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25 Infantry Brigade

March - April 1941

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde AIF Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 41 To 31 Mar 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ON BOARD HMT J19	3	1645	HMTJ19 dropped anchor at TEWFIK	Ship's ROs
AT SEA	4		Ship's Capt thanked all troops for cooperation on voyage	
	8	2330	HMTJ19 proceeded to an anchorage approx 25 miles from TEWFIK AS AN AIR RAID ON TEWFIK is expected.	
	9	1100	PAD instns for disembarkation issued.	Ship's ROs
		1900	HMTJ19 returned to TEWFIK	
TEWFIK	10	1515	Disembarkation of Aust tps from HMTJ19 commenced.	Appx "A"
			HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde disembarked. While Bde HQ en route to point of entrainment an enemy A/C appeared overhead. It was engaged by shore AA btys and beat a hasty retreat without indulging in any hostile action.	
			25 Aust Inf Bde having disembarked A/Cel R. Bierwirth, who had been acting Bde Comd in an adm capacity reverted to comd 2/33 Bn - comd of 25 Aust Inf Bde being taken over by Brig A.R. Baxter Cox.	
		2215	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde entrained for GAZA	
	11	0445	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde crossed SUEZ CANAL at KANTARA en route to GAZA. As the train on which HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde were travelling pulled into KANTARA the local AIR RAID ALARM was sounded, and an enemy A/C put in an appearance. After giving a few short bursts of MG fire the raider was beaten off by AA fire without causing any apparent damage or casualties.	
GAZA		1330	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde arrived at GAZA and marched into camp at HOLMES CAMP KILO 89.	
HQ Lines	12		Conf of COs and SOs at Bde HQ.	Appx "B"
CAMP KILO 89, GAZA	13	1800	25 Aust Inf Bde assumed responsibility for Security Gd GAZA RIDGE	ROs
	14		Tng Instn No 2 issued.	Appx "C"
	17		Miniature firing range in HOLMES LINES completed.	
	20		Offrs of Bde made recce of fd firing ranges at JAFFA.	
			Security Instn dealing with CENSORSHIP OF CIVILIANS' MAIL issued.	Appx "D"
			Offrs and senior NCOs of Bde attended demonstration of destruction of unexploded projectiles, Bombs and Grenades by 2/5 Fd Coy	Appx "E"

Handwritten notes and signatures in blue ink, including a large signature and the word "APPENDICES" written vertically.

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Unit Date and Time.—From To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HQ LINES	21	1430	Rehearsal of ceremonial parade	
	22		Ceremonial parade postponed owing to inclement weather.	Appx "F"
CAMP KILO 89, GAZA	24	1400	Bde Comd (Brig A.R. Baxter-Cox) proceeded on leave. Fd firing practices on JAFFA ranges commenced.	Appx "G"
	25		Bde Comd (Brig Baxter-Cox) returned from leave.	
	26		Bde Comd attended fd firing practices on JAFFA ranges. Reinfts joined Bns.	Appx "H"
	27		Bde Comd (Brig A.R. Baxter-Cox) attended Coy Comds' TEWT vicinity CAMP HILL 95.	
	28		In the morning Bde Comd (Brig A.R. Baxter-Cox) attended Coy Comds' TEWT vicinity CAMP HILL 89, and in the afternoon attended fd firing practices at JAFFA ranges? Circular dealing with censorship of mail issued to Bde SOs.	Appx "I"
	29		Bde Comd (Brig A.R. Baxter-Cox) visited JAFFA ranges and watched the fd firing practices.	
	30		Bde HQ hockey team played team from Sch of Sigs. Lost match 3-0	
	31		Div Comd Maj Gen J.D. LAVARACK C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. attended fd firing practice at JAFFA ranges. GSO I Col J. Chapman inspected mortar firing range at GAZA.	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* * <i>Brig.</i>			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	5		1
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters <i>Chaplains</i>	3		
TOTALS	13		2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>J.A.C. ANDREW.</i>	<i>HQ 25 Bde</i>	<i>15 March</i>	<i>From 2/4 Fd Regt. as S.C. learner</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>H.H. RANKINE.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>From 2/32 BN as Amenities C.Sr.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>L.E. WALCOTT</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" 7 Aust Div as L.C.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>T. Capt.</i>	<i>A.S. GEE.</i>	<i>HQ 25 BDE.</i>	<i>14 Feb 44</i>	<i>Disembarked Hospital. DURBAN.</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	WX 1573	A.R. BAXTER-COX	HQ 25 Bde	Yes	
Capt	NX 324	G.H. BHATHAM	" " "	"	
Capt	NX 219	I.M. HUNTER	" " "	"	
Capt	QX 6095	L. STANSFIELD	" " "	"	
Capt	NX 16	R. VINCENT	" " "	"	
Capt	VX 13571	J.A.C. ANDREW	" " "	"	
Lieut	WX 462	P.L. BRINKLEY	" " "	"	
Lieut	WX 2142	D.W. YOUNG	" " "	"	
Lieut	VX 12705	H.H. RANKINE	" " "	"	
Lieut	NX 34843	L.E. WALCOTT	" " "	"	
Chaplain	SX 1476	D. REDDING	" " "	No	att 2/31 BN
Chaplain	TX 2042	K. SCARFE	" " "	"	" 2/32 "
Chaplain	QX 6366	H. BRUCKE	" " "	"	" 2/33 "

(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	NX 6725	G.B. KATER	44 LAD		
Capt	NX 177	R.F. EDGECOMBE	"L" Sec Sig		
Lieut	NX 3743	R.F. WOODCOCK	" " "		

HQ 25 Aust INF BDE

(Unit.)

18 MAR 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

COMD 25 Aust INF BDE

(Signature of Commander.)

4. DIV A.I.F.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

44 LAD att HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit.) For Week Ending 22 MAR 1941

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Capt		G. B. KATER	44 LAD	yes.		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

44 L.A.D.

(Unit.)

22 MAR 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

COMMANDING (Signature of Commander.)

7 DIV A.I.F.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H.Q. 25 Inf Bde.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

22 MAR 1941

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..			1
	Captains ...	6		1
	Lieutenants ...	4		
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	CHAPLAINS	3		
	TOTALS	14		1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	JAC ANDREW VX 13871	2/4 Fd Regt	18 Mar 41	S.C. Learner.
Capt	RAC MUIR QX 6236	7 Div Cav Regt	21 Mar 41	B.M. Learner.
Lieut	H.H. RANKINE VX 12705	2/32 BN	18 Mar 41	Amenities off.
Lieut	L.E. WALCOTT HX 34843	7 Aust Div	18 Mar 41	L.O.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig		HR BAXTER-COX	HQ. 25 BDE	Yes.		
2		Capt		G.A. BERTRAM	" " "	"		
3		Capt		I.M. HUNTER	" " "	"		
4		Capt		L.F. STANSFIELD	" " "	"		
5		Capt		R. VINCENT	" " "	"		
6		Capt		R.A.C. MUIR	" " "	"		
7		Capt		J.A.C. ANDREW	" " "	"		
8		Lieut		P.L. BRINKLEY	" " "	"		
9		Lieut		D.W. YOUNG	" " "	"		
10		Lieut		L.E. WALCOTT	" " "	"		
11		Lieut		H.H. RANKINE	" " "	"		
12		CHAP		D. REDDING	" " "	No		Att 2/31 BN
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		R.F. EDGECOMBE	" 2" Sec Sigs		
Lieut		R.F. WOODCOCK	" " "		

H.Q. 25 Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

22 MAR 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

Brigadier
COMANDING OFFICER
(Signature of Commander.)

7 DIV. I I F
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 29 Mar 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	* Brig	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..			1
	Captains	6		
	Lieutenants	4		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	Chaplains	3		
	TOTALS	14		1

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Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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1		Brig		A. R. BAXTER-COX	HQ 25 Bde	Yes		
2		Capt		G. A. BERTRAM	" " "	"		
3		Capt		I. M. HUNTER	" " "	"		
4		Capt		L. F. STANSFIELD	" " "	"		
5		Capt		R. VINCENT	" " "	"		
6		Capt		R. A. C. MUIR	" " "	"		
7		Capt		J. A. C. ANDREW	" " "	"		
8		Lieut		P. L. BRINKLEY	" " "	"		
9		Lieut		D. W. YOUNG	" " "	"		
10		Lieut		L. E. WALCOTT	" " "	"		
11		Lieut		H. H. RANKINE	" " "	"		
12		CHAP.		D. REDDING	" " "	No		ATT 2/31 BN.
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Capt		R. F. EDGECOMBE	"L" Sec Sigs.		
Lieut		R. F. WOODCOCK	" " "		

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
29 Mar 41
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Brigadier
COMMANDING 25th Aust Inf Bde
(Signature of Commander.)
7 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

44 LAD ATT. HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 29 Mar 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors ...			
	Captains ...	1		
	Lieutenants ...			
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ...	1		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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1		Capt		G. B. KATER	44 LAD	Yes		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

44 L.A.D.
(Unit.)
29 Mar 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Hunter
Brigadier
COMMANDING 25 MISTAKE BDE
(Signature of Commander.)
7 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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APPX 'A'

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

I. DISEMBARKATION STRENGTH.
A H.M.T. J 19.

SECURITY.

Serial No	Unit	Att Units	Offrs	O	Rs	Total	Offrs	O	Rs	Total
29734	9 Div H.Q. (a)						15		78	93
29739	25 Inf Bde H.Q.		7		56	63				
	L Sec Sigs		2		33	35				
	44 L A D		1		11	12				
	Postal				2	2				
	Cypher				2	2				
	3 A.G.H.		1		1	2				
	4 A.G.H.		1			1	12		105	117
29864	31 Bn		24		455	479				
	H.Q 25 Inf Bde		1		1	2				
	Y.M.C.A.		1			1				
	Band (b)				6	6				
	Class 2 (c)				12	12				
	2/12 Bn		1			1				
	M.G. Bn		1		27	28				
	2/33 Bn (d)				4	4	28		505	533
29865	32 Bn		24		455	479				
	H.Q. 25 Inf Bde		1			1				
	Class 2 (c)				6	6				
	2/12 Bn		1		30	31	26		491	517
29743	A.A.S.C. H.Q.		4		34	38				
29869	Arm		5		145	150				
29860	Sup		3		103	106				
29861	Pet		4		120	124	16		402	418
29270	3 Fd Amb						9		162	171
29738	9 Div Sigs		7		108	115				
	Class 2 (c)				4	4				
	Ry Cons Coy (d)				2	2				
	3 Fd Regt		1		12	13				
	1 A Tk Regt				7	7				
	3 Fd Coy				4	4				
	13 Fd Coy				3	3				
	49 L.A.D.				1	1				
	9 Bn				2	2	8		143	151
29345	Pro Unit						2		49	51
29749	Adv Depot Med Stores						1		8	9
29270 (e)	1 Special Dental						1		4	5
29862	A.A.N.S.						12			12
<u>TOTAL H.M.T. J 19</u>							<u>130</u>		<u>1947</u>	<u>2077</u>

1. DISEMBARKATION STRENGTH. (ctd)

B. H.M.T. J 33

29866	33 Bn		24	474	498			
		9 & 10 Bns	1	47	48			
		9 Div Sigs (Ship Staff)	1	1	2			
		A.A.S.C. "	1	1	2			
		Pay	1	5	6			
		Postal		2	2	28	530	558
29758	11 Fd Amb					9	159	168
29744	Ord Fd Pk					2	44	46
29561	A.F.W. Details					3	66	69
	Rly Constn Coy					9	323	332
29862	A.A.N.S.					3		3
	Stowaway						1	1
			<u>TOTAL H.M.T. J 33.</u>			54	1123	1177.

C. H.M.T. J 25

29864	31 Bn	A.A. Party				14	14	
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D. H.M.T. J 26

29864	31 Bn	do				14	14	
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E. H.M.T. J 15

29865	32 Bn	do				14	14	
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F. H.M.T. J 28

29865	32 Bn	do				14	14	
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G. H.M.T. J 31

29866	33 Bn	do		14	14			
29738	9 Div Sigs	Sig Party		2	2	16	16	

H. H.M.T. J 12

29866	33 Bn	Carrier Pkg (r)				1	1	2
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SUMMARY.

H.M.T.	Offrs	O.Rs	Total.
J 19	130	1947	2077
33	54	1123	1177
12	1	1	2
15		14	14
25		14	14
26		14	14
28		14	14
31		16	16

TOTAL A.L.F. IN CONVOY = 185 Offrs 5143 O.Rs 3528 All Ranks.

2. EMBARKATION STRENGTH (ctd)

NOTES.

(a) Constitution of 9 Div Det.

<u>Mobile Ech.</u>				<u>Fixed Ech.</u>			
<u>Staff</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.Rs</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.Rs</u>	<u>Total</u>
G	1		1	D.A.A.G.	1		1
A.A.& Q.M.G.	2		2	Ordnance	2		2
<u>Miscellaneous.</u>				<u>Miscellaneous.</u>			
Camp Comdt	1	3	4	Clerks G.S.		5	5
Medical	1	3	4	Printers		3	3
Ord	1	6	7	Batmen		3	3
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				Stationery	1		1
A.Q. Clerks		2	2	Employ Pl		7	7
Drivers M.T.		3	3	Pay Office	1	11	12
Cooks		2	2	Records	2	6	8
Batman		3	3	Postal	1	2	3
Offrs Mess		1	1	War Corres	1		1
Sgts Mess		1	1	Force Int.		1	1
Employ'mt Pl		11	11	Fd Cash		3	3
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(b) Personnel att to 31 Bn for practice with the Band :-

32 Bn	2	
33 Bn	2	
Depot Of Personnel	2	<u>Total</u> 6

(c) Class II personnel who were returned from Depot of Personnel just prior to embarkation for duration of voyage

(d) Personnel who were A.W.L. in DURBAN from J 33 and were apprehended just prior to sailing.

(e) Using 3 Bn Amb serial numbers.

(f) 33 Bn Carrier Pl Comd and Sgt who were unable to join J 33 in time after supervising loading of unit carriers.

2. ALTERATION IN STRENGTH AT DURBAN.

H.M.T. J 19

Strength arrival DURBAN
Disembarked to

		Offrs	O.Rs	Offrs 152	O.Rs. 1936
Hospital	25 Inf Bde.	1		1	6
	31 Bn		3		
	32 Bn		2		
	A.A.S.C.		1		
H.M.T. J 17 (return Aust)	31 Bn	2		2	1
	32 Bn		1		
M.L.O. Staff	9 Div		1		1
A.W.L.	31 Bn		17		
	1 M.G. Bn		1		
	32 Bn		10		
	12 Bn		1		
	25 Inf Bde (L See Sigs)		2		
	9 Div		2		
	9 Div Sigs		3		
	3 Fd Regt		4		
	A.A.S.C.		2		
<u>Embarked</u>	M.L.O. Staff	9 Div		129	1936
	Previous Convoys	1 M.G. Bn.		1	
					6
H.M.T. J 33	33 Bn		3		
	Ry Const		2		5
Strength for Disembarkation				150	1947

H.M.T. J 35.

Strength arrival DURBAN
Disembarked to

				56	1182
Hospital	33 Bn	2	3	2	16
	9 & 10 Bns		2		
	11 Fd Amb		2		
	Ord Fd Pk		1		
	Ord Fd Workshops		2		
	Ry Const Coy		6		
A.W.L.	33 Bn		25		
	9 & 10 Bns		2		
	11 Fd Amb		4		
	Ry Const Coy		5		
	Stowaway		2		38
H.M.T. J 19	33 Bn		3		
	Ry Const Coy		2		5
Strength for Disembarkation				54	1125

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S.O. to O.C. Aus Tps.

H.Q. 25 AUS INF BDE.

CONFERENCE 2000 hrs, 12 MAR 41, ATTENDED BY

S.O.s, C.O.s, ADJTs and Q.Ms.

- A.
- Clothing: Wearing of shirts: Tps must at all times wear shirts or singlets. Bare backs are forbidden on medical grounds.
- Amenities, arrangements for: Arrangements have been made for an extra issue of amenities - tobacco etc, for tps who have just arrived in camp.
- Security of arms: To be watched religiously. This point cannot be stressed too much. Use of armoury to be discouraged - men must learn to be responsible for their own rifles.
- Audits: S.O.s and A.I.F. Os require that audits should be held monthly and the results sent to C.P.M. by the 14th of each month. This means that they will have to be in at Bde by 10th. An Auditor is all that is required. Next audit to be in by 10 Apr (as at end of Mar.)
- Regt Funds: Proportion of theatre takings and canteen profits go to units. Swill and fat may be sold here. Buyers' names are obtainable from Camp .SO. To be sold in quantities, not per head (security reasons.)
- Bands: Present bandmaster to be sent to Reinforcement Depot to examine bandmen. 31 Bn band to be built up first. Present band sgt will be lent to 31 Bn until 33 Bn has a band. Tng of a substitute will done meanwhile. Band will attend ceremonial parade at retreat on alternate evenings.
- Censorship: Capt Sellars will instruct I.O.s of facts concerning censorship. Correspondence must be checked more carefully, officers as well as O.R.s Officers will be held directly responsible not only for what they write themselves but for what they pass in men's letters.
- Civilians: Should be kept out of camp. Validity of passes must be known to all ranks. Sentries on duty must ^{not} stand about talking to civilians.
- Padres: Present padres will be retained - possible change 33 Bn. Not responsible for recreation huts. This will enable them to move amongst the men. Mr Hocking is responsible for maintenance of huts.
- Message Forms: Correspondence to Bde from Bns to on message forms (C 2128) whenever possible.
- Duty Officers: A responsible officer must always be on duty at Bde and Bn H.Q.s
- Pay: Saturday laid down as payday. Tng interfered with less.
- Postal: Camp P.O. in Holmes Lines, south end of camp, near 33 Bn. Units responsible for taking delivery of mail from that point. Cables may be sent at any time - to be censored, signed and stamped with unit censor stamp by officer.
- Leave: Present allotment of leave is for D Coy personnel. No leave at present for newly arrived personnel. A.C.F. may supply funds for men not having sufficient money for proceeding on leave when granted - only special cases, married men etc.
- Time: Bde Sig O responsible for circulation to units.
- Nominal rolls: Nominal rolls of Officers together with postings to be rendered immediately. Also confidential reports from C.Os for Bde Comd.
- Amenities Officer: C.Os will please give serious thought to finding a suitable man (not necessarily someone already commissioned.)
- Staff Learners: Names required of officers suitable for learning jobs of S.C. and B.M. and taking them over.
- Culling Units: To be done immediately. R.M.Os to submit names of men to be boarded - C.Os cases of men S.N.L.R. Transfers to be let go through to a reasonable limit. Personnel considered too old may have names submitted for Gd Bn.
- Technically Trained Personnel: If any required, will be procured from base if possible. Units have right of keeping personnel who have trained with them. School for Armourers commences Wed 19 Mar.
- Offences: Compounds not desirable - loss of training time both of prisoners and gds. Stiff C.B. preferable, with fine if considered necessary. Field punishment and 27 days detention not permitted in Palestine. A Div legal officer will come down and run through A.I.F. policy in these matters in use here.

Evacuations: Certain equipment issued in England must NOT be lost to units. All evacuations must be done through the Q.M. who will attend to the above matter. Requisitions to be made immediately for gaiters - the Australian type will be received. When a man is leaving the unit, canvas gaiters will be retained by the unit and a felt pair issued.

Puggarees: May be worn on a Bn basis only. No knowledge of Bde colours at present.

Dental: Cards to go to Dental Unit who will arrange treatment. To be cleaned up as soon as possible.

Pullovers: C.Os will please arrange that a uniform appearance will be maintained.

Div Sped Gp: This Bde must staff 25 Inf Trg Bn. Only really GOOD training men (not necessarily fightingmen) to be sent. Quality of reinforcements depends on this.

Thieving: Stealing from a comrade worst military offence. Any punishment deemed necessary will be backed up.

Liaison Offrs: 31 and 33 Bns may have suggestions. Please let Bde Comd know as soon as possible.

Q.

Inspection of arms: Armourers inspection commences Bde H.Q. Thu, 13 Mar, and each Bn in turn. From then on monthly. Inspection by W.O. A.A.O.C. in conjunction with L.A.D.

Shorts, shirts & stockings: Requisitions for W.E. Scale to be made immediately (higher establishment). 2 sets khaki working dress per man. Uniformity to be maintained. Suggest denims be concentrated in one sec (e.g. Tpt).

Arm Schedule: Statement of situation required immediately.

Loss of clothing: This is now a security offence and may be heavily punished.

Anti-malarial equipment: Requisitions immediately.

Cleanliness of kitchens: Very high standard will be insisted on.

Cooking courses: Best way to train is by having R.A.S.C. instructors in unit kitchens, giving instructions there.

Cooking, cafeteria system: This system will be maintained.

Accommodation Stores: Units to hold all issued for the present. Surplus to be returned when W.E. plus 1st reinforcements is arrived at.

T.

Field firing range: Jaffa range allotted 2 days each Bn, commencing 24 Mar.

Range Practice: .38 revolvers to be withdrawn. Smith & Wesson .45 Aus ptn to be issued. All lead amm to be withdrawn. Have asked for 140 rds Mortar per Bn. Opportunity will be given to fire Thompson sub-machine gun. A.A. practice will be afforded.

Unqualified personnel may qualify on miniature range with scaled down targets.

D Coys about 90% qualified.

A.Tk range is at Jaffa.

Inspection of respirators: Monthly. Inspection for Mar to be made immediately and certificate to be rendered.

Fitness for War: Report to be rendered monthly. State from point of view of tag iff fit for war. If not state whether delay due to inadequate equipment. Also state approx date expected ready. Report by 15 Mar.

Security: Address showing unit and location must not be given to tradespeople at any time. Items such as films for developing and printing must NOT be given to unauthorised people. List of authorised tradespeople obtainable from Camp S.O.

Hospital Piquet: Requires a Coy. 31 Bn takes over tomorrow at 1700 hrs. Tour of duty will be advised later. Piquet lives at hospital but feeds from own cookhouses. Hot boxes may be obtained on loan. T.O. will make vehicle available.

24 hrs: Every man is on 24 hrs notice to move.

30 yds range: Being prepared. Will be allotted by Bde, as soon as ready.

Courses: All courses possible asked for. Statement of previous courses wanted, i.e. courses attended by (a) Offrs with results, (b) N.C.Os with results.

Discipline: Lounging guards and sentries are bad advertisements for units.

Maps, security of: Maps scarce. Unit I.O. to keep careful record. As soon as tpt available, recce as much as possible. Attention to be paid to the judging of distances.

Tng Instas: Will be issued Fri. Syllabi based on these, copy to Bde.

Weekly period advised - 6 day week - Sat afternoon for adm purposes - tng 3 nights weekly - offrs lectures, 1715 to 1600 hrs suggested most suitable.

G.

Liquor: Watch for civilians in quiet corners. Arrac being sold. Bottles must NOT leave canteens.

Swimming: Suggest full day. March to beach - swim for say an hour - cut lunch - short march on beach - another swim if time (improbable).

Responsibility of C.C. that life-savers be provided. Trunks or shorts necessary.

War Diaries: To be kept up to date.

Tng Manuals: B.M. will provide list of what available. Statement of what desired to be then submitted.

Camouflage: All tents to be done immediately. Mud obtainable at nearby camps. Bde T.O. to supply tpt.

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SECURITY.

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25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE.

TNG INSTN. No 2.

- 1. The object of this circular is to indicate the scope of tng to be carried out as from 17 Mar onwards.
- 2. There are several conditions obtaining in respect of this Bde, which determine the policy of tng, and these should be borne in mind as influencing the manner in which tng should be tackled.

These conditions are:-

- (a) There has been a break in fd tng of almost 3 months.
- (b) The long sea voyage has undoubtedly lowered the physical fitness of all ranks with the result that "hardening" becomes of first importance.
- (c) The strength of all bns has been very low, resulting in the need to absorb new personnel who have not been trained to the standard of the original unit.
- (d) Owing to operational and security notes, progressive tng was somewhat disrupted with the result that the normal sequence of tng could not, in most cases, be followed. This tends to confuse the picture, both for leaders and ORs.
- (e) Bns have not all had the same opportunities with the result that the standard of tng throughout the Bde is not balanced.
- (f) The Bde is reqd to take its place, with the least amount of delay, with other Bdes that are already well-trained and hardened, therefore tng must be intensified immediately to cope with this requirement.

3. It is necessary, therefore, to re-lay the foundation on which the ultimate standard of the Bde can only be based, and to go back over tng to the stage which will embrace the "weak spots" here and there, and to cope with conditions enumerated in para 2.

4. It is stressed that the far-reaching influences of unsatisfactory standard in any phase of tng can be very costly, and it behoves all comds to realize that, notwithstanding any guide to syllabi or work to be done, as set out by this or any subsequent instn, it is the personal responsibility of all comds or leaders to ensure that their comds, whatever the strength, have reached a satisfactory standard in each progressive phase of tng. As it is impossible to continue retarding the whole for the benefit of the few, all additional tng reqd must be done at such times or in such a manner that the general Bde progressive programme be not interfered with.

5. All comds must appreciate that we are now in an area, which by development could become a theatre of war. Future developments elsewhere might demand a rapid move of any body of tps into early action, and it is essential that every endeavour be made to inculcate in all leaders and every man the spirit to exert that extraeffort necessary to produce the efficient war machine in the shortest possible time. The Bde will remain on 24 hrs notice for the time being.

6. Tng Conditions.

- (a) By 15 Mar all units should have completed all adm matters and most of the recapitulation periods as set out in Tng Instn No 1 of 3 Mar.
- (b) Intensive tng will commence on 17 Mar.
- (c) Tng will extend over 6 days per week - Mon to Sat incl.
- (d) Tng hrs will be as set out in camp S.Os and any further periods reqd to meet the conditions given in para 4.
- (e) Sat morning will be used for "smartening" tng, close order drill, ceremonial etc. Sat afternoon only will be set aside for adm routine such as pay, medical inspections, kit inspections and for sporting activities of a competitive nature.

7. Tng Objectives.

Tng objectives for the next week, 17-22 Mar will be as under:-

- (a) Weapon Tng: It is essential that all men be EXPERT in the handling and use of weapons.

The first periods set aside for weapon tng will be devoted to rifle and LMG, and a refresher tng in the use of the revolver. As soon as unit war equipment arrives periods set aside for the weapon tng will include Mortars, rifle and Thompson sub-machine gun and ATK.

Particular attention isto be paid to loading, aiming and firing of all weapons, and opportunity will be taken throughout all future sec and pl tng etc to "brush up" fd tng in the handling of weapons. Every endeavour should be made to further the INTEREST in the tng of personnel in automatic weapons and mortars by introducing small classes run by NCOs in tents at night.

- (b) Fire DISCIPLINE trainings: and indication and recognition of targets. Generally the importance of this subject, with its consequent tng in CONTROL, is not fully realised, and steps are to be taken that such a condition does not continue.
- (c) Sec leading: in which the aim should be that every man fully understands the need of CONTROL - hence fd signals, fd formations, and sensible use of ground and cover; DETERMINATION - hence the development of the fighting spirit by patrolling, stalking and scouting, both by day and night; and INTELLIGENCE INTEREST - hence practice in the collection of useful information and sending of messages, particularly verbal.
- (d) Route marches and PT: "Hardening" exercises and route marches in which the development of the power of ENDURANCE and ability to withstand the severe tests with which all will be faced are to be interspersed in the week's syllabus. All marches are to be tactical.
- (e) Miniature range practice: in which all personnel who have NOT yet qualified in the modified tables for the rifle and LMG as set out in Tables of S.A. Practices - WAR PRACTICES, are practiced on scaled-down targets at the KILO 89 miniature range. Allotment of the miniature range will be as under:-

Bde H.Q.	-	20 Mar.
31 Bn	-	21-22 Mar.
32 Bn	-	24-25 "
33 Bn	-	26-27 "

Comds will ensure that only personnel who qualified on classification or miniature ranges, are permitted to fire fd firing practices.

- (f) Night Tng: This will be conducted on 3 nights in the week - viz Mon, Wed, and Fri, and each night period to be of not less than 2 hrs duration.

- i. First night - Movement by pls on compass bearings across country with some obstacles.
- ii. Second night - Movement by secs on compass bearing across country with some obstacles.
- iii. Third night - Movement by individuals - keeping direction and negotiating obstacles. Personnel directed from control point.

It is essential that every opportunity be taken to practice all leaders in the use of the compass.

8. Fd Firing.

For the information of comds, it is intended to commence fd firing practices, both pl and Coy, on JAFFA range on 24 Mar, ~~each~~ Bn being allotted 2 days thus:-

31 Bn	-	24-25 Mar.
32 Bn	-	26-27 "
33 Bn	-	28-29 "
Bde H.Q.	-	30

Security picquets and gds and Bde duties will be adjusted by units and Bde so that the full complement of rifle coys are able to fire the fd firing practices.

9. Tng of H.Q. Coys Until such time as unit War Equipment is available all sub-units of H.Q. Coy are to be trained as for rifle coys. The opportunity should be taken to "clean up" all inf subjects and range practices reqd to be done by technical personnel.
10. Tng of sec leaders. In order to prepare or refresh sec leaders for sec leading tng, short intensive courses of 3 days-viz 16-18 Mar are to be conducted by units. All sec leaders are to attend the courses which should be conducted by a selected pl. and assisted by good N.C.Os. A specimen syllabus can be seen at Bde H.Q. and notes for the guidance in tng of sec leaders will be issued by Bde, by 15 Mar.
11. Tng of Pl Comds. Units will immediately prepare syllabi and arrange to conduct a short Pl Comds' course of six days duration - 17-22 Mar. Coy comds and 2 i/os of coys will be available for supervision of tng set out in para 7, (a) to (f) of this instrn. Consequently all Pl comds, with minor exceptions, should be available for instrn. Concentration on tactical tng will be the basis of the syllabus, and the object will be to train or refresh pl comds for pl tng which will commence in the week 24-29 Mar. Notes for the guidance of instructors in the tng of pl comds will be issued by Bde H.Q. by 15 Mar. C.Os will make careful selection of the offrns charged with the instrn of pl comds. Two copies of syllabi prepared will be forwarded to these H.Q. by 16 Mar.
12. Tng of Coy Comds Preparations are being made to conduct a Coy Comds' course under Bde arrangements during the week 24-29 Mar. Details will be issued subsequently.
13. Tng of Int Personnel Arrangement has been made to conduct a 10 days course for Int personnel under the direction of G 111 (1) and the Bde I.O. at Bde H.Q., commencing 0830 hrs on Mon, 17 Mar. I.Os and Int secs of Bde and bns will attend. Details will be issued by Bde I.O.
14. Tng of Tpt personnel A short course in Map Reading and tpt duties in the field will be conducted by the Bde T.O., commencing Mon 17 Mar, at 0830 hrs. T.Os., Tpt Sgts, 3 C.Rs. per bn, and details from Bde H.Q. tpt personnel will attend. Details of arrangements and syllabus will be issued separately by Bde T.O.

C.Os are to arrange that a suitable N.C.O. is att to No 6 Pl for the purpose of conducting inf tng during this period.
15. Tng of Unit Sigs The C.C. Bde Sigs will conduct a short intensive course for details of Regtl Sigs at Bde H.Q., commencing 0830 hrs, Mon 17 Mar, and concluding on 20 Mar. This course will embrace sig battle procedure, office routine, field supervision and sig traffic. Sig Cffrs and 2 N.C.Os per bn (or equivalent) will attend. Details of arrangements will be issued subsequently by C.C. Bde Sigs. C.Os are to arrange that a Sgt or other suitable N.C.O. is att to the sig pl for inf tng during this period. For the information of C.Os it is advised that a course of instrn for Regtl sigs will be conducted at a subsequent date.
16. Fd Works Course. It is proposed to arrange a course of tng in Fd Works at an early date.

17. Tng of Stretcher Bearers.

The attention of C.Os is directed to the need for intensive tng of stretcher bearers, water duties, and personnel of the Hygiene Sec by R.M.Os.

