt	STUDD	A.S.	" " terminated	14/12/40
1014	VX 25823	A/Sgt	FATEUS	L.F.	Promoted Cpl.	15/12/40
1015	Vx 30916	A/Cpl	FERRIS	F.P.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1016	VX 38488	A/S/Sgt	BURGESS	E.H.J.	" " "	16/11/40
1017	VX 31955	A/Sgt	McCUTCHEON	G.B.	" " "	16/11/40
1018	VX 38448	A/Sgt	HALLORAN	J.P.	" " "	16/11/40
1019	VX 48831	A/WO1	SPRING	M.C.	" " "	16/11/40
1020	VX 44464	A/Sgt	FRENCH	E.J.	" " "	16/11/40
1021	VX 27788	A/Sgt	KENNEDY	J.M.V.	" " "	16/11/40
1022	VX 16469	A/Cpl	ACOCKS	G.F.	" " "	16/11/40
1023	VX 16469	Cpl	ACOCKS	G.F.	Appointed L/Sgt.	16/11/40
1024	VX 38671	A/Cpl	DUNCAN	D.W.C.P.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1025	VX 34734	Pte	SKANE	L.G.	Promoted A/Cpl	1/11/40
1026	VX 34734	A/Cpl	SKANE	L.G.	Appointed L/Sgt	16/11/40
1027	VX 29727	Pte	STEELE	D.C.	Promoted A/Cpl.	16/10/40
1028	VX 28787	A/Cpl	STEELE	D.C.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1029	VX 34760	L/Cpl	GUNNING	R.D.	Promoted Cpl.	1/12/40
1030	VX 26900	Pte	OCKLEFORD	R.W.	Appointed L/Cpl	16/11/40
1031	VX 38981	Pte	NOBLE	A.	Promoted A/Sgt.	2/11/40
1032	VX 38981	A/Sgt	NOBLE	A.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1033	VX 43125	A/Cpl	DUFF	G.E.	" " "	16/11/40
1034	VX 38880	A/Cpl	MONDS	A.	" " "	16/11/40
1035	VX 42434	A/Cpl	HUGHES	W.T.	" " "	16/11/40
1036	VX 41959	L/Cpl	BRAITHWAITE	W.M.	Relinquished appt.	14/12/40
1037	VX 45026	A/Cpl	FRENCH	H.W.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1038	VX 38878	A/Cpl	MACKIE	T.	" " "	16/11/40
1039	VX 38878	Cpl	MACKIE	T.	Promoted to Sgt.	16/11/40
1040	VX 34799	A/L/Sgt	RUSSELL	P.C.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1041	VX 34270	L/Cpl	FRAZER	C.K.	Promoted Cpl	16/11/40
1042	VX 14721	A/Sgt	THOMPSON	H.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40

J.T. BROCK Lieut.  
 Acting Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.  
*for adjt. absent in hosp*

ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part 11

No. 2.

by

LIEUT.-COL. A. SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C. 1

COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

The following are promotions, appointments and confirmation of Acting Rank taken from "Daily Orders, Part 11, No. 5" :-

Sub. No.	Reg. No.	Rank.	NAME		REMARKS	DATE.
1043	VX 30924	Pte	LAWRENCE	J.R.K.	Appt. L/Cpl	16/11/40
1044	VX 25429	Pte	STUDD	A.	Promoted Cpl.	28/12/40
1045	VX 32122	Pte	O'MARA	W.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	1/11/40
1046	VX 32122	A/Cpl	O'MARA	W.J.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1047	VX 37702	Sgt	MORRISON	E.	Promoted A/WO11	20/8/40
1048	VX 37702	A/WO11	MORRISON	E.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1049	VX 37705	Sgt	DALTON	R.J.	Promoted A/WO11	20/8/40
1050	VX 37705	A/WO11	DALTON	R.J.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40
1051	VX 46988	Sgt	McKENZIE	R.S.	Promoted A/WO11	20/8/40
1052	VX 46988	A/WO11	McKENZIE	R.S.	Act rank confirmed	16/11/40

TRADE GROUPING.

1093	VX 30460	Pte	HAWKEY	F.H.	Graded Group 111 Clerk.	16/11/40
1094	VX 31279	Pte	Edwards	E.H.	Graded Group 111 Clerk	16/11/40
1095	VX 43095	Pte	MURDOCH	C.J.	" Group 11 Carpenter	16/11/40
1096	VX 44165	Pte	BURGOYNE	W	Graded Group 111 Clerk	25/12/40
1097	VX 33122	Pte	O'MARA	W.J.	Relinquished Group 111 Clerk	31/10/40

PUNISHMENTS.

1085	X 23782	Pte	CONNOLLY	A.J.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Drunkenness. 30/12/40 <u>AWARD.</u> 14 days detention by C.O. 2/24 Bn. 30/12/40 Paybook No 101953 Line No 26. Total forfeiture 14 days' Pay.
1086	VX 15912	Sgt	WILLIAMS	A.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Neglecting to obey Camp Orders. 30/12/40 <u>AWARD.</u> Admonished by O.C. "A" Coy. 30/12/40
1087	VX 34334	Sgt	McCONNELL	J.R.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Neglecting to obey Camp Orders 30/12/40 <u>AWARD.</u> Admonished by O.C. "A" Coy 2/24 Bn. 30/12/40
1088	VX 33981	Pte	ROBLE	A.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Neglecting to obey Camp Orders. 30/12/40 <u>AWARD.</u> Admonished by O.C. "A" Coy 2/24 Bn. 30/12/40
1089	VX 34799	L/Sgt	RUSSELL	P.C.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Neglecting to obey Camp Orders. 30/12/40 <u>AWARD.</u> Admonished by O.C. "A" Coy 2/24 Bn. 30/12/40
1090	VX 25120	Pte	McCLURE	J.C.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Absent without Leave from 1300 hrs on 6/12/40 to 2200 hrs on 7/12/40. <u>AWARD.</u> 14 days C.B. by C.O. 2/24 Bn 28/12/40 Automatic forfeiture 2 days Pay.
1091	VX 17599	Pte	Black	J.H.	<u>OFFENCE</u> (1) Absent without Leave from 0930 hrs on 26/12/40 to 1630 hrs on 26/12/40. (2) Drunkenness, 26/12/40 <u>AWARD</u> 14 days C.B. by C.O 2/24 Bn. 30/12/40 Automatic forfeiture 1 Day's pay. Paybook No 102346 Line No 21.
1092	VX 34889	Pte	JUDD	H.C.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> Absent without Leave from 1730 hrs on 25/12/40 to 0730 hrs on 26/12/40. <u>AWARD.</u> 14 days C.B. by C.O. 2/24 Bn. 30/12/40 Automatic forfeiture of 1 days pay. Paybook No. D.2876, Line 5.

J.T. BROCK Lieut.  
Acting Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.



2/24 Bn A.I.F

W.D

Unit.

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

Table with columns: SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT (W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., Staff-Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., TOTAL) and REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED (W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., TOTAL). Rows include 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, and TOTALS.

2/24 Bn A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

4 Jan 41

Signature of Commander. I.F.

26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div.

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

Dist.  
W.D. 2.  
2nd Ech. 1.  
Bde 1.  
File 1.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn A.I.F. (Unit)

## 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).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	39		

\* 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.
Lieut	Mair J.L.		30 Dec 40	Attending School at Beilby

## 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.
Lt. Col	VX 14840	Sponers A.		Yes	C.O.
Major	" 47925	Tasker H.M.K.		"	2 I.C.
"	" 48384	Turner W.A.		"	O.C. HQ. Coy
"	" 47818	Fell L.A.		"	O.C. A. Coy
Capt	" 48424	Weir C.G.		"	Adj.
"	" 48265	Dickinson R.T.		"	Q.M.
"	" 48356	Canty L.G.		"	2 I.C. A. Coy
"	" 48255	Anderson L.E.		"	O.C. B. Coy
"	" 48105	Budge F.R.		"	O.C. C. Coy
"	" 14039	Baillieu E.		"	2 I.C. C. Coy
"	" 47496	Bird A.C.B.		"	O.C. D. Coy
"	" 14044	Gebhardt P.		"	2 I.C. B. Coy
"	" 48771	Mollard K.F.		"	2 I.C. D. Coy
Lieut	" 48826	Serle R.P.		"	I.O.
"	" 48808	Monotti F.R.		"	O.C. No 1 Pn HQ. Coy
"	" 48559	Meighan R.D.		"	" " 2 " " "
"	" 48636	Snell H.W.		"	" " 3 " " "
"	" 48551	Hawke R.B.		"	" " 4 " " "
"	" 46535	Gray R.J.		"	" " 5 " " "
"	" 48812	Nathan G.E.		"	T.O.
"	" 48625	Walker L.C.		"	Pln Comd A. Coy
"	" 38761	Close M.D.		"	" " A. Coy
"	" 48600	Bryant G.A.		No	Hospital
"	" 48605	Christie J.C.		No	Hospital R.
"	" 48175	Brook J.T.		Yes	Pln Comd B. Coy
"	" 47976	Shelton J.T.		"	" " C. Coy
"	" 48603	Rosel J.S.		"	" " C. Coy
"	" 48564	Kelly M.J.		"	" " C. Coy
"	" 19344	White P.F.B.		"	" " A. Coy
"	" 15247	Macfarlane A.		"	" " E. Coy R.
"	" 38646	Mair J.L.		No	Attending School Bret. Strid. <del>E. Coy R.</del>
"	" 14987	Hayman P.		Yes	" " E. Coy R.
"	" 48846	Dennett A.H.		"	" " E. Coy R.
"	" 46433	Payne M.K.		"	" " E. Coy R.
"	" 48825	Ebell J.C. Pln Comd	46436	Lieut	Harty E.P. Pln Comd R.
"	" 48604	Rash G.H. " "	40766	"	Webster R.R. " B. Coy
"	" 48762	Oakley A.W. " "			

(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	VX 48597	Robertson T.E.G.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Padre	NX 70401	Conlan E.J.			

2/24 Bn A.I.F.  
(Unit.)

4 Jan 41.  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn  
(Signature of Commander.)

26 Aust. Inf. Bde 7 Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

DIST.  
WD. 2.  
2 Ech. 1.  
BDE. 1.  
FILE. 1.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn. A.I.F. (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).
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	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>39</b>		

\* 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.
LT. COL	44840	Showers. A.	2/24 Bn	YES	C.O.
MAJOR	47925	Tasker. H.M.K.	"	NO	COURT. ENQUIRY. SUEZ
"	48384	Turner. W.A.	"	YES	O.C. HQ Coy
"	47818	Pell. L.A.	"	"	O.C. A. "
CAPT	48474	Warr. G.G.	"	"	ADJ.
"	48265	Dickinson. R.T.	"	"	Q.M.
"	48356	Cantley. L.G.	"	"	2.I.C. A Coy.
"	48255	Anderson. L.B.	"	"	O.C. B "
"	48105	Budge. F.R.	"	"	O.C. C "
"	14039	Bartholomew. G.	"	"	2.I.C. C "
"	47496	Burd. A.C.B.	"	"	O.C. D "
"	14044	Gebhardt. P.	"	"	2.I.C. B "
"	48771	Hollard. K.F.	"	"	2.I.C. D "
LIEUT	48826	Perle. R.P.	"	"	I.O.
"	48808	Morothy. F.R.	"	"	O.C. No 12 HQ Coy
"	48559	Murphy. R.D.	"	NO	School METS No 10
"	48636	Smith. H.W.	"	YES	O.C. No 3 PL HQ Coy
"	48551	Spawke. R.B.	"	"	" " " " "
"	46535	Gray. R.G.	"	NO	METS (School) No 4
"	48817	Hathorn. G.E.	"	YES	T.O.
"	48625	Walker. L.C.	"	NO	Leave Cairo
"	38761	Close. M.D.	"	NO	School METS.
"	48600	Bryant. A.A.	"	NO	HOSPITAL.
"	48605	Christie. J.B.	"	YES	<del>PL Comd B Coy</del> No Duty.
"	48175	Brock. J.T.	"	"	PL Comd B Coy.
"	47976	Shelton. J.J.	"	"	" " " " "
"	48603	Rosel. J.S.	"	NO	Leave Cairo
"	48564	Kelly. H.G.	"	NO	School METS.
"	19344	White. P.F.B.	"	YES	PL Comd A Coy
"	15247	Hartman. A.	"	"	" " E "
"	38646	Hair. J.P.	"	"	" " D "
"	14987	Hayman.	"	NO	Leave Cairo
"	44846	Donnett. A.H.	"	NO	Duty HQ 7 Bn
"	46433	Payne. M.K.	"	YES	PL Comd E Coy
"	48825	Edell. J.C.	"	NO	Leave Cairo
"	48604	Rast. J.H.	"	YES	PL Comd D Coy
"	48767	Oakley. H.W.	"	"	O.C. E Coy.
"	46436	Hartley. E.P.	"	"	PL Comd E Coy.
"	40766	Webster. R.R.	"	"	" " B "

(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.	48597	Robertson. J.E.G.	A.A.M.C		R.M.O (Leave Cairo)
Padre	70401	London. E.J.			

2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

11. Jan 41

(Date of Despatch.)

W. H. W. (Signature of Commander) I F.

Comd. 2/24 Bn.

26 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

7 Aust. Div

(Adapted)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*2/24 Bn A.I.F.* (Unit) *11 Jan 41* (Date)

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

*WD 2.  
2 Ech 1  
Bde. 1  
File 1.*

**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.	<i>1</i>		
W.Os. Class II.	<i>6</i>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	<i>6</i>		
Staff Serjeants	<i>2</i>		
Serjeants	<i>30</i>		
Corporals	<i>67</i>		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	<i>726</i>		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<i>838</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>2 Pay Sgts.</i>	<i>A.A.P.C.</i>	<i>3 MED. ORD.</i>	<i>A.A.M.C.</i>
<i>1 Armourer Gpl.</i>	<i>A.A.O.C.</i>		
<i>1 Bootmaker</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>3 M.V. Sgts.</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>1 Postal Ord.</i>	<i>H.A. Postal Corps.</i>		
<i>1 Bolivian Driver</i>	<i>26 Aust. Inf. Bde</i>		
<i>1 Chop-fodder</i>	<i>A.A.M.C.</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).

2/24 Bn A.I.F.

W.D

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.)															

2/24 Bn

Unit.

*[Signature]*

Signature of Commandant, Col.  
Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

Date of Despatch 11 Jan 41

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

### FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

2/24 BN

(Unit) 19 JAN 1941 (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.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	30		
Corporals	69		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	717		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>831</b>	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 Coy Sigs	AAAC	2nd Cavalry	AAAC
1 Coy Sigs	AAAC		
7 Bortecher	"		
2 Coy Sigs	"		
1 Postal Coy	AAAC Coy		
1 Coy Sigs	AAAC		
1 Coy Sigs	AAAC		

**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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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Battalion A.I.F. (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).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	8		
2nd Lieutenants ...	26		
Quartermasters ...			
	1		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>39</b>		

\* 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.
Lieut-Col	VX 14340	Spowers A.	24th	yes	Comd
Major	VX 47323	Tascher H. M.R.	"	"	2 IC
Major	VX 48394	Turner E.A.	"	no	<i>detached</i> 2 IC 5 Div H.Q.
Major	VX 47818	Fell L.A.	"	yes	CC "A" Coy
Capt	VX 48484	Weir C.G.	"	no	1 Adjutant Genl
"	VX 48263	Dickinson R.F.C.	"	yes	Quartermaster
"	VX 48356	Canty L.G.	"	"	2 IC "A" Coy
"	VX 48358	Anderson L.E.	"	"	CC "B" Coy
"	VX 48103	Rudge F.R.	"	"	CC "C" Coy
"	VX 14039	Baillieu E.	"	"	2 IC "C" Coy
"	VX 47396	Bird A.C.B.	"	"	CC "D" Coy
"	VX 14044	Gebhardt P.	"	no	2-10-42-leave Leave Cairo.
"	VX 48772	Mollard	"	"	Leave Cairo.
Lieut	VX 48386	Surle R.F.	"	yes	I.O.
"	VX 48308	Monetti F.A.	"	"	Sig Officer
"	VX 48559	Naighan R.D.	"	no	NEWS No 10 Rifle etc
"	VX 48636	Snell H.W.	"	yes	CC No 3 Pl H.Q. Coy
"	VX 48551	Howe R.B.	"	"	CC No 4 Pl "
"	VX 48555	Gray R.J.	"	no	PA Wks Course
"	VX 48312	Nathan G.E.	"	"	Mech School 2 Aust C
"	VX 48323	Walker L.C.	"	yes	Pl Comd "A" Coy
"	VX 55761	Close H.D.	"	no	Pl Comd course
"	VX 48600	Bryant G.A.	"	yes	Hospital
"	VX 48605	Christie J.C.	"	yes	Pl Comd 1st R
"	VX 48175	Brook J.T.	"	"	A/Adjt
"	VX 47976	Shelton J.T.	"	"	Pl Comd "C" Coy
"	VX 48603	Rosol J.S.	"	"	Pl Comd "C" Coy
"	VX 48594	Kelly H.J.	"	"	Pl Comd course
"	VX 15544	White F.F.B.	"	no	Leave Cairo
"	VX 15347	Macfarlane A.	"	yes	Pl Comd 1st R
"	58648	Hair J.L.	"	yes	Pl Comd "D" Coy
"	VX 14887	Hayman P.S.	"	"	Pl Comd 1st R
"	VX 46846	Dennett A.H.	"	"	See duty 7 Div
"	VX 46455	Payne H.K.	"	no	School away
"	VX 48325	Holl J.C.	"	yes	Pl Comd
"	VX 48904	Rash G.H.	"	yes	Pl Comd
"	VX 48762	Wakley H.W.	"	yes	CC 1st R "C" Coy
"	VX 46456	Harty E.P.	"	"	Pl Comd "C" Coy
"	VX 49768	Webster R.R.	"	"	Pl Comd

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(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.
VX 48597	Capt	Robertson T.E.G.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
HN 70401	Padre	Conlan E.J.	A.A. Chaplains C		Padre

2/24 BATTALION

18 JAN 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* C. pt  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
26 Aust Inf Bde TDW  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



2/24 Bn AIF

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.)															

2/24 Bn AIF

Unit.

Date of Despatch

25 Jan 41

*[Signature]* Lieut Col.  
Signature of Commander.

26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21st Bn. AIF (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).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>39</b>		

\* 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.
Lieut. Col.	44925	TANKER H.H.K.	2/24	YES	Comd.
Major	44924	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44923	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44922	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
Lieut.	44921	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44920	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44919	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44918	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44917	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44916	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
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"	44904	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
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"	44902	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
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"	44802	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44801	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"
"	44800	TANKER H.H.K.	"	"	"

(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. Col.	44925	TANKER H.H.K.	2/24		Comd.
Major	44924	TANKER H.H.K.	"		"

40th Bn AIF  
(Unit.)

Lieut. Col.  
Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.  
(Signature of Commander.)

25 June 44  
(Date of Despatch.)

40th Bn AIF  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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APPENDIX B

ROS.

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2 Jan 41.

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O R D E R S.

Part 1.

No 78.

by

LIEUT COL ALLAN SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. COMMANDING 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

COURT OF ENQUIRY.

1. A Court of Enquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 0830hrs 2 Jan 41.

President. Major H.McK.Tasker 2/24 Bn.  
 Member. Lieut F.Monotti 2/24 Bn.  
 Member. Captain E.G.Robertson A.A.M.C.

The Court will enquire into and report upon the circumstances in connection with the death of VX 41073 Pte Lloyd H.V. 2/24 Bn.

The Court will particularly report upon:-

- (a) Whether death was due directly or indirectly to the negligence, or misconduct of the deceased or any other person or persons.
- (b) Whether the death occurred whilst the deceased was on duty.
- (c) The cause of death as established by medical evidence.

BATHING PARADE.

2. Reference B.R.O. No 77 para 1.  
Time for "D" Coy bathing parade is amended to read "1100hrs-1130hrs"

PISTOLS PRIVATELY OWNED.

3. (a) OR's will NOT be in possession of privately owned Revolvers, Automatic pistols, ammunition or weapons of any description.  
 (b) All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with the owners name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody.  
 (c) The possession of privately-owned weapons by OR's will constitute a disciplinary offence.  
 (d) Coys will render a return to B.H.Q. by 5 Jan 41 that any such weapons have been handed to Q.M. who will arrange to forward same to Base Ordnance Depot.

IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPHS

4. All Coys will immediately check pay-books and forward to B.H.Q. by 5 Jan 41 a nominal roll of all personnel whose photographs do not appear in their pay-books.

HUTS & BILLETTS.

5. On no account will men sleep in huts or buildings not specifically allotted for the purpose. When huts or billets are occupied, a minimum space of 600 cubic feet per man will be allowed.

VENTILATION OF SLEEPING QUARTERS.

6. (a) Weather permitting, all tent sides will be opened for at least 4 hours daily.  
 (b) Beds will be so arranged that there is a minimum space of six feet between heads of personnel.

C.G. WEIR. CAPTAIN.  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

PART 1

ROUTINE

ORDERS.

NO 79

by

LIEUT COL ALLAN SPOWERS D.S.O. M.C. : COMMANDING 2/24 BN A.I.F.

ROUTE MARCH 1 The Bn will march out for a whole day exercise on Sat 4 Jan 41. The head of the column will pass B.H.Q. moving East at 0900hrs.

Order of march.

A, B & D Coys B.H.Q., H.Q. and E coy, 150 yds distance between coys.

Dress.

Marching order less packs - shirts and shorts.

Haversack lunches will be carried and water-bottles filled. Since bathing is prohibited along the coast, towels only will be carried.

After crossing road GAZA DIER-SUNEID protective bodies will be sent out as under.

Adv Gd - A coy      Adv Gd Comd - Maj Fell

Flank Gd right - B Coy

Flank Gd left - D Coy

Main body - B.H.Q. & H.Q. coy less No 1 Pl.

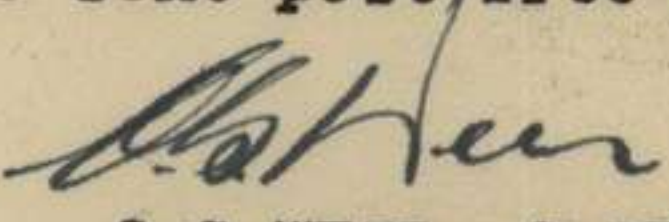
Rear Gd - E Coy

TENTS. 2. In future all tent flaps will be rolled and curtains lifted before morning parade.

WORK BY PIONEER PLATOON. 3. In future all jobs requiring Pioneer Pl tradesmen or supervision, must be applied for in writing to H.Q. coy office by 1600 hrs on the day previous to that on which the work is required. The following particulars are to be given. :-

Name of Coy, Tradesmen required, Type of work, Location of work, No of tradesmen or men required, Time and place for reporting.

A.I.F. NEWS & PARADE. 4. "A.I.F. News" and "PARADE" are the only newspapers or magazines which may be posted to Australia by a member of the A.I.F. in Palestine. The package must be franked before being tied up and will be sent post free by surface mail.

  
C.G. WEIR CAPT.

Adjnt 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

NOTICES.

FOUND.

1 Suede Belt with initial "A" on the buckle, which may be collected at B.H.Q.

LOST. Signet ring with initials "M.A." partly broken. Finder please return to "A" coy office.

LOST PAYBOOK. PAYBOOK No 280192. This was lost by SX 8467 Pte Hoare J. near Picture Theatre on 29 Dec 40. If found it is to be returned to 26 Aust Inf Bde H.Q.



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R O U T I N E

O R D E R S

PART 1.

NO 80.

by

LIEUT COL ALLAN SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BN A.I.F.

CHURCH PARADE.

1. (a) A Bn Church Parade will be held on 5 Jan 41 on site of previous Bde Church Parade. ~~Members~~ will report to R.S.M. on parade ground at 1020hrs. Dress will be:-  
 Officers - Cloth uniform, gaiters & hats.  
 O.R's - S.D. no arms or equipment.
- (b) Coys will pile arms in Coy lines leaving 2 O.R'S as security picquets. Bolts and magazines will be removed from rifles before piling.
- (c) R.C. Church Parade at Padre Conlans tent 0930hrs 5 Jan 41. Personnel attending will report outside tent to Lieut Rosel.

SECURITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

2. Coys will furnish to B.H.Q. by 0900hrs on Monday of each week a certificate to the effect that arms and ammunition have been checked daily together with a statement concerning whether there are or are not any deficiencies.

CIVILIAN PASSES.

3. All civilian passes which do not bear the serial letters "C" or "B" will be considered invalid after 1st Jan 41 inclusive, irrespective of the date for which they are validated. All concerned will take steps to recover and return to B.H.Q. the passes of the unlettered Serial and the Serial "A". The above is not to be taken to include current temporary passes issued by the Camp Staff Officer to sanitary employees.

NATIVES.

4. Natives are still being allowed to pass through the Camp Area and loiter therein. No native is to be allowed in the camp area at any time unless he is the holder of a pass entitling him to enter that area. Coys are to see that all sentries and guards are instructed to take the necessary action to attain this end.

BATHING PARADE.

5. Showers are allotted to use of 2/24 Bn on 8 Jan 41. Bathing parades will be held as under:-
 

"A" Coy	-	1100-1130 hrs.
"E" Coy	-	1130-1200 "
"C" Coy	-	1200-1230 "
B.H.Q.	-	1230-1245 "
"B" Coy	-	1530-1600 "
"D" Coy	-	1600-1630 "
"H.Q" Coy	-	1630-1700 "

WASHING.

6. Washing under running taps is prohibited and in future, washing, other than showers, must be done in basins.
- C. G. Weir*  
C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

N O T I C E S.

Holy Communion - 5 Jan 41 - 0700 hrs - C. of E., 2/23 Bn lines, drying room opposite Sgts' Mess.  
 0700 hrs - Methodist - 2/48 Bn lines, old guard room.  
 0700 hrs - (Mass) Padre Conlan's tent.  
 Confessions Saturday evening.

A football match between 2/24 Bn and 2/48 Bn will be held on 2/24 Bn ground on 5 Jan 41 commencing at 1430 hrs.

*W. Day*

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R O U T I N E                      O R D E R S

Part 1                      No. 81  
by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

WET CANTEEN.            1.                      Abuse of the privileges of the wet Canteen and excessive drinking on the part of some members of the Unit has resulted in the wet canteen being closed until further notice. All other canteens in the area are out of bounds to personnel of 2/24 Bn.

DUTY ROSTER.            2.                      The roster of Coys for duty will be changed as under:-  
To mount at Retreat:-

6 Jan 41	-	"A" Coy
7 Jan 41	-	"B" Coy
8 Jan 41	-	"C" Coy
9 Jan 41	-	"D" Coy
10 Jan 41	-	"E" Coy
11 Jan 41	-	"A" Coy

This order will be maintained and "H.Q" Coy will be excluded from duties until further notice.

FIELD OFFICER.        3.                      Reference B.R.O. No 75 Para 9, the Divisional Guard will mount at 1645 hrs. During the 2/24 Bn's tour of duty a Div Field Officer will be supplied in accordance with the following roster:-

12 Jan 41	-	Capt. Mollard
13 Jan 41	-	Capt. Canty
14 Jan 41	-	Capt. Baillieu
15 Jan 41	-	Capt. Gebhardt
16 Jan 41	-	Capt. Bird
17 Jan 41	-	Capt. Budge
18 Jan 41	-	Capt. Anderson

The field officer will mount duty at 1645 hrs and will carry out the following duties:-

- (a) Inspect the Div Guard
- (b) Be present at the changing of the old guard after handing over to the incoming field officer
- (c) Inspect the guard once by day and once by night.

SECURITY OF ARMS AND AMN.    4.                      Reference B.R.O. No 80 para 2, coys are now required to render this return daily by 1200 hrs.

GUARD BATTALION.        5.                      Personnel who recently applied for admission to the Guard Bn will be inspected by C.O. Guard Bn on 7 Jan 41.

Coys will arrange for such personnel to parade at 1020 hrs 7 Jan 41 behind B.H.Q.

Coy Orderly Officers will hand to the Adjutant a nominal roll of applicants by 1000 hrs 7 Jan 41.

*C. G. Weir*  
C. G. Weir                      Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

N O T I C E.

FOUND IN TEL AVIV.

Small photograph wallet containing a coloured portrait on one side and a snapshot of two people on the other, as well as a business card marked "Foy & Gibson Pty. Ltd" Melbne. Owner may have same on application to B.H.Q.

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6 Jan 41.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1 No 82  
by

LIEUT.-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/ 24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

DEFAULTERS. 1. Coys will render to B.H.Q. daily by 1700 hrs a list of defaulters, giving details of the day of commencement of punishment and the duration of it.

DETENTION. 2. Soldiers undergoing sentence of detention in the Camp Area will perform such duties as may be required of them by the Orderly Officer.  
The Orderly Officer will contact the Guard Commander at Retreat each day and obtain details from him of soldiers undergoing a sentence of detention.

TRANSPORT. 3. Due to the fact that M.T. drivers are to immediately undergo an intensive training course in driving and maintenance, requisitions for M.T. are to be reduced to a minimum and must be submitted to B.H.Q. for prior approval.

LEAVE PICQUET. 4. "B" Coy will detail the following who will proceed on duty to Jerusalem on 7 Jan 41:-  
1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 10 O/Rs.  
They will report to Bde HQ at 0720 hrs 7 Jan 41 and will form up in front of the first Jerusalem bus. They will not move off until ordered to do so by an officer attached to Bde HQ.  
The Officer in Charge of the Picquet will have a nominal roll in his possession, copy of which will be submitted to B.H.Q. by 2000 hrs 6 Jan 41.  
The provisions of P S C Pamphlet 3 App "H" para 3 will be complied with.

RIFLES - RETURN OF. 5. Cooks, butchers and sanitary duties personnel will return rifles forthwith to B.H.Q. Q.M. Store for safe-keeping.

TA.B. INOCULATIONS. 6. A list has been forwarded to coys of names of personnel who are to receive a further T.A.B. inoculation. Such personnel will report to R.A.P. with paybooks at 1400 hrs 9 Jan 41.

LEAVE. 7. (a) Next leave after 7 Jan 41 will be on 19 Jan 41 when the allotment to this unit will be 2 offrs and 29 O/Rs for two days leave to TEL AVIV.  
(b) Leave to Cairo from 13 Jan - 21 Jan 41 has been allotted to this unit for 3 O/Rs. Nominal rolls will be submitted to B.H.Q. before 1800 hrs Tuesday 7 Jan 41.

*C. G. Weir*  
C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

N O T I C E S.

(a) The Salvation Army Hut will open in the hospital hut opposite car turn-table at 1730 hrs 6 Jan 41. The hours of opening will be from 1730 hrs to 2130 hrs. Facilities are provided for reading, writing and games.

(b) A.C.F.-  
A distribution of 950 prs of socks has been made to 2/24 Bn by A.C.F.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No 83

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

SUPERANNUATION FUND - A.I.F. CONTRIBUTORS. 1. (i) The following advice received from the Superannuation Board is promulgated for information and guidance:-

(a) In connection with contributors to the Superannuation Fund who enlist for service overseas, and who have the right of election under Section 13 (4) of the Superannuation Act 1922-37, the Superannuation Board will accept elections made by contributors prior to embarkation, for additional units of pension for which they may become eligible to contribute, as the result of salary increases approved during their absence from Australia.

(b) The contributors concerned should be advised and should indicate on their election forms that they are aware that on their return to Australia, they will be required to continue the additional contributions which, during their absence from Australia, have been paid by the Commonwealth.

(c) The contributions of contributors under the age of forty years should be automatically increased, if and when salaries are placed in higher groups during their absence from Australia.

(ii) Elections by members concerned should be forwarded to the District Finance Officer of the District in which they joined the A.I.F.