18. Tactical exercises.

The attention of C.Os is directed to the need to prepare tactical exercises for pls and coys in all phases of battle as early as possible. Coy comds will prepare the pl tactical tng exercises during the week 17-22 Mar, and C.Os will prepare coy exercises during the week 24-29 Mar. Copies of Coy exercises are to be forwarded to Bde by 30 Mar. Copies of Pl exercises are not reqd by Bde but are to be available for the use of the Bde Cond and B.M. during inspections of tng.

19. Syllabii.

Two copies of syllabii prepared for week ending 22 Mar are to reach Bde H.Q. by 1600 hrs, 16 Mar. Details of times allotted to each subject are left to C.Os.

20. Finally it is once again stressed that the Bde has commenced a period of intensive tng in which the full co-operation of all ranks is essential in the building up and perfecting an efficient war machine at the earliest possible moment. This cannot be achieved without teamwork, hard work, and a perfect understanding of battle procedure, all of which are so necessary to that great and essential military quality - CONTROL.

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B.M. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTES ON THE TNG OF PL
AND SEC LDERS IN PREPARATION FOR PL AND SEC TNG.

1. The subject matter to be dealt with is laid down in Inf Sec Leading 1934.
2. Instn should be characterised by realism and the suggestions incl in the various AT memos and similar publications should be studied and applied.
3. Particular attention is to be devoted to:-
 - (a) The teaching of the aids to controlled movement, such as fd sigs, ground formations, cover, map reading etc., and to controlled action such as fire discipline tng, in which the greatest importance is to be placed.
 - (b) The continuous teaching of the elements of fd craft, PAD, and night movement as indicated in Tng Instn No 2.
 - (c) Development of the power of comd - by affording ample opportunity to exercise CONTROL of men and the LEADING of men.
 - (d) The preparation and conduct of demonstrations.
 - (e) The ability to paint and describe simple tactical situations.
 - (f) The preparation and the conduct of simple tactical exercises.
 - (g) The obliteration of the constantly-rising vision of the little 'red books' upon which many leaders are too prone to immediately refer to MENTALLY as soon as any problem arises, with consequent restriction of initiative.
 - (h) All measures designed to develop INITIATIVE, ORIGINALITY, and IMAGINATION.
 - (i) The development of instinctive THINKING, quick APPRECIATION, and the will for ACTION based on COMMON SENSE.
4. Important points in the preparation and conduct of tactical exercises and demonstrations are:-
 - (a) Every exercise and demonstration must have a definite object which must be clear, and understood by all.
 - (b) There must be adequate rehearsal.
 - (c) The careful examination of the exercise or demo by a senior offr to ensure that the reqd lessons are clearly brought out.
 - (d) Avoidance of paper - except - a Forecast of Events MUST be prepared.
5. A suggested method of preparing and conducting a sec exercise is att. It should be noted that no paper is necessary, except that used by the pl comd in setting out his forecast and his methods and solutions to problems, for the information of the senior offr who is to approve of it. The same principles can be applied also to pl and coy exercises. Another method of conducting a pl exercise is att hereto.

6. With reference to para 10 and 11 of Tng Instrn No 2 the following subjects are suggested for inclusion in the syllabus for the intensive course in tng of sec ldrs - 16-18 Mar.

Practical subjects.

Fd sigs.	.. ISL Sec 45, IT 1937 secs 30-32.
Cover from view - demo and practice	.. MTP 33 Sec 8, ISL sec 47.
Cover from fire - do	.. MTP 33 Sec 9.
Recognition and indication	.. ISL sec 39.
Finding the range	.. ISL sec 40, Pam 2, Less 7,8,9.
Selection of lines of advance	.. MTP 33 - sec 13.
Ground for fire posns	.. MTP 33 - sec 10.
Sec formations	.. ISL sec 52, MTP 33, sec 26.
The action of scouts	.. ISL sec 53.
The sec stalk	.. MTP 33, sec 27.
Fire control orders	.. SAT Pam 2, Less 11, 12.
The sec in attack	.. ISL secs 61-68.
The sec in defence	.. ISL sec 69-71.
The sec post and its development	.. Based on a practical plan for demo - ISL sec 72-75, MFE Vol 1, 1935, sec 45(5) and plate 37, MTP 26.

Lectures (night):

Leadership	.. TR 1954 Sec 2, Notes for Instrs 1939.
Fieldcraft - what it means	.. ISL Sec 46, MTP sec 7.
The technique of how to instruct	.. MTP 33 Sec 2-6, MTP 37 Sec 21-24.
Messages.	.. ISL Sec 97-100, FEPB Pam 2.

7. All syllabi throughout units of the Bde are to be set up on the following pro forma:-

<u>Day &</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>References & remarks.</u>
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SUGGESTED METHOD OF CONDUCTING A SEC EXERCISE.

1. OBJECT.

To train pl and sec ldrs in recce and action on first contact.

(Note:- Prior to commencement of the exercise sec ldrs should receive 'refresher' short lectures on:-

- (a) Verbal orders and fire control orders.
- (b) Action of sec in recce and on first contact.)

2. GROUND REQD.

Select a piece of ground having small but definite features approx 600x apart with some covered approach to within about 200x of objective and preferably having an obstacle between the features such as a deep wade which requires the use of initiative to be negotiated successfully.

3. PREPARATION of ENEMY.

(a) Two men should be detailed as enemy and directed to concealed positions on the objective where they wait for a scout to appear from the limits of the concealed approach. They should be encouraged to employ all means of fieldcraft to conceal themselves.

(b) Nominally blank amm should be issued on a scale of about 5 rds per man, but in the absence of blank, Lucas lamps have been very successfully used to represent either rifles or machine gun fire by pointing them directly at the target or rather the men on whom they are supposed to be firing.

(c) As soon as the scout or scouts appear clear of the covered approach he or they are fired on. Any further exposure by the sec during such action should be indicated by the use of blank or expedient means of indicating fire. They should be fully conversant with the exercise and the lessons being taught.

4. ACTION OF SCOUTS.

The scouts should be taken fully into the confidence of the instructor as they with the enemy are the only means by which the problem is presented to the sec ldr.

They should be told that as the leading scout comes under fire from the enemy positions he will be fired on and should act as if he had been killed.

The second scout who will not have emerged from the covered approach should open fire as soon as he has located the enemy post or posts.

(Note: Both scouts and enemy should be warned to keep their own counsel regarding anything they are told).

5. CONDUCT of THE EXERCISE.

The evening prior to the commencement of the exercises the sec ldrs whom it is proposed to exercise, should be warned by the pl cmd in some suitable form, such as:-

"We will be pushing on tomorrow and your sec will be one of the fwd secs. Time of start 0700 hrs"

The pl cmd should then get the N.C.Os. concerned to write down the adm preparations they would make. These should then be discussed with special reference to the order of dress, amm, time table etc. Next morning the pl should be marched to a spot where it is assumed the outpost-line of the previous night would cross the day's route.

At this spot the Pl Comd, after explaining that he had talked to the nearest offr on outpost duty to get all the information he could, would issue his orders for the pl movement as vanguard to the coy in an approach march.

He should make the directing sec the only real one and the others imaginary.

The Sec ldr of the directing sec should then issue his orders to his sec and the sec act accordingly. The remainder of the pl should be placed where they can watch developments.

In due course the problem should be presented to the Sec ldr by enemy and scouts.

The Sec ldr should be permitted to carry the exercise right through from the time he issues his orders until the C.I.'s whistle is blown, which should be immediately the sec ldr has issued his orders for the next phase of movement.

When tps are rallied the pl comd should, without in any way impairing the dignity of the sec ldr, discuss the problems and constructively comment on the action of the sec and the solution.

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Capt.

for B.M. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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TRAINING NOTES.

17 Mar 41.

The following specimen of a coy two sided exercise which has already been practiced by an A.I.F. Bde is forwarded:-

1. COY TWO-SIDED EXERCISE.

A great deal of value can be obtained from coy two-sided exercises, one pl carrying out defence and withdrawal, and another carrying out attack, the remaining pl being used for umpires and adm details.

2. The following was an arrangement suggested in the bde referred to above for the tactical tng of a coy, considered from the pt of view of a two-sided exercise:

(i) General Arrangements.

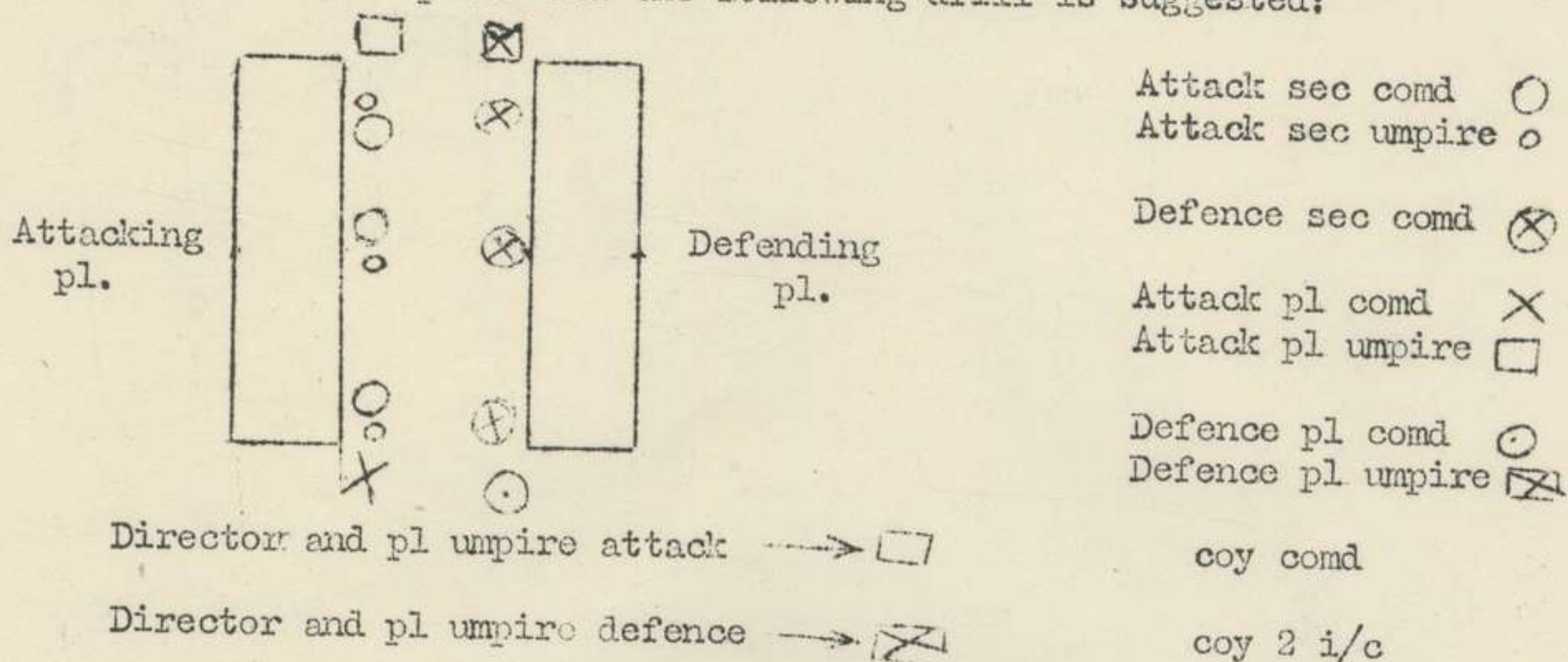
- (a) The coy comd selects a suitable piece of ground to study the operation of a pl in attack and a pl in defence. With his 2 i/c he prepares the exercise in detail.
- (b) The coy comd acts as director and umpire to the pl in attack, and the 2 i/c acts with the defence.
- (c) A and B pls are to carry out the exercise. C pl is to do some other tng.
- (d) Sec comds of C pl act as umpires to the attack.
- (e) Each pl, incl C pl, in order is exercised in attack and defence.

(ii) On day of exercise.

- (a) Exercise is explained to A. B pls and umpires by coy comds and he states objects and lessons to be taught.
- (b) 0900 hrs (adm details complete) A pl moves out to take up defence with 2 i/c and umpires for secs in attack. Posn taken up in defence will be decided by the pl comd.
- (c) 0950 hrs B pl moves to starting pt of attack exercise some 1000 - 1500 yds from the defensive posn taken up; umpires, having seen the defence and studied the ground, join B pl.
- (d) Narrative issued by pl umpire and exercise commences.
- (e) At this stage the only personnel who know the ground are the coy comd, 2 i/c coy and sec umpires.
- (f) From this pt the picture is painted to the pl comds by the pl umpire who issues his orders accordingly. The pl comd gets his information from sec comds by the RED or BLUE flag, by voice or by runner.
- (g) The sec comds carry out the orders of the pl comd and the secs those of the sec comd.
- (h) Umpires merely paint the picture.
- (i) The exercise must end by a pre-arranged signal from the director, but don't forget, the attacking pl must be held up, the defence withdrawn, or the exercise continued from success to exploitation to consolidation.
- (j) Sec comds in defence should keep a chart of the attack as it develops so that they do not miss any pts at the final discussion.

Time	Rough sketch of area	Order given	Remarks.

(k) On the completion of the exercise a discussion will take place and the following drill is suggested:



Tps drawn up as shown in sketch on a piece of ground selected beforehand by the Director from where the ground over which the attack has passed can be seen.

Sequence of Talking.

1. Pl cmd attack - gist of orders received and orders issued.
2. Attack sec cmd No. 1 - action taken
3. " " umpire No. 2 - any criticism.
4. " " cmd No. 2
5. " " umpire No. 2
6. " " cmd No. 3.
7. " " umpire No. 3.
8. Pl cmd defence and any sec cmd defence
9. Remarks Pl umpire defence.
10. Summing up by director - questions.

Remember that umpires' criticism must be constructive and not destructive. "I consider the following pls were wrong because". The exercise may only take 20 mins and the discussion the same time.

Incite argument rather than stop it.

Adm details.

The adm details are most important in creating a realistic picture.

The following are necessary:

- Screens : 1 red and 1 blue per sec.
- Flags : 1 red and 1 blue per pl umpire.
- Arm bands: 1 per sec umpire, 2 per pl umpire.
- Token weapons: If equipt is not available token should be constructed.
- Blanks : Liberal issue is necessary to produce reality.
Rattles or other method of producing the sound of fire if blanks not available.
- Message books - offrs.
- Some method of distinguishing attackers from defenders, probably one side wear hats and the other helmets.

3. The above details are fwd to indicate one method of undertaking pl and coy tng and they contain much of interest.

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SUMMARY OF INT. ACTIVITIES -- 25 AUST INF BDE

- 1 The main int activity within the bde during the month consisted of a unit course from 17 Mar to 26 Mar incl. The course was intensive and the results as shown in exercise appear to have been beneficial to the int secs of units.
Four extra men from each bn attended the course with a view to tng res.
Syllabus att.
- 2 Unit I Os were given full instns regarding security measures at a conference addsd by GIII (1) 7 Aust Div and Bde I O.
- 3 Bde I O outlined suggested courses of tng within units to ensure uniformity and co-operation throughout the bde.
- 4 A short course in cipher was held on 28 Mar with the object of tng unit int personnel in fd grade and low grade cipher.
Copy of joining instn incl syllabus att.
- 5 WX2229 L/Cpl Findlay attended an 11 day course from 16 Mar to 27 Mar incl on "Malaria Control".
Passed. Precis prepared and issued to bns. Precis att.

W. Young
Lieut
I O 25 Aust Inf Bde

*Mr
Sgt Passmore*

25 AUST INF BDE.

INT COURSE

SYLLABUS

Date	0630-0720 hrs	0730 - 1020 hrs	1030 - 1120 hrs	1120 - 1200 hrs
17 Mar 41	(CIII (i)) Opening address - Outline of Course.	Bn Office Organ in id (S.C.)	Org German Inf Rept (Bde I.O.)	Sources of Infn (Bde I.O.)
18 Mar 41	Battle Procedure (D.P.'s Reliefs etc) (Bde I.O.)	Organ GERMAN Inf Bn (down to secs) (Bde I.O.)	Reports and Messages in fd. (Lec and Exercise)	
19 Mar 41	Situation Maps (Bde I.O.)	Bn in attack (B.M.)	Identifications German Army. (Div I.O.)	Security of infn and conduct of P.W. (Bde I.O.)
20 Mar 41	German Arty (Organ Weapons & tactics) (Bde I.O.)	Enemy order of battle (Div I.O.)	River Crossings (G III (i))	Organ ITALIAN Inf Rept (Bde I.O.)
21 Mar 41	Appreciations (Particularly from enemy view pt) (Bde I.O.)	Appreciations (Exercise)		
22 Mar 41	GERMAN tactics (i) (Bde I.O.)	Air photo interpretation (Lec and Exercise G III (i))		
23 Mar 41	Exercise in use of Int log, enemy, order of battle etc.			
24 Mar 41	Duties of Bde Int Sec (Bde I.O.)	Battle Procedure at Bde H.Q. (Bde I.O.)	Map Enlarging (Exercise)	
25 Mar 41	Co-operation of Arms & effort (Bde I.O.)	British Organ Inf Bde G. (Bde I.O.)	GERMAN opinion and psychology (Bde I.O.)	
26 Mar 41	EXERCISE		EXERCISE	EXERCISE

Date	1330 - 1420 hrs	1430 - 1520 hrs	1530 - 1630 hrs	1930 - 2020 hrs	2030 - 2130 hrs.	
17 Mar	Message writing (Bde I.O.)	Message writing (Exercise)	Custody and disposal P.M. (Bde I.O.)	Identifications Italian Army (Div I.O.)	Discussion and recapitulation.	
18 Mar	PRACTICAL MAP READING →					
19 Mar	Verbal Messages (Exercise)	Night ops (G III (i))	'I' Logs & summaries (Bde I.O.)	Topography of GREECE.	Recapitulation of day's work. (questions etc)	
20 Mar	GERMAN identifications (Exercise)	Bn in defence incl	Inf Duties (B.M.)			
21 Mar	Intercom (Sig. Offr)	Italian tactics (Bde I.O.)	GERMAN road formations (Bde I.O.)	Topography of TURKEY.	Recapitulation of day's work.	
22 Mar	Prismatic Compass.	GERMAN tactics (ii) (Bde I.O.)	Bn on move incl Adv Co (B.M.)			
23 Mar	Discussion on morning exercise	← Exercise Int Summary → (Based on morning exercise)				
24 Mar	Map enlarging incl addition extra detail	← Conventional signs → (Lec and exercise)			GERMAN Army C.M.S (Bde I.O.)	Recapitulation of days work.
25 Mar	Bn in withdrawal Incl Int duties. (B.M.)	← General Discussion → Battle procedure				
26 Mar	EXERCISE	EXERCISE	EXERCISE			

INTELLIGENCE COURSE

25 Aust Inf Bde

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Lieut Mitchell D.A. Pte York H.H. " Potter W. " Gray G.L.W. " Stephens C.N. " MacCallum H.M.	Lieut Walker J.E. Pte Harrison A.B. " Anthony G. " Welsh J.B. " Newell J.N. " Jackson R.H.	Sgt. O'Brien O.D. Pte. Turnbull M.N. " Sonntag W.G. " Phillips-Vierke G.A. " Heather L.J. " Koderitsch	Sgt. Cook J.T. Pte. Russell F.R. " O'Brien B.B. " King R.E. " O'Brien W.F. " Thorpe W.J.

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W.D.

War Diary (Mar 41)
Appx. "D"

E

Subject : CIVILIANS' MAIL.

To : All Units, KILO 89
From : 25 Aust Inf Bde.

In reply please
quote No 1/6/8.

CENSORSHIP OF CIVILIANS' MAIL.

1. As a result of a recent evasion of military censorship by a canteen employee (civilian), it has become evident that civilians of the AACS do NOT understand the regulations in regard to censorship of their mail.
2. Any civilian employed by the Army in any capacity has to submit all his mail to a military censor. The penalty for non-compliance with this is immediate dismissal from the service of the Army. Posting in a civil post office is evasion of such censorship.
3. The carrying of mail by canteen employees and suppliers in order to post in a civil post office is also evasion of censorship.
4. Such censorship will be carried out by security Offrs of the units served by the Canteens, and in the case of Canteen Headquarters, by the offrs of the Canteen Services.
5. This is to be promulgated to all civilians in the employ of the D.D.C.S. at regular intervals.

20 Mar 41.

L. M. G.
Lieut.
Security Offr CAMP KILO 89.

W.D.

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25 AUST INF BDE.

Destruction of Unexploded Projectiles Bombs and Grenades

Ref Map GAZA 1/100,000.

1. Demonstration of the above will be carried out by 2/5 Fd Coy in an area 1 1/2 kilometres SE of DIMRA village on 19-20 Mar as detailed below.
2. Object of the demonstration is to train inf offrs and NCOs in the principles of dealing with unexploded projectiles etc on ranges and in the field. It is pointed out that destruction of duds or blinds is normally the work of engr services but occasions may arise when it will be necessary for inf to make "fought over areas" safe before occupation.
3. Although engr may at times stack unexploded projectiles etc prior to destruction, it is NOT intended that inf should adopt this practice. The purpose of the demonstration is to instruct inf how to deal with blinds where they lay.
4. Personnel attending should wear steel helmets and bring note books and pencils with them.
5. Time occupied by each demonstration will be approx 2 hrs. The following numbers will attend.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Units.</u>
20 Mar	1000	Unit Pl Comd Courses.
20 "	1400	Bde HQ 6 offrs and NCOs
		Ea Bn 8 " " NCOs

6. Personnel will parade at Bde HQ at 0930 hrs and 1330 hrs respectively. Bde TC will provide tpt. Vehs will move in convoy and will be met by offr of 2/5 Fd Coy at rd junc 11021069, at times stated in para 5.
7. No units will enter area bounded by rd BETT HANUN 10591056 - NAJD 11181068 rd NAJD - HUI 11421021 line DIMRA 10901075 WELL 10881054 and line WELL 10881054 Kh NAJD 11201050 between 1000 hrs and 1230 hrs, and 1400 hrs and 1630 hrs on 19 and 20 Mar.

18 Mar 41.

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25 AUST INF BDE.

20 Mar 41

CEREMONIAL PDE.

1. The G.O.C. 7 Div is inspecting the Bde at 1045 hrs 22 Mar 41 and afterwards is taking the salute on the march past.
2. Pde Ground is the hockey fds EAST of 31 Bn lines. See Appx A att.

3. Formation.

(a) The Bde will be formed up en mass in the following order:-

On right.	Bde H.Q.	
	31 Bn	
	32 "	
	33 "	---- for details see appx A att.

(b) Bns will be formed up in six (6) coys of equal strength and carefully sized.

(c) Coys to be divided into three (3) pls.

(d) Offrs to be equalized over all Coys.

4. Dress.

F.S. (battle dress), *drill* marching order, hats turned up, gaiters, NO Respirators.

Puggaries will NOT be worn unless the whole unit is fitted with them.

5. Bands

Through the courtesy of Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde and C.Os the bands of 2/14 and 2/16 Bns will be available for the pde.

(a) Allocation,

2/14 Band	2/31 Bn
2/16 "	2/32 "
Bde "	2/33 "

(b) Playing:

- i. March to Pde Ground. - Bands to cease playing after crossing by pass rd and drums to beat softly.
- ii. Salute to Bde Comd. - 2/16 Bn
- iii. Salute to G.O.C. - 2/14 "
- iv. Slow march for inspection - 2/14 Bn, 2/16 alternately.
- v. March Past - 2/16 Band until such time as 2/31 Bn is on the move, when the band of 2/14 will play to the Saluting base
- vi. Saluting base - 2/14 will counter march opposite saluting base and play Bde H.Q. and 2/31 Bn past. It will cease as soon as 2/31 Bn have passed and will follow that Bn
2/16 will immediately strike up and play both 2/32 and 2/33 Bns past, when it will follow behind 2/33 Bn. It will cease playing immediately it has passed the saluting base.

2/14 will then strike up and play alone until entering area of bldgs on side rds when all bands will play for units individually.

6. Comd.

Lt-Col Bierwirth 2/33 Bn will comd the Pde and hand over to Bde Comd.

7. Sequence of Events.

(a) Pae Ground.

- 10955 hrs One marker each Bn to report to W.O. T. Lawson on pde ground.
- 1000 hrs Units to march on.
- 1000 hrs C.Os to report to Pde Comd that units are correct (rifles at slope)
Pde Comd directs units be stood at ease.
When all units on pde, Pde Comd may order "Stand Easy"
- 1030 " On approach Bde Comd - Pde Comd will bring Bde to slope
When Bde Comd reaches front of penant stand.
Pde Comd - "General Salute Present Arms".
2/16 Band will play salute.
Pde Comd then order Slope Arms and reports to Bde Comd.
Bde Comd will then order "Order Arms", "Stand at Ease".
Offrs will NOT be in "review order".
- 1045 " G.O.C. approaches "Attention" "Slope Arms".
On arrival G.O.C. in front of stand "General Salute Present Arms".
2/14 Bn Band will play salute.
Bde Comd will order "Slope Arms" and then report to G.O.C., with permission of G.O.C. Bde Comd will order "Order Arms", "Bde H.C. Stand fast remainder stand at ease".
G.O.C. will then inspect Bde H.C.
When inspection of proceeding unit is nearing completion. C.Os will call units to attention and await arrival of G.O.C. at the flank of their unit.
When Inspection is completed Bde Comd will call Bde to attention and slope arms. Before G.O.C. moves off to saluting base "General Salute Present Arms"
Bde will then march past in the following order:-

Bde H.C.

31 Bn

32 "

33 " at 10 yds between coys, 100 yds between Bns.

32, 33 Bns will order arms and stand at ease until it becomes their turn to move off.

3.

(b) March Past.

COs will NOT fall out at the saluting base.

Private parades after passing saluting base.

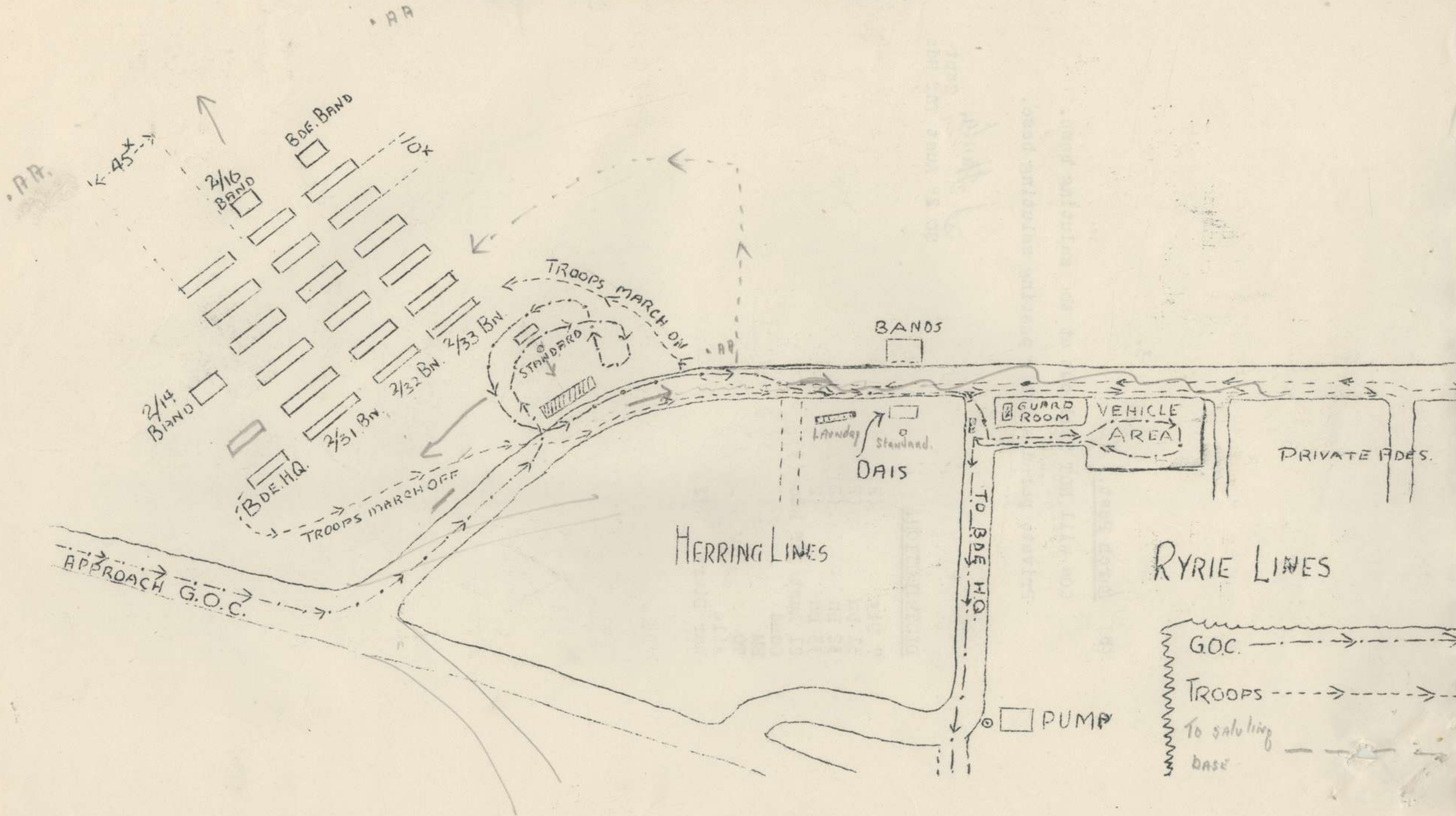
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APPX. "A"



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25 AUST INF BDE.

FD FIRING PRACTICES - JAFFA RANGE.

1. 25 Aust Inf Bde will fire fd practices at JAFFA Range from 24-30 Mar incl as under:-

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Practices.</u>
A	Bde Hq	24 Mar	Grenade.
		25-26 Mar	F.F.
B	51 Bn	24-26 "	Grenade
		26 "	2" Mortar.
C	52 Bn	27-28 "	Fd firing and Mortar
		28 "	Grenade.
D	53 Bn	29-30 "	F.F., Mortar and Grenade.

2. Times of firing - Fd firing range.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Practice.</u>
A	24 Mar	1400-1800	Grenade (with Serial B).
	25 "	0800-1000	Demonstrations by Serial B.
		1000-1800	Fd firing with Serial B.
	26 "	0800-1700	" " " " B.
B	24 Mar	0800-1800	Grenade.
	25 "	0800-1000	Demonstrations.
		1000-1800	Fd firing.
	26 "	0800-1300	" "
		0800-1800	Mortar.
C	27, 28 Mar	0800-1800	F.F., mortar & grenade concurrently.
D	29, 30 "	0800-1800	do do do.

3. Comds.

All 25 Aust Inf Bde tps at, and en route to and from, JAFFA Range will come under Comds as under for purposes of discipline, movement, camping and conduct of practices:-

25 Mar	Maj BAIN.
27-28 Mar	" SHAREE.
29-30 "	Lt/Col BLENKIN.

4. Movement.

The following movement table will take effect:-

<u>Serial or sub-unit.</u>	<u>Nos to embus.</u>		<u>How travel</u>	<u>Leave</u>		<u>Embus</u>	
	<u>C.</u>	<u>ORS</u>		<u>TIME</u>	<u>89-OUTWARD.</u>	<u>JAFFA Ranges - HOMEWARD.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>
				<u>Hrs</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Date.</u>
Adv Party for serial A	2	6	MT	0900	23 Mar	(see Rear Party)	
Adv Party for Serial B	8	18	MT	0900	23 "	1900	26 Mar.
Serial A	2	40??	Bus	1400	23 "	1900	26 "
" B	12	340??	Bus	1400	23 "	1900	26 "
Adv Party Serial C	8	18	MT	0900	26 "	1900	28 "
" C	12	340	Bus	1400	26 "	1900	28 "
Adv Serial D	8	18	MT	0900	28 "	1900	30 "
Serial D	12	340	Bus	1400	28 "	1900	30 "
Rear Serial D	2	15	MT			0900	31 "
" " A	1	1	MT			0900	31 "

4. Movement (Contd).

- (a) Serials will embus and debus at REGTL PDE ground, KIL0 89.
- (b) Adv Parties will embus and debus at Regtl HQ.
- (c) Bde TO will arrange:-
 - i. MT for adv and rear parties.
 - ii. Buses for personnel.
 - iii. MT or impressed lorries for blankets and kitchen eqpt.