DEFAULTERS. 2. The following will answer all "Defaulters' Calls" for periods shown below (both dates inclusive):-

VX 34368	Pte Wilson R.L.	4 Jan 41	-	10 Jan 41
VX 25120	" McClure J.C.	30 Dec 40	-	12 Jan 41
VX 34889	" Judd M.C.	29 Dec 40	-	11 Jan 41
VX 17599	" Black J.	29 Dec 40	-	11 Jan 41

RELATIONS WITH VILLAGERS. 3. Notwithstanding orders and warnings issued it appears that troops are still causing annoyance to the inhabitants of neighbouring villages. It is felt that this is not intentional but is due to thoughtlessness. The Brigadier has personally visited the Mukhtars and discussed the position with them. It is a matter of very serious moment to take any notice of the women-folk. The salutation "Saida bint" or in fact any remark though meant to be polite causes deep offence to the men and terrifies the women. Gazing down from hills on the domestic life of villages is also resented. It is also reported that occasional men have entered the villages dressed only in shorts and boots or with the addition only of a skimpy singlet. This, to the Arabs, indecent exposure in the presence of women, is viewed quite seriously. So far as can be ascertained the Arabs have a very high regard for the Australian troops and with the exception mentioned above speak in glowing terms of their conduct. The Brigade Commander therefore appeals to the good taste of all ranks to see that ordinary courtesy is extended to the owners of this country.

CIVILIAN PASSES. 4. Reference B.R.O. No. 80 Para' 3, It is reported that sentries in pursuance of the above order have in certain instances taken from civilians their identity cards. It must be understood that these identity cards are not camp passes referred to and that they must not be taken from civilians. It is also pointed out that these identity cards do not entitle any civilian to enter the camp unless he is also the holder of a camp pass.

(OVER)

P. A. C.

5.  
is open at the R.A.P. at  
risk of contracting V.D.

A prophylactic ablution centre (P.A.C.)  
at all times for those who have run the

*C. G. Weir*  
C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

NOTICES.

(1) GREETINGS:

The following message has been received from Col. Storey  
Camp Comd, Bonegilla:

"SEASONS GREETINGS AREA STAFF BONEGILLA".

The following was the reply sent by the Bde Comd:

"THANKS GREETINGS RECIPROCATED WHOLE BRIGADE".

(ii) LOSSES:

A key ring containing two keys has been found on the floor  
of the Sig. Office at Bde HQ. Owner can have same by  
applying to Bde HQ O/Room.

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R O U T I N E        O R D E R S

Part 1                                  No. 84  
by

LIEUT.-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

S.A. FIRE AGAINST AIRCRAFT.                                  1.                                  Aircraft will NOT be engaged by Small Arms AA Defences unless:-  
(a) They are within range, i.e. below 2000 feet and  
(b) They are definitely recognised as hostile or  
(c) If of unknown identity, they commit an <sup>hostile</sup> act against the area so protected.

SICK PARADES.                                  2.                                  Commencing 10 Jan 41 one routine sick parade will be held daily at 0645 hrs.  
Minor abrasions and scratches will be treated at R.A.P. as they occur.  
If in the opinion of Coy Cdrs, cases occur which require treatment outside the time of the Routine Sick Parade, a message to that effect will be sent to the R.A.P. and the R.M.O. will ensure that any medical attention necessary is arranged.

HOOK WORM.                                  3.                                  Due to the prevalence of hook worm in this area all ranks are warned not to move about in bare feet. Particular care is to be taken that hands are washed frequently, at the least, before each meal.

P. A. C.                                  4.                                  P.A.Cs are available for soldiers on leave as under:-  
Jerusalem - Basement of Soldier's Club  
Tel Aviv - Military Police Barracks  
Blue light outfits are available at the R.A.P. for all personnel proceeding on leave.

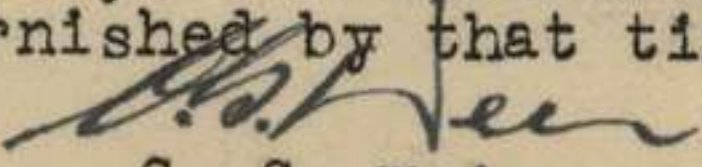
LEAVE PARTIES.                                  5.                                  Officers in charge of all leave parties will parade all personnel to R.A.P. immediately on return from leave.

BATHING PARADES.                                  6.                                  The R.M.O. will attend all bathing parades in future and will examine all ranks for skin infections and irritations.

PERSONNEL UNDERGOING DETENTION.                                  7.                                  Further to B.R.O. No 82 para 2, the ~~Guard Room~~ will rigidly observe and enforce the additional orders concerning soldiers undergoing detention in the Camp Area:-  
(a) Beds will be rolled at Reveille and removed from the Guard Room  
(b) In no circumstances will prisoners be permitted to smoke in the Guard Room.

GUARD BN.                                  8.                                  Personnel transferring to Guard Bn will parade in rear of B.H.Q. at 0830 hrs 10 Jan 41 ready to move.  
Bn Orderly Sgt will accompany the party and will take complete nominal rolls.  
Coys will immediately withdraw colour patches on issue to abovementioned personnel.

7 AUST DIV CIPHER DUTIES.                                  9.                                  Applications are called to fill two vacancies in the Cipher Section, 7 Aust Div, from personnel with clerical experience. Applicants will be paraded at B.H.Q. at 0915 hrs 10 Jan 41. In the case of coys in which there are no applicants a nil return will be furnished by that time.

  
C. G. Weir                                  Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1 No. 85

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

COURT OF INQUIRY. 1. A Court of Inquiry consisting of the under-mentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 0930 hrs on 13 Jan 41:-

President: Major L. A. Fell  
Member : Capt. P. Gebhardt  
Member : Lieut. J. Christie

The Court will enquire into and report upon the injury sustained by VX 31145 Pte Smith P. on 21 Nov 40 at Fremantle with particular reference to:-

- (a) Was the injured soldier on duty within the meaning of A.M.R. & C. 698 (5)?
- (b) Was the injury due to either negligence or misconduct on the part of any person or persons?
- (c) Is there any medical evidence which would indicate whether the injury is likely to cause permanent ill-effect or impair the future efficiency of the soldier?

CANTEENS. 2. (a) The duty coy will in future will provide either a W.O. or Sgt for duty at the Canteen at all times during which the wet canteen is open. He will remain on duty after the wet canteen is closed until all personnel have left the vicinity of the canteen.

(b) The Orderly Officer will be present on pay nights and the two succeeding nights. His tour of duty will be the same as the duty W.O. or Sgt.

(c) The Regimental Provost Sgt will report to the duty W.O. or Sgt and will be available to assist in the maintenance of order if required.

BATHING PARADES. 3. A bathing parade will be held at the showers on 12 Jan 41 in accordance with the following roster:-

"B" Coy	-	1100-1130 hrs
"C" Coy	-	1130-1200 hrs
"D" Coy	-	1200-1230 hrs
"E" Coy and B.H.Q.	-	1500-1545 hrs
"A" Coy	-	1545-1615 hrs
"H.Q" Coy	-	1615-1700 hrs

CHURCH PARADE. 4. A Church parade will be held as usual at 1030 hrs 12 Jan 41. Dress:- Officers - Cloth uniform, hats and gaiters. O/Rs - Service Dress, without arms and equipment.

Coys will make adequate arrangements for security of arms and ammunition within lines.

PASSAGE THROUGH LINES. 5. Except by way of made roads vehicular and other traffic of any one unit is not permitted to proceed through the lines of another.

DEFAULTERS. 6. The following will answer all "Defaulters' Calls" as shown below, both dates inclusive:  
VX 35001 Pte Tardif A.S. 10 Jan 41-16 Jan 41  
VX 34498 Pte McLarty R.J. 11 Jan 41.

LEAVE - CAIRO 7. O/Rs proceeding on leave to Cairo will parade at B.H.Q. at 1045 hrs 13 Jan 41 and will be marched by senior N.C.O. or Bn Orderly Sgt to Bde HQ, reporting to W.O. Wiseman at 1115 hrs.

A nominal roll will be handed to W.O. Wiseman who will collect from each member fare for the forward journey.

T.O. will arrange to send one 1-ton van to report to Bde HQ at 1115 hrs 13 Jan 41.

(OVER)

Service Dress will be worn and all ranks will carry steel helmets, respirators, filled water bottles and leave passes.

Frontier passes will be issued at B.H.Q. at 1045 hrs 13 Jan 41.

P.S.O. Pamp 3 App "I" will be read to all ranks under coy arrangements.

DEMONSTRATIONS. 8. Demonstrations in road cratering, road blocks, wiring, anti-tank mines, tank traps, cutting wire with Bangalore torpedoes, and the small box girder will be held at 12721265 (JAFFA-TEL AVIV sheet 1:100,000), at 1415 hrs on 14 Jan 41.

The following officers will attend:-

- (a) Coy Cdrs
- (b) Lieut. Hawke

Dress will be:-

Cloth uniform with hats and gaiters.

Field glasses and notebooks will be taken.

TACTICAL MARCH. 9.  
11 JAN 41.

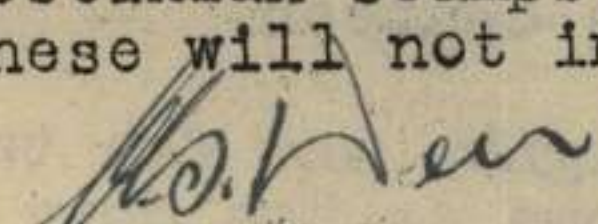
2/24 Bn will carry out a tactical march on 11 Jan 41 in accordance with Admin-

istrative Instruction No. 1.

STAMPS-POSTAGE. 10.

As from 11 Jan 41 Palestinian Stamps will not be accepted for postage on articles for overseas transmission. All such articles must be fully prepaid in Australian stamps.

Additional Palestinian stamps may be affixed for Philatelic purposes, but these will not in any way defray the cost of postage.

  
C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.



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Part 1      No 85  
by

LIEUT.-COL. A SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

FIRING 30x RANGE 1. Each Coy will carry out firing practices on the the Bn 30x range as per following roster :-

13	Jan 41	-	H.Q. Coy	-	A.M
"	"		B.H.Q. & E "	-	P.M
14	"		A. "	-	A.M
"	"		B. "	-	P.M
15	"		C. "	-	A.M
"	"		D. "	-	P.M

.22 Amn will be allotted on the following scale :-

H.Q. Coy	-	800 rds
B.H.Q. & E	-	400 "
A.B.C. & D Coys	-	450 " each

Coys will make their own arrangements with regard to messing etc. Firing will commence at 0900 hrs and conclude in the morning at 1200 hrs. In the after-noon firing will commence at 1300 hrs and conclude at 1600 hrs.

The Coy to fire in the morning will draw necessary stores including rifles and amn, from QM and hand over at the range to Coy firing in the afternoon. Stores will be returned to QM at the conclusion of each day's firing.

A red screen will be placed ab top of mound and a sentry will be stationed behind the butt to prevent anyone from moving into danger area. The striking surface is to be kept smooth.

FIRE PICQUET 2. Each Coy will appoint an NCO and 4 O/Rs as a fire picquet, whose duty in the event of a fire will be to endeavour to extinguish or limit the fire, to warn others of the occurrence and to salvage property.

They will be thoroughly conversant with fire orders, and will periodically inspect all buildings etc. in the Coy areas to ensure that orders are being carried out in connection with precautionary measures against fire.

BUGLERS. 3. Commencing at Reveille on 13 Jan 41, reveille will be sounded at Bde HQ by massed buglers. Two buglers will report to duty NCO at Bde HQ at 0625 hrs daily.

In future no bugle calls will be sounded between Lights out and Reveille

DRESS 4. As from the 13 Jan 41 steel helmets will be worn at all times by all ranks, unless specifically ordered otherwise.

Coys will ensure that respirators are carried for at least one period daily, and that portion of the normal training is done with facepieces on

ADDRESS BY CORPS CDR 5. All officers except essential duty personnel and 1 officer per coy to supervise training to report at BHQ at 1025 hrs 13 Jan 41, They will be transported to cinema at Dair Suneid and form up outside the theatre at 1050 hrs. An address will be given by the Corps Cdr.  
Dress will be : Service Dress - Officers pattern without gaiters, caps.

PERSONNEL SICK IN HOSPITAL 6. For the convenience of officers wishing to visit personnel of their comd in hospital at GAZA, the transport officer, will arrange for a car to leave BHQ each Sunday at 1400 hrs, returning by 1600 hrs.

P.T.C.

BATHING PARADE 7. The use of showers has been allotted to the 2/24 Bn on the 16 Jan 41. Bathing parades will be held as under.

H.Q. Coy	-	1100 hrs	-	1145 hrs
E Coy & BHQ	-	1145 "	-	1230 "
D. Coy	-	1500 "	-	1530 "
C. Coy	-	1530 "	-	1600 "
B. Coy	-	1600 "	-	1630 "
A. Coy	-	1630 "	-	1700 "

*C.G. Weir*  
C.G. WEIR CAPT

Adjt 2/24 BN A.I.F.

NOTICE

A.C.F. 894 two ounce tins of tobacco and an equivalent number of papers, were received from the A.C.F. and distributed as under.

B.H.Q.	-	58
H.Q. Coy	-	213
A. Coy	-	126
B. Coy	-	125
C. Coy	-	125
D. Coy	-	117
E. Coy	-	124
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Total	-	888
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6 tins not distributed, held in QM store.

FOUND. Silver wristlet watch in leather case. Owner may have same by applying to BHQ.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

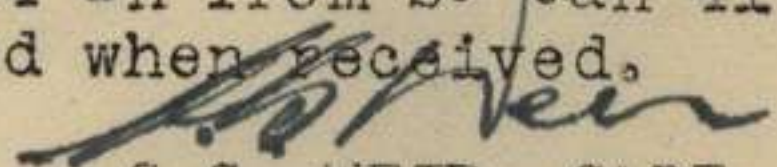
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No 87

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. ; COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. CASUALTIES. Reference to No reference will be made in private correspondence ( which includes telegrams ) to casualties suffered by units of the A.I.F. until official publication has been made.
2. SPECTACLES FOR USE WITH RESPIRATOR Under War Office authority Mk III spectacles for use with respirators will be supplied as under :-
  - (i) All serving soldiers for whom glasses are prescribed will be supplied with two pairs of Mk III. spectacles.
  - (ii) All serving soldiers wearing spectacles will be supplied with one pair of Mk III. spectacles. Spectacles previously supplied to soldiers will be refitted with Mk III. side pieces.In order to ensure that all personnel are in possession of one pair of Mk III. spectacles, Coys will issue instructions for all personnel for whom glasses have been prescribed and who are not in possession of Mk III spectacles to report to the RMO with a view to being fitted.
3. CANTEEN ORDERS. The following instructions will be observed with reference to the presentation of canteen orders. On presentation of an Order, the canteen attendant must satisfy himself that the Order is genuine and that it has not been cut, defaced, mutilated, that no erasure or alteration has been made on the Order, and that :
  - i. it bears the impression of the date stamp of the issuing ~~Base~~ Office
  - ii. the name and regimental number of the presenter are shown on the allotted spaces on the order ;
  - iii. the Order is signed by the person named in the Order in the prescribed place ;
  - iv. the Order has been stamped on the back by the Unit Orderly Office and signed by an officer, signifying that the Order has been received by the rightful owner named in the Order.Orders are no longer issued in the denominations of 10/- and 20/- and now can be obtained only for 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-.
4. CAIRO LEAVE O/Rs It is anticipated that leave for Cairo will be available to 2 or 3 O/Rs from 2/24 Bn from 20 Jan 41 - 28 Jan 41. Further details will be promulgated when received.

  
C.G. WEIR CAPT  
Adjt 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

NOTICE

NEW YEAR GREETINGS The following New Year greeting has been received by the General Officer Comd, Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East :-  
Gallipoli Legion of Anzacs, Victoria, send greetings for 1941, and best wishes for the safety and welfare of yourself, officers and men under your command. Special remembrances to a all Legionnaires.

The following cablegram has been received from the Mayor and Councillors of Wangaratta :-

Col Spowers 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

Mayor and Councillors WANGARATTA extend Xmas greetings to officers and men of Battalion.

McDonnell Town Clerk.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 88

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

NATIVES IN CAMP AREA.

1. Field Security Officers report that Native Hawkers are still being allowed by sentries to enter and remain in the lines. Sentries will be instructed by Unit Guard Cdrs that in no circumstances are unauthorised natives to be permitted to enter the lines.

2. In the event of a native not holding a pass wishing to enter the camp to interview any officer or person in authority, on any matter, he must be escorted to such person and after the interview escorted from the camp area by a Guard.

FIRING BY SENTRIES.

3. Promiscuous shooting by sentries as has occurred lately is strongly discouraged.

4. Unit Guard Commanders will instruct sentries that shooting can only be justified if the life of a soldier is seriously threatened, to prevent the committing of a felony or to protect the property which the sentry is guarding. Shooting at dogs and wild animals can only be justified if the soldier is menaced in which case the range will be very short.

5. Every round fired must be accounted for in the guard or other report covering the sentries.

6. Gd Cdrs and Gd N.C.Os will exercise strict supervision over charging of magazines and ensure that in NO circumstances does a round enter the chamber while the magazine is being charged or placed in the rifle.

POSTING OF CORRESPONDENCE.

7. Numerous cases are still occurring of personnel detected posting letters in civil post offices in an endeavour to evade censorship. C.R.O. No 31 para 116 provides:-  
"(a) All letters from all ranks to any destination and with any stamps must be posted in Army Post Offices.  
(b) All letters which are posted in civil post offices will be intercepted by the censor and disciplinary action taken against the offender."

DEVELOPING AND PRINTING OF FILMS.

8. A.I.F. Standing Orders, Palestine (Provisional) provide that orders for developing and printing of films will be placed only with approved firms. M. Kaufmann 74 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv, who is an approved photographer, will collect films for developing at 1200 hrs each Monday, Thursday and Saturday and will deliver them on the next day on which films are collected. Films will be left at and collected from the Intelligence Office, B.H.Q. and the cost of developing and/or printing will be deposited with the film.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

9. Personnel holding supplies of Palestinian stamps may exchange same for equal value in Australian stamps at the F.P.O. Stamps of a smaller denomination than 10 mils will NOT be exchanged.

CABLES.

10. Particulars to be shown on the back of cable forms are now to be limited to the sender's number and name followed by "AIF Abroad." The sender's rank and unit are NOT to be shown.

TENTS, CAMOUFLAGING.

11. Owing to the danger of hookworm infection troops will NOT use their hands when mud-splashing tents. Shovels or other implements will be used.

LEAVE - TEL AVIV.

12. Reference B.R.O. No 82 Para 7. The following is the allotment to coys for O/Rs proceeding to Tel Aviv on 2-day leave 19-21 Jan 41 :-

(OVER)

B.H.Q.	2	
H.Q. Coy	8	
A Coy	4	
B Coy	4	
C Coy	4	
D Coy	3	
E Coy	2	
TOTAL	29	0/Rs

Coys will submit nominal rolls of personnel proceeding on leave to B.H.Q. by 1000 hrs 18 Jan 41.

"B" Coy will detail one man out of the leave party to wear drill order and to carry rifle with 10 rds of amn.

LEAVE - CAIRO. 15. Vacancies for 3 0/Rs for leave to CAIRO 20-28 Jan 41 have been allotted to coys as under:-

A Coy	1
C Coy	1
E Coy	1

before 1900 hrs 15 Jan 41.

Coys will submit nominal rolls to B.H.Q.

J. T. Brock Lieut. for  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

NOTICES.

LOST:- Wristlet watch - chromium, in brown leather case, manufactured by Dunklings, Melbourne.

FOUND:- One lower set false teeth.

The following articles previously promulgated as found are still held at B.H.Q.:-

- Chrome wrist watch in brown case
- Silver signet ring, initials V.C.L.
- Small leather photograph wallet
- Leather belt.

If these articles are still unclaimed after three days they will be forwarded to Bde HQ.

R O U T I N E

O R D E R S

Part 1

No 39

LIEUT COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., by  
COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

LEAVE The following leave for O/Rs is available on or  
JERUSALEM 1. commencing on 21 Jan 41- 22 Jan 41, and is allotted to  
TEL-AVIV. Coys as under:-

	BHQ.	HQ.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Total.
(a) 21-22 Jan 41. Tel-Aviv (2days)	1	4	2	3	2	3	2	17
(b) 22 Jan 41. Jerusalem (1day)	3	15	9	9	9	9	8	62
(c) 22 Jan 41. Tel-Aviv (1day)	7	35	20	20	20	20	20	142
(d) 22 Jan 24 Jan 41 Jerusalem (2days)	3	11	7	6	7	6	5	45
TOTALS	14	65	38	38	38	38	35	266

2. Instructions contained in P.S.O. (Provisional) and in leave circular will be strictly observed.

3. Nominal rolls accompanied by cash to cover fares will be submitted by Coys to B.H.Q. as under:-

- (a) By 1400hrs 20 Jan 41
- (b&c) " 1000 " 21 " 41
- (d) " 1400 " 21 " 41

4. The following personnel will be detailed to wear drill order and carry rifle and 10 rds amn which will be dealt with in accordance with P.S.O.:-

- (a) by "C" Coy-one man out of personnel selected for leave to Tel-Aviv on 21-22 Jan 41.
- (b) by "D" Coy-three men out of personnel selected for leave to Jerusalem on 22 Jan 41.
- (c) by HQ, B, & E Coys- each two men out of personnel selected for leave to Tel-Aviv on 22 Jan 41.
- (d) by "A" Coy-two men out of personnel selected for leave to Jerusalem on 22-24 Jan 41.

5. (a) "D" Coy will detail a picquet of 1 Officer 1 Cpl & 10 O/Rs for duty in Tel-Aviv on 22 Jan 41, in accordance with P.S.O. (Prov). Picquet will carry unexpended portion of days rations which may be supplemented by tea or coffee and biscuits issued free at A.C.F. Canteen Ben Yehudi St Tel-Aviv. No claim for expenses incurred by providing meals for picquets will be considered.

Nominal roll of picquet will be submitted to B.H.Q. by 1000hrs 21 Jan 41.

(b) HQ Coy will provide 2 . 1 Ton trucks G.S. for transport of picquet who will not leave in leave buses.

6. O/C leave parties will be notified later.

7. No further leave to Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem will be available before 3 Feb 41.

SECURITY

8. Any civilian or person wearing the uniform of a French or Polish soldier seen acting in a suspicious manner in camp will be detained & immediately brought under escort to B.H.Q.

SPECTACLES

9. Reference B.R.O No 87 para 2.

Coys will submit returns to B.H.Q. by 1400 hrs 20 Jan of all Officers & O/Rs for whom glasses are essential for fighting. Nil returns will be submitted.

J.T. Brock Lieut for  
Adjutant 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

LOST. Identity Discs belonging to VX 34643 Pte Underwood E.  
(lost in showers) " " " " " 26892 " Doyle P.  
If found to be handed immediately to B.H.Q.

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18 Jan 41.

R O U T I N E

O R D E R S

Part 1

No 90

by

LIEUT. COL. A SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY 19 Jan 41

1. (a) R.C. Church Services:-  
(i) 0700hrs - Mass and H.C.  
(ii) 0930hrs - Church Parade

Confessions Saturday Evening.

Mass every morning at 0700hrs.

All the above services will be held in Padre Conlans tent.

- (b) Protestant Church Services:-  
(i) Holy Communion 0715hrs (Padre Morrison, P.C.F.)  
(in hut opposite Sgts Mess 2/23 Bn Lines)  
(ii) Holy Communion 0715hrs (Padre Archbold, Methodist)  
(in recreation tent 2/48 Bn Lines)  
(iii) Church Parade 0930hrs 2/23 Bn Padre Morrison  
0930hrs 2/48 Bn Padre Archbold.  
(Incl Bde Hq & 7 Div Sigs personnel)  
1030hrs 2/24 Bn Padre Morrison

CLEANING OF SHOWERS. (c) DRESS. Service Dress (Officers-Cloth Uniform) with Hats & Gaiters.

CLEANING OF SHOWERS.

2. Attention has been drawn to the fact that showers have been left dirty and untidy after use. The Coy last allotted use of the showers will be responsible that the shower house is cleaned after use. Bn O.C. will inspect the shower house immediately after the completion of shower parades by Coyson the days the use of the showers is allotted to this Battalion.

DISPOSAL OF ARMY ISSUES.

3. (a) Cases have recently occurred where, AIF personnel have made gifts to Arabs of Stores, Army Clothing and Goods issued by Australian Philanthropic Societies.  
(b) Under A.M.A. 79 heavy penalties may be inflicted on personnel who unlawfully dispose of articles on issue to them or held in trust by them, from the Commonwealth.  
(c) Goods received from Australian Philanthropic Societies are regarded as an Army issue, and any cases of unlawful disposal of such goods will be dealt with under A.M.A. 79

J.T. BROCK LIEUT

Acting Adjt 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

NOTICES

FOUND 1 gold ring - initials " N... "

LOST. 1 brown leather wallet belonging to VA 33441 Pte Warner N.J.  
( name engraved on wallet. )

Identity Discs :-

VA 34574 Pte Street F

VA 34763 " Rankin S.C.

W.D.

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20 JAN 41.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1 No 91

Part 1 by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

CENSORSHIP. 1. (a) A number of telegrams which contained words indicating the use of a pre-arranged code have been intercepted by the censor. All telegrams of this type will be stopped by censorship.

(b) Attention is drawn to AIF Standing Orders Pam 1 Sec V para 69, which provides that all private correspondence will be in plain language.

ROAD SAFETY - PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. 2. (a) Personnel are warned of the danger of walking on roads after sunset as blackout regulations limit the vision of the drivers. To prevent accidents, pedestrians will keep well clear of the formed portions of the roads.

JAFFA PATROL. 3. (a) Attention of personnel proceeding on leave to Tel Aviv is directed to AIF Standing Orders, PALESTINE (Prov) Pam 1 para 14, Appx "C", declaring JAFFA "out of bounds" to all ranks with the exception of the direct route to the JAFFA Bathing Club, which is in bounds to officers only.

(b) Leave picquets will patrol JAFFA under the direction of 1 Aust Corps Provost Coy.

PERSONNEL FOR ORDNANCE WORKSHOPS. 4. (a) Tradesmen are urgently required to complete War Establishment of the following two workshops:-

(i) No 2 Advanced Ordnance Workshop, BARBARA

(ii) 2/1 Army Field Workshop, DEIR SUNEID.

(b) Applicants will be trade tested and will NOT be accepted unless of sufficiently high standard. Any such personnel not employed by their units in a capacity in which their training or experience are being used will be given an opportunity to transfer into Ordnance Workshops.

(c) The following trades are concerned:-

Fitters	Body builders	Clerks
Fitters M.T.	Panel beaters	Storemen
Mechanics	Spray Painters	Drivers
Mechanics M.T.	Signwriters	Instrument Mechanics
Turners	Blacksmiths	etc.
Tool makers	Textile workers	

Information on the above matter was promulgated to coys by notice and returns required by 1400 hrs 20 Jan 41.

SKILLED TRADESMEN. 5. To enable personnel with trade qualifications to be used to the best advantage of the AIF as whole, a review of the present duties of personnel who possess these qualifications will be undertaken.

A return will be submitted by coys by 27 Jan 41 showing particulars of personnel who-

(a) hold trade qualifications in the trades shown below,

(b) are not at present holding appointments or doing duties calling for the exercise of their trade qualifications,

(c) are available for placement where their trade skill may be utilised.

- |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Blacksmiths                 | Masons                      |
| Bricklayers                 | Mechanics M.T.              |
| Butchers                    | Plumbers and Pipe-fitters   |
| Carpenters and Joiners      | Radio Mechanics             |
| Concretors                  | Saddlers and Harness Makers |
| Cooks                       | Sawyers                     |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | Ship and Radio Operators    |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical)    | Shorthand typists           |
| Electrical Fitters          | Stokers (Stationary Engine) |
| Electricians                | Surveyors (Engineering)     |
|                             | (P.T.O.)                    |



Engine Artificers  
Engine Hands I.C.  
Fitters  
Linemen

Telegraphists  
Telephone Mechanics  
Tinsmiths  
Welders, Acetylene and  
Electric.

The return will include only tradesmen qualified to carry out duties without further training.

SANITATION. 6. (a) It is reported that orange peel and other refuse is being thrown into urine tubs. This practice will cease immediately. Disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier committing a breach of this order.

(b) Tins and other non-combustible refuse will NOT be placed in incinerators but will be buried or otherwise destroyed under control of hygiene section.

MAILS, DELIVERY OF 7. (a) For security reasons it may be necessary at periods that mails for AIF from certain states in Australia be delayed. The period of delay may be for periods of up to seven days.

(b) All ranks should realise that any personal inconvenience must be borne cheerfully in the interests of security of personnel and material.

LEAVE - CAIRO. 8. Leave to CAIRO for 2 O/Rs from this unit from 27 Jan 41 to 4 Feb 41 has been approved. "B" and "D" coys will submit the name of 1 O/R eligible for leave to B.H.Q. by 1400 hrs 22 Jan 41.

PROPHYLACTIC

ABLUTION CENTRES. 9.

P.A.Cs are established as under:-

GAZA  
TEL AVIV

RAP HQ 1 Aust Corps  
MP Barracks - off the Esplanade  
near to Soldiers' Club  
Victoria Hotel  
Atlantic Hotel  
Golden House and Constantinople  
House  
Fast Hotel.

CAIRO  
ALEXANDRIA  
PORT SAID  
JERUSALEM

LAUNDRY. 10. Laundry will NOT be left at B.H.Q. in future. It will be left at and collected from respective coy offices.

DEFAULTERS. 11. The following will attend all "Defaulters' Parades" for the period shown:-

VX 35084 Pte Lye F.C. B.H.Q.  
From Reveille 18 Jan 41 to Last Post 20 Jan 41.

DEFAULTERS - RETURNS OF 12. Reference B.R.O. No 82 Para 1. Defaulters' Returns will in future be rendered to B.H.Q. before 15 00 hrs daily.

J. T. Brock Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

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21 JAN 41

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No 92

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPWERS. D S O., M C : COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A I F.

CLEANING SHOWERS. 1. Ref. B R O. 90 para 1.  
In addition to the measures ordered in the above-mentioned para, each coy will thoroughly clean the shower house after use.

PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE 2. (a) Blackout : Blackout regulations are not being strictly observed. In future it is to be a definite duty of the prowling picquet to see that no lights show outside buildings and tents. All officers are to see that this instruction is carried.

(b) Tents : Tents must be re-mudded by 1700 hrs 21 Jan 41. this is to be done automatically after rain, without waiting for instructions.

(c) Equipment of Sentries and Prowler Picquets. : Sentries and prowler picquets must carry steel helmets and respirators.

(d) Protection of troops: Troops must be prepared to occupy slit trenches at a moments notice and at all times they must that the following are easily accessible :-

Steel helmet, Respirator, Ground sheet, Greatcoat.

DEFAULTERS BOUNDS. 3. The Canteen is out of bounds at all times to personnel undergoing confinement to barracks. No such personnel are permitted to be in possession of any intoxicating liquor.

DEFAULTERS. 4 The following will attend all defaulters parades from Reveille 22 Jan 41. until Last Post 4 Feb 41.

VX 46355 Pte Kettle F F. "D" Coy

VX 32824 " Brown W G. "D" "

J T BROCK LIEUT.

Act Adjt 2/24 BN A I F.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 93

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

SECURITY. 1. In spite of recent instructions it has come under notice that a number of officers and men of 26 Inf Bde have disclosed their unit to stores etc. in Jerusalem. Disclosures of this nature are regarded very seriously and offenders are liable to disciplinary action.

ACCESS TO MILITARY AREAS. 2. Sentries are warned not to take the wearer of a uniform for granted. This is dangerous in view of the probability of an organised fifth column. They must examine the pass of everybody who is not known to them. They must, if necessary for identification, examine paybooks and identity discs.

SAFETY OF ARMS AND AMN. 3. The attention of all ranks is drawn to P.S.O. Pam 1 Sec 1 paras 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 and in particular to the following:-

- "2. (a) Each individual officer and soldier is personally responsible for the safeguarding of such arms and ammunition, government or private, as may be issued to him, placed in his charge or belonging to him.
- (f) In the field, by day, when the arms of men are piled, an armed sentry will be posted and M.Gs will be locked in their boxes.
- (g) When sleeping in the field all ranks will have their arms and ammunition securely attached to them.
- (h) Under no circumstances will the arms of drivers or other individuals be left on unattended vehicles. When leaving vehicles for any purpose whatsoever, drivers and passengers will carry their arms with them.
- 8. When rifles are put away in sleeping tents or elsewhere the bolts will be removed and locked in a secure box which will be chained to an "immovable" object. It is important that individuals know the bolt number as well as the rifle number."

In the absence of secure boxes in which bolts can be locked Provisional Orders of 19 Dec 40 para 2 will be strictly observed.