5. Adv and Rear Parties will consist of:-

	<u>Regtl.</u>		<u>Rear</u>
	<u>Adv</u>		<u>Rear</u>
	2 Offrs for Adm		2 offrs for Adm.
	6 " for tng recce		RQMS
	RQMS		1 Storeman.
	1 Storeman		Cpl cook
	Cpl cook		2 cooks (clean up).
	4 cooks		1 OR Hygiene sec (clean up).
	1 OR Hygiene Sec		1 ord offrs Mess " "
	1 ord offrs Mess.		1 " Sgts " " "
	1 " Sgt's "		6 ORs for general cleaning duties.
	6 orderly duties		
	2 Batmen		1 Batman.
		<u>Bde.</u>	
	<u>Adv</u>		<u>Rear.</u>
	1 offr for adm		1 offr for adm.
	1 " for tng recce		1 Batman
	1 Storeman		
	1 Cook		
	2 orderlies general duties		
	2 Batmen.		

(a) Note: Bde adv party will remain throughout period 23-31 Mar for purposes of liaison with Superintendent JAFFA Range and Bde HQ and to assist Units.

6. Meals.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Serial or sub-unit.</u>	<u>Where taken and Nature.</u>		
		<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Evening Meal.</u>
23 Mar	Adv Pty "A"	Hot at Kilo 89	Cold at Jaffa	Hot at Jaffa.
	" " "B"	do	do	do
	Serial A	do	Hot at Kilo 89	do
	" B	do	do	do
24 Mar	" A	Hot at Jaffa	Cold on Ranges	do
	" B	do	do	do
25 Mar	" A	do	do	do
	" B	do	do	do
26 Mar	" A	do	do	do
	" B	do	do	do
	Adv Pty C	Hot at Kilo 89	Cold at Jaffa	do
	Serial C	do	Hot at Kilo 89	do
27 Mar	Adv Pty "A"	Hot at Jaffa	Cold on Ranges	do
	Serial C	do	do	do
28 Mar	Adv Pty A	do	do	do
	Serial C	do	do	do
	Adv Pty D	Hot at Kilo 89	Cold at Jaffa	do
	Serial D	do	Hot at Kilo 89	do
29 Mar	Adv pty A	Hot at Jaffa	Cold on Ranges	do
	Serial D	do	do	do
30 Mar	Adv Pty A	do	do	do
	Serial D	do	do	do
31 Mar	Rear Pty A	do	Hot Kilo 89	Hot Kilo 89.
	" " D	do	do	do

7. Camp Eqpt.

- (a) Palliasses will NOT be taken.
- (b) Bedboards are available at the Range Camp.
- (c) Units will take all necessary kitchen eqpt.
- (d) Blankets and groundsheets to be taken.
- (e) Sufficient mess eqpt to be taken.
- (f) Tentage is standing.

8. Dress.

- (a) All ORs will wear khaki working dress - (SD will NOT be taken).
- (b) Cardigans will be taken.
- (c) Full marching order. (Hats may be taken at discretion of COs but only steel helmets will be worn on the range).
- (d) Greatcoats will be carried in packs.

9. Equipment and Amn.

- (a) Rifles, MGs, 2" Mortars will be taken.
- (b) Amn will be drawn through DADOS 7 Div on basis of Bde allocation.

10. Range Stores.

Targets, telephones, tiles, range flags etc will be arranged by detail Bde HQ and drawn by Units direct from Chief Range Warden.

11. Medical.

Units will establish a RAP at Range and RMOs are to attend all practices.

12. Security.

- (a) Units will be responsible for security of all arms, amn, eqpt, and stores etc both unit and canteen, and will establish the necessary gds and piquets by day and night and will comply with all local SOs, copies of which are to be obtained from Chief Range Warden.
- (b) Safety precautions are att as Appx A.

13. General Adm.

- (a) HQs of units will be established at JAFFA Ranges.
- (b) Units will arrange to deliver all rations, supplies and fuel from KILC 89 to JAFFA Ranges.
- (c) Units may arrange with canteen Sgts to establish canteens at Range.
- (d) Range telephone no is RISHON 256. The No of this Camp is GAZA MILITARY, extension KILC 89.
- (e) COs to report daily to Bde HQ between 1800 and 1900 hrs.

19 Mar 41.

S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.
Capt.

FD FIRING EXERCISES - JAFFA RANGES.

1. CoS & Offrs and NCOs detailed as Safety Offrs are responsible that the following rules are meticulously observed.
2. The Superintending Safety Offr will ensure that the flag is flying on the Control Point and that the sketch of the Range is in posn on the Board before firing is commenced.
3. He will ensure that no personnel occupy posns or fire at targets outside the area enclosed by the black triangular boards marking the limits of oblique fire.
4. He will ensure that no personnel advance beyond the Board marking the limit of advance.
5. No person who has not qualified in the weapon with which he is to fire will be permitted to take part in fd firing exercises.
6. All weapons and eqpt will be inspected prior to leaving the Range Camp to ensure that they are in a fit condition to be taken on the range. This applies particularly to sights, tripods, bipods, clamps etc.
7. Pouches, magazines, etc will be inspected prior to moving out to ensure that no dummies or blanks are taken on to the fd firing range and that there is no unauthorised amm on the person.
8. No weapons are to be loaded until the tps reach the first fire posn.
9. All weapons are to be unloaded and, together with bolts, magazines & pouches, etc inspected before tps leave the last fire posn. During inspection weapons must be kept pointed towards the targets.
10. Safety Offrs will ensure that no firer takes up a fire posn likely to cause danger to himself or to any other person. The order to load will not be given until the Safety Offr has satisfied himself on this point.
11. Safety Offrs will order cessation of firing when any person or body of tps comes within 11 degs of the line of fire, or when, for any other reason, continuation of fire would appear to be dangerous, and will immediately report to the Superintending Safety Offr.
12. Safety Offrs will draw the attention of fire unit conds to any laxity of fire discipline and control.
13. All live amm will be collected at the last fire posn at the termination of the exercise, and an offr will inspect all weapons, amm containers and eqpt to ensure that they are unloaded and that the men are definitely not in possession of any amm. A further inspection will be made under the direction of the Coy, etc Comd before the Coy etc leaves the fd firing range and AAF C7 will be completed and immediately handed to S.C. Serial.
14. Repairs and replacements will not be carried out until the gun is clear. No one except the gun numbers authorised will be permitted to touch the gun without the permission of an offr when a stoppage occurs.
15. If firing is suspended during the practice, either while moving fwd or by the hoisting of Safety Offr's red flags, safety catches will be immediately applied and magazines of LIGs will be removed. LIGs will be unloaded without firing the round in the chamber.
16. The Superintending Safety Offr will be acquainted with and will comply strictly with the rules for conducting practices in Fd Firing areas as laid down in SAT.
17. Attention is drawn to notes on JAFFA RANGES - M T Camp.
18. All special safety precautions relating to grenade and mortar ranges will be strictly adhered to. COs are made responsible that these rules are obtained from the Chief Range Warden and promulgated to all ranks.
19. It is the duty of all persons to use the care necessary to ensure the safety of others.

25 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE.

FIELD FIRING EXERCISES - JAFFA RANGES.

PL EXERCISE.

1. This exercise is provided to ~~save~~ save time in the preparation thereof by Bns and is suggested for adoption on that account.
2. OBJECT. To practice the pl in fire and movement and the use of the pl mortar. Particular attention to be paid to fire control orders by the sec cmd.

3. LESSONS.
 - (a) Cover from view and fire afforded by the ground.
 - (b) Covering fire to destroy or blind the enemy and so reduce the accuracy of his fire.
 - (c) The necessity for rapid decisions and bold action to press fwd.

4. ORGANISATION OF STAFF.

Director.....Some Senior Cffr (for all Pl exercises)
 Chief Umpire with Pl Comd.....OC Coy or 2 i/c Coy.
 With each secPl Comds from other Pls of non-firing
 Coy (to be detailed by Director).
 Superintending Safety Cffr.....Some senior offr.
 Safety offrs with all Secs.....Pl Sgts from other Pls, either Coy.
 (Detailed by Director).

Safety Offrs will function independently under the Superintending Safety Cffr and they will concern themselves with only the following:-

- (a) That the sub-unit to which they are allotted does not enter dangerous ground.
- (b) That the sub-unit to which they are allotted does not fire in a direction dangerous to other tps or outside the safety limits set by the Superintending Safety Cffr.
- (c) That should they find it necessary to interfere with fire and movement they make it clear through the umpire that the interference is due solely to the necessary safety precautions.

Umpires are to be concerned only with the tactical problem in hand, and the lessons to be taught.

5. ORGANISATION OF TPS PARTICIPATING IN EACH PL EXERCISE.

- (a) WE. It is to be made clear that although secs will, in action, be reduced to one NCO and six men, the present WE will obtain during these exercises in order to permit the max number to fire. Strict attention is, however, to be paid to fire control.
- (b) Present offrs and NCOs.
- (c) 2 Pl will be used for Bren demonstrations and may be put through the Pl exercise in order to familiarise them with the gun, if time permits.
- (d) 4 Pl will be used for the Bren demonstrations and will give supporting fire for the Coy exercises. One sec only will be used at a time. Pl Comds 2 & 4 Pls will prepare Bren demos in consultation with Adj and Director.

6. SCREENS AND FLAGS.

Sufficient men from the non-firing Coy will be detailed by the Director so that one man is allotted to every fire unit and will carry a red and a blue screen.

All umpires will carry a blue and a red flag.

Umpires and screen men will receive a special instrn in the conduct of the exercise before exercises commence. The Director will be responsible for each instrn.

7. ARM BANDS.

- (a) The Chief Umpire will wear a white arm band on EACH arm.
- (b) Other umpires will wear one white arm band on the right arm.
- (c) Safety Offrs will wear white over steel helmets.

8 ADM.

See also appx D.

- (a) Amn will be allotted as follows.
Per rifle to be used.....10 rds.
Per MG to be used.....20 rds.
- (b) For demos - see Appx D.
- (c) Amn will be issued only on the battle practice ranges when authority is given by the Superintending Safety Offr.
- (d) Strict observance of the safety precautions is used as Appx A with previous instns will obtain throughout.

9. TARGETS & TARGET MEN.

- (a) Tiles only are to be used for these exercises. (These will be drawn from and returned under instns by the SSO to the Senior Range Warden at conclusion of the exercises.
Men to place tiles in posn will be organised by the Director under an NOJ of the non-firing Coy. They will take cover in the pits on the range during the practices.
A red flag will be placed on the high posn S.E. of pt F when tiles are being placed.
Telephones to pits will be arranged by the Director through the Senior Range Warden.
Detailed instns on safety precautions to be observed by target men will be given by the Superintending Safety Offr before taking up their posns.

10. DRUSS.

For all exercises - R.D - fighting order.

11. EXPLANATION.

The Director will give a clear explanation of the purpose of the exercise to all tps participating and explain any reasons for departure from sound tactical practices for safety reasons.

12. ASSEMBLY.

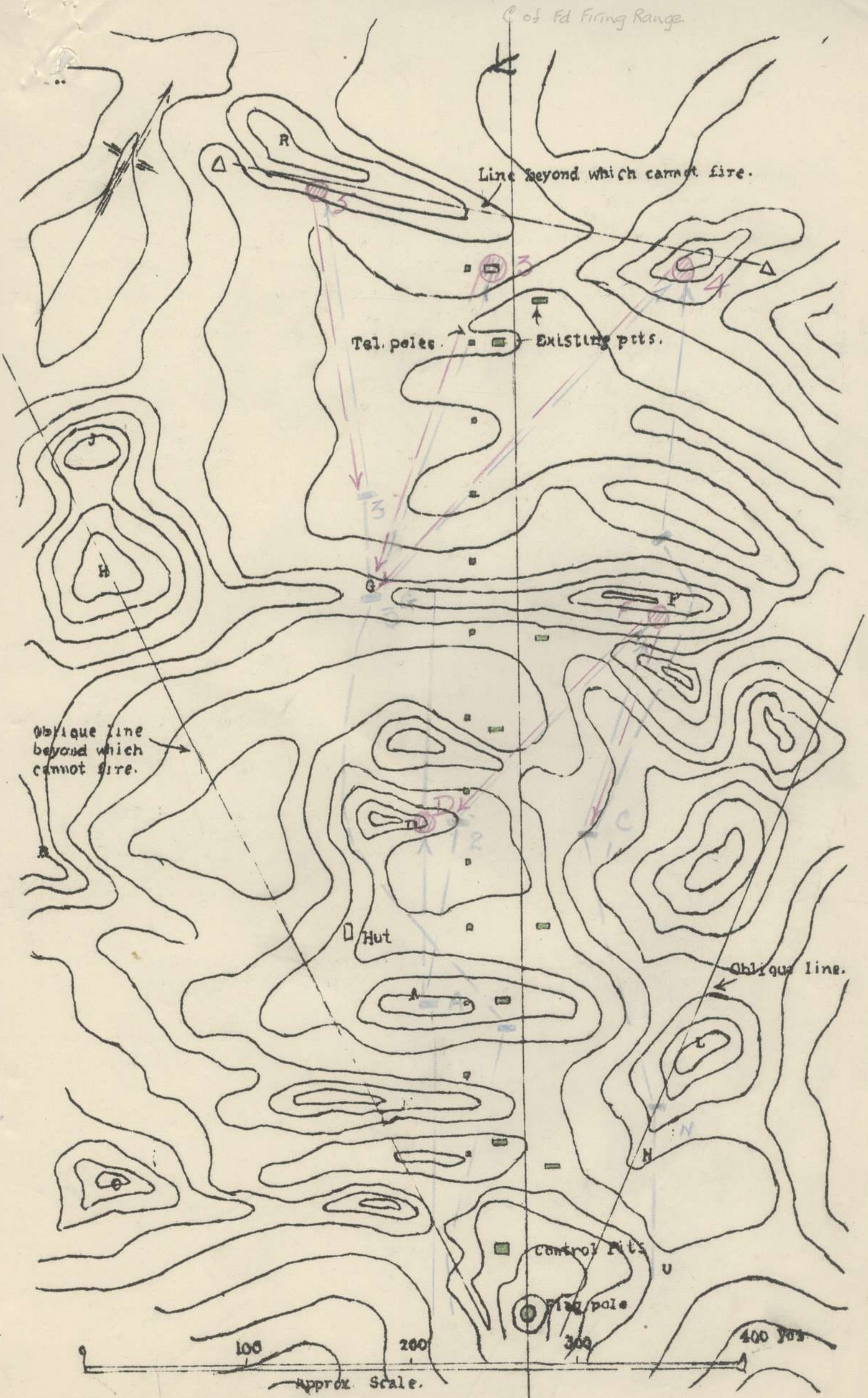
The Director will be responsible for the assembly of the various sub-units at times and places reqd. Every effort is to be made to conserve as much time as practicable.

13. FTT.

NOT be used betwe n camp & battle practice area.

14. MEDICAL.

The RMO will attend all practices and will open an RAP alongside the control pit on FLAG HILL.



25 AUSTRALIAN BOLD.

MEMORANDUM No 1
IN ATTACK

JAPANESE FILING RANGES
Mar 41

1. NARRATIVE. To be given by Director.

A small enemy force has been able to effect a landing on the coast immediately North of the RUBIN RIVER, and in spite of the resistance of coast gds has established a series of posts approx 1 1/2 miles inland, with the obvious intention of effecting cover for the landing of a larger force.

Speed in annihilating this covering force is essential to dislocating the enemy's plans. 51 Bn has been rushed up by HQ from LINO 89 and ordered to capture the enemy posts immediately West of FLAG HILLS.

C.O. 51 Bn decided to attack with three Coys fwd - X Coy on right - Y Coy centre - Z Coy left. (You are Y Coy)

2. PLAN.

The orders of C.O. Y Coy included:-

- (a) Dets of Coast Gds advised that enemy posts had been located at D & F (pointed out on ground) with evidence of other posts established in depth. These posts appeared to be equivalent to an Inf Sec in strength and strong MG fire had been encountered from F when attempting to dislodge it. The inter-Coy boundaries are:-
 - (i) Between X & Y Coys - from a pt 150 yds North of FLAG HILL through HILLS M, O & N all incl. (Point out on ground).
 - (ii) Between Y & Z Coys - from a pt 500 yds South of FLAG HILL thence through another pt 100 yds South of HILLS H (Point out on ground) all incl.
- (b) His intention is to capture enemy posts and consolidate on HILLS M & R (Point out on ground)
- (c) His plan provided for 6 and 7 pls fwd - on right 6 pl (You are 6 pl)
- (d) Inter pl boundary - through HILLS M & R incl (Point out on ground)
- (e) Assembly area 6 Pl - SE behind FLAG HILL. (Point out on ground)
- (f) Zero hr (as notified by Director)
- (g) Coy H.Q. along inter-Pl boundary.

3. ACTION.

As Pl Comd give your verbal orders for the attack and carry it through.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

1. Pl Comd recce from FLAG HILLS and gives his orders to Sec Comds.
2. 1 and 2 Secs fwd - on right 1 Sec Res - 3 Sec in close support of 2 Sec.
3. Pl commences attack - 1 and 2 Secs flanking FLAG HILLS on respective sides.
4. 1 Sec held up at pt H by fire from D (Note - for safety precaution 1 Sec cannot return this fire). 2 Sec presses on.
5. 2 Sec reaches Pt A and engages enemy post at D. Meanwhile 1 Sec presses on.
6. 1 Sec reaches Pt C and enemy post D capitulates.
7. 1 Sec is fired on from Pt F when it reaches Pt C and engages Pt F.
8. 2 Sec proceeds to Pt D and also engages Pt F.
9. Enemy fire sufficiently strong to prevent either sec getting fwd.
10. Pl Comd has to increase his support and decides to send 3 Sec towards Pt G with the object of getting behind Pt F and to employ his mortar on Pt F at same time. When 3 Sec reaches Pt G 1 Sec to assault Pt F and press on around Pt F 2 Sec to come into res.
11. 3 Sec presses on around South of 2 Sec. When 1 Sec assaults Pt f.
12. When 3 Sec reaches Pt G it is fired on from both pts 3 and 4 and decides to engage Pt 3 with MG and Pt 4 with rifles. Cannot subdue opposition alone.
13. 1 Sec comes around Pt F and is fired on from Pt 4, which it engages.
14. When 1 Sec engages Pt 4, 3 Sec decides to press on but immediately it gets over the saddle is fired on from Pt 5 which it engages.
15. Combined fire of 1 and 3 Secs subdue opposition of Pts 4 and 5 and they then assault posts and consolidate on HILLS R and I.

25 AUGST INF BDE.

AREA "C"

FD FIRING EXERCISES.

JAFFA RANGES - Jan 41

COY EXERCISES.

1. This exercise is provided to save time in the preparation thereof by Bns and is suggested to C.O.s for adoption on that account.

2. OBJECT.

To exercise the Coy in fire and movement and the co-ordination of supporting fire with particular attention to control by the Pl comd.

3. LESSONS.

To launch Inf to the attack without adequate covering fire will only result in unnecessary casualties.

The main Inf problem in attack will generally be the passage of open ground when exposed to the fire of modern weapons. This can be accomplished by the provision of well-placed and adequate covering fire and by a judicious utilisation of the facilities offered by the ground both by providing suitable positions for small arms fire and for giving covered avenues of approach and above all by bold action.

4. ORGANISATION OF STAFF.

Director	C.O.
Chief Umpire with Coy H.Q.	Adj or 2 i/c Bn
With each Pl	Pl Comd from non-firing Coy.
Superintending Safety Offr	(Senior Offr.).....
Safety Offrs.	
With each Sec of Coy	N.C.O.s from non firing Coy detailed by S.S.O.
With one Sec 4 Pl	Pl Comd 4 Pl.

Safety Offrs will function independently under the S.S.O. and will concern themselves only with the following:-

- (a) That the sub-unit to which they are allotted does not enter dangerous ground.
- (b) That the sub-unit to which they are allotted does not fire in a direction dangerous to other tps or outside the safety limits set out by the S.S.O.
- (c) That should they find it necessary to interfere with fire and movement they make it clear through the umpire that the interference is due solely to necessary safety considerations.

The S.S.O. and his staff will be thoroughly familiar with all details of the plan not only of their own sub-units but of all fire units in the Coy. This will be the responsibility of the S.S.O.

Umpires are to concern themselves only with the tactical problem in hand and the lessons to be brought out.

5. ORGANISATION OF THE PARTICIPATING.

One Coy at a time with one Sec of 4 Pl all on M.T.

6. SCREENS AND FLAGS.

Sufficient men from the non-firing Coy will be detailed by the S.S.O. so that one man is allotted to every fire unit and will carry a red and a blue screen.

All umpires will carry a blue and a red flag.

G.I. will arrange that sufficient flags and screens are delivered to the JAFFA RANGE Camp site with the advance party.

Umpires and screen men will receive special instn in the conduct of the exercise before any exercises for Coys commence, and must be done early in the morning of first day.

9. TARGETS & TARGET MEN.

See also Appx B - to be read with this instrn for "Director" read "Superintending Safety Offr."

10. LIMIT OF FIRE.

On no account will tps be permitted to fire outside the line of "black triangles" representing the limit of oblique fire permitted.

11. DRESS.

As for para 10 of Appx B.

12. ASSEMBLY.

The Chief Umpire will be responsible for the assembly of the sub-units reqd for the exercise at times and places reqd by the Director. Time will be the 'essence' of the contract' and is, on no account, to be wasted.

13. EXPLANATION.

On assembly the Director will give an explanation of the exercise to all participating.

14. MEDICAL.

All as for Appx B.

EXERCISE No 2.

COY IN ATTACK - Ref Sketch of JAFFA RANGE.

1. NARRATIVE. To be given by Director.

A small enemy force has been able to effect a landing on the coast immediately North of the RUBIN RIVER, and in spite of the resistance of coast gds, has established a series of posts approx 1 1/2 miles inland, with the obvious intention of effecting cover for the landing of a larger force.

Speed in annihilating this covering force is essential to dislocating the enemy's plans. The 31 Bn has been rushed up by MT from KILO 89 and ordered to capture the enemy's posts immediately West of Flag Hill.

2. PLAN.

The orders of CO 31 Bn included:-

(a) Dets of Coast Gds advised that enemy posts had been located at F & U (pointed out on ground) with evidence of other posts established in depth. These posts appeared to be equivalent to an Inf Sec in strength and strong LMG fire had been encountered from F & U when attempting to dislodge them.

The inter-coy boundaries are:-

- (i) Between X & Y Coys - from a pt 150 yds North of FLAG HILL through HILL E all incl Y Coy (Point out on ground).
- (ii) Between Y & Z Coys - From a pt 300 yds South of FLAG HILL thence through another pt 100 South of HILL H (Point out on ground). All incl Y Coy.

(b) His intention is to capture enemy posts and consolidate on HILLS K & R (point out on ground) (You are Y Coy).

3. ACTION.

As Coy Comd give your verbal orders for the attack and carry it through.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.			
Serial No	6Pl	7Pl	8Pl
	Coy in assembly area	do	do
1.	Coy Comd recce & issue order Pl comds		
2.	Recce Pl Comd & issue order Sec Ldrs.		
3.	Secs move to posns.		
4.	Attack starts		
	1 Sec Pt 1	4 Sec Pt 111	Coy reserve.
	2 Sec Pt 11	5 Sec Pt 1V	7 Sec on right.
	3 Sec Pt V	6 Sec Pt VI	8 Sec on left.
			9 Sec Pl reserve.
			Line of adv inter Pl boundary.
First Phase Ser 5	1 Sec-Pt VII 2 Sec-Pt VIII Fired on from F & engages 3 Sec-Pt IX.	4 Sec-Pt X 5 Sec-Pt XI Fired on from U & engages. 6 Sec-Pt XII.	8 Pl moving on line of adv - fwd Sec at Pts 11 & 111.
2nd Phase Ser 6	1 Sec held at Pt VII Preparing to move Pt VIII. 2 Sec-Pt VIII badly knocked by enemy mortars. Pl Comd decides to send 3 Sec around Pt VIII to Pt XIV & 1 Sec to Pt VIII & employ Mortars on F	4 Sec-Pt X moving towards Pt XV 5 Sec badly knocked by enemy mortars when at Pt XI. Pl Comd decides to assault U with 6 Sec which moves to Pt XVI. 5 Sec remains Pt XI	8 Pl fwd Secs moving to Pts VIII & X

FD FIRING PRACTICES.
SAA for RIFLE and LMG.

1. This table is based on one Bn at present though approx:

<u>Nos to fire</u>	<u>Bren</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Total reqd</u>
(a) Rifle Coys: All ranks less offrs, CSM, CQMS, O/R Cpl, Storeman (nos 1 & 2 of Secs only fire Bren) Four Coys	18 72	60 240	78 312
(b) No 2 Pl	16		16
(c) No 4 Pl	29		29
	<u>117</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>357</u>

3. SAA Allotment

	<u>EACH COY.</u>		
(a) Pl exercises - 10 rounds per rifle		600	600
Ea Bren 15 rds	155		155
	<u>155</u>	600	<u>755</u>
Four Coys - total	540	2400	2940
2 Pl - 16 @ 20 rds	320		320
4 Pl - 29 @ 20 "	580		580
	<u>1440</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>3840</u>
(b) Coy Exercise - <u>EACH COY.</u>		500	500
5 rds per rifle			
20 rds per Bren (6 Brens only in use)	120		120
	<u>120</u>	300	<u>420</u>
Four Coys - total	480	1200	1680
2 Pl - 16 @ 20 rds	320		320
4 pl - 29 @ 20 rds	580		580
	<u>1580</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2580</u>

(c) Demonstrations.

i. Effect of fire of riflemen in Sec - 5 rds per man (normal sec 1 NCO & 6 men)		20	20
ii. Effect of LMG - same tile target	20		20
iii. " " complete sec - rapid fire	25	20	45
iv. The ERZ of LMG from tripod	25		25
v. The cone of fire of LMG	25		25
	<u>95</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>135</u>

Demo reqd twice

SAA from 3(a) & 3 (b)

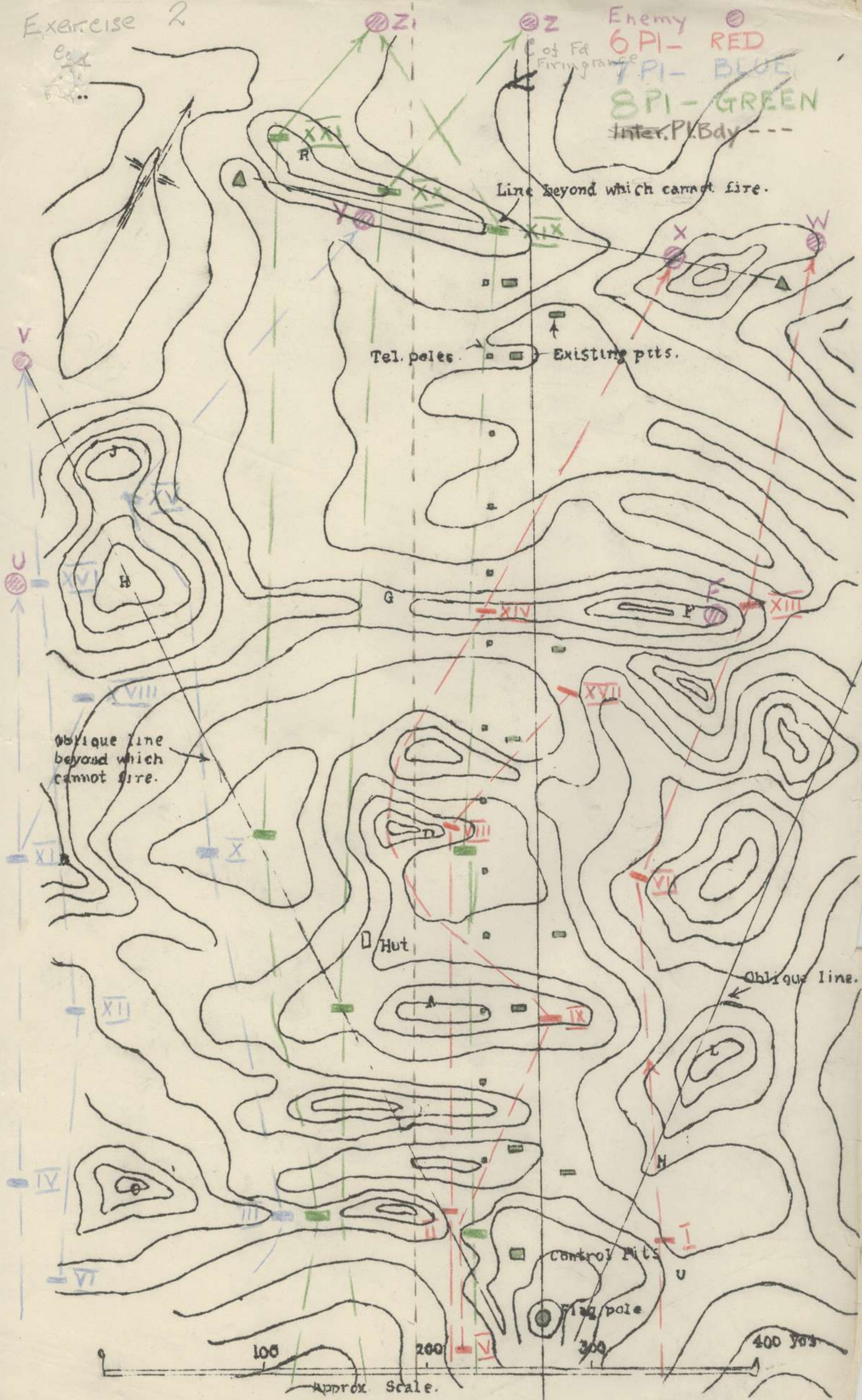
	270
	<u>6420</u>
	<u>6690</u>
Reserve per Bn	510
Allotment	<u>7000</u>

EXERCISE No 2 (Page 2).

Serial No	6 Pl	7 Pl	8 Pl.
3rd Phase Ser 7	1 Sec on moving round F is fired on from W & engages. 2 Sec in reserve Pt XVII. 3 Sec on reaching Pt XLV is fired on from X & engages.	4 Sec on reaching Pt XV is fired on from Y & engages. 5 Sec Pl res-Pt XVIII. 6 Sec on reaching Pt XVI is fired on from V & engages	7 Sec on reaching Pt VIII is held pending action Fwd Pl. 8 Sec on reaching Pt X is held ditto 9 Sec Pl res
4th Phase Ser 8	Hold up at Pts XIII & XIV Messages to Coy HQ.	Hold up at Pts XV & XVI. Messages to Coy HQ	Hold at Pts VIII, X & Pl reserve.
5th Phase Ser 9	Coy Comd recon & decides to employ Mortars of fwd Pls on Pts W & X and assault feature R behind Y with 8 Pl. Issues orders - Pl Comds at G.		
6th Phase Ser 10	Covering fire (For safety reasons when 8 Pl reaches G firing must cease)	Covering fire	Moves to assault through G.
7th Phase Ser 11	Picture to be painted that 1 & 3 Secs continue to engage W & X & mortar continues to engage W while 8 Pl assaults.	Picture to be painted that 4 Sec fires on Y until 8 Sec comes within safety angle while 6 Sec continues to engage V & mortar engages X	Assaults R
8th Phase Ser 12	6 Pl moves up to W & X for consolidation	7 Pl moves to left of feature R for consolidation	Reaches R at Pts XLX XX & XXI & is fired on from Z & Z1, which they engage. 7 Sec engages Z1 8 Sec engages Z1 9 engages Z
9th Phase Ser 13	Enemy retires from Z & Z1. Coy Comd issues orders for consolidation		
10th Phase Ser 14	DISCUSSION		

Exercise 2

Enemy
 6 PI - RED
 7 PI - BLUE
 8 PI - GREEN
 Inter. Pl. Bdy - - -



War Diary (Mar 41)
Appx "H"

SECRET

Reinforcements marched in during week ending 29 Mar 41.