CHURCH PARADES 4. (a) R.C. Church Services:  
 (i) 0700 hrs - Mass and H. C.  
 (ii) 0930 hrs - Church Parade - Padre Conlan's tent.  
 (b) Protestant Services:  
 (i) 0715 hrs - Holy Communion (Padre Morrison C. of E. in hut opposite Sgts' Mess 2/23 Bn lines and Padre Archbold - Meth. in recreation tent 2/48 Bn lines).  
 (ii) 1030 hrs - Church Parade - Bn Parade Ground.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND. 5. Receipt of the following articles from the A.C.F. is acknowledged:-  
 Cigarettes - 888 packets  
 Shaving soap - 888 sticks  
 Handkerchiefs - 1776

These have been distributed in accordance with the following table:-

	<u>Cigarettes</u>	<u>Shaving Soap</u>	<u>Handkerchiefs</u>
Bn H.Q.	47	47	94
H.Q. Coy	198	198	396
A Coy	122	122	244
B Coy	117	117	234
C Coy	124	124	248
D Coy	119	119	238
E Coy	96	96	192
Retained for personnel in hospital, absent at schools etc.	65	65	130

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 2 No 93

**DEFAULTERS.** 6. The following will attend all defaulters' parades from Reveille 25 Jan 41 until Lights Out 31 Jan 41.

VX 45786 Pte Long L. J. - H.Q. Coy.

**PERSONNEL JOINING UNIT.** 7. Personnel joining the unit must be paraded by coys to the R.M.O., as soon as practicable after they are marched in.

**FIELD DRESSINGS.** 8. Field dressings will not be carried during training in the camp area. On route marches and at all times outside the camp area they will be carried in the special pocket provided on the Jacket S.D. or in the right hand pocket of shirts. Field dressings will be marked on the outside cover with the personal number and name of the man to whom they are issued. In the event of loss a second issue will NOT be made.

J. T. Brock Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

**CHURCH PARADES**  
25 JAN 41  
A. R.C. Church Services:  
(1) 0700 hrs - Mass and H.C.  
(11) 0930 hrs - Church Parade - Padre Conlan's tent.  
B. Protestant Services:  
(1) 0715 hrs - Holy Communion (Padre Morrison G. of R. in tent opposite Sgt's Mess. 2/23 Bn lines and Padre Archibald - Meth. in recreation tent 2/48 Bn lines).  
(11) 1030 hrs - Church Parade - Bn Parade Ground.

**AUSTRALIAN COMBAT FUND**

Receipts of the following articles from the A.C.F. is acknowledged:-  
Cigarettes - 888 packets  
Shaving soap - 888 sticks  
Handkerchiefs - 1778

These have been distributed in accordance with the following table:-

Handkerchiefs	Shaving Soap	Cigarettes	Bn H.Q.
94	47	47	Bn H.Q.
388	198	198	H.Q. Coy
244	122	122	A Coy
234	117	117	B Coy
248	124	124	C Coy
238	119	119	D Coy
182	98	98	E Coy
130	68	68	Retained for personnel in hospital, messes at schools etc.

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R O U T I N E    O R D E R S

Part 1                      No 94

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

CENSORSHIP - USE OF GREEN ENVELOPES.

1. (a) The attention of all ranks is again drawn to AIF Standing Orders, PALESTINE (Prov)

Pam I para 78 which provides inter alia:-

(i) The certificate as to contents, printed on the face of the envelope, must be signed by the writer.

(ii) All ranks may use one green envelope per week. A soldier drawing an envelope he does not use cannot give it to someone else. In no case may a soldier use more than one in the course of a week.

(iii) The censorship regulations apply to correspondence in green envelopes in just the same manner as to all other correspondence except that they are handed in sealed and are not franked in units. The green envelope must bear the imprint of the censor stamp. The Army Postal Service will NOT accept for despatch green envelopes, the certificates of which are signed by the writer, unless same bears the imprint of The Censor's Stamp.

(iv) Writers may enclose up to three of their own letters, each in a separate ordinary envelope, in one green envelope. These letters will be properly addressed and stamped (if to be sent by air mail), and will be unsealed. Green envelopes containing more than one letter will be addressed to the "BASE CENSOR".

(v) Green envelopes cannot be registered and should not be used to transmit money, valuables or photographs.

(vi) The issue of green envelopes is a privilege liable to be withdrawn at any time.

(vii) Any misuse of green envelopes or infractions of the regulations as to their use will be regarded as serious offences.

(b) The Green Envelope will be used for "private and family" affairs only.

(c) Deputy Chief Field Censor has drawn attention to the increasingly large numbers of green envelopes received by him, which have infringed on censorship regulations, and has intimated that if the privilege created by the Green Envelope continues to be abused, it may have to be strictly limited or withdrawn.

SECURITY - PRESS CENSORSHIP.

2. The paper "Indian Opinion" is considered subversive and any copies found are to be

forwarded to Bn H.Q. immediately.

STERLING BANK NOTES.

3. (a) Sterling bank notes will in no circumstances be accepted or purchased from local inhabitants in LIBYA.

(b) Any sterling notes offered by local inhabitants will almost indubitably be forgeries.

(c) Any individual found in possession of, or offering sterling notes should be apprehended forthwith.

(d) Any attempt to unload sterling notes in appreciable numbers should be reported immediately to HQ, British Troops in EGYPT.

JEWISH SERVICES.

4. Monthly Jewish service will be held on Saturday 1 Feb 41 in accordance with C.R.O. No 194 dated 23 Dec 40.

A/GAS RESPIRATORS.

5. Coys will submit monthly return in accordance with Bn R.O. No 71 of 23 Dec 40 to Bn H.Q. by 1600 hrs 31 Jan 41.

(Please Turn Over)

USE OF SHOWERS.

6. Use of showers has been allotted to 2/24 Bn on 28 Jan 41. Bathing parades will be held at the following times:-

H.Q. Coy	0915 hrs - 1015 hrs
A Coy	1015 hrs - 1100 hrs
C Coy	1100 hrs - 1215 hrs
D Coy	1215 hrs - 1300 hrs
E Coy	1400 hrs - 1430 hrs
Bn HQ	1430 hrs - 1500 hrs
B Coy	1500 hrs - 1730 hrs

Attention is drawn to Bn R.Os No 90 para 2 and No 92 para 1.

PROWLING PICQUETS.

7. During the period from 1330 hrs 1 Feb 41 to 1830 hrs 7 Feb 41 Duty Coys will provide prowling picquets in the lines of coys from time to time absent at JAFFA range.

LEAVE - CAIRO.

8. It is expected that leave to CAIRO for 2 or 3 O/Rs will be available for the period 3-11 Feb 41. Coys will each submit to Bn H.Q. by 1400 hrs 29 Jan 41 the name of one O/R eligible for leave and desiring to go to CAIRO for the leave period. Personnel selected will be notified to coys concerned.

J. T. Brock Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

NOTICES.

1. The Palestine Orchestra have granted a 25% reduction to all ranks for all concerts given by them to members of H.M. Forces.

Prices are as follows:-

- 475 mils reduced to 355 mils
- 380 mils reduced to 290 mils
- 295 mils reduced to 225 mils
- 245 mils reduced to 185 mils

Seats at the following prices are NOT subject to reduction:-

- 185 mils
- 155 mils.

2. Found - near Bn H.Q. on 26 Jan 41 - a sum of money.

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R O U T I N E                      O R D E R S

Part 1

No 95

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

NATIVE HAWKERS.                      1.                      Personnel are strictly forbidden to purchase goods of any description from native hawkers. Native hawkers found attempting to sell goods in the lines will be taken immediately to Bn HQ under escort. Gd Comds will be responsible that this order is rigidly enforced.

KEROSENE.                              2.                      Personnel requiring kerosene for lamps may obtain the same on issue from QM through C.Q.M.Ss.

PERSONNEL FOR                              3.                      Ref Bn R.O. No 91 para 4 of 20 Jan 41.  
ORDNANCE WORKSHOPS.                      The following tradesmen are also required  
by AAOC workshops:-

Typewriter Mechanics  
Bootmakers.

BOUNDS -- MOSQUES.                      4.                      Moslem Mosques are out of bounds to all ranks unless arrangements have been made previously through the District Commissioner of the area concerned.

SANITATION.                              5.                      (a) The practice of urinating in and near the lines has been growing and must cease. In future no one will urinate anywhere in the camp area other than in the latrine buckets provided. Strict disciplinary action will be taken against any offender.  
(b) Latrine buckets will be placed in the lines and near the canteen from 1800 hrs until 0700 hrs each night. Coy sanitary details under the supervision of Cpl Berry will be responsible for placing the buckets each night and returning them at 0700 hrs next morning to the appropriate latrine.

(c) Coy sanitation personnel will report to Cpl Berry at Bn HQ at 1800 hrs 28 Jan 41 in order that they may be shown the distribution of latrine buckets each night.

DEFAULTERS                              6.                      The undermentioned soldier will attend all defaulters' parades commencing at Reveille 29 Jan 41 until Lights Out 31 Jan 41.

VX 44540 BUTLER L.

J. T. Brock                      Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

N O T I C E S.

LOST: (i) In "C" Coy lines - brown money belt inscribed faintly "From Mayor and Councillors, City of Prahran" - contents approx. 300 mils.

(ii) Brown canvas money belt marked on reverse "SLOW - Rifle 86193" contents - 1000 mil note and loose change

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R O U T I N E                      O R D E R S

Part 1

No 96

by

LIEUT COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION. A.I.F.

LEAVE CARIO.

1. The following personnel will proceed to Cario on leave 3 Feb-11 Feb 41:-  
VX 33860 Cpl Kennedy N.B. (HQ Coy)  
VX 28787 " Steele D.C. ("D" Coy)
2. Leave party will report to Pn O O at Bn HQ 1100hrs 3 Feb 41
3. HQ Coy will provide one van G S 20 cwt to transport 26 Aust Inf Bde party. Tpt will report B H Q 1100hrs and with Bn leave party at Bde HQ at 1115hrs 3 Feb 41. Tpt will report Gaza railway station 0630hrs 11 Feb 41 to return Bde leave party to units.
4. Personnel must be in possession of exact rail fare (490mils- single rail fare to Cario) and will hand same to O C party at Bde HQ. Personnel must also carry leave pass, frontier pass and pay book.
5. Dress Service dress, Steel helmets, respirators and filled water bottles will be carried.
6. Personnel will carry unexpended portion of days ration as meals are NOT now available at Gaza station.

RANGE PRACTICES.  
2-7 Feb 41. 7

Duty Coys will provide 4 O/Rs as A A defence personnel during this period. Such personnel will report to L/Cpl Thornycroft (HQ Coy) for instructions at retreat on day of mounting duty.

8. Coys will be responsible to provide evening meal for all transport drivers (including those supplied with Brigaded vehicles) on day of return from range.
9. A further request programme for British Forces in the Near East will be broadcast by the BBC at 2030hrs local time on Thursday 30 Jan 41.

BBC REQUEST PROGRAMME.

VACANCY FOR 10. BDE HQ.

There is a vacancy for a clerk in Bde HQ staff. Applicants must be possessed of initiative and be capable typists. Applications will be submitted to B H Q by 1000hrs 30 Jan 41

SANITATION.

11. Rubbish, litter, orange peel etc must NOT be placed in latrine buckets. Disciplinary action will be taken against any offender. In the event of any such rubbish being deposited in a latrine bucket in the lines the Coy responsible for returning the bucket or buckets to the latrine will provide a fatigue to remove the rubbish from the bucket before it is placed in the latrine for emptying by Arab labourers.

J.T. Brock Lieut  
Acting Adjutant 2/24 Bn A.I



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R O U T I N E            O R D E R S

Part 1

No 97

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

CHURCH SERVICES. 1. Until receipt of further orders Church Sessions and Parades will be held each Sunday as detailed in Bn. R.O 93, para 4, 25 Jan 41.

BATHING PARADES. 2. Use of showers has been allotted to 2/24 Bn. on 1 Feb 41. Coys will hold Bathing Parades between the following hours :-

A Coy	0900 hrs - 1200 hrs.
B Coy	1400 hrs - 1530 hrs.
C Coy	1600 hrs - 1630 hrs (or earlier should time permit)
D Coy	1630 hrs - 1700 hrs.
HQ Coy	
Bn HQ	
E Coy	1700 hrs - 1730 hrs (arrangements to be made if necessary to delay evening meal 15 mins)

Bn. O.O. will be responsible for strict compliance with all orders respecting cleaning of showers.

DEFAULTERS.

3. The following will attend all Defaulters' Parades until Lights Out, 5 Feb 41 :-

VX 17599 Pte. BLACK J.E. - "E" Coy.

J.T. BROCK Lieut.  
Acting Adjutant 2/24 Bn. AIF

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APPENDIX C

003

1 JAN 41 - 31 JAN 41

C.O.	
2.I.C.	
ADJ.	
I.O.	
R.M.O.	
Q.M.	
R.S.M.	
26 AUST INF BDE	0 0 No 1.
A "	
B "	
C "	
D "	
E "	

2/24 BATTN  
 Date 16 Jan 41  
 No. 199 / 10 / 146

SECRET 2  
 Copy No.....  
 16 Jan 41.

Ref Maps :

GAZA 1/100000 Sheet 9.  
 PALESTINE 1/25000

INFORMATION :

1. (a) Enemy forces observed concentrating EAST of R JORDAN.
2. (a) 7 Aust Div is moving, 19 Jan to seize high ground astride JERUSALEM.  
 (b) Right 20 Inf Bde, left 26 Inf Bde, with inter-bde boundary all incl 26 Inf Bde BEIT HANUN (105,105) Trig 99 (112,106), TRIG 77 (116,107), KH-UMM-LOGIS (120,109).  
 (c) A mch gp is preceding the adv and 1 Armd Bde is protecting left flank of adv.  
 (d) Under comd from 1600 hrs 17 Jan :-

2/6 Fd Regt.  
 One bty 2 A Tk Regt.  
 2/5 Fd Coy.  
 2/6 Fd Amb.

INTENTION :

3. 26 Inf Bde and att tps will move 18 Jan to assembly areas on line KH-UMM-LOGIS (120,109) HULEIQAT (116,112) BEIT TIMA (115,114) preparatory to commencing move 19 Jan.

METHOD :

4. Right (a) Tps Comd Lt-Col V. Windeyer CO 2/48 Bn.  
 2/48 Bn with under comd  
 one pl 26 A Tk Coy  
 one bty 2/6 Fd Regt  
 one sec 2/5 Fd Coy.  
 (b) Route, boundary and assembly area - See tracing Appx "A".
5. Centre (a) Tps Comd Lt-Col B. Evans CO 2/23 Bn.  
 2/23 Bn  
 One pl 26 A Tk Coy.  
 one sec 2/5 Fd Coy.  
 (b) Route, boundarys and assembly areas - See tracing Appx "A".
6. Left (a) Tps Comd Lt-Col A. Spowers CO 2/24 Bn  
 2/24 Bn  
 One pl 26 A Tk Coy.  
 One bty 2/6 Fd Regt.  
 One Sec 2/5 Fd Coy.  
 (b) Route, boundarys and assembly areas - See tracing Appx "A".

7. Start Time :

- (a) Head of Bn main bodies to leave Camp areas at 0900.
- (b) Remainder to move in accordance with the attd march table. Appx "B" (not attd).

ADMINISTRATION :

- 8. Dry rations for midday meal 18 Jan. Evening meal in Camp.
- 9. LAD will move route B behind Bde HQ.
- 10. All available tpt will be used on "A" Ech duties.
- 11. Fighting order - no packs.
- 12. Amn to be carried - (a) Brens - 300 per gun.  
(b) Rifles - None on man. Bn reserve 500 rds.
- 13. Virgin or fallow ground and creek beds are to be used as much as possible - growing crops are to be avoided both on the march and in Assembly areas.

INTERCOMN :

- 14. (a) Bde HQ remains present location until 1000 hrs, then SUMSUN (112,108) until 1100 hrs, then HULEIQAT (116,112)  
(b) Moves on route B.
- 15. W/T. One No 101 each Bn reporting 0800 hrs 18 Jan.
- 16. No wireless silence.

ACK :

Signed at 0930 hrs.

Issued to Sigs.

*T. H. M. M. M.* Maj.  
EM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

DIST :

Unit.	Copy No.	Appx A.	Appx B.
2/23 Bn	1	1	-
2/24 Bn	2	2	-
2/48 Bn	3	3	-
26 A Tk Coy	4	4	-
78 LAD	5	5	1
2/6 Fd Regt	6	6	2
2 A Tk Regt	7	7	3
2/5 Fd Coy	8	8	4
2/5 Fd Amb	9	9	5
Brig	10	10	6
SC	11	11	7
File	12-13	12-13	8-9
War Diary	14-15	14-15	10-11.

APPENDIX A

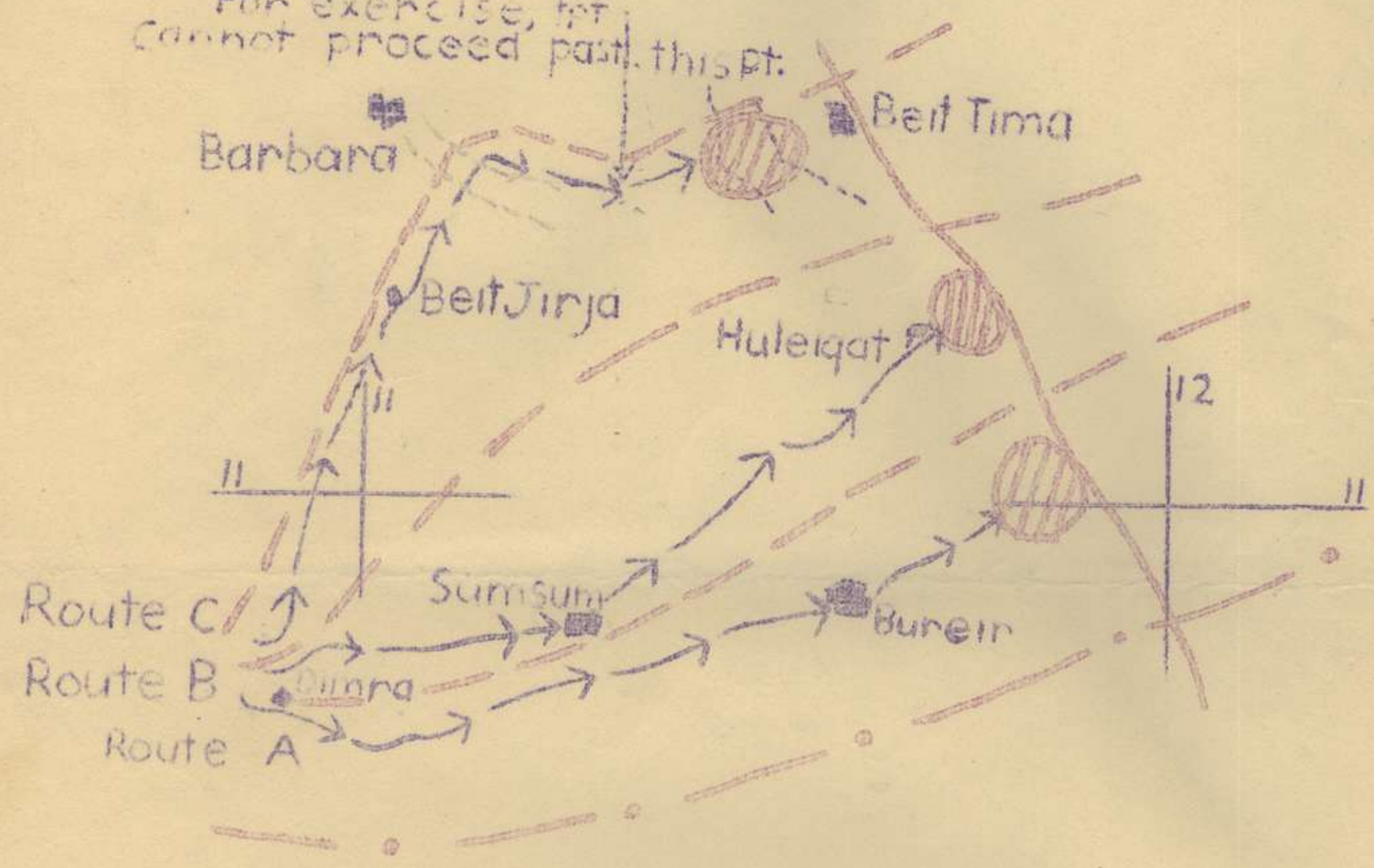
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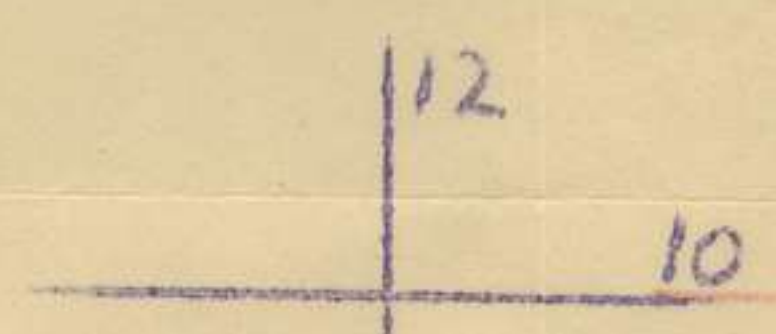
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For exercise, but  
cannot proceed past this pt.



LEGEND

- Route
- Inter Bn. Boundary
- - - Inter Bde "
- ⊘ Assembly Areas



TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

C.O.	
2.I.C.	
ADJ.	
I.O.	
R.M.O.	
Q.M.	
R.S.M.	
H.Q. Coy.	
A "	
B "	
C "	
E "	

2/24 BATTN  
 Date 16 JAN 41  
 No 199 / 10/145  
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
 NO. 214/1/200

TWW/EJR

16 Jan 41

INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS - BDE EXERCISE 18 JAN.

1. Object of exercise is to practise :-

- (a) Procedure of moves.
- (b) Loading vehicles.
- (c) Moves of HQ.
- (d) Passing of messages.
- (e) Writing simple orders.
- (f) Adv gds.

In addition the exercise affords an opportunity for hardening the men.

2. Tpt should be used first to complete Bn HQ in essential operating vehicles. ( C.O. should have a carrier available at close call.

3. (a) One No 101 set and operator is reporting each Bn 0900hrs 17 Jan for practising procedure, vide Signaling (All Arms) 1938 Ch XIV. At 1030hrs Bde will practice passing orders to each Bn in turn. i.e.

2/23 Bn 1030hrs  
 2/24 Bn 1100hrs  
 2/48 Bn 1130hrs

(b) Sets return to 7 Div Sigs 1200hrs same day.

4. All instrns contained in O.O. No. 1. stand for the exercise except:-

- (a) Supporting arms will not be represented except 26 A-Tk Coy.
- (b) Tpt on route B will NOT be able to move along the course shown for the first mile but will have to use rd leading into 2/24 Bn sector.

5. Code words for the exercise:-

*HQ v6 huffble* POGO.  
 2/23 Bn SOLO  
 2/24 Bn BONO  
 2/48 Bn BUTO  
 26 A-Tk Coy CAMO  
 78 L.A.D. RUNO  
 2/5 Fd Regt TIMO  
 2 A-Tk Regt VURC  
 2/5 Fd Coy SINO  
 2/5 Fd Amb PATO

Maj.  
B.M. 26 Aust Inf Bde.

DIST.  
 2/23 Bn  
 2/24 Bn ✓  
 2/48 Bn  
 26 A-Tk Coy  
 78 L.A.D.  
 File.

Route for Troops

Suggest move along Kadi Hesi to Track Dimeria -  
Beid Janya to avoid crops, ~~the~~ village and clashing with 23 Bns.  
Then as per Bde Route -

Adv Bde cannot move deployed at any time  
owing to cultivation. ~~Only parallel route - main~~  
~~road near Janya~~  
Approx Distance to A.A. - 7 1/2 Miles.

Route for M.T.

Then ~~through~~ <sup>through</sup> Dimeria village by track -  
Sharp left turn at well in centre of village, then as per Brigade  
route to point marked not passable for M.T.  
Approx Distance 6 1/2 Miles - No cover available for transport. <sup>Cover for</sup>  
<sup>transport</sup>

Further progress by M.T. difficult owing to Wades.  
Transport may have trouble in wet weather as roads are  
mainly mud tracks with two very steep crossings over Wades.

Route for Return Journey

Suggest return journey by track running from  
1128/1136 to Sun Sun Village and to camp by alternative routes  
available  
M.T. to return by Main Road Barbara - Devi Sunid.

Tracings of Route

Tracings for each Coy and  
O.C. carrier pl can be supplied  
by 1 Section.

A. B. Bode  
Lieut.

To 2/2 + Bn

17 JAN 41

24 BAFTN	
Date	199/10/
No.	22 Jan 41

26 AUST INF BDE O O No.2.

SECRET

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21 Jan, 41.

Ref Maps:

GAZA 1/100000 Sheet 9.  
PALESTINE (Northern) 1/250,000

INFORMATION:

1. (a) Enemy forces observed massing on frontier PALESTINE - TRANS JORDANIA.
2. (a) 7 Aust Div is moving 24 Jan to occupy the line of mountains commanding DEAD SEA.  
(b) Right 21 Inf Bde, Left 26 Inf Bde, with inter-bde boundary all incl 26 Inf Bde BEIT HANUN (105,105) X tracks (111,102) Trig 152 (115,009).  
(c) 7 Div Cav is preceding the adv and 1 armd bde is protecting left flank.  
(d) Under comd from 1600 hrs 24 Jan :-  
2/6 Fd Regt.  
One bty 2 A Tk Regt.  
2/5 Fd Coy  
2/6 Fd Amb.

INTENTION:

3. 26 Inf Bde and att tps will move 23 Jan to assembly area on line approx HUI 116,102 BUREIR 119,111 BEIT TIMA 116,115 preparatory to commencing move 24 Jan.

METHOD.

4. Right (a) Tps comd Lt.Col. B. Evans CO 2/23 Bn.  
2/23 Bn  
One pl 26 A Tk Coy  
One sec 2/5 Fd Coy  
(b) Route C boundary and assembly area - see tracing Appx "A".
5. Centre (a) Tps comd Lt.Col. A. Spowers CO 2/24 Bn/  
2/24 Bn  
One pl 26 A Tk Coy  
One bty 2/6 Fd Regt.  
One sec 2/5 Fd Coy.  
(b) Route B boundary and assembly area - see tracing Appx "A".
6. Left (a) Tps comd Lt.Col. W.J.V. Windeyer CO 2/48 Bn.  
2/48 Bn  
One pl 26 A Tk Coy  
One bty 2/6 Fd Regt.  
One sec 2/5 Fd Coy.  
(b) Route A - see tracing Appx "A".
7. Start Time.  
(a) Head of Bn main bodies to leave Camp areas at 0900  
(b) Remainder to move in accordance with the attd march table. Appx "B" (not attd).

ADMINISTRATION.

8. Dry rations for midday meal 23 Jan. Evening meal in Camp.
9. LAD will move route "B" behind Bde HQ.



ADMINISTRATION.

- 10. All available tpt will be used on "A" Ech duties.
- 11. Fighting order - no packs.
- 12. Amn to be carried - (a) Brens - 300 per gun.  
(b) Rifles - Non on man. Bn reserve 500 rds.
- 13. Virgin or fallow ground and creek beds are to be used as much as possible - growing crops are to be avoided both on the march and in Assembly areas.

INTERCOMN.

- 14. Bde HQ remains present location 1100 hrs, then Sum Sum 1130-1080 until 1200 hrs then S.E. BUREIR 1161-1087.

Bde HQ moves on route "B".

- 15. Visual Signal Stations will be manned by units by 1200 hrs. Personnel from 2/48 Bn for Station No 2 (Trig Pt 138) will report Bde HQ with necessary lamps or flags, Binoculars, Prismatic compass @ 1030 hrs for transport by car DS.

Vis Stations to be manned.

1.	1133 - 1138	Trig 84 )	
21	1160 - 1126	Trig 138 )	2/48 Bn
3.	1187 - 1106	Trig 113 )	
4.	1162 - 1075	Trig 77 )	2/24
5.	1128 - 1028	Trig 117 )	
6.	1160 - 1082	Approx contour 100 )	2/23 Bn

Each Bn will pick up Daylight Sig lamps, 2 from HQ 7 Aust Div Sigs by 1600 hrs 22 Jan.

ACK:

Signed at 2000 hrs.

Issued to Sigs.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
A/BM 26 AUST INF BDE.

DIST:  
Unit.

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Appx A.

Appx B.