<u>31 Bn.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>Date marched in.</u>
	1	75	26 Mar 41.
	1	2	28 Mar 41.

<u>32 Bn.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>Date marched in.</u>
	1	76	26 Mar 41.

(exclusive of the above 1 offr & 1 OR were left in Hosp.)

<u>33 Bn.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>Date marched in.</u>
	2	78	26 Mar 41.

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Appx "I"

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PART 1ADMINISTRATION1. INTRODUCTION

These SOs will apply to all units located at KILO 89 while comd by Brig A R Baxter-Cox; unit SOs will be based thereon.

2. ROUTINE

	Mon to Sat incl	Sun
Reveille	0630 hrs	0700 hrs
Adm pde	0645 "	0715 "
Men's mess	0730 "	0800 "
Sgts' "	0745 "	0800 "
Offrs' "	0800 "	0815 "
Trg pde	0845 " 1230 hrs	Church pdes as Bde ROs.
Men's mess	1245 "	1300 hrs
Sgts' "	1245 "	1300 "
Offrs' "	1300 "	1300 "
Trg pde	1345 " 1700 hrs	-
Men's mess	1730 "	1730 "
Retreat	1800 "	1800 "
Duty mounting	1800 "	1800 "
Sgts' mess	1815 "	1815 "
Offrs' "	1830 "	1830 "
Night pde (when applying)	1945 "	
First Post	2145 "	2145 "
Last Post	2215 "	2215 "
Lights Out	2230 "	2230 "
Sgts' mess	2300 "	2300 "

Personnel not attending church services of their own denomination when such available are to be suitably employed - such as on a short route march - for a period equivalent to the duration of the church service.

3. DUTIES

- (1) A duty Bn will be detailed daily in Bde ROs and will provide the following duties:-

DETAIL	TOUR OF DUTY	PLACE	DUTIES
(a) Fd Offr	1800 hrs to 1800 hrs	Bde HQ	Appx A
(b) Bde Ord Sgt	do.	do.	" B
(c) Bde HQ Gd	do.	do.	" C
(d) Sundry	(a s d e t a i l e d)		

(11) The following duties will be provided by units in camp as detailed in Bde ROs :-

DETAIL	TOUR OF DUTY	PLACE	DUTIES
(a) Cinema picquet	1745 hrs to 2015 hrs	Cinema	Appx D
(b) Leave picquets	As detailed by Camp Amenities Offr		
(c) Canteen picquets	1815 hrs to 2045 hrs	Unit Canteens	" E
(d) Out of Bounds Picquet (One per Bn of 25 Inf Bde)	1800 hrs to 2200 hrs	As detailed	" F
(e) Bugler for Gd mounting One per Bn of 25 Inf Bde	1745 hrs to 2200 hrs	Bde HQ	" C
(f) Bde HQ Order- lies (one per Bn of 25 Inf Bde)	0800 hrs to 2200 hrs	<i>relieved</i> Bde HQ	To be returned by Units for morning
(g) Sundries	a s d e t a i l e d		

4. DUTY OFFERS

A duty offr will be maintained at all HQs at all times when executive offr are absent.

5. TELEPHONE ORDERLY

A telephone orderly will be on duty throughout the 24 hrs of the day.

6. DRESS

(a) See also SOs (PALESTINE.)

(b) Strict attention will be paid to dress for all ranks as hereunder :-

(DRESS -Contd.)

b.

	SUMMER	WINTER
(i) Trg pdes Offrs	Shorts, shirts, hats turned down, web waist belts, ankle boots, short puttees	^{F.S.} KDW dress, hats turned up, boots, gaiters, web waist belts
ORs	As above, except drill order as required and gaiters. <u>NOTE</u> In cold summer weather ORs will wear blue cardigans over shirts. Offrs may wear khaki cardigans under shirts.	As above, except drill order as required.
(ii) Gds & Picquets Offrs	FS dress, helmets steel, web waist belts and revolvers, gaiters and respirators.	As for summer
ORs	FS dress, battle order <u>NOTE</u> when ordered, shirts and shorts will be worn by day and FS dress by night.	As for summer
(iii) Duties Offrs See para 3 sub para (1) a, (ii) a, b, c	FS - OP for all except (1) a - web waist belts revolvers, hat turned down, gaiters.	As for summer
ORs See para 3 sub para (1) b (ii) a, b, c,d,e.	FS, waist belt and side-arms, gaiters, hats turned down. <u>NOTE</u> when otherwise ordered shorts and shirts may be worn by day. Dress as above will always be worn at night.	As for summer
(iv) Ceremonial Offrs	FS OP, hats up, gaiters waist belts. (No gloves or canes except for COs)	As for summer.
ORs	FS drill order, hats turned up, gaiters.	As for summer

6.

DRESS, contd.

	SUMMER	WINTER
(v) Walking out incl CINEMA Offrs	(a) Cool weather, FS OP Caps; canes may be carried.	As for summer (a)
	(b) Hot weather, shorts, shirts, shoes, hats turned down, canes.	
ORs	(a) Cool weather, FS, hats turned up, waist belts	As for summer (a)
	(b) Hot weather, shorts shirts, boots, gaiters, hats turned down, waist belts	
	<u>NOTE</u> In the event of personnel proceeding on leave dressed as in (v) (b) cardigans and slacks will be carried in haversacks and put on over shorts and shirts after sundown	

- (vi) Under NO circumstances will composite dress be worn by any rank at any time except for sports.
- (vii) Men will NOT be permitted to remove shirts while out in the sun except on bathing pdes.
- (viii) Respirators will be carried in the slung posn by all duties and in the alert posn during all tactical training pdes.
- (ix) See Appx G for definition of dress.
- (x) COs will ensure that all ranks are smartly turned out at all times
- (xi) Special attention is drawn to paras 57, 58 of SO (PAL) Pamp 3.

7. LEAVE

- (a) All allotments of leave will be issued by the Bde Amenities Offr.
- (b) All ORs will be inspected by an offr under unit arrangement before proceeding to the assembly area.
- (c) All ranks will be dressed in accordance with para 4 (b) v.
- (d) ORs proceeding on leave will be paraded on the 2/31 Bn Pde Ground 15 mins prior to advertised time of departure of busses.

LEAVE Contd

- (e) Bde Amenities Offr will take charge of embussing arrangements.
- (f) OC Leave Parties will be detailed by Bde HQ.
- (g) Special attention is drawn to SO (PAL) Pamp 3, Appendices H, I, J and K, the provisions of which are to be read to all ranks by CO's nominees as necessary to ensure that personnel are familiar therewith before proceeding on any leave.
- (h) Special leave for offr's may only be granted with the approval of the Camp Comd.
- (i) COs of units of the 25 Aust Inf Bde are to explain to all ranks that their behaviour while on leave will reflect on the efficiency or otherwise of their commands.

8 SYNCHRONIZATION OF TIME

- (a) Official camp time will be initiated by OC Bde Sigs Sec and maintained with Bde Switchboard Orderly.
- (b) Units will obtain the official time from the orderly before 0800 hrs daily.

9. DISCIPLINE

A high standard of discipline is to be maintained at all times and appropriate steps are to be taken by all offr's and NCOs to correct any slackness in this regard.

Offr's and NCOs are reminded that failure to observe the spirit of this order is in itself a serious breach of discipline and exhibits a lack of the sense of responsibility entrusted to them by virtue of their rank.

10. SALUTING

The courtesies of the service will be observed by all ranks and special attention is to be paid to the conduct of ORs in this regard both on and off duty.

11. GAMBLING

Gambling is a breach of discipline, and will NOT rept NOT under any circumstances be condoned.

12. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

The sale, consumption or possession of intoxicating liquor is forbidden in any lines other than in canteens and offr's' and sgts' messes.

13. BOUNDS

(a) All cafés, licensed premises etc in towns and villages in PALESTINE are OUT OF BOUNDS except those showing the appropriate IN BOUNDS notices

(b) Tps will NOT consume food or drink in premises other than those in bounds.

14. CANTEENS

(a) Canteens will be opened ONLY rept ONLY at the following hrs:-

	<u>DRY CANTEEN</u>	<u>WET CANTEEN</u>
Mon to Sat incl	1230 hrs - 1400 hrs 1630 " - 2030 "	1830 hrs - 2030 hrs
Sun	1130 " - 1430 " 1630 " - 2030 "	1830 " - 2030 "

(b) Attention is drawn to the responsibility of units to maintain discipline in canteens at all times. Gambling in canteens is forbidden.

(c) Bottled liquor is to be sold ONLY rept ONLY with the bottle top removed and on NO account may bottled liquor be taken away from the premises.

(d) The canteens of other units are OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks and they are to be warned accordingly.

15. REC AND WRITING ROOMS

(a) Rec and writing rooms will be opened only during the following periods:-

Mon to Sat incl	1230 hrs to 1345 hrs 1700 " to 2215 "
Sun	1030 " to 2215 hrs

(b) Rec and writing rooms will be supervised and maintained by the Bde Welfare Offr. Each Unit Rec Room will have the services of a cpl (provided either by higher formation or units as occasion requires) who will be responsible to the Welfare Offr for maintenance, cleanliness and discipline.

16. AMENITIES

(a) All matters concerning entertainment, sport, welfare etc will be referred either through the Welfare Offr to, or direct to the Bde Amenities Offr for co-ordination.

(b) The allocation of sports fields will be made by the Bde Amenities Offr.

17. LAUNDRIES

Contracts for civilian laundries in each unit lines may be made ONLY through the Camp SO. Civilian laundry employees are NOT to be permitted to live on the premises. Units Comds will report to the Camp S O any cases of misdemeanour, misconduct or dissatisfaction experienced from such contractor or his employees.

18. COOKHOUSES

Absolute cleanliness is to be rigidly insisted upon by unit comds in all cookhouses. Action in accordance with SOs (PAL) Pamp 4, Appx B is to be taken immediately any cookhouse is occupied.

19. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations as laid down in FSPB Pamp 2 and 1 Aust Corps amends and additions thereto are to be used in all correspondence and messages to and from Camp HQ.

20. TELEPHONES

The telephone service is greatly taxed and is to be used as little as is consistent with reason, and for official purposes ONLY. Wherever possible message forms G 2128 are to be used.

21. AUDITS (25 AUST INF BDE ONLY)

All unit Regt A/cs will be audited at the end of each month and the auditor's statements and statements of account fwded to these HQ by the 10th of the succeeding month.

22. BOARDS AND COURTS OF INQUIRY (25 AUST INF BDE)

COs will ensure that the above boards and courts as required are convened at the earliest possible moment the necessity thereof arises, and that they are completed without delay and fwded in triplicate to these HQ

23. SUMMARIES OF EVIDENCE (25 AUST INF BDE)

On NO account is any delay to be permitted in the completion and fwding of these summaries.

24. ROUTINE ORDERS

- (a) Camp Routine Orders will be issued daily at 1600 hrs
- (b) One copy of Unit Routine Orders is to be fwded to Camp HQ

25. RETURNS

- (a) Returns will be submitted in accordance with Appx J
- (b) Punctuality in submission of all returns will be observed and insisted upon by all comds

26. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP AREA

Each unit is responsible for the cleanliness of its lines together with common roads and areas embraced thereby as indicated in Appx H. Roads and gutters running through or skirting unit lines are to be kept clean.

27. BLANKETS & BEDDING

At least once per week all blankets and bedding are to be aired in the sun. Subject to weather or other orders issued as may be reqd this airing will be done on Saturdays.

28. MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

The attention of COs and RMOs is drawn to SO (PAL) pamp 4 para 46 et seq for action.

29. DENTAL TREATMENT

A dental unit is established in L4 (HOLMES) Lines. Action in accordance with SO (PAL) Pamp 4 SECTION ii is to be observed (and attention is drawn thereto) by all incoming units.

30. CAMP RECEPTION STATION

A camp reception station is located in L4 (HOLMES) Lines and the attention of COs and RMOs is drawn to SOs (PAL) pamp 4 para 48 et seq

31. HYGIENE

The particular attention of unit comds is drawn to SOs (PAL) pamp 4 Section vi, paras 71-115 and amendments thereto for action immediately and regularly

32. PAGs

All units having RMOs are to establish preventive ablution centres in their own lines.

33. SLEEPING IN BUILDINGS

Buildings and offices are NOT to be used for sleeping purposes either independently or conjointly as adm rooms.

34. DISPOSAL OF WASTE & RUBBISH

All rubbish is to be burned each morning in the incinerators provided and is NOT to be allowed to accumulate.

35. CIVILIANS

NO civilians are to be permitted in unit lines or camp bounds without a pass issued by Camp S O (see SO (PAL) pamp 1 sec (ii).) and any intruders are to be immediately expelled from unit lines. Unit comds will take suitable steps to prevent the vending of fruit and other commodities to tps by civilian pedlars.

36. CIVILIAN SHOPS

NO shops are permitted in the camp area.

37. KIT

COs of units will ensure that all kits and blankets etc are laid out in tents in a uniform manner throughout their own comds.

38. CONSERVATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT

Lights are NOT to be left burning in unoccupied rooms, and units comds are to take all steps necessary to conserve the consumption of current.

39. CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

(a) Units will take the necessary steps to protect and conserve buildings in Unit lines.

(b) All matters concerning damage to, and maintenance of, buildings will be referred to the Camp S O.

40. POSTAL

(a) A Fd Post Office is estbd in L5 (HEANE) lines.

(b) Times at which mails close at, and are collected from, the Fd Post Office will be obtained by units direct, and unit arrangements for despatch and collection will obtain.

41. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The attention of all concerned is to be drawn to SOs (PAL) pamp 3 para 23 and Appx D thereto and must be observed at all times.

42. TPT

(a) The attention of all concerned is to be drawn to SO (PAL) pamp . 3 Section 111

(b) Under NO circumstances are vehicles to be sent beyond the camp limits, except for trg purposes, until the approval of the Camp Tpt Offr is obtained.

(c) The speed of all vehicles in the camp area is to be restricted to 15 mih

43. PHILANTHROPIC

(a) Gifts from approved philanthropic associations and funds ONLY will be accepted.

(b) Such gifts will be acknowledged in ROs immediately.

44. PAY.

Units of 25 Aust Inf Bde will hold pay parades weekly on Saturdays.

Requisitions for cash will be submitted by unit pay sgts to reach 7 Aust Div Paymaster NOT later than 1200 hrs on the preceding Sat.

45. INTERPRETER

An interpreter is carried on the strength of Camp HQ.

His services may be obtained through the Camp S O on demand for assistance in dealing with local inhabitants.

46. SUPPLIES

(a) All indents for supplies will be fwded through Bde Supply offr to Div AASC. Times at which indents are to be at Camp HQ will be notified by him.

SUPPLIES, Contd.

- (b) Attention of all Units is drawn to SOs (PAL) Para 2 Sec I, the provisions of which should be strictly adhered to.
- (c) Units will familiarize themselves with amendments to the scale of entitlements as shown in para 2 Appx A.

PART 11
SECURITY.

1. (a) See also SOs (PAL) Pamp I.

(b) Each unit in camp will detail a unit security offr whose name shall be fwded to Camp HQ immediately.

2. UNIT LINES

Unit Comds are responsible for the security of all stores and eqpt in lines of unit. They will protect their areas by means of gds and regt police

3. PROTECTION OF ARMS AND AMN

Special attention is drawn to SOs (PAL) Pamp I Sec I paras 2, 3, 6, and 8

4. UNITS GDS

(a) Units gds will always have the magazines of their rifles loaded but NO round will be in the chamber.

(b) Promiscuous shooting by gds etc is forbidden.

(c) Shooting can only be justified (i) if the life of a soldier is threatened (ii) to prevent the committing of a felony, (iii) if necessary to protect the property which the sentry is guarding.

(d) Every round fired must be accounted for to his unit HQ by the sentry responsible, and report rendered covering the shooting.

(e) Unit gds will be comd by an offr at night. He will dismount by day. Tour of duty 1800 to 0630 hrs.

5. PASSWORD

(a) A password for all units in the camp will be changed daily and fixed by Camp HQ.

(b) Units will contact Bde HQ at 1700 hrs daily by means of a reliable runner to receive the password for the ensuing 24 hrs, commencing 1800 hrs. On NO account will the password be given over the phone.

6. BLACKOUT

Units comds will be responsible for the efficiency of the blackout and the policing of such in the unit area. The blackout must be absolute.

7. DISPOSAL OF WASTE PAPERS

Waste papers from offices and other activities are to be burned daily under the supervision of the unit security offr.

8. LOCATION OF UNIT

The greatest care is to be taken to avoid disclosing names and locations of units when dealing with civilians, strangers or any correspondence outwards.

9. CAMERAS

Special attention is drawn to SOs (PAL) Pamp I Sec iii. Particular attention is drawn to paras 43, 44 and appx G of the above-mentioned sec.

10. CENSORSHIP

Attention is directed to SOs (PAL) Part I Sec v and amendments and additions thereto. Special attention is drawn to paras 67, 74, 75, and 78 of the above-mentioned sec and 1 Aust Corps Circular GS:38 of 22 Dec 40

11. FIRE ORDERS

(a) Units will incorporate Fire Orders based on the following in unit SOs:-

- (i) A fire picket of regt police and prowler gds and a det of fire fighters of one pl or equivalent will be detailed in unit orders.
- (ii) A system of fire warnings will be laid down
- (iii) One tin of water and one tin of sand will be maintained in front of each tent, and three tins of sand and three tins of water will be maintained at each building. The water must be changed frequently.
- (iv) On the fire warning being sounded the scene of the fire will be surrounded by the fire picket, who will immediately commence to pull down tents and remove stores and eqpt from the vicinity of the fire.

The det of fire-fighters or other personnel detailed by the senior offr present will put out the fire by the use of sand and water from available tins and by forming a chain to the nearest water supply.

12. CAMP PAD SCHEME

See Appx K

13. A.A. POSTS

- (a) Separate detailed instns will be issued from time to time and units are responsible for promulgation as necessary.
- (b) Posts will be prepared in each area where directed. They will be prepared for all round protection.
- (c) Posts will be manned from first light to dark.
- (d) See also provision for PAD as contained in Appx K.

APPX A

DUTIES OF BDE FD OFFR

1. A Bde Fd Offr provided by the Duty Bn will be detailed daily in Bde ROs.
2. He will mount duties at Bde Duty Mounting Pde.
3. His tour of duty will be for 24 hrs.
4. He will not leave the Camp area during his tour of duty.
5. He will, accompanied by the Unit Orderly Offr, inspect the lines of all units in the camp area in the morning paying particular attention to the maintenance and cleanliness of :-
 - (a) kitchens
 - (b) grease traps
 - (c) Men's mess tents
 - (d) Gd rooms
 - (e) Incinerators
 - (f) latrines
 - (g) Canteens and Rec rooms
 - (h) Cinema
6. If any of the points noted in para 4 require attention he will issue the necessary instns or advices to Camp SO.
7. He will have the services of the Bde Orderly Sgt during his tour of duty.
8. He will inspect the Bde Camp Gd once by day and once by night during his tour of duty.
9. He will hand over his duties to the new Bde Fd Offr at the Bde Duties Mounting Pde.
10. He will submit his report, on pro forma attd, to these HQ by 1900 hrs on the day of his handing over.
11. He will be available for any other duties detailed by these HQ during his tour of duty.

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PRO FORMA OF REPORT OF DUTIES OF BDE FD OFFR

REPORT OF BDE FD OFFR

BY

..... Rank Name Unit

1. I took over the duty of Bde Fd Offr at Bde Duties Mounting Pde on

..... Rank Name

and did not leave the Camp area during that period.

2. I inspected the Bde H. Gd at the following times

and have to report:-

3. I inspected all unit lines in the camp

4. The following special matters of maintenance

5. I handed over my duties to

..... Name Unit

at Bde Duties Mounting Pde on

..... Signature

..... Rank

..... Date

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APPX B

DUTIES OF BDC ORDERLY SERGEANT

1. A Bdc Orderly Sgt will be detailed daily by the Duty Bn.
2. He will mount at 1800 hrs on the Bdc Duties Pdc.
3. He will accompany the Bdc Fd Offr during his inspection of the camp lines.
4. He will be available to carry out any duty detailed by the Bdc Fd Offr during his tour of duty.
5. He will take charge of any special fatigues detailed for Bdc Hq.
6. He will hand over his duties to the new Bdc Orderly Sgt at Bdc Duties Mounting Pdc.
7. He need NOT submit a report on his tour of duty.
8. He will be responsible for hauling down the Bdc flag at Retreat and returning it to the Bdc Gd Room.

APPX C

PART I

BDE HQ GUARD

1. A gd as under will be provided by duty bn :-

Retreat to Reveille	1 Sgt	^{CPL} 18 ORs
Reveille to Retreat	1 Sgt	9 ORs

2. Tour of duty will be for 24 hrs, the new gd mounting at Retreat.

3. Posts will be manned as under :-

(a) BY NIGHT: (Retreat to Reveille)

Post No. 1 - At Vehicle Pk;
" " 2 - At water tanks;
" " 3 - At Bde HQ building.

Prowler No. 1 - Patrol between Post 1, around men's kitchen, to Sgts' Mess;
" " 2 - From Sgts' Mess around perimeter to water tanks;
" " 3 - Internal lines prowler, and to incl from water tanks around Offrs' Mess to Post 1.

(b) BY DAY:

Posts (2) and (3) will be manned.
In addition, one prowler will patrol between men's kitchen - Sgts' Mess - water tanks.

4. Unit providing gd will make arrangements for feeding and provision of bedding for gd.
5. GUARD MOUNTING - see Part II of this Appx.
6. DRESS AND EQPT:
- (a) See para 6 of Camp SOs PART I
 - (b) Rifles will be loaded with five rounds in the magazine; NONE in the breech.
 - (c) In summer gd will wear shorts, shirts, hats turned down with drill order by day, and FS drill order by night.
7. The Gd Comd will be responsible for hoisting the Bde pennant at Reveille.
8. The Gd Comd will be responsible for the cleanliness and tidiness of the Bde Gd Tent.

APPX C

PART II

BDE DUTIES PDE

1. Duties mounting ceremony will be held on Bde Duties Pde Ground in front of Offrs' Mess.
2. DRESS - See PART I, para 3.
3. Duties as under will be marched to Bde Duties Pde Ground and will be in posn by 10 mins before Retreat:-

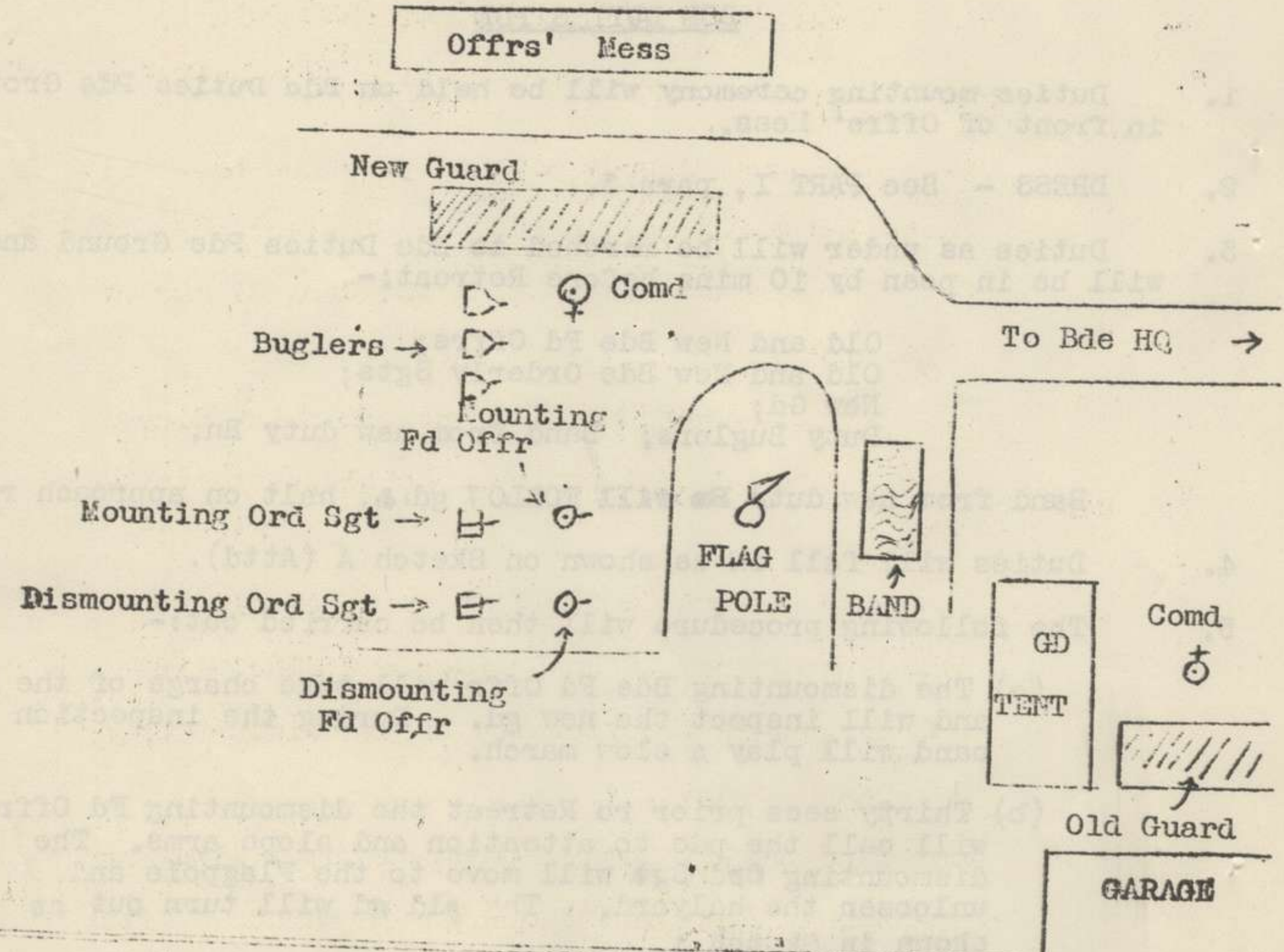
Old and New Bde Fd Offrs;
Old and New Bde Orderly Sgts;
New Gd;
Duty Buglers; Band from new duty Bn.

Band from new duty Bn will FOLLOW gd. halt on approach rd.

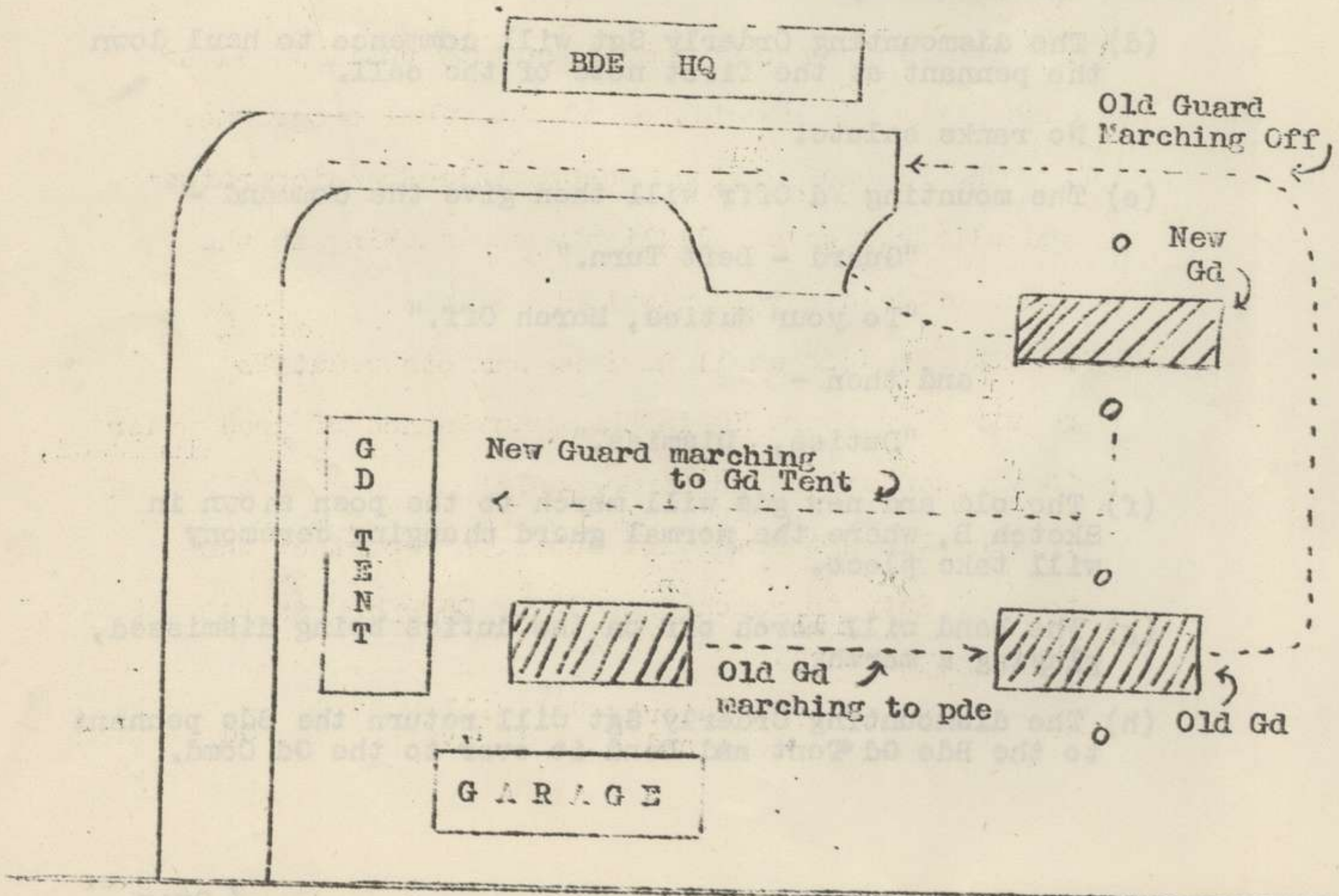
4. Duties will fall in as shown on Sketch A (Attd).
5. The following procedure will then be carried out:-
 - (a) The dismounting Bde Fd Offr will take charge of the Pde and will inspect the new gd. During the inspection the band will play a slow march.
 - (b) Thirty secs prior to Retreat the dismounting Fd Offr will call the pde to attention and slope arms. The dismounting Ord Sgt will move to the Flagpole and unloosen the halyard. The old gd will turn out as shown in Sketch A
 - (c) At Retreat the dismounting Fd Offr will order the buglers to sound the call.
 - (d) The dismounting Orderly Sgt will commence to haul down the pennant at the first note of the call.
No ranks salute.
 - (e) The mounting Fd Offr will then give the command -
"Guard - Left Turn."
"To your duties, March Off."
and then -
"Duties, Dismiss."
 - (f) The old and new gds will march to the posn shown in Sketch B, where the normal guard changing ceremony will take place.
 - (g) The band will march off on the duties being dismissed, playing a march.
 - (h) The dismounting Orderly Sgt will return the Bde pennant to the Bde Gd Tent and hand it over to the Gd Comd.

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SKETCH A
DUTIES PDE AT RETREAT



SKETCH B - CHANGING BDE GD



APPX D

DUTIES OF CINEMA PICQUET (SEE Para 3)

1. A Cinema Picquet will be provided by a Unit detailed daily in Bde ROs.
2. The Picquet will pde at the Camp Cinema at 1745 hrs.
3. The Picquet Comd will interview the Cinema manager on arrival re any special points to be noted.
4. The Picquet Comd will be responsible for the maintenance of good order and discipline within and in the vicinity of the Cinema during his tour of duty.
5. The Picquet Comd will check the takings and records of the Cinema manager immediately after each performance and will sign the appropriate documents.
6. The Picquet will remain on duty until 15 clear mins after the completion of the final programme.
7. The Picquet will be responsible for dispersion and elimination of all lights and smoking in the event of an air raid warning.
8. The Picquet shall perform any other duties required by these HQ in the maintenance of good order in the conduct of performances.
9. The Picquet Comd will submit a report on the tour of duty to reach Camp HQ by 0800 hrs on the succeeding day.