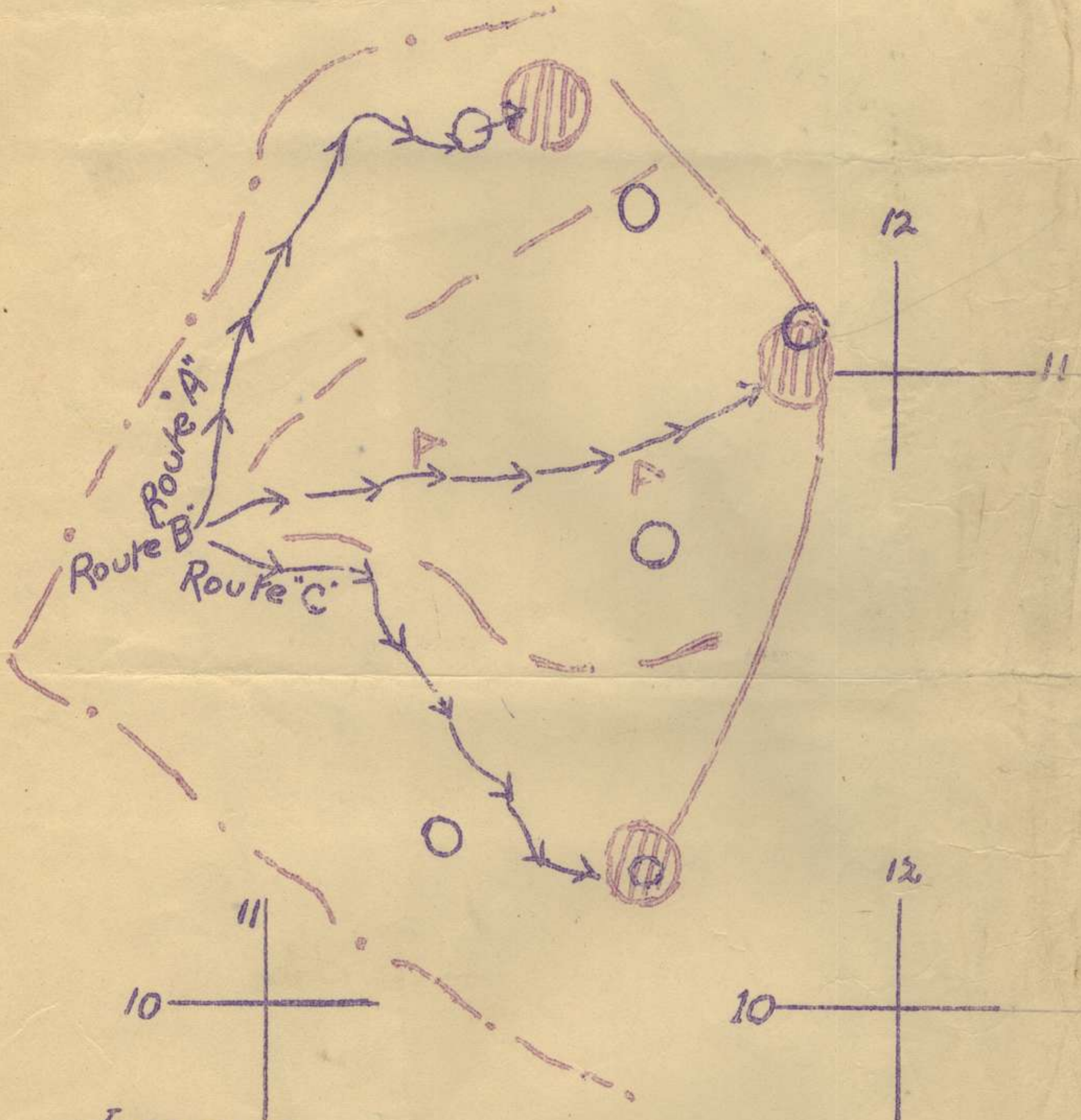
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2/48 Bn	3.	3.	-
26 A Tk Coy	4.	4.	-
78 LAD	5.	5.	1
2/6 Fd Regt.	6.	6.	2
2 A Tk Regt.	7.	7.	3
2/5 Fd Coy	8.	8.	4
2/5 Fd Amb	9.	9.	5
7 Aust Div	10.	10.	6
Brig.	11.	11.	7
SC	12.	12.	8
File	13,14	13,14	9,10
War Diary	15,16	15,16	11,12

APPENDIX "A" —

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26 Aust Inf Bde . OO N°2 —

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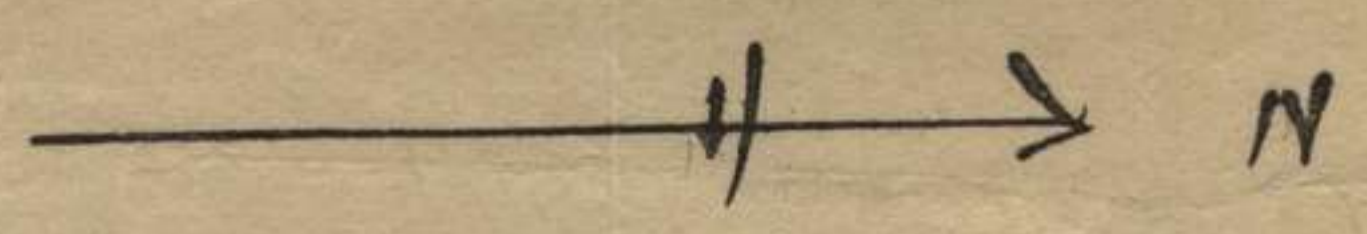
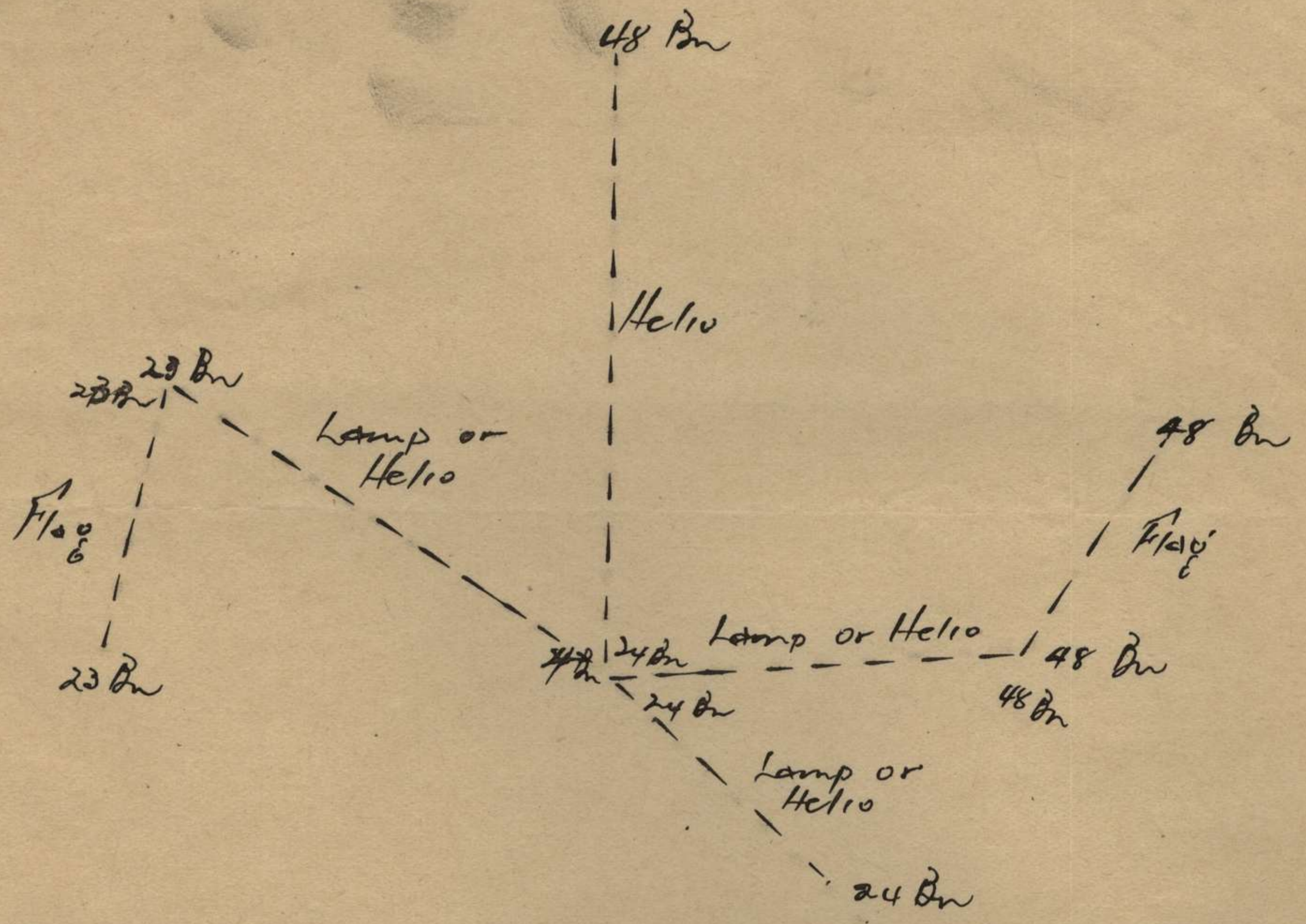
LEGEND

- Route.
- Inter Bn Boundary
- ..... Inter Bde Boundary.
- ⊗ Assembly Areas.
- Visual Sig Sta.
- ▲ Bde HQ.

Signal Plan  
Bde Exercise

23 Jan 41

2/24



TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NO. 214/1/266.  
EPT:GC.

2/24 BATTN  
Date 22 JAN 1941  
No. 214/1/264

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

22 Jan, 41.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS - BDE EXERCISE 23 JAN.

1. Object of exercise is to practise :-

- (a) Procedure of moves.
- (b) Loading vehicles.
- (c) Moves of HQ.
- (d) Passing of messages.
- (e) Writing simple orders.
- (f) Adv gds.
- (g) Visual signalling.

In addition the exercise affords an opportunity for hardening the men.

2. Tpt should be used first to complete Bn HQ in essential operating vehicles. (C.O. should have a carrier available at close call).

3. All instns contained in C.O. No 2 stand for the exercise except :-

- (a) Supporting arms will not be represented except 26 A Tk Coy.
- (b) Tpt on route B will NOT be able to move along the course shown for the first mile but will have to use rd leading into 2/24 Bn sector.
- (c) As Bns moving out cross one another CO's must coordinate, one with the other to ensure that they do not clash.

4. Code words for the exercise :-

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	-	POGO
2/23 Bn	-	BOLO
2/24 Bn	-	BONO
2/48 Bn	-	BUTO
26 A Tk Coy	-	CANO
78 LAD	-	RUNO
2/5 Fd Regt	-	TINO
2 A Tk Coy	-	FURO
2/5 Fd Coy	-	SINO
2/5 Fd Amb	-	PATO

6. Signal scheme diagram att.

*W. J. ...* Capt.  
A/26 Aust Inf Bde.

DIST :

2/23 Bn  
 2/24 Bn ✓  
 2/48 Bn  
 26 A Tk Coy, 7 Div Sigs.  
 78 LAD.  
 7 Aust Div.

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.  
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

~~2/23~~ Bn, 2/24 Bn, 2/48 Bn, 26 A-Tk Coy

FROM

HQ 26 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number

0 146

Date

22

In Reply to Number

Ref	Bde	0 0	No	2	21
Jan	(.)	Station	No	2	V.T.
will	be	established	at	ref	pt
1150	1116	and	NOT	at	trig
pt	138	as	stated	in	orders.
(.)	A	new	station	V.T.	No
7	will be established at 1090 1076.				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1510

SIGNED

*[Signature]*

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

1620

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**TO**

*2/24 B*

**FROM**

*26. A-TK Coy*

Originator's Number

*S. 3.*

Date

*22 Jan*

In Reply to Number

<i>Lieut</i>	<i>CROMIE</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>No. 1.</i>	<i>platoon</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>attached</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>exercise</i>
<i>23 Jan</i>	<i>0</i>				

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS.

*W. J. Sheehan*  
*Capt.*

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**T.H.I.**

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

**T.O.R.**

*1047*

~~2/1 Fd Regt~~  
WAR DIARY

SECRET

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17 Jan 41.

2/24 BN - O.O. NO. 1.

Ref Maps

GAZA - 1/100,000 Sheet 9

PALESTINE - 1/250,000.

INFORMATION.

1. (a) Enemy forces observed concentrating EAST of R. JORDAN.
2. (b) 7 Aust Div (including 26 Aust Inf Bde) is moving to seize high ground astride JERUSALEM.
- (c) Right - 2/48 Bn. Centre - 2/23 Bn and left - 2/24 Bn.  
Inter Bn boundary shown on attached tracing - App "A".
- (d) A mech gp is preceding the adv and one armed Bde is protecting the left flank of adv.
- (e) Under comd from 0830 hrs 18 Jan 41:-
  - One pl 26 A Tk Coy
  - One Bty 2/6 Fd Regt
  - One Sec 2/5 Fd Coy
  - Det 7 Div Sigs.

3. INTENTION.

2/24 Bn and att tps will move 18 Jan. to assembly area BEIT TIMA (115114) preparatory to commencing move 19 Jan.

4. METHOD.

- (a) Adv Gd :- "B" Coy  
Adv Gd Comd:- Capt. L. E. Andersen  
5 Pl HQ Coy  
1 Carrier M.G.  
1 Sec 26 A Tk Coy  
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy  
Recce party 2/6 Fd Regt
- (b) Main Body - B.H.Q.  
Carrier M.G. to move forward of B.H.Q. in bounds of half mile.  
Det 7 Div Sigs  
1 Pl 26 A Tk Coy less 1 sec  
HQ Coy less 5 Pl  
A Coy  
C Coy  
1 Bty less recce party 2/6 Fd Regt

5. ROUTE.

DIMRA - BEIT JIRJA - X RD 11151143 - BEIT TIMA (See att sketch App "A")

6. START LINE.

Hard standing S E end camp area.

7. START TIME.

Head of main body will pass start line at 0845 hrs.

ADMINISTRATION.

8. Fighting order - no packs (haversacks and water bottles filled will be carried on the back). Shirts and shorts will be worn and carried.  
ground Sheet P.T.O.

9. Amn to be carried:- (a) Brens - 300 rds per gun  
(b) Rifles - None on man - Bn reserve-500 rds.
10. Dry rations will be carried for midday meal. Water bottles filled. Mess tins will be carried.
11. A A Defence will be established and sentries posted at all halts.
12. Tpt R V Trig 84 (11331140). All mech vehicles will move by bounds and will be dispersed at halts.
13. Tpt will be allotted as follows:-  
B.H.Q. - 2 cars D.S. 1 truck G.S. 1-ton  
Each coy - 1 truck G.S. 1-ton.  
2 (Protective) Pl - 1 truck utility - 12 cwt  
5 (Pioneer) Pl - 1 truck G.S. - 15 cwt  
R.A.P. - 1 truck G.S. - 15 cwt.  
Tpt will report to allotments by 0800 hrs.
14. R.A.P. will move at rear of main body.
15. Virgin or fallowed ground and creek beds are to be used as much as possible .. growing crops are to be avoided <sup>both on the march</sup> and in assembly areas.
16. Watches will be synchronised at 0800 hrs.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

17. One R/T pack set and flag signaller will be attached to B.H.Q. and each rifle coy.
18. No wireless silence.
19. Reports to head of main body.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at 2100 hrs

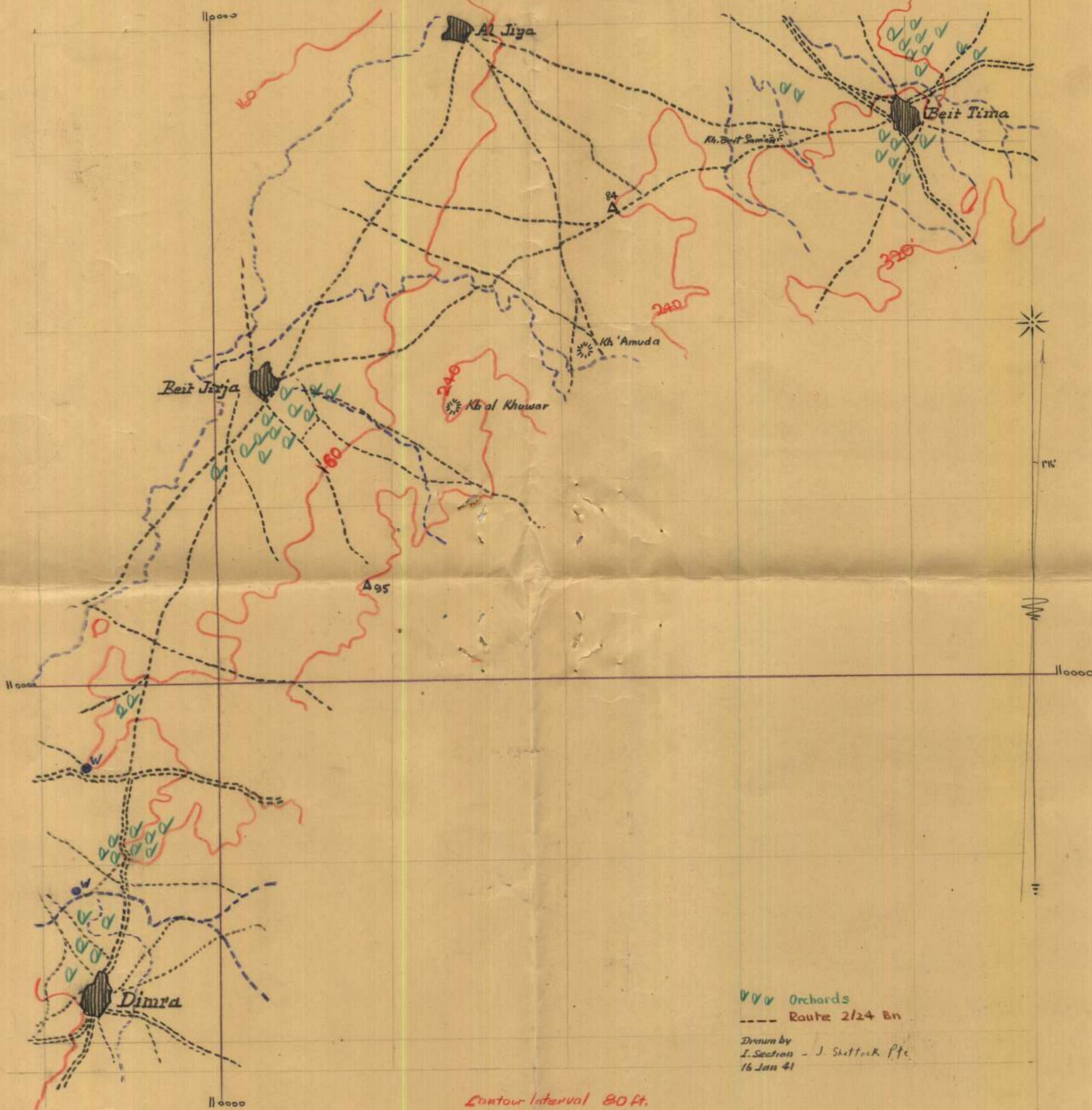
*J. Brock*  
.....Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn.

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A Coy	"	"	4	"	"	" 2
B Coy	"	"	5	"	"	" 3
C Coy	"	"	6	"	"	" 4
D Coy	"	"	7	"	"	" 5
26 Aust Inf Bde	8 & 9	"	"	"	"	" 6
2/6 Fd Regt		10				
2/5 Fd Coy		11				
Det 7 Div Sigs		12	"	"	"	" 7
26 A Tk Coy		13	"	"	"	" 8
File		14 & 15				
War Diary		16 & 17"	"	"	"	" 9



Enlargement GAZA 1:100,000 Sheet 9



V V V Orchards  
--- Route 2/24 Bn  
Drawn by  
I. Section - J. Shattock Pfc.  
16 Jan 41

Contour Interval 80 ft.

Scale 2.53" to 1 Mile



2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.REF MAPS

GAZA - 1/100,000 Sheet 9  
 PALESTINE - (Northern) 1/250,000

INFORMATION.

1. (a) Enemy forces observed massing on frontier, - PALESTINE, TRANSJORDANIA.
2. (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde will move with 7 Aust Div to occupy line of mountains commanding DEAD SEA.
- (c) Right - 2/23 Bn. Centre - 2/24 Bn. Left - 2/48 Bn. Inter-bn boundaries shown on attached sketch - App "A".
- (d) 7 Div Cav is preceding advance.
- (e) Under comd from 0830 hrs 23 Jan as follows:-

1 Pl 26 A/Tk Coy  
 And from, 1600 hrs 29 Jan 1 Bty 2/6 Fd Regt  
 1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy

INTENTION.

3. 2/24 Bn and att tps will move to assembly area - BUREIR 119111.

METHOD.

4

(a) Adv Gd

Comd Capt W.F.R. Budge

"C" Coy

1 Sec 1 Pl 26 A/Tk Coy

1 Sec No 5 Pl

One carrier M.G.

1 Sec No 2 Pl

Guide from "I" Sec

1 Medical Orderly

Rece party 2/6 Fd Regt

Rece party 2/5 Fd Coy

(b) Main Body

B.H.Q.

1 (Sig) Pl

1 Pl 26 A/Tk Coy (less 1 Sec)

H.Q. Coy (less 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 1 Sec 5 Pl)

"B" Coy

R.A.P. (less 1 Medical Orderly)

(c) Rearguard

Comd Capt A.C. Bird

"D" Coy

(d) A Ech Tpt less B.H.Q. and Adv Gd vehicles under comd Sgt Travis  
 1 Sec 2 (Protection) Pl

ROUTE

5. (a) Main Body; SUMSUM 113108 - BUREIR 116109 - X road 119111 (see App "A")
- (b) A Ech Tpt - See attached sketch App "B"
- (c) Coys will not move deployef through BUREIR.

START LINE.

6. Hardstanding S E end of camp area.

START TIME.

7. Head of main body will cross start line at 0900 hrs.

EXPLORATION.

8. Adv Gd will explore to Trig 130 - Map ref 12051120.

WAR DIARY

ADMINISTRATION.

9. Dry rations will be carried on the man for the midday meal 23 Jan. Evening meal in camp. Water bottles will be filled.

DRESS.

10. Fighting Order - no packs.

AMN.

11. (a) L.M.G. (Bren) (i) Rifle coys - 100 rds per gun loaded in <sup>five</sup> ~~four~~ magazines.  
(ii) 2 (Protective) Pl - 300 rds per gun  
(b) Rifle - none on man. Bn reserve - 200 rds carried on B.H.Q. office van.

A.A. DEFENCE.

12. (2 L.M.Gs per coy to be manhandled en route) - will be established at all halts. All vehicles when halted will be dispersed and concealed from aerial observation if possible.

A ECH TPT.

13. (a) Tpt will be allotted as follows:-  
B.H.Q. - 2 cars D.S. 1 van G.S. 1 ton,  
C Coy - 1 van G.S. 1 ton  
B Coy - 1 van G.S. 1 ton  
D Coy - 1 van G.S. 1 ton  
No 1 (Sig) Pl - 1 van G.S. 1 ton  
No 2 (Protective) Pl - 1 van 12 cwt utility.  
1 van 15 cwt  
No 5 (Pioneer) Pl - 1 van 15 cwt  
R.A.P. - 1 van G.S. - 1 ton  
No 1 Pl 26 A/Tk coy - 1 van 12 cwt utility  
1 van G.S. 1 ton
- (b) Tpt will move as follows:-  
(i) Vehicles allotted to Adv Gd will move with Adv Gd  
(ii) Vehicles allotted to B.H.Q. will move as directed by C.O.  
(iii) Remainder A Ech tpt in following order -  
vehicles allotted to ~~C Coy~~  
B Coy  
1 Pl 26 A/Tk coy less 1 Sec  
R.A.P.  
1 Sec 2 (Protection) Pl  
D Coy  
(iv) Tpt detailed in para (iii) will leave RV as under -  
(i) Start line 0935 hrs  
(ii) First RV (See App "B") 1030 hrs  
(iii) Second RV (See App "B") 1130 hrs  
(v) Tpt will report to allotments by 0800 hrs 23 Jan.

14. One carrier M.G. No 1 will move with B.H.Q. for recce purposes.  
15. Watches to be synchronised at 0800 hrs.  
16. Virgin or fallowed ground and creek beds are to be used as much as possible - growing crops are to be avoided both on the march and in assembly areas.

INTERCOM.

17. Reports to head main body.  
18. One R/T pack set to move with B.H.Q.  
One R/T pack set to move with each Adv and Rear Gds.  
One R/T pack set with A Ech Tpt.  
One flag signaller with each coy.  
19. No 1 (Sig) Pl will man visual stations from 1200 hrs as under:-  
No 3 - Trig 113-11871106  
No 4 - Trig 77-11621075  
20. No wireless silence.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at 1930 hrs  
Issued to Sigs.

*[Signature]*  
.....Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn.

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B Coy	5	4	
C Coy	6	5	
D Coy	7	6	
26 A/Tk Coy	8	7	
2/6 Fd Regt	9		
2/5 Fd Coy	10		
C.O.	11	8	
Adjt	12	9	
R.M.O.	13	10	
File	14	11	
War Diary	15 and 16	12	

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Unit will return to camp on completion of exercise by route shown  
\_\_\_\_\_ on App "A".
2. Tpt will return by route shown on App "B".
3. On return march HQ Coy will act as Adv Gd and B Coy as Rear Gd.

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Bn - Bde Exercise  
23 Jan 41

APPENDIX A  
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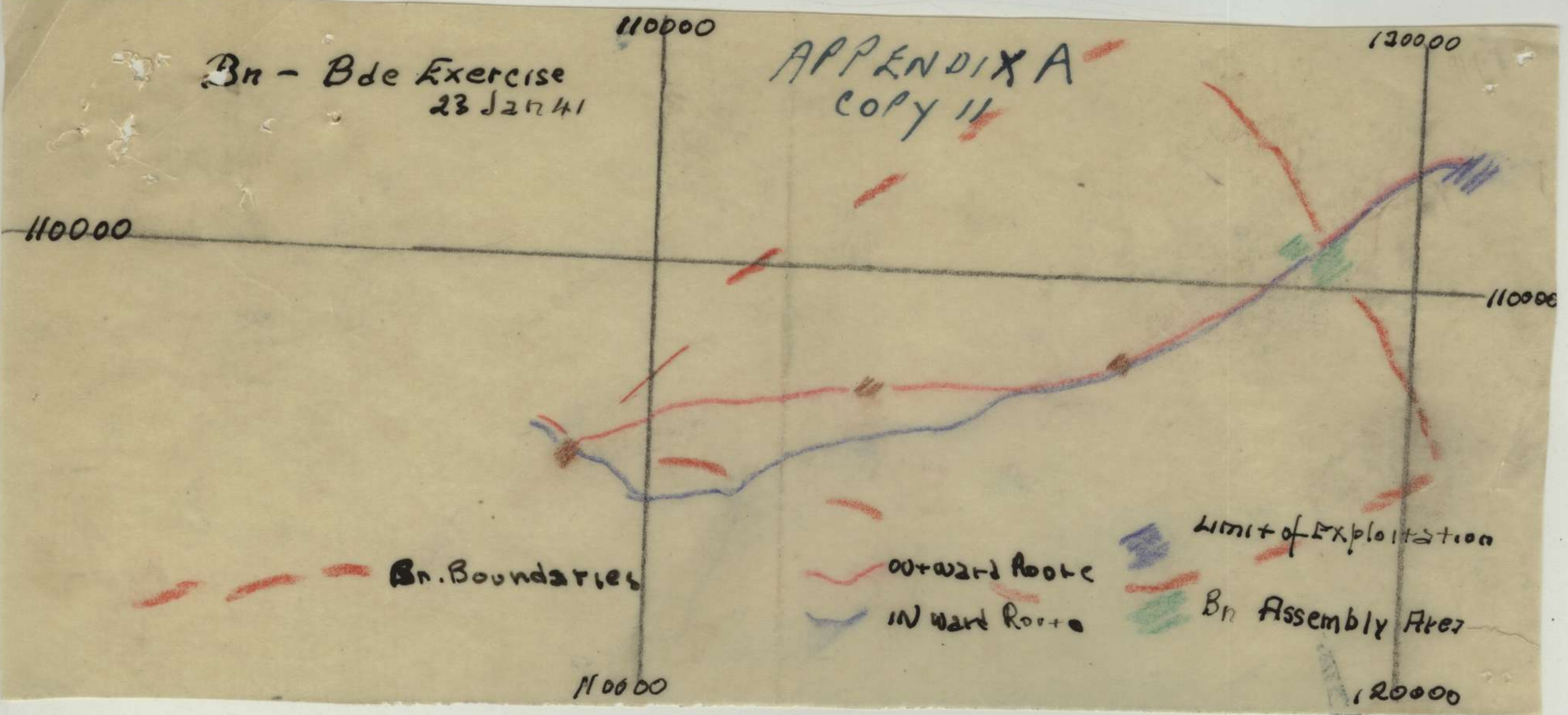
Bn. Boundaries

outward Route

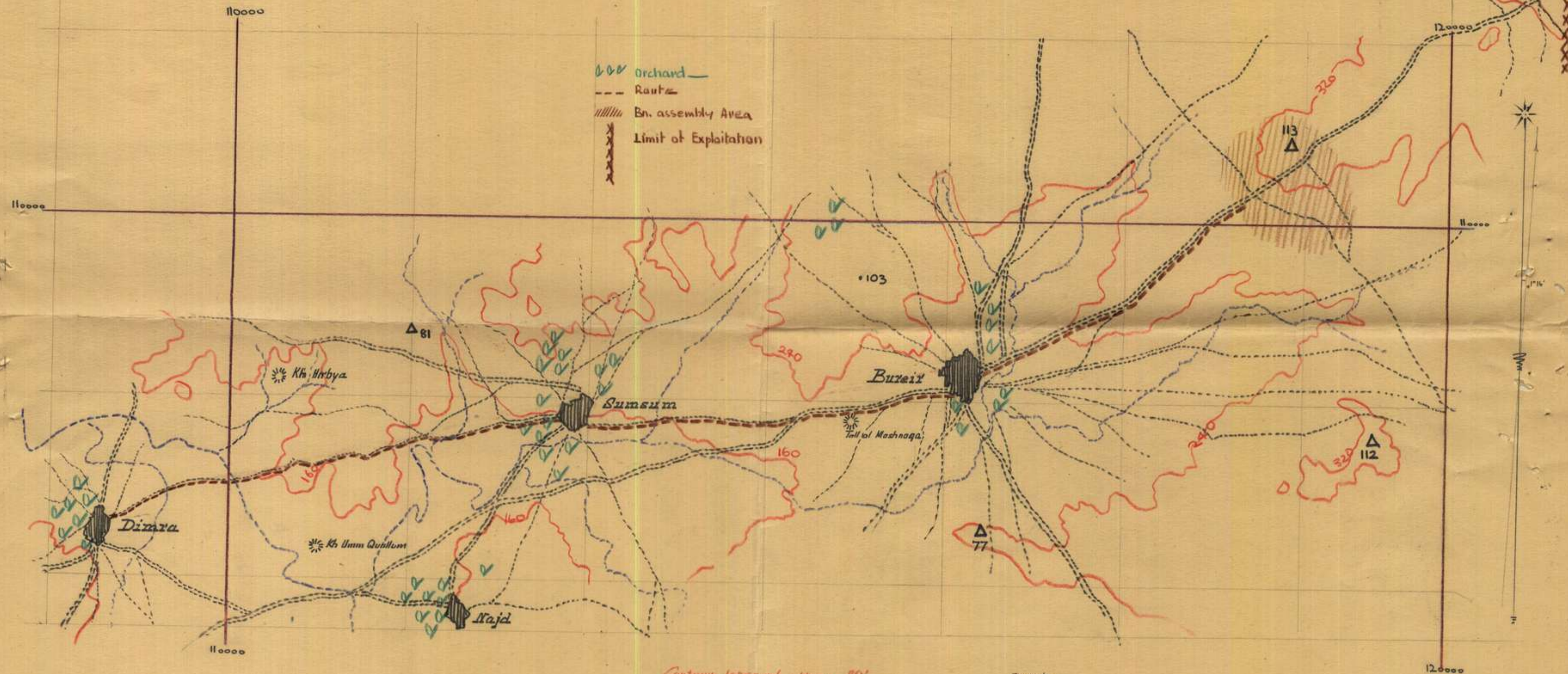
inward Route

Limit of Exploitation

Bn Assembly Area



Enlargement GAZA Sheet 9 1:100,000



- Orchard
- Roads
- Bn. assembly Area
- Limit of Exploitation

Contour Interval approx 80'

Scale 2.53" to 1 Mile

Drawn by  
J. S. 2/20/41  
21 Jan 41  
J. Shattock Pte



2/24 BN Operation Order No 3

Ref Maps

PALESTINE 1/250000  
GAZA 1/100000

Information

- 1(a) Enemy naval and air recce reported off coast WADI HESI( 103113)--GAZA( 099101)
- (b) Probable enemy intention to attempt landing.
- 2.7 Aust Div will occupy defensive posn. line of ridges BEIT TIMA(116115) -BUREIR(116109)-Trig 99 (11281060)-Trig 79(10471018).
- 3.26 Aust Inf Bde will cover occupation
  - (a) 2/48 Bn right-WADI HESI(103113) incl-Trig 22 (10001087) excl.
  - (b) 2/24 Bn left-Trig 22(10001087) incl-Trig 34 (09851060) excl.
  - (c) 2/23 Bn in reserve-area BEIT LAHYA (10251065)
  - (d) Inter Bn boundary shown on att tracing (appx A)
4. 7 Aust Div expected to be in posn by 0700 hrs 2 Feb 41.

Intention.

5. To move to and occupy outpost posn. Trig 22-Trig 34 by 1300 hrs 1 Feb

Method.

6. (a) Covering Force:  
H Q coy less 4(Carrier)Pl and tpt "C" coy, "D" coys.

- (b) Rear party  
Comd Maj L.A.Fell  
"A" coy  
"B" coy  
4(Carrier)Pl

- (a)  
7. Covering force will move to outpost posn. by route march

(b) Order of march

(i) Adv Gd

Comd Capt A.C.B. Bird  
"D" coy  
one sec 3(Mortar)Pl  
Det "I" sec

(ii) Main Body

Bn H Q.  
H Q coy less 4(Carrier)Pl & one sec 3(Mortar)Pl  
"C" coy

- (c) "C" coy will be responsible for protection of left flank.

8. Outpost posn. will be occupied as under:-

- (a) Right: "D" coy-Trig 22(10001087) incl -point 09931076 excl.
- (b) Left : "C" coy- Pt 09931076 incl-Trig 34 (09851060) excl
- (c) H Q coy area 09951074.

9. Start Line 2/24 Bn Gd room

10. Start Time Head of Main body to pass start line 0900 hrs.

11. Route. As shown on tracing appx "A" att.

Administration

12. Dress Shirts and shorts- fighting order - no packs respirators optional.

13. Rations Hard rations will be carried for midday meal 1 Feb. Water bottles will be filled.

14. Tpt. All tpt will remain at disposal of rear party.

15. Medical (a) First Fd Dress will be carried.  
 (b) R A P will move in rear of main body and will be established on arrival at outpost area.

16. A A Protection

- (a) No LMG available.  
 (b) Coys will move at distances of 150 yds on rds and will deploy when off rds. Cultivated ground will be avoided  
 (c) Air sentries will be detailed by Pls.

17. Time Watches will be synchronised at 0800 hrs.

Intercommunication.

18. 1(Sig)Pl will provide R/T comm between BnHQ and Adv Gg and V/T comm between all coys.

19. Reports to head of main body on march.

20. BnHQ will be established with HQ coy at outpost posn.

21. ACK

Signed at 1700 hrs

Issued to Sigs

*[Signature]*  
 Acting Adjt 2/24 Bn AIF. Lieut

Distribution.

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"D" coy	4	2
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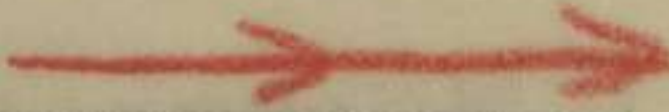
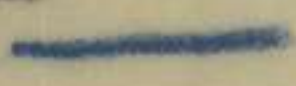

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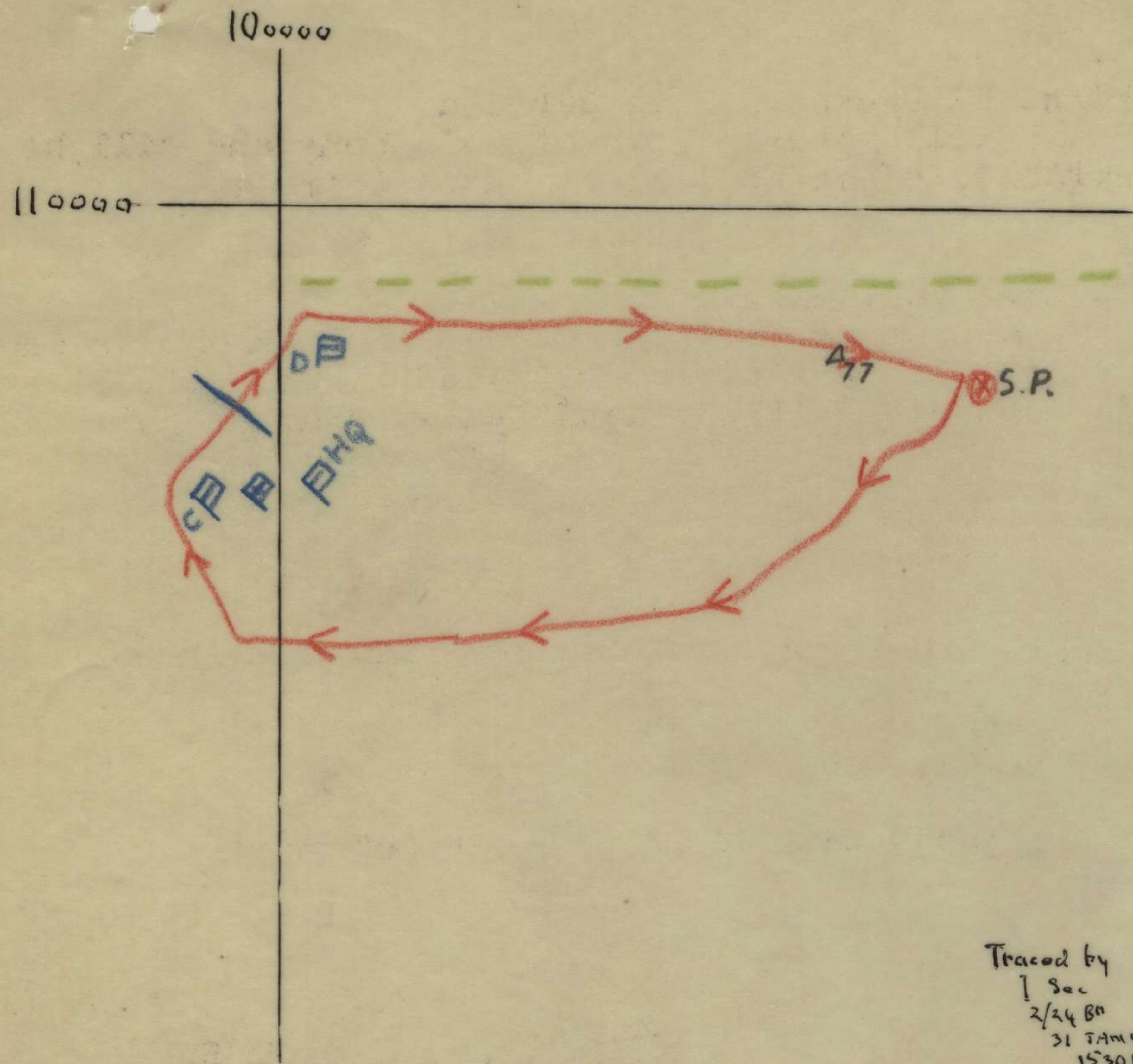
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ROUTE   
Enter Coy Boundaries   
Enter BN Boundaries 



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Appendix D

2/24 Bn

Admin' Instructions

Training Syllabi.

1 JAN 41 - 31 JAN 41

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No.1.

2/24 BN A.I.F.

10 Jan 41

The 2/24 Bn will carry out a tactical march on 11 Jan 41 in accordance with the following instructions:-

ROUTE

1. The route will be from Deir Suneid to Sum Sum and return.

STARTING TIME.

2. The head of the Main Body will cross junction roads 2/24 Bn guard room at 0900 hrs.

ORDER OF MARCH.

3. (a) ADVANCED GUARD. Commanded by Capt Baillieu  
"C" Coy. Det. 2 carriers, Bren Gun  
No 4 Platoon.

FLANK GUARD. Commanded by Capt Bird "D" Coy.

MAIN BODY. B.H. J.

"H. J." Coy

"B" Coy

"E" Coy

Major Fell will act, as 2 i.c. of Bn.

INTER-COMMUNICATION.

4. Due to the absence of Sig.Pl. at Instructional School intercommunication will be by orderly.

DRESS.

5. Marching order less packs - shorts and shirts.

RATIONS.

6. Haversack lunches and water bottles filled will be carried.

TACTICAL DISPOSITIONS.

7. As some portion of the route is through cultivated land, advance guard and flank guard will pass along formed routes. All country to NW will be regarded as friendly.

*C. G. Weir*  
C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

War diary

SUMMARY OF TRAINING SYLLABUS

1. L.M.G. Training	14 hrs
2. Range Practices	2½ "
3. Elementary Tactics	14 "
4. Route Marching	16 "
5. Application of Fire	2 "
6. A.A. Training.	1 "
7. P.T.	3 "
8. Recreational Training	7 "
9. Night Training	4 "
10. Bayonet Training	4½ "
11. Close Order Drill	2 "
12. A.T. Rifle	2 "
	<hr/>
Total	70 hrs

During the training period each Coy is completely absorbed by Guards and duties on three days.

PERIOD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
0645-0700	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.	P.T.		
0900-0915	Rifle check and Inspection Parade.													
0915-0945	Bayonet tng		Bayonet					Training			Bayonet		Training	
0955-1100	Individual Fieldcraft	30x range Introductory	March	Company	L.M.G. SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Lessons 11 to 14 incl. A Coy - morning	L.M.G. SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Lessons 15 and 16 TOET Pam 4 Sec 6 (Excl No 7)	L.M.G. SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Lessons 17 to 20 incl. A.T. Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 6	Company	March	L.M.G. SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Lessons 21 & 25 incl.	L.M.G. SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Lessons 21 & 25	Company		
1105-1140	M.T.P. 33 Chap ii	Practice for L.M.G. A Coy - morning			B Coy - afternoon						Practice in indicn & recog of targets ISL Ch vi		Discussn: Supportg Arms & Weapons ISL Ch v	
1145-1215	Paras 7 to 15.	G Coy - afternoon												
1215-1230	Close Order Drill		Route	Duty	Close Order Drill			Duty	Route	Close Order Drill		Duty		
1400-1600	Section Stalk MTP 33 Ch iii	Field Signals & Sect Formations ISL Ch 7 IT Ch 6&7 MTP No 33 Chap iii			Section in Attack ISL Ch ix MTP No 33 Chap iii	Sections as Patrols ISL Ch 8 MTP No 33	Section in defence ISL Ch x MTP No 33 Chap iii			Section in Withdrawal ISL Chs x & xi	Fire Control SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 A.A.Tng SAT Vol 1 Pam 6			
1600-1700	Organized recreational training		P. & R. T.											
1330-2030					Section as recce patrol ISL Chs vii & viii					Patrol Exercise MTP No 33 Page 34				

NOTE: 1. L.M.G. TNG:- A and B Coys will use L.M.Gs. during morning and B and C during afternoon.  
2. B and D coys will interchange D1 and D2.

# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/24 Bn A I F

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 41

To 12 Feb 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA	1 Feb		Bn carried out O O No 3 - Range Practices at JAFFA RANGE commenced by A Coy. Air Raid Warning 2100 hrs.	Appx C
	2 Feb		Normal Sunday routine. B Coy moved to range. <del>practices</del> 0930 hrs. Air Raid warning	
	3 Feb		B Coy fired Range Practices - Air raid warning 1100 hrs	
	4 Feb		C Coy fired Range Practices. 7 Div tps in area pded before Prime Minister of Aust - Rt Hon R.G. Menzies - Corps Comd Gen Blamey Div Comd <sup>Gen</sup> Lavarack - Under Comd Brig Murray. P.M. addsd pde.	
	5 Feb		D Coy fired Range Practices ; A Coy moved out on 2-day bivouac Daylight Air Raid Warnings.	
	6 Feb		HQ Coy fired Range Practices - B Coy marched out for Inight bivouac	
	7 Feb	0645	A Coy returned from bivouac. BHQ & HQ Coy finish range practices	
	8 Feb		Bn Route March to Askalon, Al Madjal & return via Al Jirja & Beit Jirja - 20 miles covered -	
	9 Feb		Normal Sunday Routine - Capt Weib returned from Con Depot.	
	10 Feb		Bn O O Nos 4 & 5 issued - Bn carried out No 4 in whole of O O No 5 up to stage of halting in Assembly Area - Exercise was then concluded.	Appx D
	11 Feb	0445	Bn returned from Exercise - rest to 1200 hrs - Normal routine	
	12 Feb		Normal tng routine	

# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/24 Bn A I F Date and Time.—From 13 Feb 41 To 24 Feb 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA	13 Feb		Offrs attended lecture by Col BERRYMAN who was GSOIG Aust Div during BARDIA & TOBRUK operations. Lecture concerned planning of BARDIA ops.	
	14 Feb		D Coy occupied defensive digging system east of Camp Area.	
		2145	Air Raid Warning - All Clear 2215 hrs	
	15 Feb	0900)	Bn Route March DIMRA - NADJ - HUI - KILO 89 - DIMRA - 19 Miles	
		1600)		
		1100	D Coy withdrew from defensive posn.	
	16 Feb		Normal Sunday Routine	
	17 Feb		A Coy occupied defensive posn - normal tng routine	
	18 Feb		A Coy withdrew from defensive posn - normal tng routine	
	19 Feb		Normal routine - Bn CO Nos 6&7 issued.	Appx D.
	20 Feb)	2100)		
	21 Feb)	0500)	Normal tng - 2100 hrs Bn moved out on night exercise to carry out CO's Nos 6&7. Op successful except for loss of contact between Coys on 2 occasions caused by too fast movement of Adv Gd	
	21 Feb	1200	Rest in morning - 2000hrs C Coy occupied defensive position.	
	22 Feb	0900)	Bn Route March - DIMRA - AL MUHARRAQA - KILO 89 - DIMRA	22 Miles
		1630)		
	23 Feb		Normal Sunday Routine	
	24 Feb	0900)	Tng interrupted by Security Duties - Divisional Gd, and Security Gd at HILL 95 CAMP - mounted in addition to normal duties.	
	25 Feb			

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 2/24 Bn A I F Date and Time.—From 26 Feb 41 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA	26 Feb		Approx 400 Members of the Bn went to JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV on 1-day leave. First warning received of proposed Bde movement to Western Desert.	
	27 Feb		Coy tng by those Coys NOT on Security Duties. 1NCO & 19 drs MT seconded for temporary duty with 9 Div H Q	
	28 Feb		Normal Routine	
			<p><i>W. Gasker</i> Major                      Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.F. 1902</p>	
			<p><i>W. Gasker</i> Capt.                      Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.</p>	



SECRET  
Report by Co. for Month of February 41.

TNG for WAR - 2/24 Bn AIF

NOT ready for WAR

HQ of Unit

Remarks

2/24 Bn AIF

1. Physical : Fit
2. Morale : Good
3. Weapons :
  - (a) Bayonet : Fit
  - (b) Rifle : Range practices fired at beginning of month. Results disappointing 47% failing to qualify. Need further firing practices to raise standard to anything like desirable standard. Essential to refire approx 150 men.
  - ~~(c)~~
  - (c) Bren : Range practices fired at beginning of month. 530 men fired 49.8% failed to qualify. Essential to refire 116 men. Very disappointing results. Handling of gun quite fair. Good progress during month.
  - (d) Mortars 2" : Fair  
Range practices has improved attitude towards weapon. Enthusiastic about hitting power.
  - (e) Boyes Rifle : With opportunity to fire will be able to express useful opinion. Handling fair
  - (f) Grenades : Progressing now we have three dummies
  - (g) Range finders : As before
  - (h) Pistols : ditto
4. Specialists
  - (a) Sigs : Good pl though now 7 under strength. Week in bivouac excellent. When fully equipped ready in under 4 weeks.
  - (b) AA. : Well trained in weapons. Require collective tng (BN)
  - (c) Gas : Respirator drill effective. NCO's now at schools will give effective tng in return.

4. Specialists  
cont.

- (d) Tpt : Good progress though short of vehicles for tng. Difficult to get continuous time owing to calls for various duties though useful in tng for driving. Tpt offr did excellently at recent Mech school.
- (e) Pioneers Pd works knowledge good, but need AG tng. Sgt now at school and this will be corrected on return. Need collective tng but whole Pl very efficient.
- (f) Carriers Fair considering only one vehicle available for tng. In these circumstances impossible to get effectiveness. Have had use of Vickers Gun for fortnight with good results.

5. Fieldcraft

Reasonable progress in all branches with exception of camouflage of which little has been done. Map reading among offr and NCOs is fair. Same applies to compass marching.

6. Tactical

(a) Field Firing Nil

(b) Night Tng Fair progress. Tried Bn night attack but not successful at this stage. Coy exercises each week and have done night occupations of trenches and reliefs quite satisfactorily. Patrol work fair and construction of wire obstacles carried out well. No change, satisfactory.

7. Adm

8. Personnel

As before all offr and NCOs who have attended schools have done well lectures being given by these offr to all offr and NCOs twice each week

9. Conclusion

Too many duties have to be performed to give much opportunity of really effective continuous tng. Each coy has been out for two days or longer on bivouac and get a real benefit as a result will continue this as long as possible. Progress of collective tng would have been much greater with fewer outside interruptions. Unit could fit itself rapidly for war given remainder of equipment and reasonable period free of garrison duties.

REPORT ON TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES - FEB 41.

Throughout this month all Bn drivers MT have received valuable experience in convoy work, sand driving and the importance of rapid personal movement. Many cases occurred where, at extremely short notice, a group of some twenty or more drivers have prepared themselves for an indefinite period of movement, in less than half an hour. This is good training for any troops, but drivers of mechanical vehicles in particular. It can be confidently said that the drivers of this Bn performed this section of their work satisfactorily.

Outside of unit convoy training and sand driving, all Bn drivers have driven vehicles as part of large convoys over long distances. Base Ordnance depot have called upon these men to move new vehicles from shipping centres to Base Depot and other advance depots. Generally speaking these men performed their task well, although the standard of driving has yet to be improved. On convoys commanded by the undersigned, changes in density, intentional alterations in driving speed and dispersion at halting places have all been practised with mixed results. Practice is the only training worth while in this type of work preferably in convoys of approximately twenty vehicles.

What advantages gained by this excessive amount of convoy work have been offset by a serious setback to unit transport training. It is almost impossible to carry on normal training with 1/3 only of the unit's drivers. This has been the case during the last month. Such work as Routine Maintenance, practical correction of mechanical and electrical faults, and a sound mechanical knowledge, still requires more time to form a really efficient Transport section. If every driver understood precisely what occurs mechanically under all driving conditions, and the necessary maintenance, for his own vehicle then the standard of training would be excellent. The drivers of this Bn have still many points to learn re this side of their training.

Owing to a small number of vehicles on strength throughout the month, drivers have been working to a "week on" programme. This has

enabled all personnel to keep acquainted with their job periodically. Perhaps the best training there has been the realisation of a driver MT being wanted for work at any time of the day or night. Consequently all personnel have to be trained for long working hours and little sleep.

Considering the lack of tools repairs have been carried out satisfactorily. All drivers on duty have had to make the ~~best~~ best use of this small amount of equipment. This in itself is beneficial.

A more thorough knowledge of map reading is required by all drivers. Owing to interruptions in training, this side of their work has suffered badly.

Summing up, the work of this section of the Bn has been satisfactorily carried out by all personnel under extreme difficulties, not the least of which is a decided lack of vehicles.

.....*W. J. H. H. H.*.....Lieut,  
TO, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

REPORT BY QUARTERMASTER FOR FEB 41

1. During the month, 1908 Pattern Equipment has been replaced by 1937 Pattern, ~~which~~ which no doubt is a great improvement, being lighter and better fitting. The mess tin is a vast improvement, on the old ~~pattern~~ pattern, being more portable and much easier to keep clean.
2. Pistols, revolver, Smith & Wesson Type .45 has been issued. This is an American pistol replacing the Webley type. Appears to be a good weapon but as yet untried by this unit.
3. Owing to the short scale of wood rations and the poor quality of wood, a number of cooking devices have been considered, The most favoured one being a SUMP OIL and water burner. The mixture of sump oil and water drips on to a hot plate, ignites, and produces a considerable flame under the article to be heated.

The secret of the device is a 14" hot plate and a good draught.

Pl cooking or food heating has caused some concern and some devices have been tried, the best to date being a cigarette tin 3/4 filled with sand and saturated with petrol. This has been found to burn for an hour and will provide sufficient heat to boil a mess tin of water or for heating food.

  
.....Capt

QM 2/24 Bn AIF

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

R.M.O Report Feb. 1941

Suck Parades. <sup>498</sup>/<sub>264</sub> patients have presented for treatment during the month. The great majority have been minor complaints, for example foot-diseases, lameness, & boils. During this period 20 patients have been evacuated to the C.S. or A.C.A. No cases of V.D. occurred. Of the evacuated cases respiratory infections were most prominent. The number of personnel marked "no duty" for each week were ~~28~~, 10, 32, 22, 40 taken by charge the health of the unit has been satisfactory.

R.A.P. Staff. — The personnel has been increased in new establishment. They have been selected with one exception are proving more than satisfactory.

Stretch Beavers — These have been trained fairly thoroughly and are now capable of carrying out efficient evacuation of wounded.

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Hygiene. Personnel are carrying out a satisfactory job. As far last month the number of latrine buckets & dustbins is inadequate for the number to be provided for.

The kitchens in the camp are all constructed on one plan which provides for a dusty, fly-infested kitchen with but one small page. One kitchen HQ Coy - has had more pages made by unit personnel & other kitchens are slowly receiving attention. This, of course, should have been done before this, though two cookhouses lacked the shelves necessary for conversion into pages.

This apparently considered that cleanliness in a unit is of minor importance as no scrubbing brushes or sandpaper have yet been supplied by ordnance. Fortunately the unit has bought brushes itself recently.

A marked improvement in mess tables was made early by making the centre plank removable, thus allowing adequate washing between cracks.

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The outbreak of dysentery & gastroenteritis last month has almost vanished this month largely owing in my opinion to more adequate provision for washing of hands & utensils. This lack of hot water was primarily caused by lack of fuel. At the moment gas diarrhoea is starting again no doubt due to the increasing water number of flies. A fortnightly issue of soap is now provided for personal washing is still theoretical. Washing facilities however, have improved since brigade showers have been in use.

Accommodation. Satisfactory

Rations. All more than satisfactory & a well balanced diet is being provided.

General. The footwear of the unit is also suffering through lack of materials for repair. Quite a number of men are marching on boots practically worn out. Much foot disability has been caused or aggravated by ill-fitting boots although this has been partially rectified during the past week or so. During this period the unit chaplain has done much to



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

improve the feet of the unit.

The general health of the men is certainly  
in large part due to the weekly ~~route~~ marches.  
This in part counteracts the debilitating effect of  
nightly visits to the wet camp. although this latter  
fortunately applies to a small minority only.

W. Robertson Capt.  
Rms of 2nd Bn.

1-28 Feb  
Casualty Returns  
Appx A

War Diary

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

2/24 BATTALION

(Unit) ..... 1 Feb 41 19..... (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.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	31		
Corporals	68		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	691		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>804</b>	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt	A A P C	7 Med Orderlies	A A M C
1 Armourer	A A O C		
1 Bootmaker	"		
3 MV Fitters	"		
1 Postal Orderly	A A Post Corps		
1 Battalion Driver	<del>A A Post Corps</del>		
1 Chapfist	A A M C		

**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).

2/24 Bn AIF

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.)															

2/24 BATTALION

Unit.

*[Signature]* Li ut. Col.  
Comd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde. AIF

Date of Despatch *1 Feb 44*

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/24 Bn AIF* (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).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
<b>TOTALS</b> ...	<b>39</b>		

\* 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.
Lieut Col	14540	SPOWER'S H	2/24	YES	Comd.
Major	47925	TASKER H M K	"	"	4/10
"	47354	TURNER W. A.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
"	47718	FELL L. A.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
Capt.	48424	WEIR C. G.	"	NO	Convalescent
"	48265	DICKINSON R.T.C.	"	YES	S.M.
"	48356	Conry L.G.	"	"	2/10 A Coy
"	48255	Anderson L.B.	"	"	O.C. B Coy
"	48105	Budge F.R.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
"	14039	Baillieu E	"	"	2/10 C Coy
"	47396	Bird A.C.B.	"	"	O.C. D Coy
"	14044	Geblhardt P	"	"	2/10 B Coy
"	48771	Mollard F.K.	"	"	2/10 D Coy
Lieut.	48526	Serle K.P.	"	"	I.O.
"	48808	Monette F.K.	"	"	O.C. No 1 Pln HQ Coy
"	48584	McIntyre R.D.	"	NO	MENTS Mtd Rifle Cise
"	48431	Snell H.W.	"	YES	O.C. No 3 Pl HQ Coy
"	48551	Hawke K.B.	"	"	O.C. No 4 Pl HQ Coy
"	48535	Gray R.J.	"	"	O.C. No 5 Pl HQ Coy
"	48512	Nolan G.E.	"	NO	Mech School 1st Lt Cpl
"	48625	Walker L.C.	"	YES	Pl. Comd A Coy
"	38761	Close M.D.	"	"	" " "
"	42600	Bryant G.H.	"	"	" " B Coy.
"	48605	Christie J.C.	"	NO	Mtd Bde Mtd. Mtd. Rifle
"	48175	Brook J.T.	"	YES	Mtd Lt.
"	47976	Shelton J.T.	"	NO	Mtd Bde former sold
"	48603	Rosell J.S.	"	YES	Pl Comd C Coy
"	48564	Kelly M.J.	"	"	" " " "
"	14344	White P.F.B.	"	"	" " " "
"	15347	Marfariant H	"	"	" " 1st R. Coy
"	38646	Mair J.L.	"	NO	Intelligence Cise
"	14957	Hayman P.S.	"	YES	Pl. Comd 1st R.
"	44846	Dennell H.H.	"	NO	Detached 7 Div.
"	46433	Payne M.K.	"	YES	Pl. Comd.
"	48825	Ebell J.C.	"	"	" " "
"	48604	Rush G.H.	"	"	" " "
"	48762	Oakley H.W.	"	"	O.C. 1st R.
"	46436	Harry EP	"	"	Pl. Comd
"	40766	Webster R.R.	"	"	" " "

(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.
MA 48597	Capt	Robertson T.E.G.	AAHC		R.M.O.
MA 70401	Chaplain	Conlan E.J.	AAChaplain C.		Padre

2/24 Bn HIF  
(Unit.)  
1 Feb 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Lieut. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn A.I.F. (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).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	26		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>39</b>		

\* 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.

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

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

**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.
Lt.-Col.	NX 14340	SPENCER A.	2/24	YES	Comd.
Major	" 47925	TASKER H.M.K.	"	"	2 1/2
"	" 48384	TURNER W.A.	"	"	O.C. "HQ" Coy
"	" 47818	FELL L.A.	"	"	O.C. "A" Coy
CAPT	" 48424	WEIR C.G.	"	NO	CONVALESCENT
"	" 48265	DICKINSON R.T.C.	"	YES	QM.
"	" 48356	CANTY L.S.	"	"	2 1/2 "A" Coy
"	" 48255	ANDERSON L.F.	"	"	O.C. "B" Coy
"	" 48105	BUDGE F.R.	"	"	O.C. "C" Coy
"	" 14039	BAILLIEN F.	"	"	2 1/2 "C" Coy
"	" 47396	BIRD A.E.B.	"	"	O.C. "D" Coy
"	" 14064	SEBASTROT P.	"	"	2 1/2 "B" Coy
"	" 48771	MOLLARD F.R.	"	"	2 1/2 "D" Coy
Lieut.	" 48826	SEALE R.P.	"	"	I.O.
"	" 48808	MONETTI F.A.	"	"	O.C. No 1 Pl. HQ Coy
"	" 48559	MEIGHAN R.O.	"	"	O.C. No 2 Pl. HQ Coy
"	" 48136	SHELL H.W.	"	"	O.C. No 3 Pl. HQ Coy
"	" 48551	HAWKE R.B.	"	"	O.C. No 4 Pl. HQ Coy
"	" 46535	SPRY R.J.	"	"	O.C. No 5 Pl. HQ Coy
"	" 48812	MATHAN S.E.	"	NO	ARMY SCHOOL 1885 COYS
"	" 48625	WALKER L.C.	"	YES	Pl Comd "A" Coy
"	" 38761	CLOSE M.D.	"	"	" " " "
"	" 48600	BRYANT S.A.	"	NO	In Hospital
"	" 48605	CHRISTIE J.C.	"	YES	2 1/2 "E" Coy 1st Bn
"	" 48175	BROCK J.T.	"	"	P/ADJT.
"	" 47976	SHELTON J.T.	"	"	Pl Comd "C" Coy
"	" 48603	ROSEL J.S.	"	"	" " " "
"	" 48564	KELLY M.J.	"	"	" " " "
"	" 19344	WHITE R.F.B.	"	"	" " "A" Coy
"	" 15347	MACFARLANE A.	"	"	" " 1st R. Coy
"	" 38646	MAIR J.L.	"	NO	INTELLIGENCE COURSE.
"	" 14987	HAYMAN P.S.	"	YES	Pl Comd 1st R. Coy
"	" 44546	DENNETT A.H.	"	NO	DETACHED 7 Div
"	" 46433	PAYNE M.K.	"	"	(No 24 Pl. Comd. Course (METS) ABBASSIA
"	" 48825	EBELL J.C.	"	YES	" " " "
"	" 48604	RASH S.H.	"	"	" " " "
"	" 48762	ORLEY A.H.	"	"	O.C. 1st R. Coy
"	" 40436	HARTY E.H.	"	"	Pl. Comd
"	" 40786	WEBSTER R.R.	"	"	" " " "

(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.
NX 48597	CAPT	ROBERTSON T.E.S.	AAIFC.		RMO
NX 70401	CHAPLAIN	CONLAN E.J.	ARCHDEACON		PADRE

2/24 Bn A.I.F.

(Unit.)

8 FEB 41

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Liut. Col.  
Comd. 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div.

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



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

(Unit) 87th 19 41 (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.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	31		
Corporals	68		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	688		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>801</b>	*	*

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

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

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgt	A.A.P.C.	3 Red Orderlies	A.A.M.C.
1 Ambulance	A.A.P.C.		
1 Bootmaker	"		
3 W. Fitters	"		
1 Postal Orderly	PA Post Corps		
1 Bullock Driver	26th Const Bty Sd		
1 Veterinary	A.A.M.C.		

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

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

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Unit.

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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.		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.)																

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Unit.

*[Signature]* Lieut. Col.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 9 Feb 41

26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*2/24 BN AIF* (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).
* .....			
* .....			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	8		
Lieutenants ... ..	26		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>39</b>		

\* 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.
Lt. Col	481300	SPENCER B	2/24	YES	Camp
MAJOR	47925	TAYLOR J M K	"	"	2/4
"	48385	TURNER W A	"	"	OC "HQ" Coy
"	47818	FELL L A	"	"	OC "A" Coy
CAPT	48424	NEAR C G	"	"	ROST
"	48215	DICKINSON R T C	"	"	Q M
"	48356	CANTY L G	"	"	2/4 "A" Coy
"	48255	ANDERSON L F	"	"	OC "B" Coy
"	48105	BROOK F R	"	"	OC "C" Coy
"	48039	BALLICU E	"	"	2/4 "C" Coy
"	47756	WARD A C A	"	"	OC "D" Coy
"	48424	SUNNABY	"	"	2/4 "B" Coy
"	48721	DILLARD	"	"	2/4 "D" Coy
LIEUT	48820	SEALE R A	"	"	LO
"	48808	MURPHY P R	"	"	OC "A" B. HQ Coy
"	48559	ALCHAM R A	"	NO	leave - Camp
"	48636	SMITH H N	"	YES	OC "A" B. HQ Coy
"	48551	HAWKE R B	"	"	OC "A" B. HQ Coy
"	48535	SMITH R J	"	"	OC "B" " " "
"	48812	BATHMAN S E	"	"	OC "C" " " "
"	48625	WALKER L C	"	"	P. Camp A Coy
"	38761	CLIVE M D	"	"	" " " "
"	48600	BEHRENS S A	"	NO	In Hospital
"	48605	CHRISTIE	"	YES	2/4 P Coy 1st Bn
"	48775	BROOK T T	"	"	Rost Rost
"	47976	SHEPHERD J T	"	NO	leave - Camp
"	48603	ROSE J S	"	YES	P. Camp C Coy
"	48564	KELLY M J	"	"	" " " "
"	48344	WHITE P B	"	"	" " " "
"	48347	MCCORLANE A	"	"	" " 1st Bn Coy
"	48646	MARR J L	"	"	" " D Coy
"	48987	BATHMAN P S	"	"	" " 1st Bn Coy
"	48346	DEWITT A H	"	NO	Detached 7 Div
"	48033	PAYNE M K	"	"	OC "A" B. HQ Coy
"	48925	EVANS J C	"	YES	P. Camp D Coy
"	48604	RUSH S H	"	"	P. Camp D Coy
"	48762	DARLEY A W	"	"	OC "A" B. HQ Coy
"	48016	MARTIN A P	"	"	P. Camp D Coy
"	48766	MARTIN A R	"	"	" " " " 3 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.
MAJOR	48559	ROBERTSON T G	ARMY		AMO
CHAPLAIN	48704	COLMAN E J	ARMY		AMO

2/24 Bn AIF  
 (Unit.)  
 15 FEB 41  
 (Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Capt.  
 Adjutant 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.  
 (Signature of Commander.)  
 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. 7th Aust. Div  
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

2/24 (Unit) 15 Feb 1941 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., and a TOTALS row with handwritten values 1, 5, 6, 2, 30, 67, 672, and 783.

\*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.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Handwritten entries include 1 PBY SGT (AA PC), 1 ARMOURER (AA OC), 1 BOOTMAKER, 3 PLY FITTERS, 1 POSTAL ORDERLY (AA Post Corps), 1 BATTERY DRIVER (26 AUS INF BDE), and 1 CHIROPODIST (AA MC).

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known). The table is currently empty.

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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	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.)															

2/24 Bn A.I.F.  
Unit.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 15 FEB 41

26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

War Diary 1-28 Feb

Appx B

Daily R.O.'s

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 98  
by

LIEUT.-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

BN PARADE.

1. A Bn parade will be held on the Bn parade ground at 0930 hrs 3 Feb 41. Coy markers will report to A/RSM at 0910 hrs.

Dress:- Working Dress, drill order.

LEAVE - TWO DAYS.

2. Two day leave is available in accordance with the following table. Coys will each nominate one O/R on the dates allotted.

<u>Commencing Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Coys to each nominate one O/R.</u>
9 Feb 41	Jerusalem	A, B, C.
	Tel Aviv	HQ, D, E.
16 Feb 41	Jerusalem	Bn HQ, HQ, D.
	Tel Aviv	A, B, C.

Nominations for leave commencing 9 Feb to be submitted to Bn HQ by 1000 hrs 8 Feb and for 16 Feb by 1000 hrs 15 Feb.

AIR MAIL - CLOSING TIMES.

3. Closing times for air mail at Bn P.O. are now as follows:-

0800 hrs - Tuesdays  
0800 hrs - Fridays  
Supplementary Mail - 0830 hrs - Saturdays (Urgent Mail Only)

F.P.O. is now situated next to Bde HQ Hardstanding opp rd leading to Bde HQ.

DEFAULTERS.