APPX E

CANTEEN PICQUET

(Wet Canteen)

1. Unit comds will provide canteen picquets on on wet canteens within their lines. 2/4 Fd Amb and 2/3 Army Fd Wkshps will provide the picquet for the Canteen in SQUIRES Lines, on alternato nights commencing 2/4 Fd Amb 2 Mar 41.
2. STRENGTH - 1 Offr 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 9 ORs.
3. TOUR OF DUTY

Tour of duty will be from 15 mins prior to opening of wet canteen until 15 mins after close of wet canteen.
4. RESPONSIBILITY OF PICQUET COMD
 - (a) He will be responsible for good order and discipline in and in the vicinity of the canteen during his tour of duty.
 - (b) He will detail one sgt, 6 ORs to remain permanently in the wet canteen during canteen hrs.
 - (c) He will detail one cpl 3 ORs to police the dry canteen and the vicinity of the canteen during wet canteen hrs.
 - (d) He will be responsible for the co-ordination of these duties.
5. The following rules will be enforced:
 - (a) Gambling of any description is absolutely forbidden
 - (b) Bottles of beer will be sold with tops removed
 - (c) On NO account will beer, whether in opened bottles or not, be removed from the wet canteen building.
 - (d) Members of the picquet will be posted at the door to enforce this rule.
 - (e) The Picquet Comd is empowered to close the wet canteen in the event of any disturbance.

APPX F

OUT OF BOUNDS PICQUET

1. Buildings OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks are shown on sketch Appx H
2. The responsibility for providing picquets on these buildings is allotted as follows:-

(a) Building No 1 - 2/4 Fd Amb and 2/3 A Fd Wkshps

(CO 2/4 Fd Amb will arrange allocation of duty to both units.)

(b) Building No 2 - 32 Bn

(c) Building No. 3- 33 Bn

3. TOUR OF DUTY - 1800 hrs to 2200 hrs
4. STRENGTH - 1 Sgt 2 ORs
5. RESPONSIBILITY OF PICQUET

The Picquet Comd is responsible for denying entrance to these buildings to all ranks. Local inhabitants occupying these buildings are not to be interfered with in any way and will be given free passage.

6. PET STORES AND PUMP HOUSE

(a) Pet stores are out of bounds to all ranks except those on duty.

(b) A sentry will be posted on the pet stores at the foot of the Herring and Heane lines.

These sentries will be provided by 2/31 Bn and 2/33 Bns respectively, and will form part of their normal camp gd except that the tour of duty will be from 1800 - 1800 hrs.

(c) PUMP HOUSE - This is situated at the north-west corner of Herring lines in the orchard; 2/31 Bn will be responsible for its protection at all times. Tour of duty, 1800 hrs to 1900 hrs

1800

APPX G

DEFINITIONS OF DRESS

1	2	3
	WINTER	SUMMER
<u>Battle Order</u>		
(a) Offrs	<p>FS dress, boots, gaiters and steel helmets (worn) Complete eqpt web patt 37 less packs, incl</p> <p>(i) Revolver & amn (ii) Binoculars in web case (iii) Prismatic compass do. (iv) Technical haversack, containing - (a) AB 155 & supply of AF 2128 (b) AB 153 if available or other notebook (c) Map case & maps (d) Protractor & roamers 1:250000 & 1:100000 (e) Pencils & rubbers (v) Haversack on back containing - (a) water bottle, full (b) plates or messtin, knife, fork & spoon (c) Reserve ration where issued (d) Toilet kit (e) Cardigan & spare socks (f) groundsheet or cape A/G under flap of haversack (vi) Respirator in alert posn. (vii) 18 rds SAA .55 or .38 (where issued)</p> <p>NOTE: Special articles such as pistols, signal & wire-cutters will be carried as required.</p>	<p>As for winter, except</p> <p>(a) shorts, shirts, boots & ankle putties will be worn in lieu of FS dress</p> <p>(b) Haversacks will contain slacks in addition to articles enumerated in Col 2.</p>
(b) ORs (Rifle men only)	<p>FS Dress, boots, gaiters and steel helmets (worn) Complete eqpt web patt 37 less packs incl - (i) Rifle and bayonet (ii) Haversack on back containing</p>	

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APPX G DEFINITIONS OF DRESS, Contd.

1	2	3
	WINTER	SUMMER
<p><u>Battle Order</u></p> <p>ORs (Rifle Men Only) (Contd)</p>	<p>(a) water bottle filled (b) mess tin, knife, spoon & fork (c) Reserve rations, where issued (d) Toilet kit (e) Cardigan & spare pair socks (f) Groundsheet or A/G Cape under flap</p> <p>(iii) Respirator in alert posn</p> <p>(iv) 50 rds S&A .303 (when issued.F</p> <p>NOTE Eqpt arms and amn of mortar numbers, LMG numbers etc will be varied as necessary</p> <p>(See 25 Aust Inf Bde SOs for War)</p>	<p>As for winter except</p> <p>(a) shorts, shirts, boots & gaiters will be worn in lieu of FS Dress</p> <p>(b) Slacks will be carried in haversack in addition to articles enumerated in Col 2</p>

SUMMARY OF RETURNS TO BE RENDERED

Serial	Authority	No. an nature of return	Due	By whom rendered	To whom rendered	No. of copies	Action to be taken & remarks
1	SOs (PAL) pamp 5, Sec III para 25 (a)	AF W3006 - Daily strength state	Daily as at 0600 hrs	All units	Telegraphed direct to O i/c Records, 2 Echelon; copy to Bde HQ	2	DISCONTINUED until further orders
2	do.	AIF Form 1 - Daily pde state	Daily by 0815 hrs	do.	Bde HQ	2 (Red & Blk)	Red copy fwded by Bde HQ to O i/c Records; summary compiled by Bde HQ & fwded to 7 Aust Div; copy filed
3	do.	AF W3010 - Casualty return offr & nurses	Daily or as often as practicable	do.	O i/c Records 2 Echelon	2	Send direct
4	do.	AF W3011 - Casualty return ORs	do.	do.	O i/c Records 2 Echelon	1	Send direct
5	do.	AF W3012 - Casualty return att personnel	do.	do.	O i/c Records 2 Echelon Copy to parent unit	2	Send direct

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Serial No.	Authority	No. and nature of return	Due	By whom rendered	To whom rendered	No of copies	Action to be taken & remarks
6	SOs (PAL) pamp 5, Sec III para 25 (a)	AF W3008 - Fd Return of offrs	Weekly by 1200 hrs SATURDAY	All units	0 i/c Records, 2 Echelon; HQ AIF	3	Send direct; copy to Bde HQ; copy also to HQ, AIF, Villa Sasson, 1 Rue de Musee, ALEXANDRIA. Mark envelope BY RAIL COURIER SERVICE.
7	do.	AF W3009 - Fd Return of ORs	do.	do.	0 i/c Records 2 Echelon	1	Send direct
8	do.	AF B2069 - Offence report	do.	do.	0 i/c Records, 2 Echelon; HQ 7 Aust Div (for DMG)		Send direct; DMG requires nil return when applicable
9	1 Aust Corps Adm Instn No. 21	Weekly expenditure of amm & explosives	Weekly 0900 hrs THURSDAY	All units & HQ formations	Bde HQ	1	Consolidated & fwded to 7 Aust Div
10	SOs (PAL) pamp 5 Sec III para 25 (a)	AF C2118 - War Diary	Monthly	All units	0 i/c Records 2 Echelon	2	Send direct
11	1 Aust Corps Adm Instn No 21	Vehicle Strength Return	Monthly 1200 hrs 2nd last day of each month	All units having MT vchs on charge	Bde HQ	3	1 copy each to 1 Aust Corps 7 Aust Div

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Serial	Authority	No. and nature of return	Due	By whom rendered	To whom rendered	No. of Copies	Action to be taken and remarks
12	1 Aust Corps Adm Instn No. 21	Statement of amm explosives & weapons held	1200 hrs 14th of each month	All units	Bde HQ	4	1 copy each to ADOS Force HQ, 7 Aust Div, 1 Aust Corps
13	do.	Monthly Accommodation & tentage return	1200 hrs 4th of each month	All units	Bde HQ	6	2 copies to Force HQ 1 copy each to 7 Aust Div, COO, BOD, ABO
14	do	Census of War-like stores	1200 hrs 19th of each month	All units	Bde HQ	8	1 copy to COO, BOD; 5 copies 7 Aust Div 1 copy 1 Aust Corps
15	7 Aust Div Circular G41, 4 Dec 40	Report showing result of inspection of Respirators A Gas	6th day of each month	All units	Bde HQ	2	1 copy to 7 Aust Div
16	Bde Instn	Statement of A/c, Unit Trust Funds & Less A/Cs.	1200 hrs 2nd day each month	All units	Bde HQ	2	Through 7 Aust Div for 1 Aust Corps
17							Reserved
							Reserved

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Serial No.	Authority	No. and nature of Return	Due	By whom rendered	To whom rendered	No. of copies	Action to be taken and remarks
19	7 Aust Div Q 47	Outstanding indents	Fort-nightly	All units	Bde HQ	3	3 copies, 7 Aust Div; nil returns reqd.
20	do.	Return of Patt 1937 web eqpt	Weekly 1200 hrs Sunday	All units	Bde HQ	3	3 copies 7 Aust Div; nil returns required
21	do.	Returns of oil-burning cooking & heating appliances	Weekly 1200 hrs SUNDAY	All units	Bde HQ	3	3 Copies 7 Aust Div; nil returns required
22	Bde Instn	Return of no. of rds SIM used on gd duties and report on shooting	As re- quired	All units	Bde HQ	1	Keep
23							Reserved
24							Reserved
25							Reserved

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APPX K

CAMP PAD SCHEME.

1. FORMS OF ATTACK

The possible forms of enemy air attack against Camp KILO 89 Area are :-

- (a) H.E. Bombing;
- (b) Incendiary agents;
- (c) Lowflying MG attack;
- (d) Gas spray or bomb.

Those mentioned in (b) and (c) above are also likely in the reverse order against convoys and formed bodies of tpt on rds or in the open

2. PRECAUTIONS

The following precautions against attack will be effected -

(a) Slit trenches

Slit trenches will be dug near all buildings and tents immediately following occupation. Trenches will be 4 ft deep with a width of 30" at the top and 20" at the bottom. Sufficient trenches will be dug in unit lines to accommodate all personnel in that unit.

Existing trenches will be improved to conform with the above requirements. THE DIGGING OF SLIT TRENCHES IS A PRIORITY TASK AND WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

(b) Alarm Posts

Alarm posts will be located as follows :-

LOCATION	STORES TO BE MAINTAINED AT POST
(i) Bde HQ Unit HQs }	(1) Air alarm sirens (already installed); (2) Empty pet tins, suspended from building verandah plates; (3) gas rattle.
(ii) Each coy etc lines, offr's & sgts' messes, gd rooms or tents Men's cookhouses Canteen MT lines AA posts	(1) Empty pet tins, suspended from framework or verandahs; (2) Gas rattle

(c) PAD Offrs

- (1) Camp PAD Offr - Bde IO
- (ii) Each unit will select a PAD Offr and fwd his name to Camp HQ immediately. Any change of PAD offr's will likewise be notified.

(d) Control Rooms

- (i) Camp HQ and units will each establish a control room
- (ii) Control rooms should be provided with protection against blast and splinters and should be served by telephone.

(e) Air Sentries

- (i) Each unit will appoint an air sentry, who may be found from AA personnel.
- (ii) Air sentries will be equipped with binoculars and will be provided with a copy of enemy aircraft silhouettes.
- (iii) Sentries should be posted on commanding features where an all-round view can be obtained.
- (iv) They must be close to a telephone or have a local alarm.
- (v) Air sentries will be provided with gas spray detectors (when available) and instructed in their use.
- (vi) If enemy aircraft are seen air sentries will inform Unit HQ IMMEDIATELY by sounding their alarms.
- (vii) Air sentries must be changed at short intervals.
- (viii) Tour of duty: First light until dark.

(f) Fire Parties

- (i) Fire parties will be detailed from members of the Unit gd.
- (ii) Fire parties will be instructed in the handling of incendiary bombs.

(g) Fire Posts

- (i) Fire posts will be located in the vicinity of each alarm post.
- (ii) A Fire Post will consist of
 - 1 bucket sand
 - 1 bucket water
 - 1 shovel
 - 1 axe
 - 1 stirrup pump.

Units will indent for these stores if not already on charge.

- (iii) All offices and huts will be equipped with water and sand buckets.

NOTE Camp Fire Orders also include precaution.

(h) Camouflage of Tents

All tents and roofs of buildings will be dyed (Ref Corps RC 46 of 5 Jan - para 212) or mud-splashed. This process will be repeated as necessary to preserve camouflage.

(i) AA POSTS

See Camp SOs para 13

(j) FIRST AID AND GAS CLEANSING CENTRE PERSONNEL

Personnel to man First Aid Post and Gas Cleansing Centre will be detailed and trained in their duties. (Will be drawn from unit stretcher bearers.)

(k) FIRST AID POSTS

(i) Unit RAPS will be used as First Aid Posts

(ii) Arrangements for treating gas contaminated wounded will be made by the provision of bleach powder, bleach baths and a supply of water.

(l) GAS CLEANSING CENTRE

Each unit will establish a gas cleansing centre in a tent erected alongside the men's shower room.

Until proper eqpt is obtained, trays of bleach powder, bleach baths and a supply of spare clothing will be provided, in the GC Centre. Unit RMOs are responsible for the upkeep of these centres.

(m) TRANSPORT

Tpt will always be dispersed in the lines.

(n) FD TRAINING

During fd training or on route marches movements of tps or MT will be dispersed.

Air sentries will be detailed at rest and on the move and AA teams will be clearly instructed in their role in the event of an air raid.

(o) BLACK-OUT

By night a COMPLETE blackout will be insisted upon.

(p) TRAINING

Units will give all personnel training in -

- (a) Recognition of aircraft;
- (b) Treating incendiary bombs
- (c) Gas decn.

(q) GAS RATTLES

Units will construct IMMEDIATELY wooden Gas Rattles on the scale of one per alarm post.

Unit pioneer personnel will be employed in this task

Design can be obtained from these HQ

METHOD OF WARNING

Warning of approaching planes will be received at Camp HQ from AIF Base HQ. Warnings and action to be taken will be as laid down in paras 4 - 8

4. AIR RAID "YELLOW" SOUTH PALESTINE

(a) Meaning. Enemy planes have crossed into SINAI Peninsular or PALESTINE area.

(b) Action by Camp HQ

(i) Sig operator will inform duty offr who will sound alarm see sub para 4 (c)

(ii) Duty offr will inform in order PAD Offr, Camp SO, Unit HQs and B M

(iii) Duty Offr CORPS GDS BN will inform Camp Cinema Picquet

(c) Signal to be given

(i) BDE HQ Three blasts on siren, reptd
UNIT HQs at three secs' interval for 2 mins.

(ii) OTHER ALARM Three distinct blows on pet tins reptd
POSTS at 3 secs' interval for 2 mins.

(d) Action to be taken by personnel

(i) BY DAY (a) AA posts will be alert and tpt dispersed if not already done.

(b) Sub-units undergoing training in vicinity of camp will be warned.

(c) MT in vicinity of HQs will be moved so that location of HQ is not disclosed.

(ii) BY NIGHT (a) MT to be dispersed if not already done

(b) All lights except those reqd in RAPs and control rooms will be put out
IMMEDIATELY

5. AIR RAID "RED"

(a) Meaning. Enemy planes are in immediate vicinity, or that planes have been sighted by sentries, or that attack has already commenced.

(b) Action by Camp HQ.

(i) Telephone operator will inform Duty Offr who will sound Camp alarm

(ii) Unit Duty Offrs will be informed by telephone

(iii) Duty Offr, Corps Gd Bn, will inform Comd Cinema Picquet

(c) Signal to be given

(i) CAMP HQ)
UNIT HQs) Continuous blast on siren

(ii) OTHER ALARM Continuous striking of pet
POSTS tins.

(d) Action to be taken by personnel

BY DAY (a) All personnel will immediately put on steel helmets, respirators in alert posn and groundsheets or AG capes if available

(b) Camp and unit control posts will be manned by Comd, PAD Offr, SO, two orderlies and telephone orderly.

(c) Fire parties will take cover near to Control Room until required.

(d) First Aid Posts and Gas Cleaning Centres will be manned. Personnel manning these posts will occupy slit trenches in the vicinity until their services are required.

(e) Personnel not detailed for duties will immediately occupy slit trenches. Those not near trenches will ~~be~~ ^{lie} down.

(f) Any person discovering a fire will attempt to put it out, using eqpt from nearest fire post and immediately inform nearest control room. A fire party will be despatched to the scene of the fire by the offr i/c control room

(g) AA Posts (by day only: Personnel in AA Posts will continue to man posts but aircraft will NOT be engaged by small arms fire **unless**

(i) they are within range - i.e., below 2000 ft, and

(ii) they are definitely recognised as hostile or

(iii) if unknown, they commit a hostile act against the camp area

6. AIR RAID "WHITE"

(a) Meaning. "ALL CLEAR"

(b) Action by Camp HQ

(1) Telephone orderly will inform Comd who will order signal to be sounded

(ii) Telephone orderly will inform unit comds in unit control rooms by telephone

(iii) Duty Offr, Corps Gds Bn, will inform Comd Cinema Picquet

(c) Signal to be given

(i) BDE HQ Short blasts on siren for 10 secs reptd
UNIT HQs at 10 secs' intervals for
 three mins.

(ii) OTHER ALARM Ten blows on pot tins; distinct pause
POSTS for five secs, then repeat.

(d) Action to be taken by personnel

Return stores - resume normal activities.

CAMP P.A.D. SCHEMEAmends No. 1

Para 5(d) In sub para (a) insert after "available", Eye shields will be adjusted.

Delete para 7 and insert

7. GAS ALARM.

- (a) Sig. The gas alarm sig will be the sounding of gas rattles to indicate a cloud attack and passing of word "SPRAY" by word of mouth to indicate spray attack.
- (b) Action to be taken by Personnel.
- (i) In the event of Cloud attack put on respirators and move from gas affected area.
- (ii) In the event of spray attack respirators will NOT be worn unless vapour is detected.

If individuals are NOT sprayed they will adjust eyeshields and caps etc. and take cover. If individuals are contaminated they will take action as outlined in F.S.P.S. Pam 8 sec 7 para 3.

P.A.D. Officers will recon area of attack and mark it.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS H.M.T. J 19.

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NO 1 DUTIES. TO TAKE OVER AT 1615 HRS 1 MAR. 41.

Duty Unit

31 Bn.

NO 2 FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

NX 10018

Charge.

Punishment Awarded.

Pte Coupe W.T.

W.O.A.S. LEAVING HIS PICQUET 90 days detention.
WITHOUT ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIOR
OFFICER, in that he, at P/Maritzberg
on 14 Feb. 41. left the Picquet Truck
without orders from his superior
Officer.
A.A. (6) 2. f.

32 Bn. A.I.F.

Confirmed 28 Feb. 41. by Officer Commanding Troops H.M.T. J 19.

NO 3 AIR RAID ALARM.

X The Captain of the Ship was very satisfied with today's "Air Raid Rehearsal".
There will be no more "Trial Runs" so all Ranks are warned that in future any
alarms will be a genuine one.

NO 4 BOAT STATIONS.

X Boat Stations must be rigidly observed. At this morning's inspection there
appeared to be more men below decks than there were at Boat Stations.
These "Hero's" are the people who will cause trouble if trouble really comes.
Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone found absenting himself from
the station to which he is allotted.

NO 5. ABLUTION BENCHES.

X Units will instruct personnel that used Razor Blades must not be thrown
into drains of Ablution Benches.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES. SUNDAY MARCH 2ND. 41.

Church of England.

Holy Communion in the Writing Room at 0630 hrs and 0715 hrs.
Morning Service. in Tourist Dining Saloon "D" Deck Aft at 1030 hrs.

Roman Catholic.


Holy Mass in the Card Room 0630, 0700, and 0800 hrs.

United Protestant Board.

Morning Service followed by Communion at 0930 hrs in Tourist
Dining Saloon "D" Deck Aft.

LOST.

Paybook belonging to NX 10105 Pte De Lacy P.



Major. Adjutant. H.M.T. J 19

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NO 1 FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

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<u>NK 9211</u>	<u>Charge.</u>	<u>Punishment Awarded.</u>
Pte Parker J.M. 32 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. ATTEMPTING TO DESERT HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE, in that he, at Durban failed to return from leave at 2359 hrs 11 Feb. 41. and was absent without leave until apprehended in civilian clothes by Military Police at approx. 1300 hrs. 15 Feb. 41. A.A. 12.	Not guilty as to the charge of Attempting to desert His Majesty's Service but guilty of being A.W.L. from 2359 hrs 12 Feb. 41. until 1300 hrs 15 Feb. 41. 90 days detention.

Confirmed 1 Mar. 41. by Officer Commanding Troops H.M.T. J 19.

VX 13388 Pte Webb G.F. 2/32 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER in that he, when ordered to go to bed by Sgt. Daudt at approx. 2300 hrs on 25 Feb. 41. refused to do so. A.A. 9 (11).	One year and six months imprisonment with hard labour.
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VX 13388 Pte Webb G.F. 2/32 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. STRIKING HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER in that he struck Sgt. Daudt on the face at approx. 2300 hrs. on 25 Feb. 41. A.A. 8 (11).	
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VX 13388 Pte Webb G.F. 2/32 Bn. A.I.F.	COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE that is to say common assault in that he, at 2245 hrs on 25 Feb. 41. on board H.M.T. J 19. assaulted Mr. G. Mann, 3rd. Class Steward by striking him on the chin with his fist. A.A. 41.	
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VX 13388 Pte Webb G.F. 32 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he, on board H.M.T. J 19. on 25 Feb. 41. at approx. 2300 hrs when asked by his superior Officer "What is the trouble here"? answered "there is no trouble here" knowing that answer to be false. A.A. 40.	
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VX 13079 Pte Attwood D.S. 2/31 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER in that he, on board H.M.T. J 19. on 25 Feb. 41. when ordered to go to bed he failed to do so. A.A. 9 (2).	One year and three months imprisonment with hard labour
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	W.O.A.S. STRIKING HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER in that he, struck QX 4120 Sgt. Daudt L on the face at approx. 2300 hrs 25 Feb. 41. A.A. 8 (2).	
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	W.O.A.S. DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER in that he, on board H.M.T. J 19. on 25 Feb. 41. continued to strike Sgt. Daudt. of 31 Bn. when ordered to stop. A.A. 10 (1).	
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NO 2 BROADCAST.

The Officer Commanding Australian Troops will broadcast a message to all Australian Troops at 2000 hrs today 2 Mar. 41.


NO 3 LIBRARY BOOKS.

All Library Books are to be returned to the Librarian not later than 1500 hrs today 2 Mar. 41.

NO 4 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

There are still remaining in cabins items of Medical Equipment Dressing Bowls, Thermometers, Medicine Bottles, etc. which have not yet been returned to the Military Hospital.

All these items must be returned to the Troops Dispensary forthwith.


Major. Adjutant H.M.T. J 19.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Shirt K.D. containing 4 small keys on ring, A.B. 64 and a wristlet watch.

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NO 1 DUTIES. 3 MAR.41.

Field Officer of the Day
Captain of the Day
Orderly Officers

R.M.O.
Orderly Sergeant
Orderly Corporal

Major J.M. Hayes, H.Q. A.I.F.
Capt. C.W. Hyndman, 32 Bn.
Lieut. H.H. Rankine, 32 Bn.
Lieut. N.P. Newman, H.Q. A.I.F.
X Lieut. R.F. Woodcock, 25 Bde.H.Q. X
Capt. P.J. Kenny, 31 Bn.
Sgt. W.J. Duggan, Force A.S.C.
Cpl. H. Lowe, 38 Line Sec. R. Sigs.

NO 2 W.Os. AND SERGEANTS LOUNGE.

W.Os. and Sgts Lounge will close at 2300 hrs tonight 3 Mar.41.

D. Lyall Grant

Major. Adjutant. H.M.T. J 19.

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NO 1 DUTIES 4 MAR.41.

Field Officer of the Day
Next for Duty
Captain of the Day
Next for Duty
Orderly Officers

Next for Duty

R.M.O.
Next for Duty
Orderly Sergeant
Next for Duty
Orderly Corporal.
Next for Duty

Capt. H. Huitfeldt, 32 Bn,
Major J.M. Hayes, H.Q. A.I.F.
Capt. H. Costello, H.Q. 9 Aus. Div.
Capt. A.E. Leach, 31 Bn.
Lieut. W.G. Stargatt, 32 Bn,
2/Lieut. J.A. Ord, 39 Line Sec. Sigs.
Lieut. J.P. Fahy, 32 Bn.
X Lieut. D.W. Young X H.Q. 25 Bde.
Lieut. H.J. Heslop, 32 Bn.
Lieut. H.J. Brown, H.Q. A.I.F.
Capt. W. H. Campbell, 32 Bn.
Capt. G.H. Turnbull, Force A.S.S.
Sgt. H. Rumsey, 39 Line Sec. R. Sig s.
Sgt. Redfern, 15 Pd. Bakery,
Cpl. R.E. Jones, 33 Line Sec. R. Sigs.
Cpl. W. Dobbs, 39 Line Sec. R. Sigs.

NO 2 CABLES,

Those desirous of sending cables home are advised to wait until they reach final destination.

NO 3 FOODSTUFFS

The attention of all Ranks is drawn to the importance of non purchase of Foodstuffs (except from H.A.A.F.I.) i.e. Cakes, Fruit of all descriptions, Lemonade, from Hawkers etc, en route to destination.
Water must on no account be drunk.

NO 4 AIR ATTACK.

In the event of an Air Attack prior to disembarkation Standing Orders of Ship will be observed.

NO 5 LOCAL TIME.

Is two hours ahead of G.M.T.

NO 6 SECURITY.

Units will warn all ranks just prior to disembarkation that they must not discuss publicly on any future occasions their movements between U.K. and Egypt.

NO 7 BUM BOATS.

No Bum Boats are allowed alongside.

NO 8 PHOTOGRAPHY.

Is under no circumstances permitted.

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NO 9 FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

QX 4857.	Charge.	Punishment Awarded.
W.O.II. Morris V.J.B. 31 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he, at sea on 17 Feb. 41. instructed Pte Miller to cause damage to public goods, namely Revolver G. 310. by cutting off a portion of the barrel, A.A. 40.	Sentenced to reduction to the Ranks.
QX 4857. W.O.II. Morris V.J.B. 31 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he, on or about 19 Feb. 41. threw overboard goods belonging to the public, namely revolver G. 310. A.A. 20.	

Confirmed 3 Mar. 41. by Officer Commanding Troops H.M.T. J 19.

VX 1278 Pte Miller F.J. 31 Bn. A.I.F.	W.O.A.S. WILFULLY GIVING FALSE EVIDENCE WHEN EXAMINED ON OATH, before a Court Authorised by the Army Act to administer an Oath, in that he, on board H.M.T. J 19. when examined as a Witness before a Court of Inquiry stated on Oath that he did not handle or see a Pistol in the Plumbers Shop on H.M.T. J 19. well knowing such statement to be false. A.A. 29.	Sentenced to 90 days detention. Sentence suspended to be reviewed at the end of three months.
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Confirmed 3 Mar. 41. by Officer Commanding Troops H.M.T. J 19.

NO 10. MESSAGE FROM COMMODORE.

The following is a copy of Signal from Commodore to "Franconia".
Many thanks for your good station keeping and good signalling.

REPLY.

Many thanks, Your Signal much appreciated by all concerned.

NO 11.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN.

To A.I. Teams, Submarine Lookouts, Patrols, tradesmen, entertainers, bandsmen, boxers, fatigues, and all others who have in any way contributed to the general routine, discipline, cleanliness and efficiency throughout the voyage, the Captain extends hearty thanks for their co-operation.

To all those about to land he wished God speed and safe and happy return to their homes wherever they may be.



Major. Adjutant. H.M.T. J 19.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS H.M.T. J 19.

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NO 1 DUTIES.

Field Officer of the Day
Next for Duty
Captain of the Day
Next for Duty
Orderly Officers

Major J.M. Hayes, H.Q. A.I.F.
Capt. R.E. Dewar, Force Sigs.
Capt. A.E. Leach, 31 Bn.
Capt. N.M. Cahill, 32 Bn.
Lieut. D.W. Young, H.Q. 25 Bde.
Lieut. H.J. Heslop, 32 Bn.
Lieut. H.J. Brown, H.Q. A.I.F.
Lieut. T. Brown, 31 Bn.
Lieut. G.M. Joshua, 31 Bn.
Lieut. C.H. Sykes, 17 D.I.D.
Capt. G.M. Turnbull, Force A.S.C.
Capt. A.K. Green, 3 Fd. Amb.
Sgt. Redfern, 15 Fd. Bakery,
Sgt. R.R. Starr, Aus. Div. Sigs.
Cpl. W. Dobbs, 39 Line Sec. R. Sigs.
Cpl. E. Parminter, 3 Fd. Amb.

Next for Duty

R.M.O.
Next for Duty
Orderly Sergeant
Next for Duty
Orderly Corporal
Next for Duty

To allow of Unit administration, Duties will be on a daily basis as from 6800 hrs today 5 Mar. 41. in the following order:

5 March 41.	32 Bn.
6 March 41.	Force A.S.C.
7 March 41.	Aus. Div. Sigs.
8 March 41.	31 Bn. (if necessary).

NO 2 INFORMATION.

It is unlikely that this Ship will disembark before Friday 7th inst. However all Ranks are warned that this is subject to alteration at any moment.

NO 3 BOAT STATIONS AND SHIP'S INSPECTION.

Boat Stations and Ship's Inspection will take place daily. Life Belts need not be carried.

[Handwritten Signature]

Major Adjutant H.M.T. J 19.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Gold Band Ring, with crest.

FOUND.

Officer's Binocular Case.

ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LIEUT-COLONEL D. LYALL GRANT, M.C.T.D.
OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS H.M.T. J 19.

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NO 1 DUTIES.

Field Officer of the Day
Next for Duty
Captain of the Day
Next for Duty
Orderly Officers

Capt. R.E. Dewar, Signals.
Major J.R. Ellery, Force A.S.C.
Capt. H.M. Cahill, 32 Bn.
× Capt. G.B. Kater, H.Q. 25 Bde.
Lieut. T. Brown, 31 Bn.
Lieut. G.M. Joshua, 31 Bn.
Lieut. Scott, Aus.Div.Sigs. in place
of Lieut. Sykes,
Lieut. C.G. Lancaster, 32 Bn.
Lieut. R.R. Upcher, 31 Bn.
Lieut. C.G. Kelly, 31 Bn.
Capt. A.K. Green, 3 Fd. Amb.
Capt. G.W. Pottinger, 3 Fd. Amb.
Sgt. R.R. Starr, Aus.Div.Sigs.
× Sgt. W. Cooper, 32 Bn.
Cpl. E. Parminter, 3 Fd. Amb.
Cpl. B.R. Stevenson, 31 Bn.

Next for Duty

R.M.O.
Next for Duty
Orderly Sergeant,
Next for Duty
Orderly Corporal
Next for Duty

NO 2 UNIT COMDS. CONFERENCE.

X There will be a conference at the Ship's Orderly Room at 1100 hrs today
6 Mar. 41.

NO 3 RADIOS.

All Radios left in the Ship's Orderly Room are to be collected as soon as possible.

NO 4 CANVAS DECK CHAIRS.

All Canvas Deck Chairs to be returned to the Armoury by 0930 hrs today
6 Mar. 41.



Major. Adjutant H.M.T. J 19.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Leather Tobacco Pouch containing tobacco and papers .
Finder please return to Ship's Orderly Room.

Will the person who owns letters addressed to Mrs. D. Peters, Melbourne,
Mrs McCaskie, Melbourne please claim at Ship's Orderly Room.

ROUTINE ORDERS
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OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS H.M.T. J 19.

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NO 1 DUTIES.