4. The following personnel will answer all defaulters' calls for the periods named commencing at Reveille 2 Feb 41.

VX 32530	Pte McMahon J.	- "C" Coy	- 4 days
VX 28567	Pte Cameron K.D.	- "C" Coy	- 4 days
VX 31643	Pte McDonald G.	- "C" Coy	- 4 days
VX 30736	Pte Wade R.	- "C" Coy	- 4 days
VX 24892	Pte Wilson R.E.T.	- "C" Coy	- 4 days
VX 22937	Pte McGowan L.G.	- "C" Coy	- 4 days
VX 28358	Pte Murley A.W.	- "C" Coy	- 1 day
VX 29161	Pte Mooney K.J.	- "C" Coy	- 1 day.

J. L. Brock Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

Advice has been received from their manager in Palestine that Cable and Wireless Limited sincerely regret, owing to circumstances beyond their control, that there was considerable delay in the delivery of Christmas telegrams.

Normal E.F.M. telegrams are not now subject to undue delay.



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R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1 No ~~98~~ 99  
by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

BN PARADES.

1. (a) The Bn less "C" Coy will parade on the Bn parade ground at 0930 hrs 4 Feb.  
 (b) Markers to report to W.O.11 Dalton at 0910 hrs.  
 (c) "E" Coy and Bn HQ will parade as one coy.  
 (d) Coys will be sized and equalized.  
 (e) Dress: Working Dress or shorts, shirts drill order.

2. (a) A Bn parade will be held on the afternoon of 4 Feb outside the camp area.  
 (b) HQ Coy as organised at morning parade will pass Gd Room at 1315 hrs. Remaining coys as organised at morning parade will follow at 1½ minute intervals in following order:- A, B, D, E and Bn HQ.  
 (c) Coys will hand to A/Adjt by 1310 hrs a complete parade state.  
 (d) Dress:-  
 Offrs:- Cloth uniform, hats and gaiters, web belts.  
 O/Rs:- S.D., drill order.  
 (e) Midday meal 4 Feb will be at 1215 hrs.

RANGE PRACTICE - "D" COY 3.  
4 FEB 41.  
 (a) Tpt convoy will form up on road outside Bn HQ at 1200 hrs for loading of packs, blankets and stores.  
 (b) Convoy will disperse after loading and will R.V. on road outside 7 Div Cav Regt at 1515 hrs. Tpt sgt will report to A/Adjt for detailed instructions and will ensure that convoy is reassembled in the same order as it is placed at 1200 hrs.  
 (c) "D" Coy will break off Bn parade and will embus at convoy R.V.

RIFLE INSPECTION.

4. (a) Coys will arrange to withdraw rifles (complete) for armourer's inspection by 0900 hrs on the following dates:-  
 "B" Coy 6 Feb "HQ" Coy 10 and 11 Feb "D" Coy 13 Feb  
 "C" Coy 7 Feb "A" Coy 12 Feb "E" and Bn HQ 14 Feb

(b) Coys will arrange for all rifles to be handed in to R.Q. Store by 0900 hrs on the relative dates.  
 (c) Coys will submit to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs on the day prior to that on which the inspection is to be carried out a return of all deficiencies or defects in rifles on issue.  
 (d) Duty coy between 0830 hrs and 1200 hrs on the dates mentioned above will provide a prowling picquet in the lines of the coy whose rifles are withdrawn for inspection.

DEFAULTERS.

5. The following soldiers will attend all defaulters' parades for the periods shown:-  
 VX 34970 Pte Tunks L. - "A" Coy - Reveille 4 Feb until Lights Out 8 Feb  
 VX 34859 Pte Doran A. - "A" Coy - " " " " " " " " "  
 VX 23725 Pte White F. H. - "D" Coy - Reveille 4 Feb until Lights Out 7 Feb

J. T. Brock Lieut.,  
A/Adjt, 2/24 Bn, A I F.

N O T I C E.

LOST: In "A" and "B" Coys latrine - Brown leather money belt containing LP 1 and loose change, the property of VX 48649 Pte Neal R.J.L.  
(Bn HQ)

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4 Feb 41.

R O U T I N E                      O R D E R S

Part 1

No 100

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

CAMOUFLAGING OF TENTS.

1. Ref Bn R O No 92 para 2 (b) of 21 Jan  
A number of tents have not been re-splashed with mud since the  
last rain. This will be carried out by all Coys by 1700hrs  
5 Feb 41.

RETREAT CHANGE OF TIME.

2. As from and including Wed 5 Feb 41,  
Retreat will be sounded at 1745hrs, and Guard and Duties  
parade at 1720hrs.

BOUNDS. 2/6 Fd Amb LINES.

3. (a) The 2/6 Fd Amb lines are out of  
bounds unless on duty.

(b) It has been brought to notice that  
O/Rs are using the 2/6 Fd Amb showers and Officers and Sgts  
Latrines. These practices will cease immediately and any  
personnel offending will be punished as being out of bounds.

MESSING ARRANGEMENTS 6-7 Feb.

4. (a) E Coy personnel returning from  
JAFFA range 6 Feb 41 will mess with HQ Coy for evening meal.  
(b) On 7 Feb 41 in addition to mess-  
ing 37 O/Rs returning from JAFFA range will mess the follow-  
ing personnel for evening meal only:-

"A" Coy 11  
"B" " 9  
"C" " 9  
"D" " 9

(c) On 6 Feb 41 Drs M T will be mess-  
ed by HQ Coy instead of Duty Coy for evening meal.

LEAVE CAIRO O/Rs.

5. Leave for 2 O/Rs to CAIRO 10 Feb 41-  
18 Feb 41 is available. Following Coys will each submit one  
nomination to Bn HQ by 1700hrs 5 Feb 41.

"A" Coy  
"E" "

Bn HQ to be advised immediately if no nominee is available.

J T Brock Lieut.  
Acting Adjutant 2/24 Bn AIF

N O T I C E.

A bunch of keys has been returned to Bde HQ. These were left in a leave  
bus returning from TEL-AVIV or JERUSALEM. Owner to report to Bn HQ.

7 Feb 41.

NOTICES

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1. No 101

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

CORRIGENDUM. 1. Ref Bn RO No 99 of 3 Feb 41 para 4 (d) (Rifle Inspection). For "1200 hrs" read "1700 hrs".

SECURITY OF ARMS AND AMN. 2. Ref Bn ROs No 80 of 4 Jan 41 para 2 and No 81 of 5 Jan 41 para 4. Any deficiencies actually existing in the arms or amn on issue to the Bn Gd at the date and time of the daily return will be included in the return.

CHARGE REPORTS. 3. In all cases of conviction on a charge of drunkenness (AA 19) coy Comds will indicate on the AAF A 4 whether the conviction is the first, second, third etc conviction as shown in the Field Conduct Book (AF B 122) of the offender. Attention is also drawn to Bn RO No 73 of 27 Dec 40 para 3 the provisions of which are not being observed in all cases.

AIRING OF BLANKETS. 4. Blankets will be aired under coy arrangements on the first fine day in each week.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST. 5. A complete amended price list of all commodities handled by AACS is kept at Bn HQ. In the event of any question arising as to the price of an article personnel should immediately request the Bn Ord Offr or Ord Sgt to check the price with the Canteen Sgt.

P.A.D. BLACKOUT. 6. Attention has been drawn by Area PAD offr to the following matters (inter alia) which render the blackout inefficient and are therefore a source of danger:-  
i. Doors of blacked out huts left open.  
ii. Flaps of lighted tents left open.

All ranks will avoid using doors of lighted offices more often than is essential and in no circumstances will leave the doors open.

Care will be taken to examine lighted tents from the outside to ensure that no light is visible through the flaps or the walls of the tents or, in the case of EPIP tents, through the windows. Failure to ensure strict compliance with this order may result in the confiscation or withdrawal of lamps.

THEFTS FROM AIF CAMPS. 7. It has been brought to notice that the Police would be considerably assisted in their work of control of theiving among the Arab villagers if reason can be found for searching homes. The practice is to search the home when an arrest is made; e.g. a lad taken into custody in possession of stolen goods, in which case his home is searched.

Cases occur where Arabs are found making renewed attempts to enter a camp in circumstances which justify suspicion. They should be arrested and the facts reported to the Civil Police at once, thus enabling them to search the village home.

Personnel must NOT make arrests indiscriminately but should have reasonable grounds for suspicion before taking action.

TENT GUY ROPES. 8. The practice of joining guy ropes of two or more tents to form drying lines is irregular and dangerous, particularly at night. The practice will be immediately discontinued.

DEFAULTERS. 9. The following will attend all defaulters' parades from Reveille 6 Feb until Lights Out 8 Feb 41:-  
VX 29525 Pte Simmons J.P. - "A" Coy.

J. T. Brock Lieut.,  
Actg Adjt, 2/24 Bn.

(Notice on board)

NOTICES.

FOUND: Silver Signet Ring engraved with initials "W.S.L."

LOST: Helmet, steel, belonging to VX 48649 Pte Neal R.J.L. Bn HC left in "A" and "B" Coys' latrines.

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R O U T I N E                      O R D E R S.

Part 1

No 103

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C:    COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION AIF

CAIRO LEAVE OFFRS 1. Leave to CAIRO is available for two offrs from 14-21 Feb 41. Applications to be submitted to Adjnt by 1400 hrs Tues 11 Feb.

ACF ISSUE 2. Receipt is acknowledged of the following articles :-

Razor blades	855 pkts
Tobacco	853 "
Cigarettes	853 "

The above has been distributed to personnel as under :-

	Razor blade pkts	Tobacco tins	Cigarette papers
Bn HQ	51	51	51
HQ Coy	218	218	218
A "	125	125	125
B "	121	121	121
C "	127	127	127
D "	123	123	123
E "	79	79	79
Retained for personnel on detachment	11	9	9
	<u>855</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>853</u>

DUTIES 3. Duty coys will in future detail the following fatigues to report to the Sgt's mess at 0700 hrs daily.

Mess waiters	-	2 O/R's
Kitchen	-	3 O/R's
fatigue		( in lieu of 4 O/R's as at present detailed )

Fatigues will remain on duty for the remainder of the same day

DEFAULTERS 4. The following will answer all defaulters parades from Reveille 7 Feb 41 and Lights out 10 Feb 41

VX 30023 Pte O'RAFFERTY G.T. "D" coy

The following will answer all defaulters parades from Reveille 8 Feb to Lights out 11 Feb 41

VX 31643 Pte McDONALD G. "C" coy

J.T. BROCK LIEUT

Acting Adjnt 2/24 Bn AIF

R O U T I N E O R D E R S .

Part 1

No 103

by

LIEUT-COL. A.SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C : COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A I F.

Lecture-Ops BARDIA and TOBRUK 1. (a) A lecture on ops at BARDIA and TOBRUK will be delivered to offr's by Col F.H. Berryman CRA 7 Aust Div at Cinema DEIR SUNEID on Thurs 13 Feb at 0930 hrs. O/Rs will not attend.

offr per coy will attend

(b) All offr's other than duty offr's and one

(c) Offr's attending will report BnHQ 0900 hrs

(d) Dress : Offr's cloth, caps FS.

(e) HQ coy will provide necessary tpt to

report BnHQ 0900 hrs.

AA PROTECTION 2. From 1100 hrs 10 Feb until 0630 hrs 15 Feb Duty Coys will provide 2 NCO's and 40/Rs to man AA post in accordance with Standing orders.

DRIVING IN NATIVE VILLAGES 3. Drs of MVs will not drive through the streets of native villages except in cases of necessity. In no circumstances will drs undergoing instruction drive in streets.

SICK PARADE 4. Personnel on Gd duty parading sick will do so at the normal sick parade at 0645 hrs and NOT at varying periods during the day. If necessary Gd comds will relieve such personnel to enable them to attend sick parades.

SANITATION. 5. Instances have occurred in which grease traps have been blocked by rubbish such as peeling tea leaves etc. This practice endangers the health of personnel and strict supervision will be maintained by coys to ensure that it does NOT recur.

DEFAULTERS. 6 The following will attend all defaulter's parades commencing from Reveille 10 Feb. for the period indicated.

VX 28429	Pte	RITCHIE E.O.	"C" coy	3 days
VX 28356	"	HEWITT C.W.	"C" "	3 "
VX 32530	"	McMAHON J.	"C" "	7 "

C.G. WEIR CAPT.

Adj't 2/24 Bn AIF.

N O T I C E .

LOST. From Sgt's cook house 1 wristlet watch inscribed " From Bill and Nell to Geo."

1 Hat khaki fur felt - branded " G.B BRENCHLEY "- lost in "E" coy lines.

1 pair of Rosary beads- J.M.V.KENNEDY ( RAP )

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11 Feb 41.

R O U T I N E        O R D E R S

Part 1

No 104

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A. I. F.

RIFLE INSPECTION.

1. Ref Bn RO No 99 para 4 of 3 Feb.  
"D" Coy rifles will be inspected 12 Feb and  
"A" Coy rifles on 13 Feb.

CAIRO LEAVE.

2. Cairo leave for 2 O/Rs is available 17 Feb to 25 Feb 41. The following coys will each submit one nomination to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 12 Feb from which leave party will be selected:-

"HQ" Coy  
"B" Coy  
"C" Coy  
"D" Coy.

AUST ARMY CANTEEN SERVICES.

3. Applications are invited from personnel of Units of 7 Aust Div who are desirous of transferring to the Aust Army Canteen. Service Vacancies exist for Canteen Sgts, Canteen Assistants and escorts. Qualified Accountants are also required as auditors. Applications should state the appointment for which they are made and their qualifications for same. Applications will be fwded to Bn HQ by 0900 hrs on 13 Feb 41.

DEFAULTERS.

4. The following will attend all defaulters' parades commencing Reveille 11 Feb for the periods stated:-

VX 46971 Pte Radford A.E.J. - Bn HQ - 7 days  
VX 34354 Pte Dorian M.A. - HQ Coy - 7 days  
VX 34295 Pte Williams F. - HQ Coy - 7 days  
VX 34498 Pte McLarty R.J. - A Coy - 7 days

C. G. Weir      Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

(c) The following coys will detail from the leave parties to carry rifle and ten rds SAA in accordance with SO PAL :-

	From TEL AVIV one day leave party	From JERUSALEM one day leave party	From JERUSALEM 2 day leave party.
BN HQ	1 O/R		
HQ Coy	2 "	1 O/R	1 O/R
A "	1 "	1 "	
B "	2 "	1 "	
C "	1 "	1 "	1 "
D "	2 "	1 "	
E "	1 "	1 "	
Total	10 "	6 "	2 "

(d) Duty coy 26 Feb will detail JERUSALEM Picquet of 1 offr 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 10 O/Rs in accordance with SO PAL Pam 3. Picquet will carry unexpended portion of days ration.

(e) HQ coy will provide necessary tpt for picquet.

(f) Standing instns for leave parties will be strictly observed save as hereby modified.

SCHOOLS : REPORTS of RESULTS OBTAINED. 6

(a) WTS AIF Reinforcement Depot No 6 Course 30 Dec 40 - 10 Jan 41:-

		Exam results	Order of merit
VX 38646	Lieut MAIR J.L. Passed	88.5%	2.
VX 32634	Sgt CATHERALL J. "	74 %	32

( ) MEWTS- No 17 Mortar Course 5/23 Jan 41

VX 21576	Sgt WILSHIRE L. Qualified
VX 44187	" HANSON A. "

DEFAULTERS PDES 7. (a) Defaulters pdes will be held from 0635hrs to 0700hrs and from 1630hrs to 1645hrs daily.

defaulters will parade to Bn O Sgt. Dress:- SD, marching order with two blankets in pack. Defaulters late for parade or incorrectly dressed will be disciplined., defaulters

(b) At all other defaulter's pdes, will parade in working dress prepared to carry out such fatigues as are required by the Bn Orderly Offr.

DEFAULTERS .8

The following will attend defaulters pdes for the periods shown :-

VX 34394	Pte O'BRYAN M.J	HQ Coy Reveille	13 Feb-	Lights Out	16 Feb
VX 34436	" CLARK D.A.	" "	" "	" "	" "
VX 44540	" BUTLER L.T.	A "	" 14	" "	20 Feb

C.G.WEIR CAPT  
Adjnt, 2/24 Bn AIF.

NOTICE

A parcel containing snapshot album and postcards has been returned to Bde HQ. Same was left on two day leave bus returning from TEL AVIV on Tue 11 Feb 41.



13 Feb 41

Part 1 ROUTINE ORDERS by No 105.

LIEUT-COL A. SPWERS. D.S.O., M.C. : COLD 2/24 Bn AIF.

B.B.C. BROADCASTS. The B.B.C will broadcast a request programme for British Forces in the ME on Thu 13 Feb at 2030 hrs including Sandy Macpherson on the Theatre Organ

BATHING PARADES. 2. Use of showers is allotted to 2/24 Bn on Fri 14 Feb. Coys will hold bathing pdes as under

A Coy	0900 hrs	-1030 hrs.
E Coy BnHQ	1030 hrs	-1130 hrs
B Coy	1130	-1300 "
HQ "	1400	-1500 "
C "	1500	-1600 "
D "	1600	-1700 "

BOXING CONTEST 3. A boxing contest between AIF and BEF has been arranged and same is to take place in JERUSALEM in approx 2 weeks' time.

7 Div are anxious to find out whether there are in this Bde any boxers in tngs in the following classes:-

Heavy weight	Catchweight
Light heavy weight	12 st. 7 lbs and under
Middle weight	11 6 " "
Welter weight	10 7 " "
Light "	9 9 " "
Feather weight	9 - " "
Bantam "	8 6 " "
Fly "	8 - " "

As there is to be only one representative of the AIF in each of the above weights, the standard will have to be high.

Any soldier eligible to compete in one or more of the above classes will hand his name and particulars to Lieut Webster before 1800 hrs Fri 14 Feb

LEAVE CAIRO. 4. The following are all granted leave to CAIRO 17-25 Feb 41

VX 35012	Pte ORMSBY A.L.	HQ Coy
VX 32809	Cpl DINGWALL L.J.	B "
VX 24987	Pte GIERSCH C.D.	C "
VX 47484	Pte KNIGHT C.C.	D "

The above party 1/c Cpl Dingwall L.J. will report to Bn HQ at 1100 hrs Mon 17 Feb 41 and will report HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde at 1115 hrs.

Unexpended portion of day's rations will be carried.

LEAVE JERUSALEM. 5. (a) The following allotment of 1 & 2 days leave on or commencing on Wed 26 Feb 41 is available to Coys in accordance with the following table

	TEL AVIV 1 day	JERUSALEM 1 day	JERUSALEM 2 days
Bn HQ	15 0/Rs	9 0/Rs	3 0/Rs
HQ Coy	60 "	36 "	12 "
A "	35 "	21 "	7 "
B "	35 "	21 "	7 "
C "	35 "	21 "	7 "
D "	35 "	21 "	7 "
E "	25 "	15 "	5 "
Offrs	10	6	2
Total			
all ranks	250	150	50

(b) Nominal rolls accompanied by cash to cover fares in case of one day leave and applications in writing by offrs will be submitted to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs Mon 24 Feb

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 by No 106

LIEUT-COL A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. : COMD 2/24 BN AIF.

ROUTE MARCH 1. (a) The Bn will move out of camp on a route march on Sat 15 Feb 41.

(b) Route:-  
Camp-NAJD-HUJ-KILO 89--Camp

(c) Order of march

BnHQ	)	
HQ	Coy	)
A	"	) 150x distance between
C	"	) coys
D	"	)
E	"	)

(d) Start Line -- 2/6 Fd Amb hard standing.

(e) Start Time -- Head of coln to pass start line at 0900hrs

(f) Rations -- Midday meal and filled water bottles will be carried

(g) Dress -- Shirts shorts, Battle order.

SOCCER MATCH 2. A challenge match is being arranged between AIF and AIF v PALESTINE Palestine Police.

POLICE

The date for the fixture has not been decided yet, but in order that practice matches may be arranged, coys are asked to fwd nominations to Lieut Webster not later than 1200hrs Sun 16 Feb 41.

The Palestine Police team is considered fairly strong a accordingly players nominated will need to be of a high standard.

Details of past experience and some comments as to standard will accompany nominations

SIGS 1 AUST BASE AREA 3. Applications are invited from personnel who have the necessary qualifications and are desirous of transfer to Sigs 1 Aust Base Area, a new unit which is being formed. The following are required :-

- 15 operators with PMG experience or a high standard of tng.
- 8 operators with medium tng in signalling.
- 6 linesmen, preferably with experience in maintenance of permanent poled routes.
- 2 D Rs
- 2 instrument mechanics with civil tng.
- 3 sig electricians
- 7 batmen

Applicants should state their age, military service and qualifications for the posn applied for. Applications will be fwded with recommendations of OC Coys to reach Bn HQ by 0900hrs 17 Feb 41.

AUST HQ GD BN 4. There are still vacancies in Aust Gd Bn.

In no circumstances will personnel desiring transfer make application direct to the Gd Bn. All such applications will be made to Coy Comds and will be submitted by them with recommendations to CO.

LEAVE TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM 5.

In future offrs i/c leave parties to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM will hand to member of 7 Aust Pro Coy on duty at debussing point a nominal roll of unit personnel on leave in these cities. The period of leave will be indicated in the nominal roll.

C.G. WEIR. Capt  
A djt. 2/24 Bn AIF.

15 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No 107

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.SECURITY.

1. (a) The attention of all ranks is to be again directed to the necessity for the carrying out and policing of security precautions.

Perimeter sentries will ensure that Arabs are not permitted to enter the camp, except by main roads, for any reason whatever.

Any soldier whether on duty or not is authorised to examine the pass and identity card of any person in the camp area at any time.

Prowling picquets will make a practice of examining passes and identity cards of any workmen in their area at least once daily.

Workmen and others having business in the camp area must have both a pass and an identity disc and any person found with only one or the other or neither will be immediately paraded to Bn HQ under escort. Sentries of the camp entrance will take particular care to admit no civilian who is not in possession of both these means of identification.

(b) The Bn Orderly Sgt will each day supervise the collection of waste paper from offices, officers' quarters etc. which will be collected and burnt immediately under his personal supervision.

RIFLE INSPECTION. 2. Ref Bn RO No 99 para 4 of 3 Feb 41.  
Bn HQ and E Coy rifles will be inspected on 19 Feb 41.

BAND CONTEST. 3. A Band Contest has been arranged for units of 7 Aust Div and will be held at GAZA on 2 Mar 41 commencing at 1000 hrs.

Further details concerning the attendance of members of this unit in support of the Regimental Band will be promulgated at a later date.

C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

NOTICES.DEATHS.

The Commanding Officer regrets to announce the deaths by accident and illness of the following members of the 2/24 Battalion on the dates shown below:-

VX 41073 PTE LLOYD H. V. - 31 Dec 40

VX 35238 SGT FISHLOCK E. A. - 21 Jan 41.

LOST.

(a) A stainless steel wrist watch with ~~screen~~<sup>screw</sup> back and leather cover and strap was lost on the rifle range on 3 Feb 41. Initials "C.S.T." are engraved on back of the watch. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

(b) In "E" Coy's latrines, a brown leather money belt, unbranded, containing a sum of money. Finder please return to VX 32476 Pte O'Brien R.S., "E" Coy.

FOUND.

A silver signet ring with initials "D.C." engraved. Owner may obtain same on application to BN HQ.

16 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 108

by

LIEUT-COL A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. : COMD 2/24 BN AIF.Special 2 day leave JERUSALEM 1.

- (a) The ACF is providing two <sup>days</sup> leave to JERUSALEM free of charge for a limited number of personnel. Such leave will include free tpt and free accommodation at the Aust Soldiers Club and two free walking tours through the city.
- (b) The allotment to this unit is 8 O/Rs
- (c) It is especially recommended that particular consideration be given to married men on a low drawing rate with good conduct sheets.
- (d) The leave will commence on 26 Feb 41.
- (e) HQ coy and each rifle coy will each submit 2 nominations and BnHQ and E coy will each submit one nomination of personnel from whom the unit party will be selected.
- (b) Nominations must reach BnHQ by 1700 hrs 18 Feb 41.

Duties-7 Aust Div HQ Gd 2.

- (a) 2/24 Bn will mount 7 Aust Div HQ Gd during the week commencing 1700hrs Sun 23 Feb 41.
- (b) The Gd consisting of 1 offr 1 Sgt 2 Cpls and 13 O/Rs will be provided by duty coys.

Security 3.

- (a) Ref Bn RO No 107 para 1(a)
- (b) Gd Comds will warn sentries that civilian employees of the RE do NOT have a camp pass in the ordinary form, but are issued with a numbered disc which must be produced by them instead of a pass.

Bathing Parades 4

- (a) Use of showers is allotted to 2/24 Bn on Wed 19 Feb 41 & Sun 23 Feb 41
- (b) Bathing parades will be held in accordance with the following table.

19 Feb 41				23 Feb 41			
HQ Coy	0900 hrs	-1030 hrs		D Coy	0900 hrs	-1000 hrs.	
BnHQ & E	1030 hrs	-1130 hrs		BnHQ & E	1100 hrs	-1200 hrs	
A Coy	1130 "	-1230 "		A Coy	1200 "	-1300 "	
B "	1400 "	-1500 "		B "	1400 "	-1500 "	
D "	1500 "	-1600 "		C "	1500 "	-1600 "	
C "	1600 "	-1700 "		HQ "	1600 "	-1700 "	

Lecture on OPS at TOBRUK 5.

- (a) The second of a series of lectures by Col F.H. Berryman CRA 7 Aust Div on the ops at TOBRUK will be delivered at the Cinema DIER SUNEID on Sat 22 Feb at 0930 hrs.
- (b) All offrs except those on duty will attend.  
Dress :- Offrs cloth FS, Caps.
- (c) Offrs will RV at Bn HQ at 0900 hrs.
- (d) HQ Coy will provide necessary tpt.

Course of Instrn Drs MF and Mechs 6

- (a) A 6 days course of of instrns for D & M will commence at Tpt office at 0900 hrs 17 Feb and will be completed at 1615 hrs 22 Feb.
- (b) Coys will ensure that their dr mechs attend at the hard standing at PTC.

ROUTINE ORDERS

(Cont from over leaf)

0900 hrs daily during the course

(c) In order to minimise interruptions to the course, requisitions for transport will be kept to an absolute minimum.

C.G. WEIR CAPT

ADJT 2/24 IN AIF.

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H Coy	0900 hrs-1000 hrs	D Coy	0900 hrs-1000 hrs
I Coy	1000 hrs-1100 hrs	E Coy	1000 hrs-1100 hrs
J Coy	1100 hrs-1200 hrs	F Coy	1100 hrs-1200 hrs
K Coy	1200 hrs-1300 hrs	G Coy	1200 hrs-1300 hrs
L Coy	1300 hrs-1400 hrs	H Coy	1300 hrs-1400 hrs
M Coy	1400 hrs-1500 hrs	I Coy	1400 hrs-1500 hrs
N Coy	1500 hrs-1600 hrs	J Coy	1500 hrs-1600 hrs
O Coy	1600 hrs-1700 hrs	K Coy	1600 hrs-1700 hrs
P Coy	1700 hrs-1800 hrs	L Coy	1700 hrs-1800 hrs
Q Coy	1800 hrs-1900 hrs	M Coy	1800 hrs-1900 hrs
R Coy	1900 hrs-2000 hrs	N Coy	1900 hrs-2000 hrs
S Coy	2000 hrs-2100 hrs	O Coy	2000 hrs-2100 hrs
T Coy	2100 hrs-2200 hrs	P Coy	2100 hrs-2200 hrs
U Coy	2200 hrs-2300 hrs	Q Coy	2200 hrs-2300 hrs
V Coy	2300 hrs-2400 hrs	R Coy	2300 hrs-2400 hrs
W Coy	2400 hrs-2500 hrs	S Coy	2400 hrs-2500 hrs
X Coy	2500 hrs-2600 hrs	T Coy	2500 hrs-2600 hrs
Y Coy	2600 hrs-2700 hrs	U Coy	2600 hrs-2700 hrs
Z Coy	2700 hrs-2800 hrs	V Coy	2700 hrs-2800 hrs
AA Coy	2800 hrs-2900 hrs	W Coy	2800 hrs-2900 hrs
AB Coy	2900 hrs-3000 hrs	X Coy	2900 hrs-3000 hrs
AC Coy	3000 hrs-3100 hrs	Y Coy	3000 hrs-3100 hrs
AD Coy	3100 hrs-3200 hrs	Z Coy	3100 hrs-3200 hrs
AE Coy	3200 hrs-3300 hrs	AA Coy	3200 hrs-3300 hrs
AF Coy	3300 hrs-3400 hrs	AB Coy	3300 hrs-3400 hrs
AG Coy	3400 hrs-3500 hrs	AC Coy	3400 hrs-3500 hrs
AH Coy	3500 hrs-3600 hrs	AD Coy	3500 hrs-3600 hrs
AI Coy	3600 hrs-3700 hrs	AE Coy	3600 hrs-3700 hrs
AJ Coy	3700 hrs-3800 hrs	AF Coy	3700 hrs-3800 hrs
AK Coy	3800 hrs-3900 hrs	AG Coy	3800 hrs-3900 hrs
AL Coy	3900 hrs-4000 hrs	AH Coy	3900 hrs-4000 hrs
AM Coy	4000 hrs-4100 hrs	AI Coy	4000 hrs-4100 hrs
AN Coy	4100 hrs-4200 hrs	AJ Coy	4100 hrs-4200 hrs
AO Coy	4200 hrs-4300 hrs	AK Coy	4200 hrs-4300 hrs
AP Coy	4300 hrs-4400 hrs	AL Coy	4300 hrs-4400 hrs
AQ Coy	4400 hrs-4500 hrs	AM Coy	4400 hrs-4500 hrs
AR Coy	4500 hrs-4600 hrs	AN Coy	4500 hrs-4600 hrs
AS Coy	4600 hrs-4700 hrs	AO Coy	4600 hrs-4700 hrs
AT Coy	4700 hrs-4800 hrs	AP Coy	4700 hrs-4800 hrs
AU Coy	4800 hrs-4900 hrs	AQ Coy	4800 hrs-4900 hrs
AV Coy	4900 hrs-5000 hrs	AR Coy	4900 hrs-5000 hrs
AW Coy	5000 hrs-5100 hrs	AS Coy	5000 hrs-5100 hrs
AX Coy	5100 hrs-5200 hrs	AT Coy	5100 hrs-5200 hrs
AY Coy	5200 hrs-5300 hrs	AU Coy	5200 hrs-5300 hrs
AZ Coy	5300 hrs-5400 hrs	AV Coy	5300 hrs-5400 hrs
BA Coy	5400 hrs-5500 hrs	AW Coy	5400 hrs-5500 hrs
BB Coy	5500 hrs-5600 hrs	AX Coy	5500 hrs-5600 hrs
BC Coy	5600 hrs-5700 hrs	AY Coy	5600 hrs-5700 hrs
BD Coy	5700 hrs-5800 hrs	AZ Coy	5700 hrs-5800 hrs
BE Coy	5800 hrs-5900 hrs	BA Coy	5800 hrs-5900 hrs
BF Coy	5900 hrs-6000 hrs	BB Coy	5900 hrs-6000 hrs
BG Coy	6000 hrs-6100 hrs	BC Coy	6000 hrs-6100 hrs
BH Coy	6100 hrs-6200 hrs	BD Coy	6100 hrs-6200 hrs
BI Coy	6200 hrs-6300 hrs	BE Coy	6200 hrs-6300 hrs
BJ Coy	6300 hrs-6400 hrs	BF Coy	6300 hrs-6400 hrs
BK Coy	6400 hrs-6500 hrs	BG Coy	6400 hrs-6500 hrs
BL Coy	6500 hrs-6600 hrs	BH Coy	6500 hrs-6600 hrs
BM Coy	6600 hrs-6700 hrs	BI Coy	6600 hrs-6700 hrs
BN Coy	6700 hrs-6800 hrs	BJ Coy	6700 hrs-6800 hrs
BO Coy	6800 hrs-6900 hrs	BK Coy	6800 hrs-6900 hrs
BP Coy	6900 hrs-7000 hrs	BL Coy	6900 hrs-7000 hrs
BQ Coy	7000 hrs-7100 hrs	BM Coy	7000 hrs-7100 hrs
BR Coy	7100 hrs-7200 hrs	BN Coy	7100 hrs-7200 hrs
BS Coy	7200 hrs-7300 hrs	BO Coy	7200 hrs-7300 hrs
BT Coy	7300 hrs-7400 hrs	BP Coy	7300 hrs-7400 hrs
BU Coy	7400 hrs-7500 hrs	BQ Coy	7400 hrs-7500 hrs
BV Coy	7500 hrs-7600 hrs	BR Coy	7500 hrs-7600 hrs
BW Coy	7600 hrs-7700 hrs	BU Coy	7600 hrs-7700 hrs
BX Coy	7700 hrs-7800 hrs	BV Coy	7700 hrs-7800 hrs
BY Coy	7800 hrs-7900 hrs	BW Coy	7800 hrs-7900 hrs
BZ Coy	7900 hrs-8000 hrs	BX Coy	7900 hrs-8000 hrs
CA Coy	8000 hrs-8100 hrs	BY Coy	8000 hrs-8100 hrs
CB Coy	8100 hrs-8200 hrs	BZ Coy	8100 hrs-8200 hrs
CC Coy	8200 hrs-8300 hrs	CA Coy	8200 hrs-8300 hrs
CD Coy	8300 hrs-8400 hrs	CB Coy	8300 hrs-8400 hrs
CE Coy	8400 hrs-8500 hrs	CC Coy	8400 hrs-8500 hrs
CF Coy	8500 hrs-8600 hrs	CD Coy	8500 hrs-8600 hrs
CG Coy	8600 hrs-8700 hrs	CE Coy	8600 hrs-8700 hrs
CH Coy	8700 hrs-8800 hrs	CF Coy	8700 hrs-8800 hrs
CI Coy	8800 hrs-8900 hrs	CG Coy	8800 hrs-8900 hrs
CJ Coy	8900 hrs-9000 hrs	CH Coy	8900 hrs-9000 hrs
CK Coy	9000 hrs-9100 hrs	CI Coy	9000 hrs-9100 hrs
CL Coy	9100 hrs-9200 hrs	CJ Coy	9100 hrs-9200 hrs
CM Coy	9200 hrs-9300 hrs	CK Coy	9200 hrs-9300 hrs
CN Coy	9300 hrs-9400 hrs	CL Coy	9300 hrs-9400 hrs
CO Coy	9400 hrs-9500 hrs	CM Coy	9400 hrs-9500 hrs
CP Coy	9500 hrs-9600 hrs	CN Coy	9500 hrs-9600 hrs
CQ Coy	9600 hrs-9700 hrs	CO Coy	9600 hrs-9700 hrs
CR Coy	9700 hrs-9800 hrs	CP Coy	9700 hrs-9800 hrs
CS Coy	9800 hrs-9900 hrs	CQ Coy	9800 hrs-9900 hrs
CT Coy	9900 hrs-10000 hrs	CR Coy	9900 hrs-10000 hrs
CU Coy	10000 hrs-10100 hrs	CS Coy	10000 hrs-10100 hrs
CV Coy	10100 hrs-10200 hrs	CT Coy	10100 hrs-10200 hrs
CU Coy	10200 hrs-10300 hrs	CV Coy	10200 hrs-10300 hrs
CV Coy	10300 hrs-10400 hrs	CU Coy	10300 hrs-10400 hrs
CV Coy	10400 hrs-10500 hrs	CV Coy	10400 hrs-10500 hrs

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 109  
by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPONERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.