Field Officer of the Day
Next for Duty
Captain of the Day
Next for Duty
Orderly Officers

Capt. J.G. Byrne,	31 Bn.
Capt. R.T. Cochrane,	Force A.S.C.
Capt. A.D. Petrie,	32 Bn.
X Capt. Vincent,	H.Q. 25 Bde.
X Lieut. Brinkley,	H.Q. 25 Bde.
Lieut. Manning,	Aus. Div. Sigs.
Lieut. T.A. Rafferty,	31 Bn.
Lieut. C. Brownrigg,	32 Bn.
Lieut. P.G.I. Northey,	Force A.S.C.
Lieut. N.S. Stable,	31 Bn.
Capt. K.H. Tepper,	3 Fd. Amb.
Capt. P.J. Kenny,	31 Bn.
Sgt. H.L. Kemp,	31 Bn.
Sgt. H.A. North,	Aus. Div. Sigs.
Cpl. J.F. Downey,	Force A.S.C.
Cpl. J.E. Williams,	Force A.S.C.

Next for Duty

R.H.O.
Next for Duty
Orderly Sergeant
Next for Duty
Orderly Corporal
Next for Duty

NO 2 INFORMATION.

Latest and ONLY information is that there will be no disembarkation today Saturday 8 Mar. 41. but in all probability it will commence on Sunday morning.

Although not yet official it is believed that there will be three disembarkations, the first at 0700 hrs the second at 1100 hrs and the third at 1500 hrs.

At 0700 hrs 15 Fd. Bakery, 17 D.I.D., 18 D.I.D. 21 D.I.D.

At 1100 hrs 38 Line Sec. Sigs. 39 Line Sec. Sigs. 17 C.C.S.

At 1500 hrs 2/3 Field Ambulance.

All Ranks will be advised as soon as the Orderly Room has further information.

It must be understood that all disembarkation depends on the weather.

LATER.

2/3 Field Ambulance will move today (Saturday) at 1500 hrs.

NO 3 P.A.D. INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISEMBARKATION AT SUEZ.

Active Defence.

O.C. Troops on each vessel will retain all A.A.L.M.Gs with their guncrews until disembarkation is complete.

A.A.L.M.G. posts on shore are manned during disembarkation by detachments from the local garrison.

Passive Defence.

(a) Air Raid alarm signals are as following:-

"YELLOW"- A caution to indicate a raid must be expected. (A square yellow flag flown at the Port of War Signalling Station)

"RED" Enemy air action imminent. A succession of short blasts of one second duration blown on the sirens and a square red flag flown at the Port of War Signalling Station. At night the Newport Light is extinguished.

"WHITE" All clear- a long continuous blast on the sirens, and a blue pendant with a white ball in the centre flown at the Port of War Signalling Station.

(b) ON THE "RED" ALARM:-

- (1) Troops on board either alongside the quay or in the roads will conform to ships orders for air raids at sea.
- (2) Troops on shore will scatter and take cover. If no trenches area near they will lie flat on the ground face downward.
- (3) If personnel are already entrained, they will immediately detrain and scatter taking cover in slit trenches or lying flat.
- (4) All personnel will wear steel helmets and gas capes; respirators will be carried at the "Alert"

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(c) On the "ALL CLEAR"

- (1) Troops will reform and continue disembarkations and entrainment.
 - (2) If casualties have occurred a runner will be sent to the E.M.O. at the Reception Station with particulars of the numbers and severity of casualties.
- Medical.

(a). The Embarkation Medical Officer's Headquarters at the Reception Station 200 yards on the left outside the main gates of the Docks.

(b). Each Unit Medical Officer will remain on board if the Ship is lying in the roads until disembarkation is complete.

If the Ship is alongside he should disembark as early as possible and establish a Regimental Aid Post with UNIT Medical Equipment and Stretchers in the nearest available Shed. Unit Stretcher Bearers will be on duty. The Unit Medical Officer will ensure that his R.A.P. is clearly marked and that its site is known to all personnel in his Unit.

(c). If there is no Unit Medical Officer on board the S.M.O. will follow the same procedure using Medical Equipment from the Ship's Hospital. He will obtain stretchers from O.C. Troops on board.

(d). Air Raid casualties will be given first aid in the R.A.P.'s until collected under arrangements made by the E.M.O. They will NOT be sent to the Reception Station without orders from the E.M.O. (see Passive Defence page (d). (2).

NOTICES.

C. P. J. 19.
Major, Adjutant H.M.T. J 19.

CHURCH SERVICES.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Holy Communion in the Writing Room - 0630 hrs and 0715 hrs.

Parade Services. on Boat Deck. 0930 hrs, 31 Bn, 32 Bn, 25 Bde. H.Q. and Naval Units.
1015 hrs: British Army Units and remaining A.I.F. Units.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Holy Mass in the Card Room - 0630 hrs, 0700 hrs and 0800 hrs.

UNITED PROTESTANT BOARD.

Morning Service will be followed by Communion Tourist Dining Saloon "D" Deck Aft. at 0930 hrs.

LOST.

Cap Officers F.S. Makers Name Elliotts of Salisbury.
Money Belt containing approx. £7. (Reward.)

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX

COMMANDING 25 INF BDE, A.I.F.

Part 1

No. 130

12 Mar 41

1. DUTY.

Duty Bn to mount	1800 hrs	12 Mar 41	33 Bn
" " " "	" "	13 " "	31 "
" " " "	" "	14 " "	32 "
" " " "	" "	15 " "	33 "
To supply Cinema Piquet	12 "	" "	2/4 Fd Amb.
	13 "	" "	1 Aus Corps School of Sigs
	14 "	" "	31 Bn
	15 "	" "	32 Bn

2. DRESS

Shorts and short sleeved shirts will NOT be worn after retreat. Tps not in possession of drill trousers will wear F.S. Tps will not appear in the open during day light without shirts.

3. PROMISUOUS SHOOTING.

Bns will submit reports to this H.Q. of any shots fired by gds.

3. ARMOURER'S INSPECTION

Inspection of all weapons in the Bde will be made commencing 31 Bn, 1400 hrs 13 Mar.

A.R. Baxter-Cox
Capt.
for S.C. 25 Aus Inf Bde.

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BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No. 131

13 Mar 41

1. DUTIES

Cinema Piquet	13 Mar 41	2/31 Bn
Next for duty	14 Mar 41	2/32 "

2. Security Gd SQUIRES LINES

- (a) In future duty bn will provide a gd on SQUIRES Lines.
By day . 1 Offr, 1 N.C.O., 21 O.Rs.
By night 1 " 2 " 36 "
- (b) Tour of duty 1800 hrs to 1800 hrs.
(c) Personnel not required during day will dismount at reveille.

3. Security Gd GAZA RIDGE.

- (a) Units will provide gds for a period of three days. Gds will be relieved by 1800 hrs on the day of handing over.
- | | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 13 Mar 41 - 16 Mar 41 | 2/31 Bn |
| 16 " " - 19 " " | 2/32 " |
| 19 " " - 22 " " | 2/33 " |
- (b) Strength of gd - one Coy.
(c) Units will recce area and obtain S.O's from Gd H.Q. prior to taking over.

4. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE.

An A.C.F. issue as under has been received and will be distributed to units on 14 Mar 41.

1 pk razor blades	per man
1 oz tobacco	" "
1 pk cigarette papers	" "

5. CAMERAS

Comds will arrange for ALL cameras in the possession of all ranks to be registered IMMEDIATELY in accordance with S.O's (PAL) Pam 1 Sec III para 43.

The instructions contained in Sec III paras 44 to 51 incl will be promulgated to all ranks.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

Arrangements have been made with Y.M. Schneider - General Army Contractor (authorised) agent for Messrs Levin & Shuper, 14 Montefiore St., TEL AVIV, to collect films and deliver them back to units in Camp Kilo 89. Collections and deliveries will be made every Mon, Wed, and Fri.

7. CHURCH SERVICES

Sun, 16 Mar 41.

(a) R.C. Mass.

0715 hrs - 2/31 Bn Rec Hut.
0915 " - 2/32 " " "

(b) C. of E. H.C.

0715 hrs - 2/32 Bn Rec Hut

(c) U.P.B. Communion.

0900 hrs - 2/33 Bn Writing Room.

(d) Combined Church Pde

i. 0915 hrs - 2/31 Bn, 2/32 Bn Picture Theatre.
ii. 1000 " - 2/33 " 2/4 Fd Amb " "
25 Bde H.Q.
iii. 0900 " - 1 Aust H.Q. Gds Bn Y.M.C.A. Hut GAZA RIDGE.

(e) Voluntary Hymn Services.

Rec Huts: 2/4 Fd Amb - 1900 hrs
33 Bn - 2000 "
32 Bn - 2100 "

(f) 2/31 Bn Band will parade for serial (d) i.

J. Huntly Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No. 132

14 Mar 41

1. DUTIES

Duty Bn to mount at 1800 hrs	14 Mar 41	32 Bn
" " " " " " "	15 " "	33 "
" " " " " " "	16 " "	31 "
" " " " " " "	17 " "	32 "
To supply Cinema Piquet	14 " "	32 "
	15 " "	33 "
	16 " "	31 "

2. INSPECTIONS.

All gds will be inspected in unit lines before proceeding to this H.Q.. Arms and amm will NOT be inspected on the Bde Duty Changing Pde.

3. CAMP AREAS.

Recent inspection of camp areas reveals that insufficient attention is being paid to the cleaning of :-

- (a) Kitchens and Mess Tents.
- (b) Slit Trenches.
- (c) Showers and ablution places.
- (d) Coy Lines.

Units will ensure that the above places are cleaned before the Bde inspection.

J. Hunter
Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES.

LOST. Two (2) Kit Bags marked VX2212, R.S.M. Keith, 29745. If located please advise these H.Q.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX

COID 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No. 135

18 Mar 41

1. DUTIES

(a) Duties to mount at 1800 hrs

Date	Duty Bn	55 Bn	Cinema Piquet *	55 Bn
18 Mar 41	"	31 "	"	1 Aust H.Q. Gd Bn
19 "	"	32 "	"	4 Fd Amb
20 "	"	33 "	"	51 Bn
21 "	"	31 "	"	52 "
22 "	"	32 "	"	53 "

(b) Cinema Piquet is responsible for clearing the theatre and surroundings on the following day.

(c) Runners will in future report for duty at
0725 hrs Mon to Sat,
0755 " Sun

runners will be att to this H.Q. for rations, so reliefs will NOT be required.

(d) Gds. Units will ensure that NO unauthorised person enters their lines. Gds will inspect carefully the passes of ALL civilians and if expired they will be withdrawn.

Animals on NO account will be permitted to wander through unit lines.

2. CAMOUFLAGING OF TENTS.

Immediate steps will be taken by units to camouflage, by mud splashing ALL tents in their lines. Mud can be obtained from vicinity of DEIR SULEID.

Units will report by 1800 hrs 20 Nov 41 that all tents have been camouflaged.

3. WEEKLY EXPENDITURE OF AMN.

This return will be submitted to reach this H.Q. NOT later than 1600 hrs each Tue.

4. INDENTS.

Unit indents will in future be distinctly marked "MAINTENANCE" or "INITIAL REQUIREMENTS" as applicable.

This information is essential for financial purposes and neglect to include it will cause a delay in having indents approved.

5. CONSERVANCY.

Native labour employed under the "Conservancy Contract", require constant supervision in order to ensure that the terms of the contract are carried out. Extracts from this contract are att for information of all offrs.

6. OFFENCE REPORTS.

A.F. B2069 will be rendered on Sat as follows:

- 1 copy direct to Offr i/c 2nd Echelon, A.I.F.
- 1 " Bde H.Q.

Reports will give particulars of offences committed, punishments awarded, and, where applicable, forfeitures and stoppages of pay incurred since previous return. Returns will be endorsed.

For week ending
 No. of sheets included in return
 Last return submitted on

Particulars of D.C.Hs to be included. Nil returns are NOT required.

7. INOCULATION T.A.B.

All ranks who cannot show evidence of inoculation against Typhoid, Paratyphoid, etc since 30 Nov 40 will be re-inoculated forthwith.

A single dose of $\frac{1}{2}$ c.c. T.A.B. vaccine will be used.

8. LOOTING.

Loot includes any property or money in the possession or under the control of any offr or soldier which has not been obtained by issue, by free gift on the part of the lawful owner, or by lawful purchase for fair value. So-called souvenirs of battle are included in the term. The possession of loot by any member of the A.I.F. is forbidden.

Any offr detected in the possession of loot will be tried by Court Martial. Other ranks will be dealt with as may be considered fit by superior authority not below the rank of Col.

(This order will be republished in Unit R.O's, read three times on parade and posted on Notice Boards).

9. OCCUPIED ENEMY TERRITORY ADM.

- (i) All military formations, units and individuals are, subject to the overriding consideration of the exigencies of the service, to be guided in their dealings with the O.E.T.A. (Occupied Enemy Territory Adm) and its offr, and with the inhabitants of Occupied Territories by the same general rules as govern their relations with the civilian authorities and inhabitants of British Territory.
- (ii) In all questions affecting the local population of O.E.T. (Occupied Enemy Territory) offr should seek infm and guidance from the offr of the O.E.T.A. and should, if there is no military reason to the contrary conform to their advice and reasonable requests. (This para to be rptd in unit R.O's)

10. COLOUR PATCHES.

Personnel of the new D. Coys will remove their old regt colour patches.

11. COURTS OF INQUIRY.

Under provision of A.M.R. & O 445 Courts will be assembled by Bns to inquire into and report upon all matters relating to personnel from their unit who deserted at DURBAN.

Proceedings to be forwarded to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs Mon 24 Mar 41.

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NOTICES.CINEMA REBATE.

A cheque for L.R. 86 595/1000 has been received from The United Film Services (PALESTINE) Ltd being cinema rebate for Feb 41.

Regt Trust A/cs will be credited with the following proportions:-

	GP	Mils
20 Aust Inf Bde	1	808
2/15 Bn	16	020
2/15 Bn	16	533
2/17 Bn	15	390
20 A. Tk Coy		898
2/4 Fd Amb	5	368
2/2 Fd Hygiene Sec		818
1 Aust Corps School of Sigs	3	232
1 " Gen Hosp	5	455
6 " " "	4	497
8 " Spec "	1	114
2/5 " C.C.S.	2	461
2/3 Army Fd Wkshop	8	965
Aust H.Q. Gd Bn	5	249
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	86	595
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WASHING REBATE

The undermentioned amounts have been received and paid into the 25 Aust Inf Bde Trust A/c The fund will be used for the general benefit of the Bde.

Raja Siman Siekaly	HOLLIES LINES	GP	5
Emil Jap Kunazeh	RYRIE LINES		5
Adib Jad Kanayek	HERRING LINES		5
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		GP	15
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Extract from
CONSERVANCY SERVICES - Camps GAZA ROAD AREA.

Period of six months from 15 Feb 41

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. I/we the undersigned, hereby undertake to carry out the Conservancy Services in connection with the Army station in the various camps in the GAZA ROAD AREA and any other units in the district as ordered by the General Officer Commanding or other Officer acting for him, and in accordance with the Conditions herein set forth, for a period of SIX MONTHS from 15 February, 1941.

2. (i) I/we hereby undertake to remove the whole of the night soil, urine, sullage water and any other refuse from the latrine catch pits, refuse bins and heaps in the camps in the GAZA ROAD AREA, to the satisfaction of the General Officer Commanding or other Officer acting for him.

(ii) I/we also undertake to scrub the floors and seats of the British, and native latrines in the Area.

3. I/we undertake to:-

(a) Provide the necessary labour to complete the services between the hours specified below, and provide one foreman for each camp area to be available at all times.

(b) Remove the rubbish and refuse in covered vehicles which are to be approved by the Military Authorities to the incinerator, incinerate it and remove the ash to a place approved by the Military Sanitary Authorities.

(c) (i) Empty the night soil and urine into the Otway pits.
(ii) Remove the sullage water in closed iron tanks capable of being hermetically sealed. The tanks to be kept thoroughly clean to the satisfaction of the Military Sanitary Authorities.

(d) To satisfy the Authorities, if the above vehicles are drawn by horses or mules, that the animals are fit in all respects for the work on which they are employed.

4. WORKING HOURS.

The working hours to be observed under this contract shall be as follows:-

- | | | |
|-----|---|---|
| (a) | Latrine Buckets | - see (b) below. |
| | Sullage Water | - As and when necessary, notification to be given by sub-area Commandant. |
| | Ash bins and Rubbish | - 0830 hrs to 1300 hrs daily. |
| | Scrub seats and floors of latrines | - 0900 hrs to 1100 " " |
| (b) | (i) Rubbish and refuse will be removed once daily. | |
| | (ii) Floors and seats of latrines will be scrubbed with soap and water once daily, the soap and brushes to be supplied by the Contractor. | |
| | (iii) Latrine buckets will be emptied THREE daily. | |

5. REMOVAL OF DRY REFUSE. Ash from the incinerator will be removed in drums with metal covers to places fixed by the Military Medical Authorities and buried, being covered with at least FOUR inches of soil. Rubbish and dry refuse will be removed from the "authorised" bins, burned and then the ash will be buried as above.

6. REMOVAL OF NIGHT SOIL AND URINE.

Night soil and Urine will be emptied into Otway pits.

7. CLEANING OF LATRINE BUCKETS ETC.

Latrine buckets will be cleansed daily on the washing slab and shall then be oiled. The oil will be supplied by the Military Authorities. 500 gallons of water will be allowed daily, and consumption in excess of this amount will be charged for at the current Command Flat Rate. Urine troughs will be cleaned and oiled twice weekly.

8. FINES.

Except as provided for in Clause 9 hereof, fines as follows may be inflicted on the Contractor by the General Officer Commanding or any other Officer acting for him:-

- (a) (i) Minor mistakes in placing of buckets, omitting to clean properly, etc. SP 1
- (ii) Emptying latrine buckets in places other than Stway Pits, failing to incinerate dry refuse or failing to bury refuse properly SP 20
- (b) Establishing a dump of garbage other than where ordered by the Military Medical Authorities SP 50
- (c) Failing to provide efficient covered containers or using leaky containers for the transport of refuse, etc SP 25

The above mentioned fines may be deducted from any sum due to the Contractor.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No 134

22 Mar 41.

1. DUTIES.

Duties to mount at 1800 hrs.

23 Mar 41	Duty Bn	32 Bn.	Cinema Picquet	33 Bn
24 "	"	"	"	1 Aust HC Gd Bn
25 "	"	33 Bn	"	4 Fd Amb
26 "	"	"	"	31 Bn
27 "	"	31 Bn	"	32 Bn
28 "	"	"	"	33 Bn
29 "	"	32 Bn.	"	1 Aust HC Gd Bn

2. CHURCH PARADES.

(a) C of E.

Holy Communion . 0715 2/32 Bn Recreation Hut.

(b) RC

Holy Mass 0715 2/31 Bn " "
Parade 0915 2/32 " " "

(c) UPB

Communion 0900 2/33 Bn Writing room.

(d) PARADE SERVICES.

HC Gd Bn 0900 YMCA GAZA RIDGE.
{31, 32 Bns 0915 Picture Theatre.
{HC 25 Aust Inf Bde
{33 Bn, 4 Fd Amb 1000 " "
{1 Aust Corps School of Sigs

(e) Voluntary Services.

Hymns 1900 2/4 Fd Amb. Recreation Hut.
2015 2/33 Bn Recreation Hut
2130 2/32 " " "

3. WASHING.

Laundries in Unit Lines will close at 1630 hrs Sun 23 Mar 41. Thereafter washing will be done under a 1 Aust Corps contract, whereby all ranks will receive certain clothing laundered free each week. The new scheme will come into operation on Tue 25 Mar 41. Full details will be advised later.

4. RETURNS.

Appx "J" to Camp Standing Orders will be amended by adding an additional copy for HQ AIF Base Area to each of the following serials:-

- No 11 Ven Strength Return.
- No 12 Statement of Amn, Explosives and Weapons Held.
- No 13 Monthly Accommodation & Tentage Return.
- No 14 Census of Warlike Stores.

This additional return will also be fwded to this HQ.

5. SENTRIES.

Units will pay greater attention to checking the efficiency of their Gds and Sentries. Incidents have been reported of Offrs passing through Unit lines at night without ONCE being challenged by sentries. Other points have been noticed such as Gd Comds NOT being fully conversant with their duties.

J. Huntly
Capt
SC 25 Aust Inf Bde

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NOTICE.

LOST.

Two (2) Kit Bags marked VX2212 RSM KEITH
29745

If located, please advise this HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No 135

23 Mar 41.

1. DUTIES.

Duties to mount at 1800 hrs.

23 Mar 41	Duty Bn	32 Bn.	Cinema Piquet	33 Bn.
24 "	"	"	"	4 Fd Amb.
25 "	"	33 Bn	"	31 Bn
26 "	"	"	"	32 Bn
27 "	"	31 Bn	"	33 Bn
28 "	"	"	"	4 Fd Amb.
29 "	"	32 Bn	"	31 Bn
30 "	"	"	"	32 Bn.

2. WAR EQUIPMENT.

Bns will fwd as soon as they receive their equipment reports in quadruplicate showing shortages and condition of stores on arrival, under the following headings :-

(i) Description of stores NOT yet recd.

Number of packages, marking, unit case number, where last sighted, approx value of stores in £A.

(ii) Description of stores damaged.

Quantity, how packed when despatched, condition on arrival, any first hand evidence as to rough handling, approx value of damage in £A.

(iii) Any remarks which might help to prevent loss or damage in future convoys.

3 COMFORTS.

Receipt of the following comforts is ack :-

	<u>Cig papers</u>	<u>Pks razor blades</u>	<u>1 oz tins tobacco</u>	<u>tubes toothpaste</u>	<u>tooth brushes.</u>
Recd from ACF	405	431	408	1601	1601
On hand	450	424	447		
Distributed to units	855	855	855	1601	1601

(2)

3. COMFORTS cont'd

	1 oz tins tobacco pkts razor blades cig papers.	tubes tooth paste tooth brushes.
25 Aust Inf Bde.	10	114
31 Bn	143	503
32 Bn	113	486
33 Bn	112	498
1 Aust Gd Bn	368	
C.R.S.	10	
1 Aust Sch of Sigs.	96	
Postal	3	
	<hr/> 855	<hr/> 1601

Units will ack through R.Os.

4. CINEMA.

There appears to be a certain amount of confusion amongst tps as to whether the sessions at the Garrison Theatre are continuous or separate. All ranks will be advised that there are two filmings daily 1745 hrs and 2000 hrs. There will be a short interval between the shows and the house will be cleared.

5. BLACKOUTS.

A laxity in enforcing the blackout restrictions has been noticed in certain camps, units will take immediate steps to police the blackout in their area.

6. LAUNDRY SERVICE.

A contract has been let by the GOC for all AIF institutions in PALESTINE, which allows for one (1) wash per week in winter and two (2) per week in summer at public expense.

(a) Winter scale. 10 articles one washing per week

1 Khaki shirt or 1 flannel shirt
1 pr Khaki shorts or 1 pr pyjamas
1 singlet woollen or cotton.
1 pr underpants woollen or cotton (long or short)
2 prs stockings woollen or cotton socks.
1 towel
3 handkerchiefs.

(b) Summer scale. 10 articles two washing per week.

1 Khaki shirt or 1 flannel shirt or 1 other cotton article
1 pr Khaki shorts or 1 pr khaki trousers Drill or 1 pr pyjamas.
1 singlet, cotton
2 prs stockings woollen or 2 prs socks cotton or woollen.
1 towel
3 handkerchiefs.
1 pr underpants cotton.

6. LAUNDRY SERVICE Cond.

(c) The following is a schedule of prices for washing NOT at public expense.

1 Shirt, khaki	10 mils
1 pr shorts, khaki	15 "
1 pr trousers K.D.	20 "
1 singlet, woollen	10 "
1 singlet, cotton	5 "
1 pr drawers, cotton	5 "
1 pr drawers, woollen	10 "
collars, shirt, khaki starched - 2 collars	
shirt khaki without starching 2	10 "
Ties, khaki cotton or woollen	10 "
1 towel (men size)	5 "
1 Bath towel (large)	10 "
Socks pr	5 "
3 Handkerchiefs	5 "
1 Pullover	40 "
1 flannel shirt	10 "
1 pr overalls, cooks or Wkshop	50 "
1 Tablecloth (small)	20 "
1 Tablecloth (large)	35 "
1 Table napkin	5 "
1 Apron	10 "
1 Waiter's jacket	50 "
1 Blanket	40 "
1 pr pyjamas 2 pieces	20 "
1 Sheet	10 "
1 Pillow case	10 "
1 Doctor's gown	20 "
1 Quilt linen	15 "
1 Hat	100 "
1 Service Dress Uniform (Offrs) each	100 "
Jacket	60 "
Trousers	40 "
1 Service Dress Uniform (Other Ranks) each	80 "
Jacket	50 "
Trousers	30 "
1 Khaki Drill Uniform (Offrs) each	80 "
Jacket	50 "
Trouser s	30 "
1 Khaki Drill Uniform (Other Ranks) each	50 "
Jacket	30 "
Trousers	20 "
1 Greatcoat (Offrs) pattern)	100 "
1 Greatcoat (Other Ranks)	80 "

Units will be supplied with sheets of tickets each sheet consisting of 4 tickets these will be issued to all ranks who are desirous of using the service. All washing will be put into sea kit bags and taken to the und ermentioned depots, when the ticket will be produced for washing at public expense a green receipt will be given. For washing over the ten articles stated brown receipts will be issued and these will be paid for by the person leaving same

This system will commence on Tue 25 Mar 41 and the receiving depots will be as follows :-

2/4 Fd Amb)			
2/2 Fd Hyg)	Laundry Building	Herring Lines.	
2/31 Bn)			
2/32 Bn	"	"	Ryrie "
2/33 Bn)			
Sch of Sigs.)	"	"	Holmes "
1 Aust Gd Bn)			

The following is a schedule of prices for...

J. Hunter
Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Bde HQ
- All Units KILO 89
- 7 Aust Div.
- File.
- War Diary (2)

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Units will be supplied with...
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This system will...
 reports will be as follows:

2/1 24 am
 2/2 24 am
 2/3 24 am
 2/4 24 am
 2/5 24 am
 2/6 24 am
 2/7 24 am
 2/8 24 am
 2/9 24 am
 2/10 24 am

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

BRIG A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No 136

26 Mar 41.

1. DUTIES.

(a) To mount at 1800 hrs.

27 Mar 41	Duty Bn	31 Bn.	Cinema Piquet	33 Bn.	GAZA RIDGE	31 Bn
28 "	"	" "	"	4 Fd Amb.	" "	" "
29 "	"	32 Bn	"	31 Bn.	" "	" "
30 "	"	31 Bn	"	32 Bn.	" "	32 Bn.
31 "	"	32 Bn	"	33 Bn.	" "	" "
1 Apr 41	"	33 Bn	"	4 Fd Amb.	" "	" "
2 "	"	31 Bn	"	1 Aust HQ GD Bn.	" "	33 Bn.

(b) Security Gd Bde HQ.

This gd will mount posts at the Sjts and ORs kitchens. The posts will be visited by the Fd Offr at least once by night.

(c) Cinema Piquet.

The offr l/c will be responsible that all tps conduct themselves in a n orderly manner and form into a queue for tickets.

2. SIGS.

All offr will be reminded that when going from one HQ to another to call at the sig office and inquire if there are any documents for that HQ.

3. RD CLOSED.

The military by pass rd on the E side of the camp is closed for repair. 31 Bn will post a sentry at the NORTH rd junc to e nsure that traffic does not pass the barrier. Unit security sentries will di vert vehs from that rd.

4. OFFENCE REPORTS.

Units will render AF B2069 in accordance with instructions issue d in Bde RO No 133 of 18 Mar 41.

5. CONFERENCE.

A conference of all Bde QMs will be held at this HQ at 1630 hrs 27 Mar 41. QMs will be prepared to discuss :-

- (a) War Equipment
- (b) Clothing & Boots
- (c) Mess Crockery
- (d) Camp accommodation stores.

J. Huntley Capt.
S.O. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

Bde HQ
All Units KIL0 89
7 Aust Div.
File.
War Diary (2).

NOTICES

WASHING BONUS.

Ref Bde RO No 133 of 18 Mar 41.

As a result of the new laundry system a refund of £P 9 600 has been paid out of 25 Aust Inf Bde Welfare Fund to Adib Jad Kanazeh.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

John Henry Sax and the "Melody Masters" will give a concert of two performances at the Garrison Cinema, GAZA RIDGE on Sat 29 Mar 41 at 1800 and 2000 hrs.

LOST.

Camp pass C 6125 (Red) issued to MOHAMMED ALI MUSA EL RIFE by Camp S 0 KIL0 89.
Camp pass C 18237 (Red)) issued to SALMAN HUSSEIN SALMAN
Metal Disc 3048) by DCRE, BEIT JIRGA.
Identity Card S 5844)

All sentries will be informed and any person presenting one of these passes will be detained and this HQ notified immediately.

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COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No. 137

29 Mar 41

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hrs.

29 Mar 41	Duty Bn	32 Bn	Cinema Piquet	31 Bn	GAZA RIDGE	31 Bn
30 "	"	31 "	"	32 "	"	32 "
31 "	"	32 "	"	33 "	"	32 "
1 Apr 41	"	33 "	"	4 Fd Amb	"	32 "
2 "	"	31 "	"	1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	"	33 "
3 "	"	32 "	"	31 Bn	GAZA	33 "
4 "	"	33 "	"	32 "	"	33 Bn

2. BOUNDS

Tps have been entering and damaging trees in the Orchard on the GAZA side of this H.Q., this practice will cease.

Except with the permission of the owner, tps will NOT enter orchards.

3. CAMP LINES

In future, all ranks will enter and leave their lines by the main camp rds. Tps will NOT cut through other unit lines.

4. CARRIERS

Camouflage nets will NOT be carried in carriers universal.

5. DRESS.

(a) Pistols will be carried by all ranks to whom they are on issue in GAZA Military Area. S.Os PALESTINE (Prov) Pam 1 Para 9 will be amended accordingly.

(b) Shorts will NOT be worn after sundown.

(c) Jackets will be worn buttoned up to the neck after sundown.

6. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

Steps will be taken immediately to refill all fire extinguishers that have been used.

7. STOLEN VEH.

The following vehs have been stolen:-

One 30 cwt Morris Lorry WD No 2178

One Morris wireless truck WD No 4136374

Units will make enquiries in an endeavour to locate these vehs and any information will be fwded to this H.Q.

8. SPEED LIMITS.

All drivers will be warned that the speed limit for A.I.F. vehs in PALESTINE is:-

(a) Within towns or municipal boundaries:

Cars, M/C, motor trucks and Lorries 25 MPH or 40 Kilos

(b) Outside towns or municipal boundaries:

8 and 15 cwt trucks	40 MPH or 60 Kilos
Lorries 30 cwt and upward	30 " " 45 "

Disciplinary action will be taken against any drivers exceeding these limits

9. CHURCH PARADES.(a) C of E

Holy Communion 0715 hrs 2/32 Bn Recreation Hut

(b) R.C.

Holy Mass	0715	"	2/31	"	"	"
Parade	0915	"	2/32	"	"	"

(c) U.P.B.

Communion 0900 " 2/33 " Writing room

(d) Pde Services.

HQ Gd Bn	0900	"	Y.M.C.A. GAZA RIDGE
31, 32 Bns, Bde HQ	0915	"	Picture Theatre
Remaining Units	1000	"	" "

Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

Bde H.Q.
All Units Kilo 189
7 Div
File
War Diary (2)

NOTICES.

LOST - Money Belt containing £2. Finder will return same to this H.Q.

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required).