LEAVE - TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM 1. (a) Ref Bn RO No 105 para 5 of 13 Feb 41. Leave Time-Table has been issued and subparas (a) and (b) are cancelled.

(b) The following allotment of leave is now available to coys:-

SERIAL:	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Commencing Thu 20 Feb JERUSALEM (2 days)	Commencing Thu 20 Feb TEL AVIV (2 days)	Commencing Mon 24 Feb JERUSALEM (2 days)	Commencing Wed 26 Feb JERUSALEM (2 days)	Wed 26 Feb Tel AVIV (1 day)	Wed 26 Feb JERUSALEM (1 day)
Bn HQ	1	-	-	3	15	9
HQ Coy	2	-	-	12	66	30
A Coy	2	-	-	7	39	17
B Coy	-	1	-	7	39	17
C Coy	-	-	1	7	39	17
D Coy	-	-	1	7	39	17
E Coy	-	1	-	5	27	13
Offrs	-	1	1	2	11	5
Total All Ranks	5	3	3	50	275	125

(c) Nominal rolls and written applications by offrs will be submitted to Bn HQ as under:-

Serials (a) and (b) - by 1600 hrs 18 Feb 41  
Serial (c) - " 1600 hrs 22 Feb 41  
Serials (d), (e) and (f) - " 1200 hrs 24 Feb 41

(d) In addition to the personnel to be detailed in accordance with sub-para (c) of Bn RO 105(5), HQ Coy will detail one O/R from the personnel granted leave under Serial (a) and one O/R from the personnel granted leave under serial (e) (making a total of 3 O/Rs from Serial (e)) to carry rifle and 10 rds SAA.

(e) Sub-para (c) in other respects and subparas (d), (e) and (f) of Bn RO 105(5) are confirmed.

DUTIES - ROSTER

2. (a) Coys will mount duties in accordance with the following roster:-

Mon 17 Feb 41	C Coy
Tue 18 Feb 41	D Coy
Wed 19 Feb 41	A Coy
Thu 20 Feb 41	D Coy
Fri 21 Feb 41	C Coy
Sat 22 Feb 41	B Coy
Sun 23 Feb 41	A Coy

and thereafter in accordance with the normal roster.

(b) Offrs' Duty Roster dated 16 Feb 41 will be read accordingly.

DUTY BUGLER.

3. Commencing at Retreat 17 Feb 41, one bugler will remain on continuous duty at Bn HQ between Reveille and Lights Out.

P.T.O.

NOTICE

Part 1

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DEFAULTERS.

parades for the periods shown:-

4. The following will attend defaulters'

VX 32530 PTE McMAHON J. "C" Coy - Reveille - Lights Out

17 Feb 41 (one day)

VX 34529 PTE PARKER W. E. "H" Coy - Reveille 18 Feb 41 to

Lights Out 19 Feb 41  
(two days)

C. G. Weir Capt,  
Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

NOTICE.

LOST:

Fountain pen between A Coy lines and Salvation Army Hut.  
Finder please return to A Coy's office.

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15	15	15	15	15	15
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17	17	17	17	17	17
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26	26	26	26	26	26
27	27	27	27	27	27
28	28	28	28	28	28
29	29	29	29	29	29
30	30	30	30	30	30
31	31	31	31	31	31

actions by officers will be submitted to the HQ as under:-

Serials (a) and (b) - by 1600 hrs 18 Feb 41  
Serial (c) - " 1600 hrs 22 Feb 41  
Serials (d), (e) and (f) - " 1200 hrs 24 Feb 41  
(d) In addition to the personnel to be detailed in accordance with sub-para (c) of HQ 105(2), A Coy will detail one 0/4 from the personnel granted leave under serial (a) and one 0/4 from the personnel granted leave under serial (e) (making a total of 2 0/4 from serial (e)) to carry rifle and 10 rds 3AA.  
(e) Sub-para (c) in other respects and sub-para (d), (e) and (f) of HQ 105(2) are confirmed.

2. (a) Coy's will mount duties in accordance with the following roster:-

Mon 17 Feb 41	A Coy
Tue 18 Feb 41	B Coy
Wed 19 Feb 41	A Coy
Thu 20 Feb 41	B Coy
Fri 21 Feb 41	C Coy
Sat 22 Feb 41	B Coy
Sun 23 Feb 41	A Coy

and thereafter in accordance with the normal roster.  
(b) Other's Duty Roster dated 18 Feb 41 will be read accordingly.

3. Commenting at 1600 hrs 17 Feb 41, one officer will remain on continuous duty in HQ between reveille and lights out.

P.T.O.

18 Feb 41.

## ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 110

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.

1. CHARGE REPORTS. Attention is drawn to AMR & O 413 (R 253). Charge reports in respect of which an award has been made by a Coy Comd will be fwded to Bn HQ immediately the award is made.
2. RUGBY CHALLENGE MATCH Nominations are requested for a Rugby team to represent this camp in a Rugby Union game against MATCH V. KILO 89 Kilo 89 and later, Palestine Police. Personnel desiring to take part should hand their names together with a brief account of their experience to Lieut Webster immediately.
3. 7 AUST DIV BAND CONTEST. (a) 7 Aust Div Band Contest will be held at Deir Suneid on Sun 2 Mar 41.  
 (b) The area for the contest is on the West of the railway line opposite HQ 7 Aust Div, Bridges Lines.  
 (c) 2/24 Bn Band will report at the area by 0930 hrs.  
 (d) Cut lunch will be carried by band personnel.  
 (e) HQ Coy will arrange necessary tpt.  
 (f) Buses may be arranged for conveyance of supporters. If this can be arranged details will be promulgated later.
4. CAIRO LEAVE - OFFERS. (a) Leave to Cairo for two offers of this unit is available for each of the following periods:--  
 (i) 21 - 28 Feb 41  
 (ii) 7 - 14 Mar 41  
 (b) Written applications to be submitted to Bn HQ for serial (i) by 1500 hrs 19 Feb 41 and for serial (ii) by 1500 hrs 3 Mar 41.
5. CAIRO LEAVE - 0/Rs. (a) Leave to Cairo is available for 2 0/Rs for the period 24 Feb - 4 Mar 41.  
 (b) The following coys will each submit one nomination to Bn HQ by 1500 hrs Wed 19 Feb 41. - Bn HQ, "A" Coy, "E" Coy.  
 (c) Names of personnel selected will be promulgated.
6. BBC BROADCAST. The BBC will broadcast a request programme for British Forces in ME on Thu 20 Feb 41 at 2030 hrs (local time).  
 (Sandy Macpherson on Theatre Organ)
7. DEFAULTERS. The following will attend all defaulters' parades for the period shown:--  
 VX 23990 PTE WEBSTER F. G. - "D" Coy - Reveille 18 Feb 41 to Lights Out 24 Feb 41.
8. SECURITY - HILL 95 CAMP. (a) 2/24 Bn will relieve 2/23 Bn and take over responsibility for security HILL 95 CAMP from 1700 hrs 19 Feb 41 and thereafter every third day.  
 (b) "C" Coy will carry out the above duty on 19/20 Feb 41.  
 (c) OC "C" Coy will contact Coy Comd 2/23 Bn at present on duty at HILL 95 CAMP at 0900 hrs 19 Feb to ascertain requirements.  
 (d) Coy NFD will be promulgated from time to time.  
 (e) HQ Coy will provide 3 Vans GS 15 cwt to report to OC "C" Coy at 1600 hrs 19 Feb and to come under comd OC "C" Coy during tour of duty by that coy.

C. G. Weir Capt.,  
Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.



19 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part 1

by

No 111

LIEUT-COL A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. : COMD 2/24 BN AIF.1. 7 AUST DIV BAND CONTEST

Ref Bn RO No 110 of 18 Feb 41 para 3 (a).

HQ Coy will not provide tpt, the band will march to the area for the contest

2. SICK PDE

As from and including Sun 23 Feb, Sick pde will be held on every Sun at 0830 hrs and NOT at 0645 hrs

3. CENSORSHIP : AF W3078. GREEN ENVELOPES

(a) Attention is again drawn to Bn RO No 94 of 27 Jan 41 para 1, and to SO PAL Pam 1 Sec V para 78.

(b) Warning was given in that RO that any misuse of green envelopes may lead to the withdrawal of the privilege.

(c) The Deputy Chief Bd censor has drawn attention to the following common faults which are continuously occurring in this unit.

(i) Envelopes are NOT being signed by the senders,

(ii) The correspondence enclosed is NOT being limited to purely "private and family affairs"

(iii) Envelopes containing one letter only are being added to the Base censor. This will only be done if two or three letters in separately added stamped plain undated envelopes are encl in the green envelope.

(iv) Personnel are using more than one green envelope per week.

(d) Any future infraction may result in the correspondence infringing Standing Orders being destroyed.

(e) All ofrs will supervise the issue and use of green envelopes by personnel under their comd

4. PRIVATE DIARIES ETC-DISPOSAL OF

(a) Security instns issued by 1 Aust Corps state that private diaries and memoranda of soldiers will be collected by units and fwded to O i/c 2 Ech AIF for safe custody.

(b) These documents are not subject to any form of censorship and will be available at the conclusion of hostilities

(c) Members of this unit will place their diaries to date in sealed envelopes bearing the following particulars on the face:-

Private diary of      Number      Rank      Name      Unit      and Date

and will hand in the packets to the I office to be fwded to records

(d) This procedure will be followed each fortnight from this date by those members of the unit who desire to keep diaries.

5. CAIRO LEAVE O/Rs

Ref Bn RO No 110 of 18 Feb 41 para 5.

The following personnel have been selected for CAIRO leave 24 Feb-4 Mar 41 :-

VX 38448	Sjt	HALLORAN	J.P.	BnHQ
VX 30995	S/Sjt	PRICE	C.D.	"E" Coy

5. DEFAULTERS

The following soldier will attend all defaulters pdes for the period shown

VX 47808 Pte BRIDGEMAN W.J. "A" Coy Reveille 20 Feb-Lights Out 20 Feb 41 (1 day)

C.G.Weir Capt  
Adjt 2/24 Bn A I FNOTICESLOST at Mortar Range - One ground sheet (cape type) marked on interior A. HANSON VX 44187. Finder please return to H Q Coy Office immediately.

R O U T I N E    O R D E R S

Part 1                      No 112  
by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.

1. DUTIES - BOXING TNG CAMP.                      Two rank and file will be detailed for duty as kitchen fatigues at the Boxing Tng Camp. They will report to the former Sgts' Mess kitchen as required for duty. Personnel detailed will remain on duty for one week at a time and will be detailed by coys as under:-

- "A" Coy - 20-27 Feb incl
- "B" Coy - 28-Feb.- 6 Mar incl
- "C" Coy - 7 Mar - 13 Mar incl
- "D" Coy - 14 Mar - 20 Mar incl

2. LEAVE - JERUSALEM - 2 DAYS.                      (a) Ref Bn RO No 109 para 1 17 Feb 41.  
(b) Leave timetable has been further amended. The allotment for two day leave to Jerusalem commencing 26 Feb 41 (Serial (d)) has been reduced to 15 all ranks and is suballotted as follows:-

- Bn HQ - 10/R
- HQ Coy - 30/Rs
- A Coy - 20/Rs
- B Coy - 20/Rs
- C Coy - 20/Rs
- D Coy - 20/Rs
- E Coy - 20/Rs
- Offrs - 1

(c) The above allotment does NOT include those granted special leave in accordance with Bn RO No 108 para 1 of 16 Feb 41.

(d) Leave passes of personnel granted special leave will be endorsed "Free Leave".

3. ACF DISTRIBUTION.                      Receipt of 792 prs of socks is ackd. These have been distributed as follows:-

Bn HQ - 52 prs	C Coy - 120 prs
HQ Coy - 205 "	D Coy - 119 "
A Coy - 117 "	E Coy - 67 "
B Coy - 112 "	
	<u>TOTAL - 792 prs</u>

4. DEFAULTERS.                      The following will attend all defaulters' pdes for the periods shown:-

- VX 34352 PTE FITZPATRICK F. - "E" Coy - from Reveille 20 Feb 41 to Lights Out 26 Feb 41 (7 days)
- VX 32839 PTE LONG C. C. - "E" Coy - from Reveille 20 Feb 41 to Lights Out 26 Feb 41 - (7 days)

C. G. Weir                      Capt.,  
Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

21 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 113

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.

1. COURT OF INQUIRY. (a) A Court of Inquiry consisting of the under mentioned officers will assemble at 2/24 Bn HQ at 0930 hrs 22 Feb:-  
 President:- Maj A.S. HUMBLEY - 2/5 Fd Regt  
 Members:- Capt M.R. BROWN - 2/23 Bn  
 Capt W. FORBES - 2/48 Bn  
 (b) The court will inquire into and report upon the loss by 2/24 Bn of three rifle bolts reputed to have been numbered E 58695, E 9915, and J 3963 and particularly as to whether the provisions of AIF SOs PAL Pam 1 para 2 were complied with.  
 (c) The following will be required to give evidence and will report at Bn HQ at 0930 hrs 22 Feb:-  
 Capt R.T.C. DICKINSON  
 Lieut L.C. WALKER  
 Lieut J.T. BROCK  
 VX 15912 Sgt WILLIAMS A. - "A" Coy  
 VX 34715 Pte MCGREGOR J.W. - "A" Coy  
 VX 34595 Pte JONES N. - "A" Coy  
 VX 34619 Pte LAWRENCE D.L. - "A" Coy  
 (d) QM will arrange for necessary tables covered by blankets, and chairs to be available in the Recreation Room prior to the time for the assembly of the Court.
2. ROUTE MARCH. (a) The Bn (less B and C Coys) will move out of camp on a route march on 22 Feb 41.  
 (b) Route: DIMRA--AL MUHARRAQ--Xds 10151009--BEIT HANUN--DIMRA.  
 (c) Order of march:- Bn HQ  
 HQ Coy  
 A Coy  
 D Coy  
 E Coy  
 (d) Start Line:- 2/6 Fd Amb Hardstanding  
 (e) Start Time:- Head of coln to pass start line at 0900 hrs. Coys will follow at intervals of 1½ mins.  
 (f) Dress:- Shorts and shirts - Battle Order.  
 (g) Rations:- Midday will be carried. Water bottles will be filled.
3. DUTIES. Ref Bn RO 109 para 2 of 17 Feb 41.  
 B Coy will mount duty at Retreat 21 Feb and C Coy at Retreat 22 Feb.
4. 7 AUST DIV HQ GD. Ref Bn RO 108 para 2 of 16 Feb 41.  
 7 Aust Div HQ gd will mount at 1800 hrs in future.
5. LEAVE -- GAZA AND OTHER CAMPS. (a) Attention has again been drawn to the order that NO leave may be granted to O/Rs to visit GAZA TOWN. Coy Comds will NOT issue leave passes for GAZA.  
 (b) Leave may be granted for inter-camp visits. Leave passes will be issued. It is suggested that as far as possible unit parties be made up and that tpt be arranged as for ordinary leave parties.
6. BELTS, SAM BROWNE, WEARING OF. Belts, Sam Browne, with cross belts or brace, are NOT authorised for AIF (ME) and the wearing of these belts will cease forthwith. Waist Belts, Sam Browne, may be worn. (Ref: AIF Order (ME) No 199).
7. WAR BADGES. Authority has been issued in Australia for the issue of the following badges:-  
 A - Returned from Active Service Badge  
 B - General Service Badge

P.T.O.

- C. - Medically Unfit Badge
  - D. - Reserved Occupation Badge
  - E. - Female Relative Badge
  - F. - Mothers' and Widows' Badge.
- (Ref: AIF Order (ME) No 200).

8. PERSONAL KITS. (a) Difficulty is being experienced in locating and handling personal kits, deposited other than with AIF Kit Store, Alexandria, when such depositor becomes a casualty.  
 (b) No responsibility devolves on AIF (ME) in cases where kits are deposited in other than AIF Kit Store.  
 (c) Depositing of kits at the AIF Kit Store enables expeditious and systematic treatment of effects.  
 (Ref: AIF Order (ME) No 203).

9. PAYBOOKS. Personnel will carry paybooks at all times except when required to be called in for pay purposes.  
 (Ref: AIF Order (ME) No 205).

10. ACF DISTRIBUTION. Receipt is acknowledged a further distribution by ACF which has been issued to coys as under:-

Woollen Caps	Socks	Mittens	Boot Polish	Soap
Bn HQ 12	52 prs	40 prs	52 tins	52 pces
HQ Coy	205 "	205 "	205 "	205 "
A Coy	117 "	117 "	117 "	117 "
B Coy	112 "	112 "	112 "	112 "
C Coy	120 "	120 "	120 "	120 "
D Coy	119 "	119 "	119 "	119 "
E Coy	67 "	67 "	67 "	67 "
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>792</b>

11. RECREATION HUT. A Recreation Hut has been established in the former Canteen building. It will be open between 1730 hrs and 2130 hrs daily.

12. TNG AREAS. (a) A tracing showing the bdys of the tng area allotted to this camp has been circulated to coy Comds.  
 (b) Where it is found necessary to move into another camp area, the Camp SO will be advised through Bn HQ at least 3 days before the proposed exercise so that the Camp Comds of the areas affected may be notified and the necessary permission obtained. This instn will be strictly observed by coys.

13. DEFAULTERS. The following will attend all defaulters' pdes for the periods shown:-  
 VX 34961 PTE LAWRENCE D.L. - "A" Coy, from Reveille 22 Feb 41 to Lights Out 24 Feb 41 (3 days)  
 VX 29525 PTE SIMMONS J.P. - "A" Coy, from Reveille 22 Feb 41 to Lights Out 24 Feb 41 (3 days)  
 VX 34368 PTE WILSON R.L. - "A" Coy, from Reveille 22 Feb 41 to Lights Out 28 Feb 41 (7 days)  
 VX 44540 PTE BUTLER L.E. - "A" Coy, from Reveille 22 Feb 41 to Lights Out 26 Feb 41 (5 days).

C. G. Weir Capt.  
 Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

NOTICE.

FOUND: White money belt - owner may have same on application to Bn HQ.

23 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No 114

by

LIEUT-COL. A. SPONERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.1. DUTIES.

(a) 7 Aust Div HQ gd will be provided by HQ Coy for the period 1800 hrs 23 Feb 41 to 1800 hrs 2 Mar 41.

(b) Dress for 7 Aust Div HQ gd until further orders will be uniform S.D. by night and shorts, shirts, stockings and gaiters by day. Hats K.F.F. will be worn. Steel helmets and respirators will be carried.

(c) As from 0630 hrs 24 Feb 41 until 1930 hrs 2 Mar 41, coys will provide a detail of one Cpl and six rank and file to man the AA post as under:-

24 Feb 41 - A Coy	26 Feb 41 - C Coy	28 Feb 41 - A Coy
25 Feb 41 - B Coy	27 Feb 41 - D Coy	1 Mar 41 - B Coy
		2 Mar 41 - C Coy

(d) The following offrs will mount duty as Div Fd Offr at 1800 hrs on the dates shown:-

23 Feb 41 - Capt L. C. Canty	27 Feb 41 - Capt A. C. B. Bird
24 Feb 41 - Capt K. F. Mollard	28 Feb 41 - Capt P. Gebhardt
25 Feb 41 - Capt L. E. Andersen	1 Mar 41 - Capt E. Baillieu
26 Feb 41 - Capt W. R. Budge	

(e) Coys will mount duties detailed hereunder in accordance with the following table:-

Mounting at Retreat on	Duty Coy	Security Cd Hill 95 Camp	Security Cd Kilo 89 Camp
23 Feb 41	A		
24 Feb 41	HQ		
25 Feb 41	B		
26 Feb 41	C	D Coy	
27 Feb 41	HQ	A Coy	
28 Feb 41	D	B Coy	
1 Mar 41	A		
2 Mar 41	B		D Coy
3 Mar 41	C		A Coy
4 Mar 41	D		B Coy
5 Mar 41	A		C Coy
6 Mar 41	B		
7 Mar 41	C	A Coy	
8 Mar 41	D	B Coy	

(f) On Wed 26 Feb 41 owing to leave roster, O/Rs for duties will be drawn from all coys. Offrs will be supplied by the coy detailed for duty and such coy will be responsible for adm.

(g) Bn Ord Offr and Bn Gd Comd will be detailed by duty coy unless it becomes to fix a duty roster.

2. PAD.

(a) Attention is again drawn in Bde ROs to the insufficiency of action taken by coys. Tents have NOT been camflged by mudsplashing since the last rain. This will be carried out immediately and a certificate will be rendered by coy Comds to Bn HQ when camflg has been completed.

(b) Blackout precautions will be rigidly enforced. In the event of a lamp burning in a tent being visible from outside the tent such lamp will be immediately withdrawn or confiscated.

3. 7 AUST DIV PRO COY VACANCIES

There are vacancies in 7 Aust Div Pro Coy for suitable personnel. Applications will be submitted through coys to Bn HQ by 1700 hrs Tue 25 Feb 41.

(Please turn over).

4. DEFAULTERS.

The following will attend all defaulters'

parades for the periods shown:-

VX 28356	Pte Hewett C.W.	- 4 days	VX 28567	Pte Cameron K.D.	- 7 days
VX 3380	" Hynes J.T.	- 7 days	VX 46680	" Collyer J.J.	- 4 days
VX 42016	" Hall J.H.	- 7 days	VX 22466	" Carmichael A.E.	- 7 days
VX 45592	" Brown G.	- 7 days	VX 46346	" McCallum J.A.	- 4 days
VX 47985	" Giles J.T.	- 7 days	VX 29149	" Kleinitz A.O.	- 4 days
VX 32695	" Mann J.	- 4 days	VX 25865	" Ghandler J.R.	- 4 days
VX 33051	" McKean C.	- 7 days	VX 28429	" Ritchie E.O.	- 7 days
	VX 47813	Pte Crofts A.W.T.	- 4 days.		

The above personnel are all members of "C" Coy and will commence their attendance on defaulters' parades as from Reveille 24 Feb 41.

C. G. Weir      Capt,  
Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

NOTICES.

LOST: (a) 1 Hat KFF belonging to VX 25058 Cpl Jameson E.E. - "B" Coy  
(b) 1 Chrome wristlet watch in leather case - name and number is engraved on back of case. Please return to Dr Deakin 2/6 Fd Amb.

FOUND: 3 Hats, KFF - owners may obtain same on application to Bn HQ.

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24 Feb 41.

R O U T I N E                      O R D E R S

Part 1

No 115

by

LIEUT.-COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COLD 2/24 BN, AIF.

1. COY ADM.                      Coy Comds are desired to note that all comms added to Bn HQ must be signed by themselves or an officer deputed by them to act on their behalf.
2. ACQUITTANCE ROLLS      The attention of all ranks is to be directed to the fact that the signatures on acquittance sheets and receipt of pay must correspond with the soldier's signature appearing at the head of page 6 in the pay-book.  
SIGNATURES.
3. FATIGUES - REPORTING OF. Duty coys, in future, will ensure that a nominal roll accompanies each fatigue ordered to report. A great deal of unnecessary inconvenience has been caused in the past through the failure of men reporting for duty after having been detailed by coys.
4. DEFAULTERS.              The following will attend all defaulters' pdes for the periods shown:-  
  
VX 21653 Pte Wilson J. F.      - HQ Coy - Reveille 25 Feb 41 -  
Lights Out 3 Mar 41 (7 days)  
VX 45800 Pte Kennedy W. E.    - HQ Coy - Reveille 25 Feb 41 -  
Lights Out 3 Mar 41 (7 days)  
VX 34963 Pte Hall A. V.        - HQ Coy - Reveille 25 Feb 41 -  
Lights Out 25 Feb 41 (1 day).

C. G. Weir                      Capt,  
A djt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

N O T I C E S.

A Cricket Match between HQ 7 Aust Div and 2/24 Bn on 23 Feb 41 resulted in a win for 2/24 Bn the scores being as under:-

HQ 7 Aust Div	98
2/24 Bn	194 for 9 wkts (dec).

Highest Score for 2/24 Bn - Pte Kemp (HQ Coy) 57 n.o.  
Best bowling average for 2/24 Bn - Pte Webb (" ") 7 - 20.

LOST:                      Paybook No 120715 and Wallet containing photographs and letters. Finder please return to A Coy Office.

25 Feb 41.

*Wardman*  
ROUTINE ORDERSPart 1 No 116  
byLIEUT-COL. A. SPWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.

1. LEAVE. (a) Ref Bn RO No 105 para 5 (d).  
Picquet will proceed to TEL AVIV and NOT to JERUSALEM as previously ordered.
- (b) Coys will make necessary arrangements for early mess in coy lines for those proceeding on leave or on duty.
2. LOST PASSES. The following passes have been lost:-  
Pass No 7125 issued to Wazeeh Lohd Sha'y also identity card No S/5317  
Pass No 06001 issued to Ahmed Kanoun I.C. No LA/46.  
Sentries on duty and RP are to be advised and strict check made to ascertain if these passes are being made use of to enter camp. In the event of the passes being found the holder is to be detained and Bn HQ advised immediately.
3. SALE OF ICE CREAM. Arrangements have been made for the sale of ice cream in canteens under the following conditions:-  
(i) Sales will only be made over canteen counters  
(ii) Employees of General Supplies ONLY will be allowed to sell ice cream. Such approved employees are Yehuda Rosenman, Alfred Wittmann and Haim Leder.  
(iii) Such vendors will be issued with passes by DDCS valid for Deir Suneid and Dimra Camps.  
(iv) Such vendors move from camp to camp only along the rd and not through camp lines.  
(v) Vendors move from camp to camp during daylight hours only.
4. SECURITY GD HILL 95 CAMP. (a) Ref Bn RO No 114 para 1(e). TO will arrange 3 vans GS 15 cwt to report to OC, D Coy, at 1600 hrs 26 Feb 41 and to come under comd OC D Coy during tour of duty of that coy.  
(b) The tpt mentioned above will be handed over at 1600 hrs on each 27 Feb 41 and 28 Feb 41 to OCs A and B Coys resp.  
(c) Coy Comds D, A and B coys will mutually arrange for tpt to be used in moving personnel back to camp at the conclusion of duty.  
(d) OC D Coy will contact Coy Comd 2/23 Bn at present on duty at HILL 95 CAMP at 0900 hrs 26 Feb 41.
5. GD MOUNTING PDE GD. In future Bn Gd will mount on vacant ground at rear of Bn HQ.
6. DEFAULTERS. The following will attend all defaulters' pdes for the periods shown:-
- |          |                   |         |                                |
|----------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| VX 32824 | Pte Brown W.G.    | - D Coy | - Reveille 25 Feb 41 to Lights |
|          |                   |         | Out 30 Mar 41 (4 days)         |
| VX 34154 | Pte Matheson W.R. | - D Coy | - Reveille 25 Feb 41 to Lights |
|          |                   |         | Out 4 Mar 41 (8 days)          |
| VX 34143 | Pte Matheson R.L. | - D Coy | - Reveille 25 Feb 41 to Lights |
|          |                   |         | Out 4 Mar 41 (8 days)          |
| VX 34327 | Pte Keast E.J.    | - D Coy | - Reveille 25 Feb 41 to Lights |
|          |                   |         | Out 4 Mar 41 (8 days)          |
| VX 25236 | Pte Mooney S.H.   | - D Coy | - Reveille 25 Feb 41 to Lights |
|          |                   |         | Out 4 Mar 41 (8 days)          |
| VX 34643 | Pte Underwood E.  | - A Coy | - Reveille 26 Feb 41 to Lights |
|          |                   |         | Out 4 Mar 41 (7 days)          |
- C. G. Weir Capt,  
Adjt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.



27 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No 117

by

LIEUT- COL A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMD 2/24 BN, AIF.

1. GDS - DRESS. We f Retreat 27 Feb 41, all gds will wear hats KFF. Helmets, steel will be carried on the right shoulder. (Ref: 26 Aust Inf Bde RO 107)
2. SHOWERS. (a) The following is extracted from 26 Aust Inf Bde RO 108:- "Owing to unsatisfactory conditions existing under present arrangements for cleaning of shower house, the following orders are issued for immediate action:-  
 (1) Cleaning of shower house will be the responsibility of each unit for a week at a time and a fatigue will be detailed daily for this purpose. Details of cleaning will be:-  
 (a) To thoroughly wash and clean all portions of the shower house before 1000 hrs daily.  
 (b) To expose the duckboards (which will be provided during the current week) to the sun each day for not less than one and one half hrs for drying.  
 (c) To cleanse the grease trap at the rear of the showers daily.  
 (d) Generally during the day to keep the shower house in a clean condition.  
 (2) The Unit supplying the fatigue will also supply a picquet each day whose duties will be:-  
 (a) To prevent any personnel washing clothing within the shower house.  
 (b) To prevent removal of hot water from the shower house for the purpose of washing clothing.  
 (c) To prevent the depositing of rubbish in or around the shower house."  
 (b) Duty coys during the weeks 11-17 Mar incl and 8-14 Apr 41 incl will provide cleaning fatigue of one NCO and 8 O/Rs and picquet of 2 O/Rs in accordance with the above orders. Picquet will be maintained on continuous whenever the shower house is open for use and will be relieved by duty coy during the day as necessary.  
 (c) Bn Orderly Offr will be responsible for strict compliance with the above cited Bde RO and will personally inspect and supervise the work.  
 (d) Previous orders as to the cleaning of the shower house by coys using same are NOT cancelled by this order.
3. BATHING PDES. (a) Bathing pdes will be held by coys on the following dates:-  
 2 Mar 41  
 6 Mar 41  
 10 Mar 41  
 14 Mar 41  
 (b) Times for Coys' pdes will be determined at CO's conferences.
4. LIGHTS OUT. (a) Lights Out will be sounded every night at 2215 hrs but may be sounded at any earlier hr at the discretion of the Bn Orderly Offr.  
 (b) On Lights Out being sounded all lights will be immediately extinguished.  
 (c) Coy Orderly Offrs will be directly responsible for the enforcement of this order and will report to the Bn Orderly Offr as soon as it can be ascertained that all lights are extinguished.
5. 7 AUST DIV BAND CONTEST. (a) 7 Aust Div Band Contest will be held on Sun 2 Mar 41 on Div Pde Ground. In all 9 bands will compete including all three bands of this Bde.