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

25 Bde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
CAMP KILO 89 GAZA	1		Cipher school for Bde Int personnel concluded.
	2		SOs for MORTAR RANGE (GAZA) issued.
	3		SOs for FD FIRING RANGE (GAZA) issued.
		1700	Conf at Bde HQ of all Bde QMs.
	4		Tng Instn No 3 issued.
	5-8		Fd firing, grenade and mortar practice carried out by Bns on range.
	5		Projected inspection of Bde by GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen J.D.LAVARACK) CB, CMG, DSO) (see ROs) owing to the GOC having left the area.
	6		Precis by CO 2/31 Bn (Lt-Col S.H.W.C. PORTER) dealing with infm gleaned from his experiences in the WESTERN DESERT, promulgated to units.
	9		25 Aust Inf Bde Movement Instn No 5 issued.
		11	0600 Loading of eqpt in preparation for move commenced.
EGYPT - IKINGI MARYUT		1800	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde marched out of CAMP KILO 89 to pt of entrainment (GAZA RLY STN).
	12	1600	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde detrained at IKINGI MARYUT and marched into camp at IKINGI MARYUT CAMP.
	12-20		Tng and equipping of Bde continued.
	21	0815	Movement warning order received from 7 Aust Div.
		0820	Bde comd (Brig A.R.BAXTER-COX) issued instns that Bde stand by ready to move at two hrs notice as from 1600 hrs.
		1500	Conference at Bde HQ of Bn COs to discuss pending move.
		1820	OO No 1 issued.
		2300	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde marched out of CAMP IKINGI MARYUT to pt of entrainment (IKINGI MARYUT RLY STA) and bivouaced near sta.
	22	0400	Recce party left IKINGI MARYUT by rd for MERSA MATRUH.
		0745	Main party Bde HQ entrained for MERSA MATRUH.
MERSA MATRUH		1000	Recce party Bde HQ arrived MERSA MATRUH.
		1100	Bde Comd (Brig A.R. BAXTER-COX) assumed comd of sector previously responsibility of 16 Inf Bde (English)
		1415	Conf at HQ 7 Aust Div attended by Bde Comd, 25 Aust Inf Bde, Bde Comd, 21 Aust Inf Bde and COs Bns 21 Aust Inf Bde.
		1600	Main party Bde HQ detrained MERSA MATRUH RLY STA and marched into billets in WAVELL WAY.
	23	0900-	Bde Comd (Brig A.R.BAXTER-COX) accompanied by BM (Maj G.A.BERTRAM) conducted on a tour of inspection of Bde sector by Comd 16 Inf Bde (Brig LOMAX).
	24	1200	
		1600	GOC WESTERN DESERT FORCE (Lt-Gen Sir N.BERESFORD-PIERCE KBE, DSO) accompanied by GOC 7 Aust Div (Maj-Gen J.D.LAVARACK C.B. CMG DSO) visited Bde HQ and were received by Bde Comd (Brig A.R.BAXTER-COX)

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required).

ORIGINAL

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	Apr 24		Permission received from HQ MATRUH FORTRESS to alter certain place names within the Bde sector which the Bde Comd considers suitable.
		2000	Conf at Bde HQ.
	25	1835	AIR RAID RED.
			Bde Comd attended Anzac Day service at the GREEK CHURCH MATRUH.
	26	1600	Conf at Bde HQ attended by COs Bns for purpose of co-ordinating defenses of Bde sector.
			Two Coys 2/2 MGBn placed under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde
	27		2/32 Bn moved out for embarkation to fwd areas. Bn was unable to board ship owing to swell and was bivouaced on beach.
		1630	Conf of Bn COs at Bde HQ.
	28	0845	AIR RAID RED.
			One Coy 2/32 Bn embarked for fwd areas by HMT "CHAIKA".
		0930	BM (Maj G.A.BERTRAM) engaged with comd 2 ATK Regt in supervising siting of three 3 pr ATK guns which have been allotted to the area.
		2010	AIR RAID RED.
		1430	Bde Comd (Brig A.R.BAXTER-COX) accompanied by BM (Maj G.A.BERTRAM) reced proposed site for Adv Bde HQ vicinity HILL 40 (724349). The site was found to be suitable and work was put in hand.
	29		Bde Comd (Brig A.R.BAXTER-COX) attended registration shoot by fd arty.
			HMT "CHAIKA" sunk in TOBRUCH harbour. No tps on board.
	30	2000	Conf at Bde HQ of Bn COs to discuss amount of eqpt required to complete defences of Bde sector.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit). 5 Apr 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	5	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	5		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	54		1
TOTALS	66	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 Sgts 3 Cpls 28 Sgtns	"L" Sec Sigs		
1 Cpl 1 L/Cpl		AUST. INT. UNIT.	

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).

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE.

Unit.

Army Form W.3009

(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
„ „ (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																			1	1
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			1	1

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE

Unit.

J. Hunter Capt. Brigadier
 COMMANDING 25 INF BDE AIF
 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 APR 41

7 AUST DIV.
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

441 AD & H HQ 25 Aust Inf BDE (Unit). 5 APT 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	8		1
TOTALS	11	*	1

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
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Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
LAD																				11
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				11

44 LAD ON HQ 25 Aust INF BDE Unit.

[Signature]
 COMMANDING 25 Aust INF BDE
 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 APT 41

7 AUST DIST.
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 5 Sept 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..			1
	Captains	6		
	Lieutenants	4		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	<i>Chaplains</i>	3		
	TOTALS	14		1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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 V.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		BRIG.		R.R. BAXTER-COX	HQ 25 BDE	Yes		
2		CAPT		G.H. BERTRAM	" " "	"		
3		CAPT		I.M. HUNTER	" " "	"		
4		CAPT		L.F. STANSFIELD	" " "	"		
5		CAPT		R. VINCENT	" " "	"		
6		CAPT		R.A.C. MUIR	" " "	"		
7		CAPT		J.A.C. ANDREW	" " "	"		
8		LIEUT		P.L. BRINKLEY	" " "	"		
9		LIEUT		D.W. YOUNG	" " "	"		
10		LIEUT		L.E. WALCOTT	" " "	"		
11		LIEUT		H.H. RANKINE	" " "	"		
12		CHAP		D. REDDING	" " "	No		ATT 2/31 BN
13		CHAP		R. SCHARFE	" " "	"		" 2/32 "
14		CHAP		A. BROOKE	" " "	"		" 2/33 "
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		R.F. EDGECOMBE	"L" Sec Sigs		
Lieut		R.F. WOODCOCK	" " "		

HQ 25 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE
(Unit.)

5 Apr 41
(Date of Despatch.)

COMMANDING 25 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

44 LAD 211 HQ 25 Aust INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 5 Apr 41.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		CAPT		G. B. KATER	44 LAD	yes.		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

44 LAD 2H HQ 25 AUST INF

(Unit.)

5 APT 41

(Date of Despatch.)

COMMANDING (Signature of Commander.)

7 AUST DIV.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

44. LAD 24 HQ 25 Aust INF Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 19 Apr 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Capt.		G. B. KATER.	44 LAD	yes.		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

44 LAD

(Unit.)

19 Apr 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

J. H. ...
Brigadier
COMMANDING 25 (Signature of Commander.)
7 AUST DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 25 AUST INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 19 APR 41.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors ...	5		1
	Captains ...	5	1	
	Lieutenants ...			
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...	3		
	TOTALS ...	15	1	1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		BRIG.		HR BAXTER-COX	HQ 25 Bde.	Yes.		
2		Capt	May	G.A. BERTRAM	" " "	"		
3		Lieut.	Capt.	I.M. HUNTER	" " "	"		
4		Capt.		L.F. STANSFIELD	" " "	"		
5		Capt.		R. VINCENT	" " "	"		
6		Capr		K.A.C. MUIK	" " "	"		
7		Capr		J.A.C. ANDREW	" " "	"		
8		Lieut		P.L. BRINKLEY	" " "	"		
9		Lieut		D.W. YOUNG	" " "	"		
10		Lieut		L.E. WALCOTT	" " "	"		
11		Lieut		H.H. RANKINE	" " "	"		
12		Lieut		E.S. OWENS	" " "	"		
13		CHAP		D. REDDING	" " "	NO		ATT 2/31 Bn.
14		CHAP		R. SCAKFE	" " "	"		" 2/32 Bn.
15		CHAP		A. BROOKE	" " "	"		" 2/33 Bn.
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.		R.F. EDGECOMBE	" 2 nd Sec Sigs		
Lieut		H.N. CHUCK.	" 2 nd Sec Sigs		
Lieut.		D.W. BUSWELL	12 PI. HQ 1 HUST Gd BN.		

HQ 25 Aust INF BDE.

(Unit.)

19 Apr 44

(Date of Despatch.)

J. Hunter
(Signature of Commander.)
COMMANDING 25th BDE. INF.
1 HUST DIV.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

4th LAD. (Unit.) For Week Ending 26 Apr 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Capt.		G. B. KATER	44 LAD	Yes		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

44 LAD

(Unit.)

26 Apr 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

COMMANDING

Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H Q 25 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.) For Week Ending

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	* BRIG.	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	3	1	1
	Lieutenants	3		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers COMP. LINES	3		
	TOTALS	15	1	1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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).
Capt.	RF. EDGECOMBE.	L th Sec Sigs	1. H 94

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig		AR BAXTER-COX	HQ 25 Bde	Yes.		
2		Capt	Maj	G.H. BERTRAM.	" " "	"		
3		Lieut	Capt.	I.M. HUNTER.	" " "	"		
4		Capt.		L.F. STANSFIELD	" " "	"		
5		Capt		R. VINCENT	" " "	"		
6		Capt		R.A.C. MUIR	" " "	"		
7		Capt		J.A.C. ANDREW.	" " "	"		
8		Lieut		P.L. BRINKLEY	" " "	"		
9		Lieut		D.W. YOUNG.	" " "	"		
10		Lieut		L.E. WALCOTT	" " "	"		
11		Lieut		H.H. RANKINE	" " "	"		
12		Lieut		E.S. OWENS.	" " "	"		
13		CHAP.		D. REDDING	" " "	No.		Att 2/31 Bn
14		CHAP		R. SCHARFE.	" " "	"		" 2/32 "
15		CHAP		H. BROOKE.	" " "	"		" 2/33 "
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.		R.F. EDGECOMBE.	"2" Sec Sigs	Absent	in HOSPITAL
Lieut		H.N. CHUCK	" " "		
Lieut		H.W. BUSWELL.	Protective Pt.		

H Q 25, AUST INF BDE.

26 Apr 41

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

COMMANDING (Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H Q 25 AUST INF BDE. (Unit). 26 APT 1941. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	5		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	54		1
TOTALS	66	*	* 1

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 Sgts	"L" Sec Sigs	1 Cpl.	AUST INT Sec.
3 Cpls		1 Hcpl	
28 Sgmn			
1 Sgt	Protective Pl.	1 Cpl.	7 DIV. POSTAL UNIT.
44 ORs		3 ORs.	

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).
QX 2504	Sgt.	CARTER. H.J.	HQ 25 Bde.	HOSPITAL.
QX 1448	Pte	HALL C.E.	" " "	"
QX 2682	Sjt	SMITH J.J.	"L" Sec Sigs	"
QX 4634	Sgmn	LEWIS E.L.J.	" " "	"
NX 8600	"	MOLONEY MT	" " "	"

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																			1 1	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			1 1	

H Q 25 AUST INF BDE

Unit.

Date of Despatch

26 APR 41.

COMMANDING 25 INF BDE

Brigadier

7 AUST DIV.

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

SECRET.

Subject : CIPHER PERSONNEL - SG 15/1, 25

To : 7 Aust Div

From : 25 Aust Inf Bde

1 Apr 41

1. Bns of this bde were advised by letter of 25 Mar 41 of proposed pool of cipher personnel, its composition and purpose. Copy att Appx A.

2. A tng course in syllabic and fd grade ciphers was held at this HQ on 28 Mar 41, based on the syllabus att Appx "A". The tng was given by Int Corps Cipher personnel att bde, under the supervision of Bde I.O.

3. Personnel attending course were: All O.Rs in bde int sec, four O.Rs from 2/31 Bn Int Sec; seven O.Rs from 2/32 Bn Int Sec; two O.Rs from 2/33 Bn Int Sec. The names of such personnel together with Army No. and rank are scheduled and att Appx "B"

4. It is proposed to give further tng to two members of each bn Int Sec, the selected trainees to report to Int Corps Cipher personnel att Bde each day (one per day) on a roster system. Personnel so selected for further tng are indicated in Appx "B".

5. The following is reported pursuant to your SG 15/1/25:-

- (a) Bde I.O. and his int sec have a working knowledge of stencil and syllabic cipher.
- (b) Bn I.Os and all members of Bn Int Secs are trained in the use of the syllabic cipher. Practice messages in this cipher are exchanged daily within the bde.
- (c) Bns have been warned,
 - (i) that the adj should be competent to use cipher in case of an emergency;
 - (ii) that as new personnel enter Int Secs they should be trained in use of syllabic cipher.
- (d) For purposes of the Bde cipher pool, trained cipher personnel now comprise two Int Corps cipher personnel, and two O.Rs in each bn int sec. The last mentioned require further exercises and such exercises have been arranged (vide para 4 above). It is noted that the numbers are to be kept up to strength.
- (e) The qualifications of all personnel named in schedule "B" (none of whom is wholly engaged in cipher duties) have been noted and recorded.

6. All personnel attending tng course on 28 Mar 41 have read and signed the extracts from the "Official Secrets Act" as required by 7 Aust Div. Cipher Offr. The typewritten extracts bearing their signatures are fwded under cover of this report and are numbered incl 1 to incl 17

W. J. H. Smith
Brig.
Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde.

Copies to File (1)
" War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject : Cipher Personnel

To : 2/31 Bn, 2/32 Bn, 2/33 Bn.
From : 25 Aust Inf Bde

25 Mar 41

1. In order to meet any contingency requiring urgent replacement of cipher operators, all trained cipher personnel within 7 Aust Div are regarded as a pool from which may be drawn anyone urgently needed in some particular unit. For this purpose suitable personnel within this Bde will be fully trained. The composition of the pool is as follows:-

Fd Grade Cipher	(Int Corps Cipher personnel) (att Bde) (ORs in Bde Int Sec)	Low Grade Cipher
2/31 Bn - 2 members int sec		2/31 Bn - Int sec all ORs
2/32 Bn - 2 " " "		2/32 Bn - " " " "
2/33 Bn - 2 " " "		2/33 Bn - " " " "

2. Low Grade Cipher (held by bns) : At least two members from each Bn int sec will be trained in the use of syllabic cipher. As new personnel enter the sec they will be trained in its use. In addition, the adjt should be competent to use cipher in case of an emergency.

3. Fd Grade Cipher (NOT held by bns) :- At least two members from each Bn int sec will be trained in the use of fd grade cipher.

4. A tng course in both ciphers will be held at these HQ on 27 Mar 41 at the following times:-

0830 hrs) message writing, sigs procedure and fd security
to 0920 ") in relation to cipher.

0930 hrs) syllabic cipher and exercise.
to 1050 ")

1100 hrs) fd grade cipher
to 1200 ")

1330 hrs) fd grade cipher - exercise.
to 1630 ")

5. Personnel attending course will provide own message pads (AFC 2128 & AFC 2130) pencil, pencil eraser and two foolscap sheets carbon paper each and syllabic sheets.

6. Personnel will return to own unit lines for midday meal.

7. The course is designed primarily for instn in fd grade cipher.

8. Bns will fwd to these HQ by 1800 hrs 26 Mar 41 particulars of Rank, No and Name of two ORs detailed to attend course. More than two from each bn may attend and it is advisable that, in addition to those specifically detailed for tng in fd grade cipher, members of int secs yet untrained in syllabic cipher should attend.

Sgd. D.W. YOUNG Lieut
I O 25 Aust Inf Bde

APPX "B"

1 Apr 41

CIPHER PERSONNEL.

25 Aust Inf Bde (Int Sec)	DX73 HX47 VX2229	Sgt PARSONAGE A.R. Cpl GILES W.B. L/Cpl FINDLAY C.R.
2/31 Bn (Int Sec)	HXK6 VX1278 QX1054n VX1991	Pte GRAY G.L. Selected for further tng " MILLER S.J. " " " " KING R.E. " " " " KING C.F.K. " " "
2/32 Bn (Int Sec)	QX4696 QX720 VX16608 QX177 VX29454 VX41165 QX3593	L/Sgt ANDERSON. G.S. Selected for further tng. Pte WELDON J.C. " " " " HEATHER L.J. " " " " HARRISON A.B. " " " " THORP W.J. " " " " MACCALLUM H.M. " " " " CORBETT E.W. " " "
2/33 Bn (Int Sec)	HX9235 VX2234	Pte YORK H.H. Selected for further tng. " O'BRIEN B.B. " " "

2 Apr 41

STANDING ORDERS FOR MORTAR RANGE (GAZA)

1. The range is divided into two areas A and B (see sketch issued separately).
2. A Range will be used for Fd firing and A.Tk Rifle only.
B Range may be used for Mortars.
3. S.Os for use of area A as a Fd firing Range will be issued separately.
4. The use of the range will be only as allotted by Bde HQ.
5. Both areas may be used simultaneously.
6. When the range is in use a Senior Offr will be detailed as Safety Offr. He will be responsible that all safety rules are carried out on the range.
7. In addition an offr known as the area offr will be detailed to each area to enforce safety rules. Area offr will come under the orders of the Safety Offr.
8. Before any firing commences the Safety Offr will ensure that the area is clear and that piquets are posted vide sketch and that red flags are flown at all piquet posts. Flags will be kept flying while firing is in progress.
9. Safety Offr and Piquets will be provided with Verey Pistols and six lights signal each.
10. Spectators and waiting details will be assembled in a safe posn in rear of the control post prior to the commencement of firing.
11. No firing will be commenced until permission is granted by the Safety Offr.
12. On any person entering or attempting to enter the danger area the nearest piquet will pull down his red flag and fire his verey **pistol**. The Safety Offr will immediately order cease fire on both areas and fire his his verey pistol to indicate the fact to the piquet.
13. The Safety Offr will not re-order "commence firing until the piquet has cleared the range and hoisted his flag.
14. The maximum number of weapons to fire at one time will be -
2 - 3" Mortars.
4 - 2" "
4 A.Tk Rifles.
2" and 3" Mortars will NOT be fired simultaneously.
15. No targets will be engaged closer than the following range.

3" Mortar.

HE and Smoke	600 yds
Powder filled	300 "

2" Mortar.

HE and Smoke	250 "
Powder filled	100 "

Unexploded bombs will be located - marked with red flags and their location reported to Bde HQ immediately on return to camp excepting that where a Bomb Destruction Squad is att to the unit firing, it may be called upon by the Safety Offr to destroy any unexploded bombs.

Dist as for Rev Range.

G. B. ...
Capt.
B.M. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

AMENDED ALLOTMENT OF RANGES (KILO 89 and GAZA)

DATE		RANGES					
		Revolver KILO 89	Grenado KILO 89	30 yds Range KILO 89	Fd Firing Range GAZA	A.Tk Rifle Range GAZA	Mortar 2" GAZA
Thu 3 Apr 41	M	-	32 Bn	32 Bn		31 Bn	31 Bn
	A	-	32 Bn	32 Bn		31 Bn	31 Bn
Mon 7 Apr 41	M	-	31 Bn	31 Bn	32 Bn	33 Bn	33 Bn
	A	-	31 Bn	31 Bn	32 Bn	33 Bn	33 Bn
Tue Apr 41	M	-	33 Bn	33 Bn	31 Bn	32 Bn	32 Bn
	A	-	33 Bn	33 Bn	31 Bn	32 Bn	32 Bn
Wed 9 Apr 41	M	-	-	-	33 Bn	-	-
		-	-	-	33 Bn	-	-

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1. The Fd Firing Range is located in "A" Range GAZA. See sketch of GAZA Ranges is on separate sheet.
2. The use of the range will be allotted by this HQ.
3. A senior offr will be appointed as area offr for "A" Range. He will be responsible for enforcing all safety precautions on the Fd firing range. He will come under the orders of the Range Safety offr when both "A" and "B" Ranges are being used.
4. The area offr will ensure that the area is clear and piquets are posted vide sketch and that red flags are flown at all piquet posts. He will NOT give the order to fire until the Range Safety offr gives him the necessary permission. NO firing will take place except on his orders.
5. Posting of piquets, action to be taken in case of persons entering the danger area are dealt with in S0s for Mortar Range.
6. The A Tk Rifle range is situated on the Fd Firing Range. Both ranges may NOT be used simultaneously.
7. The Area offr will ensure that no personnel occupy posns or fire at targets outside the range area.
8. During the exercise each sub unit down to secs will be accompanied by a safety offr who may be a senior NCO. Sec Safety offr will come under the orders of the Area Offr.
9. 2 in Mortars may be used in conjunction with Brens and rifle on this range.
10. NO person who has NOT qualified in the weapon with which he is to fire will be permitted to take part in the fd firing.
11. All weapons and eqpt will be inspected prior to leaving camp to ensure that they are in a fit condition to be taken on the range. This applies particularly to sights, tripods, bipods, clamps etc.
12. Pouches, magazines, etc will be inspected prior to moving out to ensure that no dummies or blanks are taken on to the fd firing range and that there is no unauthorised arm on the person.
13. NO weapons are to be loaded until the tps reach the first fire posn.
14. ALL weapons are to be unloaded and, together with bolts, magazines & pouches, etc inspected before tps leave the last fire posn. During inspection weapons must be kept pointed towards the targets.
15. Safety Offrs will ensure that no fire^r takes up a fire posn likely to cause danger to himself or to any other person. The order to load will NOT be given until the Safety Offr has satisfied himself on this point.
16. Safety Offrs will order cessation of firing when any person or body of tps comes within 11 dogs of the line of fire, or when, for any other reason, continuation of fire would appear to be dangerous, and will immediately report to the Area Safety Offr.

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17. Safety Offrs will draw the attention of fire unit comds to any laxity of fire discipline and control.
18. All live amn will be collected at the last fire posn at the termination of the exercise, and an offr will inspect all weapons, amn containers and eqpt to ensure that they are unloaded and that the men are definitely NO. in possession of any amn. A further inspection will be made under the direction of the Coy, etc Comd before the Coy etc leaves the fd firing range and AAF C7 will be completed and immediately handed to OC Serial.
19. Repairs and replacemnts will NOT be carried out until the gun is clear. No one except the gun numbers authorised will be permitted to touch the gun without the permission of an offr when a stoppage occurs.
20. If firing is suspended during the practice, either while moving fwd or by the hoisting of Safety Offr's red flags, safety catches will be immediately applied and magazines of LMGs will be removed. LMGs will be unloaded without firing the round in the chamber.
21. The Area Safety Offr will be acquainted with and will comply strictly with the rules for conducting practices in Fd Firing areas as laid down in SAT.

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HQ AUSTRALIAN INF

Tng Instn No 3

1 The tng of the bde for the period 12 Apr - 26 Apr 41 will be as follows:-

(a) Week ending 12 Apr 41.

- (1) Coy tng.
- (2) Completion of practices on Mortar, ATk and Fd Firing Ranges (see allotment of ranges issued separately)

(b) Week ending 19 Apr 41.

- (1) 13-15 Apr Bn exercises under Bn direction.
- (2) 16-19 Apr Bn exercises under Bde direction.

Details of b(2) will be issued separately. The intention is to exercise each bn independently on a one days scheme. Bns not being exercised during the period will carry out Bn tng under own arrangements. Coy schemes in a "close battle" area are to be included. Separate instns will be issued concerning this area.

(c) Week ending 26 Apr 41.

Bde tng - details to be issued later.

2 Route marches

During this tng period at least three route marches for the whole bn will be arranged.

- 1st march - 15 mls
 - 2nd march - 20 mls
 - 3rd march - 25 mls
- (during week ending 26 Apr)

All marches will be tactical. Units are reminded that except for ceremonial occasions tps will be marched in file at all times dividing the road and NOT in threes.

3 Syllabus of Tng

- (1) In future weekly syllabi of tng will be submitted in duplicate to these HQ by 1800 hrs on previous Friday. Attention is drawn to the pro forma to be used in submitting syllabi of tng laid down in Appx to Tng Instn No 2 "Notes for the tng of Pl and Sec Ldrs"
- (2) Coy and Bn schemes will also be submitted in duplicate at least 48 hrs prior to the commencement of the exercise.
- (3) The importance of exercising all specialised gps and unit HQ in the fd in conjunction with all tactical exercises is again stressed.

4 Camouflage

COs will pay special attention to camouflage and dispersion at all times. All camouflage nets will be inspected immediately and repaired and re-garnished where necessary. Attention is drawn to 7 Aust Div Circ No GS Instn 41/2 for correct method of garnishing. All nets must be garnished.

5 Bivouacs

When not reqd for Bn and Bde exercises it is desired that Coys be exercised in two days schemes involving at least one night bivouac. The procedure in bivouacing coys and Bns must be practised by all ranks. COs are to arrange subject to the limitations of satisfactory tpt arrangements, mainly of a "Q" nature, that sub-units are bivouaced away from the camp area as often, and as repeatedly as circumstances allow.

6 Specialists

Units will fill their establishment of specialists immediately. Specialist tng will be continued during the tng per . See also para 3 (3)

7 Specialist Vehicles

Fittings for all specialist vehicles will be constructed at once. Vehicles will be available at these HQ shortly for purpose of measurement of fittings.

8 War Equipment

All war equipment will be completely overhauled immediately and repairs effected or requisitions submitted for new equipment where necessary.

9 Kits

Kits of Offrs and CRs will be overhauled. Deficiencies will be made up and surplus kit will be packed ready for dispatch to AIF Kit Store.

10 Production of Orders

Intensive tng in compilation and delivery of verbal orders will be carried out. HQs of bns and coys will be practised in the preparation and production of OOs.

11 Slit Trenches

The necessity for digging slit trenches during all phases of tng is stressed. Tps will be practiced in this at all halts of sufficient duration.

12 Turning out & Practice Packing

Units will be practiced in turning out with full WE. A bde practice 'pack' will be held during the period.

13 Battle Procedure

It is important that all ranks be practiced in battle procedure.
The composition and marking of the ROFT Gps must be made familiar to all ranks by means of lectures and exercises.
Test exercises in battle procedure will be carried out periodically.

14 Tng of Tpt

In spite of the absence of tpt the tng of tpt personnel in their duties in the fd must be continued by means of lectures and sand table or cloth model exercises.

15 Fd Works

It is vitally important that Fd marks in all respects are dealt with during the coy and bn tng period. All ranks are to be thoroughly trained in quick siting and excavation of weapon pits, hasty placements and earth-work services.

16 Carriers

The tactical employment of carriers will be concentrated on by means of lectures, sand table exercises and all fd exercises.

17 Map reading - Compass tng

It is important that all Offrs, NCOs and tpt drivers must be practiced in map reading and the prismatic compass, especially at night.

18 Night Ops

Comds are reminded that three nights a week must be devoted to night exercises.
The tng of night patrols is particularly stressed.
As tng progresses it is desirable that the periods of night tng be extended. Suitable arrangements are to be made to counter-balance any extended times spent on night tng:

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Distrib:

Unit	Copy No
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To : 31 Bn,
32 Bn,
33 Bn,
44 LAD,
"L" Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs.
12 Pl 1 Aust Corps Gds Bn.

The following points, which have been gleaned from Lt-Col S.H.W.C. Porter and other sources, which are, in turn, the result of experience in the Western Desert, are forwarded to units for information and adoption in this Bde in general principle. Individual adaptation of minor items is permitted; the main object being to draw attention to helpful aids and procedure in the adm of units of the Bde in forward areas and in battle.

Unit comds will put such work in hand at the earliest possible moment and keep them with the utmost expedition.

Dress.

During action and in the surrounding periods it is essential to wear warm, loose-fitting clothes that offer pocket space and durability. Our SD dress is ideal.

Pullovers and over-garments will regulate warmth, and offers protection against all elements.

When waist belt and equipment are worn, the posn of skirt pockets proved inconvenient when carrying notebooks or other articles. This can be obviated by lowering skirt pockets.

The provision of slit pockets in the skirt of greatcoats secured by a button will prove helpful.

Equipment.

The present pattern web equipment is satisfactory, but amn pouches want to be worn to the side to avoid raising the height of the men when firing in the prone posn.

Large map cases or any accoutrements in gear other than bare necessities are unpopular with offrs. Arrange all equipment etc to avoid any dangling.

Revolvers are to be worn low on the right side.

Jerkins are popular in cold wind but equipment tends to slide off the shoulders if not strung across the back.

All ranks should carry folding knives and an all-purpose clasp knife, in addition to fork and spoon. Oval mugs to fit inside mess tins are most convenient.

Cleaning kits for shaving, boots etc want to be much more compact than that which is usually carried.

Keep gear and spare clothes to a minimum, but spare underclothes and socks are of primary importance.

Do not discard your felt hat. If rolled properly they soon come back into shape.

Two good pairs of boots are essential.

Little woollen skull caps are a comfort when worn with the steel helmet.

Sanitation.

Though sufficient water was often hard to obtain, it was at times possible to give men shower baths.

Mobile shower, consisting of galvanised piping constructed in a T shape with a rose on either arm of the T, was used. A semi-rotary pump was attached to the centre of the upright. This apparatus was attached to a post or to the corner of a truck, with the end resting in a tub or barrel. It was found convenient to carry the mobile shower on the water cart under the control of water duty personnel.

Latrines.

In rocky country the slit trench latrine is difficult to dig. Wooden seats, designed to fit the top of a petrol tin, will be constructed on the basis of one per pl. Each seat should have a flap lid. The amn truck, when available, should be used to cart away for disposal half full tins. Wherever possible the deep latrines should be used.

Office accomodation.

Bn HQ office truck, the "I" truck, the RAP, the offr's mess truck and every Coy HQ should have small canvas shelters, which should be capable of erection on light poles and guy ropes, and may be carried on bracket att to the outside of truck.

Camouflage painting of shelters is essential. In addition Bn HQ office truck and the "I" truck should be provided with fittings.

Camouflage and Dispersion.

The object is to avoid exciting interest leading to closer inspection by the enemy. The vehicle with the back flap rolled up appears as a black rectangular patch. The back flap should always be down. Hessian should be used to break the outline of the radiator and windsreen. Nets, provided they are well pegged out, are good camouflage against ground and air observation. Windscreens, and other glass on vehicles, should be smeared. Vehicles must never park with glass exposed to the sun.

Bren guns magazines and bi-pod legs must be painted a natural colour leaving the rest of the gun to appear as a rifle. Helmets must be painted and sanded.

Track markings and Traffic Control.

Pioneer pls should carry at least 20 small direction pegs, for marking tracks leading to Bn areas. These are particularly valuable in country which has no land marks. The most suitable pegs are those consisting of mild steel about 4 ft long, with a triangular piece of metal affixed to one end. Pegs should be painted with the tpt no of the unit.

Coys should have at least two pegs similar to those described above, painted with the tpt no of the unit and the coy letter.

Bn HQ pegs should be placed in posn by the RPs and collected and maintained by the Pioneer Pl.

Kerosene tins containing lanterns with unit sign punctured on each side are useful.

RPs should halt all vehicles at correct distance from Bn HQs, control dispersion of visiting vehicles, police routes, inform visitors of the layout of Bn HQ and attend to blackout and other security measures.

Layout of Bn HQ.

While the Sigs Offr is best suited to carry out the layout of HQ, this duty often falls on the shoulders of the OC Protection Pl.

A set layout, which combines the tactical requirements of the ground and air defence with the adm requirements should be attempted on each occasion.

Communication by runners.

At certain periods communication must be maintained by means of runners. It was found that, while one runner often became lost, this difficulty was overcome by using runners in pairs. On changing location, runners remain at the report centre, but are relieved by new runners who are despatched immediately coys reach their new location. 2 runners per coy are always maintained at report centre.

A/A Protection.

It was discovered that passive air defence against high flying planes proved more successful than active measures. When, however, active measures became necessary controlled fire of all possible weapons was found satisfactory.

In convoys, active measures should be practiced at all times, as the enemy are always bent on closer investigation. Trucks with tripods mounted attracted more attention than those provided with motley mountings. Tactics adopted were as follows:

On receiving signal, invariably a light signal fired in the direction of the plane's approach, all vehicles stopped. Personnel dismounted and dispersed, the leading coy to the right, next to the left and so on. Planes were engaged with all weapons as soon as possible. Brens and A/A mountings were carried in to carrying vehicles on the basis of one per pl. The crews of these rode nearest the tailboards and were first to dismount. It was expected that they would not have time to meet the first dive with fire but would be ready for the next. It was found that the "tail gunner" in a German plane was the most disconcerting.