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- (b) The contest will comprise two portions:-
- (i) Quickstep (Diagram March) 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs
  - (ii) Selection (Light Opera or G and S) - 1300 hrs.

At the conclusion of the contest a massed band performance will be given by the 9 bands competing.

(c) Adjudicator for the contest will be  
Trumpet-Maj Crowshaw of the Royal Scots Greys.

(d) Wet and dry canteens will be established:-

- (i) Wet canteen opens at 1200 hrs
- (ii) Dry canteen opens 1000 hrs. Soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes fruit and sweets will be obtainable.

(e) A Bn pde will be held on the Bn parade Ground at 0915 hrs and the Bn will march to the contest. Markers will report to the RSM on the Bn parade ground at 0905 hrs. Dress: O/As - S.D., Hats and gaiters.

(f) The band will not report at the Bn pde ground but will move independently to the contest area, reporting there at 0930 hrs. Band personnel will carry cut lunches and mess tins. One urn of tea is available for each band at the canteen and the band will send a rep to the canteen to sign for the urn and return same when finished.

6. CHURCH PARADE. Bn Church Parade will not be held on Sun 2 Mar 41.

7. DEFAULTERS. The following will attend defaulters' pdes for the periods shown:-

VX 32530	Pte	McMAHON J.	-	C Coy	-	25 Feb	-	10 Mar 41	(14 days)
VX 34522	"	JEFCOTT L.C.W.	-	HC Coy	-	27 Feb	-	2 Mar 41	(4 days)
VX 30736	"	WADE R.	-	C Coy	-	28 Feb	-	3 Mar 41	(4 days)
VX 28358	"	MURLEY A.W.	-	C Coy	-	28 Feb	-	3 Mar 41	(4 days)

C. G. Weir      Capt,  
A djt, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

### NOTICE

#### B.B.C. BROADCASTS.

Thursday 27 Feb 41 - 8.30 p.m. - Request programme for British Forces in the Near East: Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organ).

Friday 28 Feb 41 - 8.00 p.m. - "Music Hall" with Jenny Allen, Turner Layton, Beatrice Lillie and Cosmo King.

Saturday 1 Mar 41 - 10.00 a.m. - "Music Hall" with Jenny Allen, Turner Layton, Beatrice Lillie and Cosmo King.

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Ref Map - GAZA 1/100,000.

2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO 4.

INFORMATION.

1. 26 Aust Inf Bde will move to HAIFA prior to embarkation for unknown destination.

INTENTION.

2. 2/24 Bn will move on foot to HAIFA via COAST ROAD. All movement will be by night.

METHOD.

3. (a) 2/24 Bn will move to assembly area Trig pt 18 on night 10/11 Feb 41  
(b) The Bn will march to assembly area in three parallel colns as under:-  
(i) Centre and directing coln  
BHQ, HQ Coy (less 1,2,3 and 5 pls), E Coy  
(ii) Right Coln  
A Coy - 50x in rear of centre coln and at 100x interval  
(iii) Left Coln  
B Coy - 50x in rear of centre coln and at 100x interval  
C Coy - 50x in rear of B Coy  
(c) The Bn will be in posn at assembly area by 2300 hrs.

START LINE.

4. 300x West and parallel to Rd GAZA-TEL AVIV. Start line will be taped by 1930 hrs.

STARTING TIME.

5. BHQ will cross start line at 2000 hrs.

DIRECTION OF MARCH.

6. (a) The Bn will march 4200x on a bearing of 268° M from Start line to ORCHARD.  
(b) From N corner of ORCHARD, march will continue to assembly area on bearing of 333° M.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

7. Synchronisation of watches:  
Watches will be synchronised at BHQ at 1900 hrs

8. Dress:  
Service dress - battle order.

9. Rations:  
Coys will distribute one meal to each man to be carried in haversack and will arrange for hot drink to be prepared and consumed at assembly area.

10. Medical:  
RAP will move with C Coy and on arrival at assembly area will be established at BHQ.

11. AA Protection:  
AA sentries will be detailed by coys throughout and will give immediate warning on approach of any aircraft. On receipt of this warning all personnel will lie prone. Hostile aircraft will not be engaged unless on order of CO. If warning is received at assembly area all lights will be immediately extinguished and above action taken.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

12. Intercommunication will be by orderly.

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*W. Heir*  
Capt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, AIF.

Signed at 1700 hrs  
Issued at hrs

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2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO 5.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy, whose main base is at JERUSALEM, is known to be in occupation of GAZA.
2. 26 Aust Inf Bde will land at first light 11 Feb 41 on beach SOUTH of WADI HESI and will cut enemy's lines of communication GAZA-JERUSALEM and will occupy general line DIMRA HILL-BEIT JIRJA-HIRBYA.

INTENTION.

3. 2/24 Bn will provide covering force to form bridge-head for landing of 26 Aust Inf Bde and will occupy line of sand hills overlooking DIMRA VALLEY and will exploit fwd to railway line GAZA ACRE

METHOD.

4. (a) 2/24 Bn will land on beach SOUTH of WADI HESI at 0100 hrs 11 Feb 41.
- (b) The landing will coincide with attack on GAZA from SOUTH by our own forces.
- (c) The Bn will move in coln of route from pt of landing on a bearing of 131° M in following order to assembly area( 105110)

BHQ

HQ Coy (less 1 2 3 & 5 pls) E Coy

A "

B "

C "

BHQ will pass pt to be indicated on ground at 0200hrs

- 5a FWD COYS. Right-A Coy  
Left-B Coy
- REAR COYS Right-HQ Coy  
Left-C Coy.

b. INTER COY BOUNDARIES To be indicated on ground.

c. OBJECTIVE. Line of sand hills overlooking DIMRA VALLEY.

6. (a) When A & B Coys attain objective, HQ Coy and C Coy will leap frog through and exploit to railway line GAZA-ACRE. Inter coy boundary CAMP RD incl right coy. Coy frontages will not exceed 200x.
- (b) Left coy will be responsible for flank protection and in particular will cover RD GAZA-TEL AVIV and bridge over WADI HESI.

START LINE.

7. Start line will be taped parallel to objective and guides provided by 1 sec.

START TIME.

8. Start time will be advised on arrival at assembly area

ADMINISTRATIVE.

9. Dress : Service dress. - Battle order.
10. Rations: Coys will arrange for a meal to be served at 0500 hrs, at coy messes.

MEDICAL.

11. First field dressing will be carried. RAP will move in rear to assembly area and will be established at Start Line until objective is secured.

TIME.

12. Watches will be synchronised at 0130 hrs.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

13. (a) BHQ will be established in depression in rear centre of start line and after attainment of first objective will move to line sand hills.
- (b) Communication will be by orderly.

ACK. 14.  
Signed at 1730 hrs.  
Issued at hrs

For Dist PTO.

*[Signature]* Sapt.,  
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, AIF

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19 Feb 41.

2/24 Bn OPERATION ORDER NO 6

- Information** 1. 26 Aust Inf Bde will move to HAIFA prior to embarkation for unknown destination.
- INTENTION** 2. 2/24 Bn (less D Coy) will move on foot to HAIFA via COAST on 20 Feb 41. All movement will be by night.
- METHOD** 3. (a) Coys will move to Bn Assembly Area at TALL TIN FANIS from the following points and will march on bearings as indicated  
 "A" Coy BRIDGE (10741089) Bearing 270° M  
 "B" Coy ROAD 260x S W RD JUNC (1072510850) Bearing 274° M  
 "HQ" Coy ROAD 1000x SW RD JUNC (10701079) Bearing 289° M  
 "C" Coy RD and RLY CROSSING (10691074) Bearing 298° M  
 (b) Coys will move NOT later than 2000 hrs and arrive at Bn Assembly Area by 2130 hrs 20 Feb 41.  
 (c) On approaching Assembly Area guides will lead Coys to posn at Assembly Area.  
 (d) On reaching Assembly Area O C "C" Coy will detail a fighting patrol commanded by Lieut Rosel. The patrol will be led by a guide to a point in WADI HESI from where they will carry out a patrol in accordance with instructions issued as Appx "A" to C O No 7.  
 (e) The Bn (less "D" COY and 1 pl "C" Coy) will move from Assembly Area to Trig Pt 13 (10191114) arriving at 2230 hrs (Bearing 323° M)  
 (f) The Bn will move in diamond formation BHQ and HQ Coy leading, A Coy on right, B Coy on left, C Coy in rear. Coys will move at 200x interval and distance.

ADM ARRANGEMENTS

4. (a) Watches will be synchronised at 0630 hrs 20 Feb 41.  
 (b) Dress will be Service Dress, battle order. Steel helmets will be camouflaged as much as possible.  
 (c) Coys will distribute one meal to each man prior to start and will arrange for hot drink to be prepared and consumed at Trig Pt 18 (refer para 3(e)) Water bottles will be filled and carried.  
 (d) R A P will be established at Assembly Area and thereafter will move with C Coy  
 (e) During hrs of daylight, A A sentries will be detailed by Coys and will give immediate warning of approach of any aircraft. Hostile aircraft will NOT be engaged unless ordered by the C O.

- Inter-Comm.** 5. (a) Bn H Q will be established at Assembly area at 2100 hrs.  
 (b) Intercomm will be by Orderly.

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 Adjnt 2/24 Bn A I F

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19 Feb 41.2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO 7

INFORMATION 1. (a) Enemy, whose main base is at JERUSALEM, is in occupation of all country SOUTH to GAZA, where they occupy the town in some strength.  
(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde will land at first light 21 Feb 41 on beach SOUTH of WADI HESSE and will cut enemy's L. of C GAZA-JERUSALEM and will occupy general line DIMRA HILL-TEL JIRJA-TERBYA. Prior to landing, an attack on GAZA from SOUTH will be carried out by other units of our own forces.

INTENTION

2. 2/24 Bn will provide covering force to form bridge head for landing of 26 Aust Inf Bde, and will occupy line of sand hills overlooking DIMRA VALLEY, exploit fwd to ry line GAZA-ACRE and will hold rd and ry crossing of WADI HESSE, assisting R A E in demolition of bridges.

METHOD.

3. (a) 2/24 Bn will land on beach SOUTH of WADI HESSE prior to 2400 hrs night 20/21 Feb 41.  
(b) The Bn will move at 2400 hrs via WADI HESSE to a point approx 10451119, thence S E by covered approach previously recce to a fwd Assembly Area, arriving at approx 0200 hrs 21 Feb 41.  
(c) On arrival at Assembly Area the Comd of a recce patrol detailed by O C "A" Coy will immediately report to C O for detailed instns. General instns to comd of this patrol are issued as appx "B" to this order.  
(d) The fighting patrol (refer O O No 6 para 3(d) ) will also contact Bn H Q as per para 8 Appx "A" of this order.  
(e) On arrival at Assembly Area Bn "O" Gp will assemble at Bn H Q for recce after which detailed orders will be issued  
(f) The Bn will attack line of sandhills overlooking DIMRA VALLEY with A and B Coys fwd, A Coy on right, B Coy on left. Objectives, start time and inter-coy boundaries will be indicated on ground after recce. Start line will be taped parallel to objectives and guides provided by "I" Sec.  
(g) H Q Coy and C Coy will move from Start line at Z 1 30 and will leapfrog through A and B coys, H Q Coy on right, C Coy on left, and will exploit to ry line GAZA-ACRE. Inter coy boundary CAMP RD incl right coy. Coy frontages will not exceed 200x. Right coy objective JUNG RD GAZA-TEL AVIV-CAMP exploiting along rd GAZA-TEL AVIV 200x to right. Left coy Objectives RD CROSSING (10741089) and ry crossing (10761086) over WADI HESSE.  
(h) They will be responsible for protection to the NORTH.  
(i) Success sig - three long blasts on whistle.

ADM ARRANGEMENTS

4. (a) Watches will be synchronised at TRIG PT 18 at 2300 hrs 20 Feb 41  
(b) Dress - Service dress; battle order.  
(c) Coys will arrange for a meal to be served in Coy messes at 0400 Hrs 21 Feb 41.  
(d) R A P will be est in Assembly Area and will move to posn in rear of sand hills overlooking DIMRA VALLEY when first objective is reported clear of enemy. First fd dress ing will be carried on the man.

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5. (a) Bn H Q will be est at Assembly Area and will move simultaneously with H Q and C Coys to line of sand hills where they will reopen between A and B Coy objectives

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EXERCISE SECRET.

APPENDIX "A" ISSUED WITH 2/24 BN O.O. NO 7 DATED 19 FEB 41.

ORDERS FOR "C" COY FIGHTING PATROL.

1. The patrol will be led by guide from Assembly Area to a point in WADI HESI (see para 3(d) O O No 6)
2. From this point a patrol will be carried out along covered approach S E to Assembly Area (to be indicated on ground)
3. It is expected that enemy patrols will be operating, and these are to be captured and brought in.
4. The patrol will work as noiselessly as possible and unless absolutely necessary bayonets only will be used.
5. "Get away" men will be detailed who will move in rear of patrol. In the event of the patrol being ambushed or captured these men must report back to Bn H Q with all possible speed.
6. The patrol will report any enemy activity and will report the Assembly Area and vicinity clear of enemy activity or otherwise.
7. There will be no other patrols of our own troops in this vicinity until the arrival of main body at Assembly Area.
8. The patrol will contact Bn H Q on arrival of main body at Assembly Area at 0200 hrs 21 Feb 41 for further instns.
9. The approximate route, password, and time of return will be given verbally to patrol Comd by C O at 1700 hrs 20 Feb 41.

..... *B. Weir* ..... Capt.  
Adjnt 2/24 Bn A I F

NOTE. ( for the purpose of the exercise )

The following safety precautions will be observed :


Bayonets will NOT be fixed.

Rifles will be carried slung across the back.

APPENDIX "B" ISSUED WITH 2/24 BN 0 0 NO 7 DATED 19 Feb 41.

ORDERS FOR O C "A" COY RECCE PATROL

1. It is expected that enemy patrols are active on our front.
2. We have already sent a fighting patrol out whose task is to capture these patrols.
3. You will be advise the route and time of return of this patrol at Bn Assembly Area when you report to C O.
4. You <sup>will</sup> make a recce of all ground fwd of the start line as far as enemy occupied posn with particular ref to existence of wire, booby traps, mines etc. If it is possible to cut the wire without disclosing the presence of the patrol, you will do so and note the exact location of the breaches so made.
5. Apart from the fighting patrol mentioned above, there are none of our troops fwd of the Assembly Area.
6. You will report to C O at 1700 hrs 20 Feb 41 for further detailed instns

  
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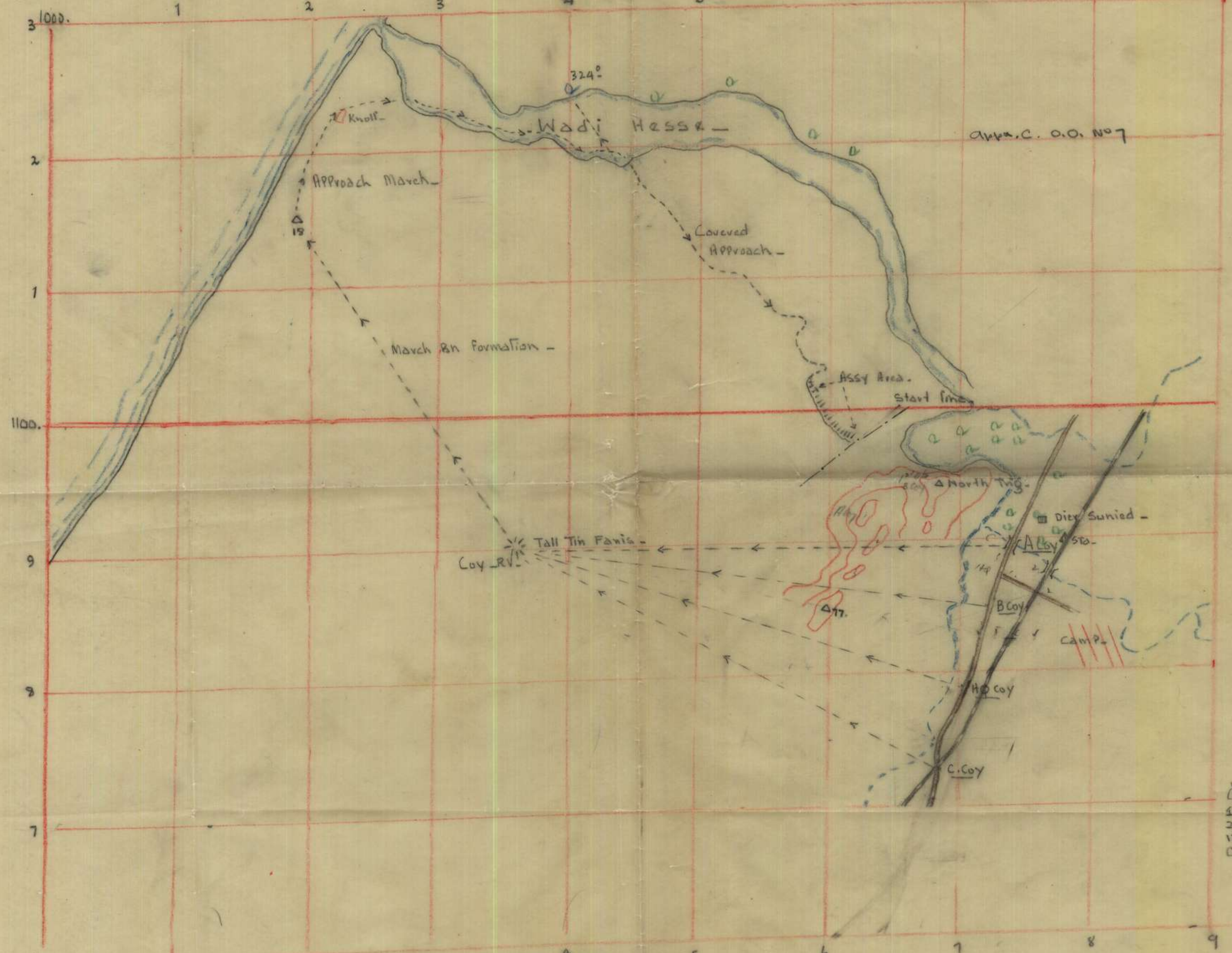
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## APPENDIX II

## MINIATURE RIFLE PRACTICES

Miniature rifle ammunition should be used for practices similar to those of the Empire Test, details of which are given below.

Serial	Practice	Target	Rounds	Detail	Average scores as a guide only		
					H.P.S.	1st Class	2nd Class
A	Grouping	Small (representative 200)	5	Lying in open	25	20	15
B	Slow	Small (representative 200)	5	Lying in open	20	15	11
C	Slow	Large Convertable Bull's eye (representative 500)	5	Lying in open	20	8	5
D	Snap- shooting	Small Snapshooting (representative 100)	5	Standing in trench, 5 second exposure each. Rifle in aim before target appears	15	12	9
TOTAL ...			<u>20</u>		80	55	40

For details of targets,  
see S.A.T. Vol V, 1931, Sec 47

APPENDIX III  
RIFLE COURSE

No.	Practice	Target	Distance in yards	Rounds	Detail	H.P.S.	Remarks
X 1	Grouping	Grouping	100	5-4	Lying (a) (c)	<del>25</del> 20	(a) Wrist or forearm rested Sandbags should be adjusted to suit firer.
2	Grouping	Grouping	100	6	Lying (a)	25	
X 3	Application(d)	Small	200	5	Standing in trench (a) If no trench available Lying (a)	20	(b) In the open. No support whatever.  (c) Rifles should be zeroed during this practice (see para 3 )
X 4	Snaphooting (d)	(Fig 4A (c)	200	5	Standing in trench (a) If no trench available Lying (a). Exposure 5 seconds for each shot. Rifles to be in the pos- ition of readiness be- fore each shot. Each shot will be signalled.	15(f)	(d) Practices 3 and 4 should be fired by each detail consecutively.
5	Application (g)	Small	200	5	As for practice 3, but bayonet fixed. (the object of this prac- tice is to enable the soldier to ascertain the effect of firing with the bayonet fixed	20	(e) If not available, Fig 3 or large snaphooting target may be substituted.  (f) 3 points per hit  (g) Practices 5 and 6 should be fired by each detail consecutively.

APPENDIX III (contd)  
RIFLE COURSE.

No.	Practice	Target	Distance in yards	Rounds	Detail	H.P.S.	Remarks
X 6	Timed (g)	Small	200	5	Lying (a) with bayonet fixed. The firer will be standing at the "Order" until the target appears or the order to fire is given. Rifle unloaded, ammunition in the pouch, which will be buttoned, safety catch back and sights adjusted. Time, 60 secs.	20	(h) Practices 7 and 8 should be fired by each detail consecutively.  (i) Bulls and inners count 3 points.
X 7	Application (h)	Small	300	5	Lying (b)	20	NOTE  In exceptional cases where no open range can be made available, Practices 1 to 6 may be fired on the 30-yds range with the approval of Brigade or Area commanders. This should be avoided whenever possible.
8	Snapshotting (h)	Fig 4A (c)	300	5	Lying (b). The firer may be in the aim throughout 5 seconds for each shot.	15(f)	
9	Timed (Gas)	Small	300	10	Standing in trench (a); If no trench available, Lying (a). Firer (rifle loaded with 10 rounds) to be in the position of readiness until the target appears. Exposure 40 seconds. The respirator to be adjusted before the practice commences.	30(j)	

TOTAL ... ~~50~~  
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\* 190  
HPS 95



APPENDIX IV  
L.M.G. COURSE

No.	Practice	Target	Distance in yards	Rounds	Detail	H.P.S.	Remarks
X 1	Single Rounds	Small	200	5	The 5 shots will be signalled in the normal way as for the rifle. To test accuracy of aim combined with trigger pressing.	20(a)	(a) Scoring as for rifle (b) Scoring: Bullets and Inners, 2 points; Magpies and Outers 1 point
X 2	Application at normal rate (d)	Small	200	15	To be fired in 3 or 4 bursts at the normal rate. M.P.I. of each burst to be signalled	30(b)	(c) Scoring: Each hit within magpie (4 ft) circle, 2 points; each hit within outer (6 ft) circle, 1 point.
3	Rapid (d)	Small	200	30	30 rounds in 2 magazines (15 in each). Sights adjusted. Gun loaded. Fire in position of readiness. The second magazine in the firer's pouch. The appearance of the target to be the signal to open fire. The target will be exposed for 20 seconds.	60 (b)	(d) Practices 2 and 3 will be fired by each detail consecutively (e) If 500 firing point is not available, these practices may be fired at 400 or 300 yards.
X 4	Application at normal rate	Small	300	<del>20</del> 15	To be fired in <del>4</del> 3 or <del>5</del> 4 bursts at the normal rate. M.P.I. of each burst to be signalled.	<del>40</del> (b) 30	

*Total*

*35 rds*

*HPS. 80*

APPENDIX IV (contd) G.O.S.

L.M.G. COURSE.

No.	Practice	Target	Distance in yards	Rounds	Detail	H.P.S.	Remarks
6	Application at normal rate	Large Land-scrape	500(e)	15	To be fired in 3 or 4 bursts at the normal rate. M.P.I. of each burst to be signalled	30(e)	<p>NOTES</p> <p>(1) General Conditions. For all practice guns will be loaded, change lever at "safe", sights adjusted (except practice 6), and butt on the ground (except practice 7) until the target appears or the order to fire is given. The butt strap may be back if desired.</p> <p>(ii) Zeroing. See para 3.</p>
6	Fleeting (Gas)	Large Land-scrape	500(e)	15	15 round in one magazine. Firer in position on the firing point on the ground with respirator adjusted and sights at 200 yds until the target appears. As soon as the target is raised the firer will adjust his sights and fire. The target will be exposed for 20 secs.	30(e)	
7	A.A. Preliminary	Small	200	10	To be fired horizontally from the A.A. mounting at its lowest adjustment in one burst. To give the firer the feel of the gun when fired from this mounting.	20(b)	

Total S.A.A. Practices 1-6 100 H.P.S. Practices 1-6 210

17 Feb 41

2/24 Bn Adm Instn No 3.

Exercise 1. The 2/24 Bn will carry out firing practice with 2" Mortars using HE bombs at JAFFA range on 18 Feb 41.

Allotment of Weapons and Amn 2.

3 - 2" Mortars will be available and will be picked up from 2/23 Bn by QM at 1730 hrs 17 Feb 41. Lieut H.W. SNELL will arrange to draw 144 HE and 3 Smoke bombs from QM.

Directing and Instructional Staff 3

(a) OC Offrs and NCO's under instn - MAJ H. HICK TASKER.

(b) OC Firing - LIEUT H.W. SNELL.

(c) Instructors  
Sgt L.G. WILSHIRE "B" Coy  
" A. HANSON HQ "  
A/Sgt E. GERAGHTY "A" "

Safety Precautions 4

- (a) No firing will take place without the direct order of the O i/c firing.
- (b) The NCO instructing on each mortar will ensure that the safety cap is removed from each HE bomb before it is loaded into the mortar and that the bomb is placed tail first into the barrel.
- (c) As each bomb is fired the NCO will watch for blinds and should one occur he should carefully note the posn and immediately report the posn to the O i/c.
- (d) Firing will be stopped if any aircraft is observed flying on a course likely to take it over the danger area at a height estimated to be less than 1000 feet.
- (e) No target will be engaged at a range of less than 250x.
- (f) No target will be engaged unless it is within the demarcated target area.
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- (h) On no account will offrs or NCO's attending the demonstration under instn place themselves in any posn other than that approved by O i/c

**01 RMO WILL ATTEND WITH FIRST AID EQUIPMENT**

Personnel to fire. 5

2 O/Rs from each sec of each rifle coy (excl E coy) will be practised in firing.

Personnel attending under instn 6

The following will be detailed to attend the demonstration :-

- 2 Offrs from each rifle coy (excl E Coy)
- 3 NCO's from " " " " "
- 6 Offrs and O/Rs from HQ Coy (as detailed by OC HQ Coy)

Dress 7.

Service dress, battle order, steel helmets will be worn by all ranks during firing.

Rations 8.

All personnel attending will breakfast at 0530 hrs as under :-

- (a) Offrs and Sgts in respective messes
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A cut lunch will be carried by each man. Water bottles will be filled and carried.

Time of Parade 9

All attending will parade on roadway outside Bn HQ at 0630 hrs.

Tpt 10

Will arrange necessary tpt. Convoy will move from Bn HQ at 0630 hrs

Stores 11 Lieut SNELL will arrange to draw all necessary stores and equipment.

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WLD  
17 Feb 41

2/24 Bn Adm Instn No 3.

Exercise 1. The 2/24 Bn will carry out firing practice with 2" Mortars using HE bombs at JAFFA range on 18 Feb 41.

Allotment of Weapons and Amn 2.

3 - 2" Mortars will be available and will be picked up from 2/23 Bn by QM at 1730 hrs 17 Feb 41. Lieut H.W. SNELL will arrange to draw 144 HE and 3 Smoke bombs from QM.

Directing and Instructional Staff 3

(a) OC Offrs and NCO's under instn MAJ H. McK. TASKER.

(b) OC Firing LIEUT H.W. SNELL.

(c) Instructors

Sgt	L.G. WILSHIRE	"B"	Coy
"	A. HANSON	HQ	"
A/Sgt	E. GERRAGHY	"A"	"

Safety Precautions 4

- (a) No firing will take place without the direct order of the O i/c firing.
- (b) The NCO instructing on each mortar will ensure that the safety cap is removed from each HE bomb before it is loaded into the mortar and that the bomb is placed tail first into the barrel.
- (c) As each bomb is fired the NCO will watch for blinds and should one occur he should carefully note the posn and immediately report the posn to the O i/c.
- (d) Firing will be stopped if any aircraft is observed flying on a course likely to take it over the danger area at a height estimated to be less than 3000 feet.
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HQ Coy		
B Coy		
D Coy		

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4. START LINE. Bn Gd Room
5. START TIME Head of col will pass line at 0900 hrs.
6. DRE SS. Shorts and shirts, fighting order.
7. RATIONS. Midday meal will be carried.

J.T BROCK. LIEUT

Acting Adj. 2/24 Bn AIF.

Distribution :-

HQ Coy  
A Coy  
B Coy  
D Coy  
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CO  
2 i/c  
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IO  
QM  
RMO  
File  
War Diary (2 copies)

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HQ "	1200 "
(less 2 & 3 <sup>5</sup> Pls)	
HQ "	1400 "
(less 1,3,4 & 6 Pls)	
"E" " )	1500 "
BHQ )	

4. Dress. Working dress.
5. Stores. Q M will arrange with HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde to draw necessary stores on evening 5 Feb 41.

  
 .....Lieut.  
 Acting Adjutant 2/24 Bn AIF.

Distn.

BnHQ.	C O.
HQ Coy	2 i/c
A "	Adj
B "	QM
C "	Lieut Snell
D "	Sgt McIntosh
E "	File
	War Diary (2)

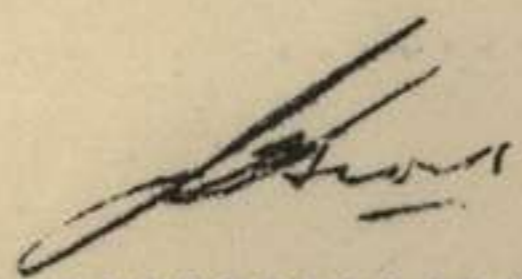
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MOVEMENT TABLE.

1. Personnel to be transported:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSPORTED TO RANGE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>PERSONNEL TO RETURN TO CAMP</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Feb 1	A	159 <sup>①</sup>		Nil	① Includes Butt Party - 42
Feb 2	B	133 <sup>②</sup>	A	108 <sup>②</sup>	② includes 27 O/Rs from 1st Reft. ③ includes Butt Party - 51.
Feb 3	C	138 <sup>④</sup>	B	133 <sup>④</sup>	
Feb 4	D	130 <sup>②</sup>	C	138 <sup>②</sup>	
Feb 5	HQ (1,5,6 Pls)	101 <sup>④</sup>	D	130 <sup>②</sup>	④ Less 11 drivers and 9 members Butt Party already provided for.
Feb 6	HQ (2,3,4 Pls) Bn HQ	97	HQ	110 <sup>⑤</sup>	⑤ includes 9 Butt Party returning.
Feb 7	-	Nil	HQ/BHQ	138 <sup>⑥</sup>	⑥ includes Butt Party (balance) - 42.

2. TPT AVAILABLE.

2 cars D.S. - 1 for use of C.O. 1 to convey offr to range.	
6 vans G.S. - 20-cwt (capacity each 90/Rs)	54 0/Rs
2 vans G.S. - 15-cwt MOR (capacity each 70/Rs)	14 0/Rs
1 van - 12-cwt utility (capacity 70/Rs)	7 0/Rs
<b>Total carrying capacity</b>	<b>75 0/Rs</b>

3. Additional tpt required for personnel as under:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO RANGE</u>	<u>RETURN</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MINIMUM TPT REQD.</u>
Feb 1	84	Nil	Vans G.S. 20-cwt 10 X
Feb 2	58	33	7 X
Feb 3	63	58	8 X
Feb 4	55	63	7
Feb 5	26	55	6
Feb 6	22	35	4
Feb 7	Nil	65	8 ⑧

Note:- X includes one truck for carriage of rations and/or stores.

4. Tpt to leave Bn H.Q. 1400 hrs returning 1830 hrs approximately.

.....Lieut.,  
Acting Adjutant, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

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