Prior to moving a study of the route should be made from a map and the Protection Pl should be given the task of picqueting the route by bounds.

Places where picquet should be posted are cuttings, passes, bridges, embankments, or any place where traffic may con- certina, or where dispersion of vehicles is difficult.

Tpt.

Tpt must be nursed at all times, and strict rules instituted pertaining to the movement of the vehicles and maintenance. The tendency is to overload trucks often with souvenirs of a ridiculous nature. Drs are specially prone to acquiring gear and loading it on the truck.

Fd Cooking.

Secs were often provided with primus stoves. These provided tps with hot tea when even the use of thermos containers was impossible. These primus stoves were purchased out of unit regtl funds.

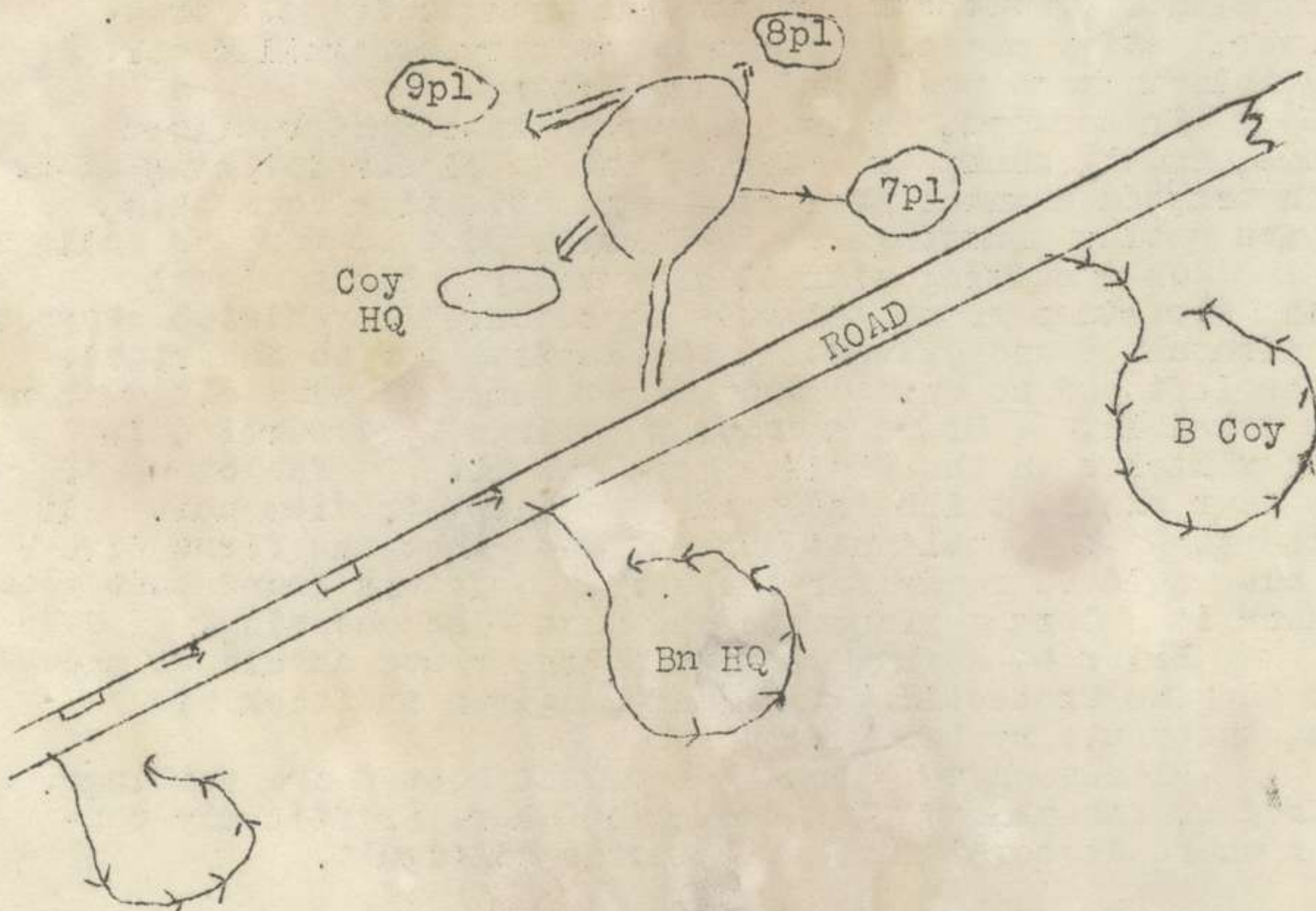
Petrol burning stoves are preferable to kerosene burners owing to the greater supply of the former fuel.

Map Brackets for Motor Cyclists.

These were found to be very valuable and are considered necessary for efficient service by DRs.

Tp Embussing and Debussing.

A useful formation for tp carrying vehicles and unit tpt to take up at embussing or debussing areas is that of the "question mark". They merely break convoy at the laid down vtm and proceed to coy debussing or embussing areas where they wheel to halt in a rough circle with tail att. Tps approach or form up by Pls, away from the outside of the figure; and, tpt may move around in procession and follow the same route out. This method proved very useful, either in cover or in the open, particularly when there was often only one road leading into each area. By employing it, a systematic control was combined with security.



Finally the "book" was proved to be correct and our equipment and arms efficient. Therefore discount the statements that one hears to the effect that our theories usually go by the board.

ADDITIONAL NOTES.

Tpt.

Normal vtm is 15.

150 mls per day should be maximum asked for a convoy.

No cooking can be done during darkness. Therefore convoys, normally, must lie up at about 1630 hrs for prepn evening meal.

At halt vehs disperse, odd nos one side of road, even nos to other.

When dispersion impracticable, vps move clear of rd and vehs.

Sentries should be left at rear of each gp of vehs to wave on traffic when convoy halted.

Long straight stretches of road are particularly dangerous from air attack.

Regular halts are essential for a convoy on a long trip.

Personal Health and Comfort.

Blanco for chafes - Pl Comds should each carry a block.

Fly nets are invaluable. Local "prawning" or small fish netting cut up do very well.

Sun glasses are a great help to the eyes.

Vaseline for cracked lips is almost essential.

A small first aid kit with each pl will be found extremely useful for minor injuries.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

25 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT INSTN No 5

1. Main party 25 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will move SOUTH by rail on 11/12 Apr 41.

2. REQUIRE OF ACCOMMODATION STORES TO BOD

(a) 10 Apr 41 Bns will return on ATC 1033 as much camp accommodation eqpt as can be spared.
11 Apr 41 Balance of eqpt to be returned. Bns will NOT strike balance of tents before 0630 hrs 11 Apr.

(b) Tpt Four 30 cwt trucks per Bn and two for Bde HQ will be reporting to units at 0730 hrs 10 and 11 Apr 41. These will be in addition to those already on hire and those shown in Table A.

(c) Deficiencies Any deficiencies in accommodation stores will be reported to this HQ by 1600 hrs 11 Apr 41.

3. LOADING OF WAR EQPT See Table A att

(a) Allocation of Trucks

Trucks will be allotted by the OC Train in conjunction with RFO at 0600 hrs 11 Apr 41. The unit serial numbers will be marked on the side of trucks with chalk.

(b) Loading Trucks will be loaded under supervision of an offr from each unit.

(c) Baggage

(i) The undermentioned lorries will report to units at 1415 hrs Thu 10 Apr to collect ALL offr bag for kit store.

Bde HQ	2	3-ton lorries
31 Bn	1	" "
32 Bn	1	" "
33 Bn	1	" "
4 Fd Amb	1	" "

Any unit unable to load all bag onto one truck will notify this HQ immediately.

(ii) Units will hand AIF KB4 to drs of lorries who will return to Corps Tps Amn Coy on completion of loading.

(iii) Offrs valises will be loaded with unit w eq.

(iv) ORs universal and sea kit bags will be carried on the tn by the men. See also para 4 (d).

25 Aust Inf Bde Movement Instrn No 5

4. MOVEMENT OF TPS

- (a) Movement See Table B and C att.
- (b) Entraining Offr
A conference of all unit entraining offr. will be held at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs 10 Apr.
- (c) Medical
SMO, Lt-Col S.H. Lovell will organise nursing and medical arrangements for the move.
- (d) Dress
Marching order. Water bottles filled. Eating utensils to be readily accessible.
- (e) Kitbags
Kitbags will be tottd by unit HQ to sta, dumped and issued to men on completion of the route march. Bn areas for dumps will be allotted by this HQ.
- (f) Intoxicating liquor
The carriage or drinking of intoxicating liquor will NOT be tolerated. Intoxicating liquor will NOT be purchased or consumed during the journey. Personnel found with liquor in their possession will be charged.
Any liquor discovered will be confiscated and poured out immediately. All tps will be notified of this order.
- (g) Dispersion
At all times, except when actually in train, dispersion of tps will be carried out. Prior to entraining tps will be dispersed in ech and brought fwd in gps to ent. On NO account will the whole unit be ent at the same time. On detraining tps will be dispersed as quickly as possible.
- (h) AA Defence
- (i) AA parties on a scale of one per pt will be detailed.
 - (ii) During daylight when tps are not actually in train AA guns will be sited and manned and air sentries detailed.
 - (iii) During long halts in daylight OC trains will take necessary steps to provide suitable AA protection and air sentries.
 - (iv) Attention is also directed to AIEF appx I part II for action to be taken in case of an attack, and for details of air sentries duties while on the move.

9 Apr 41

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Distribution			
31 Bn	3	4 Fd Amb	1 1
32 Bn	3	7 Div Pet Coy	1
33 Bn	3	7 Div	1
Bde HQ	5	File	1
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MOVEMENT OF WAR EQUIPMENT.

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Table A

Additional tpt re- porting unit lines			train serial no.	UNIT	Sta	No of ^Y vans	tons of bge.	arr		Complete loading		to sup OC train
30 cwt	time	date						time	date	time	date	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)
2	0730	11	J	25 Aust Inf Bde. Pl HQ Gd Bn. 7 Div Pet Coy. 2/4 Fd Amb	GAZA	5	20 4 9 18	0600	11	1600	11	25 Aust Inf Bde
4	0730	11	K	2/31 Bn	"	7	71	0600	11	2000	11	2/31 Bn
4	0730	11	L	2/32 Bn	"	7	73	0600	11	2200	11	2/32 Bn
4	0730	11	M	2/33 Bn	"	7	69	0600	11	0001	12	2/33 Bn

Y These vans join rear of Tpt train (see Table B)

MOVEMENT OF TPS.

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Table B.

Route "A" via Passenger Entrance. Route "B" via Goods entrance.
Entrainment must be completed 10 minutes before time of dep.

Train Ser No.	Unit	Offrs	ORs	Route	Tps arr sta	arr GAZA time	GAZA date	dep GAZA time	GAZA date	arr KANTARA time	KANTARA date	OC Train	Entraining Offr.
a	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(m)	(n)	(o)
J	25 Aust Inf Bde	9	102	A	1735	1822	11	1900	11	0300	12	Capt R A C MUIR.	Lieut P BRINKLEY
	1 Pl HQ Gd Bn	1	45	A	1740	1822	11	1900	11				
	7 Div Pet Coy	3	276		*	1700	11	1800	11				
	2/4 Fd Amb	6	160	A	1745	1822	11	1900	11				
K	2/31 Bn	28	630	B	1915	2000	11	2100	11	0600	12	Lt-Col S PORTER	Maj J H BAIN
L	2/32 Bn	25	576	B	2115	2200	11	2300	11	0700	12	Maj D P SHARP	Capt A D PETRIE
M	2/33 Bn	25	579	B	1115	0001	12	0100	12	0700	12	Lt-Col R BIERWIRTH	Lieut D A MITCHELL

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COMPOSITION OF TRAINS.

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Table C.

Train	1st Class	1st/2nd Class	2nd class	third class		third brake	goods brake	box vans personnel	Total accom	Box vans baggage
				small	large					
Accom.	50	48	50	50	75	30	30?	25		
J	1				8		1		680	5
K	1				8		1		680	7
L	1		4		1	1	1	8	585	7
M	1	2		8			1	4	676	7

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21 Apr 41

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25 AUST INF BDE OO No 1.

Reference Map MATRUH 1/100,000.

INFORMATION.

1. 7 Aust Div is concentrated in the MATRUH area.

INTENTION.

2. 25 Aust Inf Bde will move to MATRUH area on 22 and 23 Apr.

METHOD.

3. 25 Aust Inf Bde will move by rail and road vide Movement Table att.
and Bde HQ.
4. 31, 32 Bns/will move to bivouac areas at IKINGI sta on night 21/22 Apr 41.
No movement before 2000 hrs, 21 Apr.
Bivouac areas are as under:

31 Bn	- South of ry line.) Actual locations will
32 Bn	- North of ry line.) be indicated by LOs.
Bde HQ	- as indicated.	
5. Detraining instns will be issued separately at place of de trainment.
- 6 OC Trains:
A Train - Maj Cox 32 Bn.
B Train - " Bain. 31 Bn.
c Train - " Cummings 33 Bn.
7. Entraining Offrs: will be detailed as under, and names submitted to these HQs by 1900 hrs 21 Apr.

A Train	- 32 Bn.
B "	- 31 Bn.
c "	- 33 Bn.
8. Road party. See Movement Table att.
9. Move of COs. Cos 31 and 32 Bns will RV'rd and ~~back~~ junc 268461 at 1100 hrs 22 Apr. Orders for move of 33 Bn will be issued separately.
10. Protection. (a) Train Party: All pl weapons will be carried in carriages. 1 LMG per carriage will be detailed for AA protection.
(b) Rd convoy: 1 LMG for AA protection and 1 A/Tk rifle will be carried, per convoy where possible.
11. Security: The contents of 7 Aust circular G81, "Security instns MATRUH Fortress area will be promulgated to all concerned.

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12. See Appx A att.

INTERCOMM.

13. Bde HQ closes IKINGI 0900 hrs 22 Apr and opens at MATRUH at same time.

14. Sigs. Line comm ceases 1730 hrs, 21 Apr.

ACK.

Issued to Sigs 1740 hrs.

John Denton
Maj.
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

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31 Bn	1-2
32 Bn	3-4
33 Bn	5-6
Sigs	7
LAD	8
Protective Pl	9
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2/2 Vd Hyg Sec	11
7 Aust Div	12
Comd	13
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ADM

1. Return of Accomodation Stores: Bns will return as soon as possible to DADOS, IKINGI, all accomodation stores surplus to FS, Scale B.
2. Loading of G1098:
 - (a) Allocation of trucks. Trucks will be allotted by CC Train in conjunction with RTO at 0600 hrs on 22 Apr 41. Unit serial nos will be marked on the side of trucks.
 - (b) Sealing. Units will arrange for ALL trucks to be sealed by RTO on completion of loading.
 - (c) Gds. Units will be responsible for guarding their own stores throughout move.
3. Dress.

Marching order, water bottles filled.
4. Rations.

Rd and Rail Party will carry two days track rations.
5. Medical.

Unit RMOs will establish RAP in their own trains.
6. Pet.

Rd parties will carry the following res petrol.

Cars	-	4 gals.
Lorries up to 1 ton	-	8 "
Lorries over 1 ton	-	12 "
7. Baggage Parties.
 - (a) Baggage parties as under will be left to load unit equipment on baggage train, 22 Apr 41.

31 Bn	-	10 offn,	20 ORs.
32 "	-	1 "	20 "
33 "	-	1 "	6 "
 - (b) Capt JAC Andrews, 25 Aust Inf Bde HQ will be OC combined B baggage parties.
 - (c) Baggage parties will travel by the baggage train.
 - (d) One LMG f or AA protection will be carried by each bn baggage party.
 - (e) Orders for baggage party 33 Bn will be issued separately.

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MOVEMENT TABLE issued with 25 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1 dated 21 Apr 41

MOVEMENT OF WE

Additional tpt reporting Unit lines			Baggage Party		UNIT	No of vans	Tons of Bge	Commence Loading		Dep	To sup Baggage	Offr
No & Type	Time	Date	Offrs	ORs		(f)	(g)	Time	Date	(j)	(k)	(l)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(g)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
4	30cwt	0545	22	1	6	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	3	24	0600	22		25 Aust Inf Bde
As soon as loading is completed												
6	30cwt	0600	22	1	20	2/31 Bn	10	74	0600	22		2/31 Bn
5	30cwt	0605	22	1	20	2/32 Bn	10	75	0600	22		2/32 Bn
1	3 ton					2/6 Fd Amb			0600	22		
6	3 ton	0610	22	1	20	2/33 Bn	10	74	0600	22		2/33 Bn

All CARRIERS UNIVERSAL will be at Sta ready for loading at 0645 hrs 22 Apr 41.

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MOVEMENT TABLE (issued with 25 Aust Inf Bde 00 No 1 dated 21 Apr 41).

TABLE B.

MOVE OF TPS.

Entrainment to be completed 15 mins before time of departure.

Train Serial	UNIT	Oftrs	ORs	Train arr		Train dep		Arr Destination		OC Train	Ent Offrs.
				Time	date	Time	Date	Time	Date		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
A	2/32 Bn 2/c Fd Amb	24 ??	550	0400	22	0500	22	1300	22	Maj COX	Detailed by 32 Bn
B	2/31 Bn 25 Aust Inf Bde Hd Pl HQ Gd Bn 2/2 Fd Hyg Sec	22 14 1 1	579 107 17	0600	22	0700	22	1500	22	Maj Bain	" " 31 Bn
C	2/33 Bn	27	564		23		23		23	Maj Cummings	" " 33 Bn

NOTE: Details as to composition of trains are not available.

CONFERENCE COs 25 AUST INF BDE

Mersa Matruh 24 Apr 41

Present: Brig A.R. Baxter-Cox; Lt-Col S.H.W.C. Porter, 31 Bn; Lt-Col R.K. Anderson, 32 Bn; Lt-Col R. Bierwirth, 33 Bn; Major G.A. Bertram, BM; Lt W.D. Young, IO; Capt I.M. Hunter, SC. Capt R.A.C. Muir, A/Bn.

At the outset Brig Baxter-Cox stated that he had attended a Div Conference on Wednesday and desired to take early opportunity to discuss some of the items brought forward there with Bn Comds.

Details of known enemy strengths in the Capuzzo-Tobruch were then disclosed by Bde Comd. The latest estimate revealed the enemy to have about 17,500 tps in the sector. A likely form of attack would be in the ~~form~~ shape of a tank adv supported by dive bombers. They did not appear to be strong in inf or arty.

The role of this Bde would be to harass any advance in this area and hold Matruh against probable attack from the West. Main defences against enemy tanks were ATk guns and minefields. Some doubt existed as to the effectiveness of hedge hoppers. While nearly all ATk gun posns had been vested it was almost certain there would be some variations.

Minefields had been sown with a good deal of thoroughness by the Engrs. It was estimated that 50,000 mines had already been laid and it was proposed to lay about 33,000 more. Besides these known fields there existed mines which were uncharted - having been laid in an earlier scheme and tps should be warned to observe extreme caution in the vicinity of minefields. Small black triangles were to be used as warning signs but at present many fields were only marked by single strand wire.

In the extension of defences mining and wiring had early priority while the CRE was also pushing ahead with the completion of pillboxes.

The Bde Comd stated that in order to increase fire power he had asked for a MG Bn. The 2/2 MG Bn had been allotted to the area. He had also been granted 24 extra MGs - eight per Bn, to stiffen up power already held.

He urged COs to push up wire, thicken existing wiring and provide all round protection for all posts.

Lt-Col Porter observed that much of existing wiring was in rusted and brittle condition.

The Bde Comd stated that Bns would have the benefit of advice from Engr offrs att to them on liaison.

The following points were then discussed:-

Trenches:

Where wide trenches exist it is advisable to cut slit trenches in the shape of 'T' away from them.

Closing of Gaps:

All Bn COs to give attention to posting of men in gaps between ATK ditches should occasion arise. Slit trenches to be dug at each gap. CRE had been asked to lay in store of British made mines at each gap. Men detailed for these gaps must have tng in mine laying.

(Commenting on mining of rds, cratering and other preparations Bde Comd expressed view that nowadays most craters could be negotiated by tanks because of sloping sides and that the blowing of temporary bridges built on rds provided a bottom over which tanks could pass)

The latest form of disguise to hide minefields and other obstacles was hessian fence in front of fwd ebstae line. It was anticipated that ample time to close gaps would be given as at least six hrs notice is expected in event of attack, from Div Cav Regt. operating ahead.

Tracks Thru' Wired Minefields:

Too many tracks led through wired minefields. Close as many radial tracks as necessary and make use of lateral tracks wherever possible.

Maintenance of Obstacles:

Wire obstacles wherever thin must be stiffened. Rusted wires replaced immediately.

Mines will be maintained by Engrs responsible.

Deception:

Reblinding of pillboxes where wood was showing urgently necessary. Varied patterns in pillbox construction not permitted. A standard pattern insisted on because of shortness of time and lack of materials.

Each pillbox should be supplied with pet tin of salt water for damping down dust. Another tin of water needed to damp down dust blast from own weapons.

Reserves:

Reserve Bn would be given its role on any sector directed by Fortress Comd. It would also be used to relieve sub-secs.

Amn Reserve:

In addition to 1, 2 and possibly 3rd line amn 40 belts per MG had been allotted. Amn would be dumped with weapons as well as stores and water for 7 days in event of them being cut off.

Night Patrols:

Fls can be employed wisely on long distance patrols into Wadis on their sectors. Invaluable tng could be obtained. Bde Comd outlined suggested patrols for Bns.

PASSWORD to be coordinated with Div Cav Regt.

Carriers in Patrols:

Use of Carriers in patrols by day and withdrawals by night good tng role particularly on plain overlooking whole of Matruh area. Before being employed in extreme roles or long distance peace Carriers must be fully acquainted with tracks through minefields. They must know the way like palm of hand. Not only their own sectors but others as well. All Pl and Carrier patrols must know every means of entry and exit to own areas. Recce of these first essential. Gaps which can be closed at quick notice must be defined in Siwa and Alexandria Rds. Carrier Pls att to Div Cav Regt for tng to be arranged.

Interchange of Coys:

To be left to discretion of COs.

Naming of Posts:

Agreement of Div Comd to changing of names of posts in Bn areas had been obtained. Bde Comd suggested that men of Bns be asked for suggestions for naming posts with a view to obtaining apt Australian titles which would mean more psychologically to the soldier than such names as Doubtful Corner and those others existing at present. Asked COs to have changes made as quickly as possible so that maps could be altered.

Test Firing:

Test firing of all weapons in Fortress will be undertaken when ready.

Digging In of Vehicles:

As soon as possible all vehs must be 'dug in' at an angle, not more than 10 degrees in order to obviate oil blockage.

Veh Dispersion:

Vehicular congestion in some parts of area deplored. Promiscuous running around of vehicles to be stopped and traffic blocked from approaching HQs.

Sub-dividing of HQ:

Sub-dividing into battle HQ or fwd Ech of Adv HQ very desirable. If Bns have Fwd Ech imperative have Sig line conn.

Intense Int Recce:

Intense Int Recce and Survey of all posts and obstacles is urgently needed. Suggested that Bn IOs examine areas and roles of ATK guns (and arcs of fire) ATK rifles and LMG. Survey needed to complete the fire plan. Minefields plan from Engr offrs att to Bns.

Recce by COs:

Suggested that COs at earliest convenience look over whole defences scheme. Co-ordinated map urgently needed.

Pioneer Pls:

NCOs of Pioneer Pls to receive tng in laying of mines.

Air Raid Alarms:

As no effective siren system can be evolved at present air raid alarm will be signalled by firing of gun followed by hoisting of flags at Fortress HQ. On the firing of gun and raising of flag units will take up own signals.

Signals and Code Names:

More efficient knowledge of code names and Sigs desired.

Tents:

Tents not camouflaged and those on skyline to be struck.

Night Duty Offrs:

Offrs on duty at HQ at night to remain awake.

Blackout:

Tightening up needed in town black-out. Placing of blue or red beacons at street corners suggested. Reduced lights on cars urged.

Donkeys:

Decided that 24 donkeys, complete with panniers, be obtained - eight for each Bn.

Arabs & Camels:

Bedouins and straying camels to be removed from area.

Bugs and Pests:

Use of kersene, sprayed on ground outside quarters and flytox spray within recommended for eradication of bugs and pests.

Harbour Buoys:

Tps to be warned against using buoys/^{moored} in harbour as targets. Several have already been sunk by rifle fire.

Washing of Clothes:

Tanks will be installed at points on the waterfront for use by tps for washing clothes.

Water:

Decontamination centres for watering posts required.

AGH

Ref Map MATRUH 1/100000.

*W.D. Apr 41.
Affix J.*

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EAST : Outer defences excepting 2/33 Bn on OBSERVATION HILL.
SOUTH MAIN Rd MATRUH ALEXANDRIA.
WEST GRID 32
NORTH Coastline excepting 1 Sec Indian Butchery Coy on SALT LAKE.

2. I posted piquets as follows :
 - a at JUNC RDs MATRUH-ALEXANDRIA & COAST at 340421 with orders to warn all traffic of areas of shoot and danger limit within 800 yds of main rd.
 - b. at Rd corner 324503 with orders to stop ALL traffic inward bound to MATRUH.

W. Scherer
Lieut.
2/31 Bn.

25 AUST. INF. BDE.

Red. Hrs.

Date 26 Apr 41 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref. No. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

HQ AASC 7 Aust Div.

2/2 MG Bn.

AQ.

File.

Epig.	
B.M.	X
S.O.	X
I.O.	X
T.O.	

Alb.

W.D. Apr 41.
Alpha I.

HQ MATRUH Fortress,
Apr 41.

Allocation of sub-units 2/2 MG Bn.

1. 2/2 MG Bn is timed to arrive at MATRUH sta 1300 hrs 26 Apr 41.
2. Bn HQ will be at EGYPTIAN BKS 71773503 and the bn less three coys will be dispersed South of EGYPTIAN BKS 717350.
3. On arrival one coy will come under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde and two coys under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde. Guides for coys placed under comd will be provided at sta by bdes by 1300 hrs.
4. At least one pl will be kept in res by 21 Aust Inf Bde and two pls by 25 Aust Inf Bde. These pls will be sited only after consultation with CO 2/2 MG Bn.
5. CO 2/2 MG Bn is appointed Fortress MG Offr and as soon as practicable will co-ordinate the MG defence of the whole area and advise on the location and employment of his remaining sub-units. He will also endeavour, after consultation with sector comds, to man with personnel of 2/2 MG Bn the MMGs already sited in the area.

[Signature]
Col.
GS MATRUH FORTRESS.

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R. W. ...
Lieut.
2/31 Bn.

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

44

Serial No. 102

OFFICE DATE STA



TO *Scan Mali* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM *Otab* Originator's Number *048* Date *28* In Reply to Number

<i>Ref</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>cir</i>	<i>G85</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>post-</i>	<i>sentry</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>rdos</i>	<i>through</i>
<i>their</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>out-</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>perimeter</i>	<i>by</i>
<i>0830</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>apr</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>advise</i>
<i>veho</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>out-</i>	<i>that-</i>	<i>rdos</i>	<i>are</i>
<i>blocked</i>	<i>according</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>instr</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>cir</i>
<i>⊙</i>	<i>ack</i>				

This message may be sent **A8** WRITTEN by any means.

Dawson 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.

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<i>DR</i>	<i>2235</i>	<i>Embark</i>									

T.H.I. *2140*
T.O.R.

25 AUST. INF. BDE.
Red. 2000 Hrs.
Date 28 Apr 41
Ref. No.

Brig.	
S.M.	YUB
S.C.	X
I.S.	
T.O.	

HC, MATRUH FORTRESS,
28 Apr 41.

7 Aust Div Cir G 85

Arty Registration

Arty registers tomorrow 29 Apr from 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs. Danger area from 0830 hrs to 1430 hrs ref map MATRUH 1/100,000: Area outside perimeter bounded by following grid lines - east 732 south 340 west 710. Main rds MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI and MATRUH - ALEXANDRIA open to traffic. All other rds in danger area closed during period of shoot.

Responsibilities for clearing area prior to shoot:

- 25 Inf Bde north of rd MATRUH - ALEXANDRIA
- 6 Aust Cav between above rd and rd MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI
- 21 Inf Bde north of latter rd.

Suggest carriers be used for above recce. Traffic posts will be established by DAPM at rd junc 75353422 and at CLEARING CROSS to warn traffic to keep to the two main rds and stop traffic on north rd leading into MATRUH on the east. 21 Inf Bde will arrange to close coast rd. Sectors will be cleared under arrangements between sector comds and arty reps. Standing patrols will be moved out of danger area.

ACK.

/within perimeter

John Capuan
Col.
GS MATRUH Fortress

AUSTRALIA IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No. 138

2 Apr 41

1. DUTIES.

(a) To mount at 1800 hrs.

Date	Duty Bn	31 Bn, Cinoma Piquet	Gd Bn	33 Bn
2 Apr 41	Duty Bn	31 Bn, Cinoma Piquet	1 Aust HQ/ , GAZA RIDGE	33 Bn
3 "	"	32 Bn,	31 Bn	33 "
4 "	"	33 "	32 "	33 "
5 "	"	31 "	33 "	31 "
6 "	"	32 "	4 Fd Amb	31 "
7 "	"	33 "	1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	31 "
8 "	"	31 "	31 Bn	32 "

(b) Pistol & Grenade Range.

Duty Bn will continue to provide a piquet of 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.Rs on these ranges, which are WEST of SQUIRES LINES, from retreat to retreat.

Duty Bn may make arrangements with any unit having either range allotted to them to relieve its piquet. Such relieving units will be responsible for handing over the range to the new duty piquet at retreat.

2. PISTOLS

(a) Private Weapons. Bns will withdraw ALL privately owned and foreign weapons and amn giving a receipt for the same. A return will be submitted to this HQ by 1200 hrs 4 Apr stating that ALL weapons have been withdrawn and giving the numbers and types.

(b) Return of Pistols. All pistols on charge to Bns, other than the new "S & W DA45", will be returned to W.O. Crossan at this HQ by 1630 hrs today. AF G1033 will be prepared and handed over with the weapons.

3. OCTU.

Any candidates for the OCTU who are at present attending the Fd Wks Course at CASTINA will be paraded to the Bde Comd at 0900 hrs 3 Apr 41.

4. CEREMONIAL PDE.

The GOC 7 Aust Div is inspecting the Bde at 1045 hrs Sat 5 Apr 41 and afterwards is taking the salute on the march past.

Instructions issued on the 20 Mar 41 will apply with the following amendments.

(a) Rehearsal. Afternoon 4 Apr 41.

1525 hrs One marker each Bn to report to W.O.1 Lawson on Pde Ground.

1530 " Bns march on.

1600 " Bde Comd Arrives.

(b) Review. Morning 5 Apr 41.

5. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS.

Units are again reminded of the necessity of strict supervision and prompt return of all returnable containers. Units will be debited with the cost of all containers NOT returned.

6. STOCK TAKING.

Bns will have a stocktaking of all camp accommodation stores and report any serious deficiencies to this HQ by 1630 hrs Mon 7 Apr 41.

7. CONFERENCE.

A conference of all Bde Q.Ms will be held at this HQ at 1700 hrs 3 Apr 41.

Q.Ms will be prepared to discuss:-

- (a) Clothing
- (b) Amn.
- (c) War Equipment
- (d) Rations

8. CARRIER STORES.

Bns will compile and fwd to this HQ a complete inventory of all surplus universal carrier stores.

9. BDE BAND.

All applications for this band will be made direct to the 2/31 Bn.

10. OFFENCE REPORTS.

Bns will fwd to this HQ by 1500 hrs 3 Apr 41 a complete file of all AF B2069 since arrival at this camp.

J. H. H. H. Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No. 139

5 Apr 41

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hrs.

Date	Duty Bn	31 Bn	Cinema Piquet	33 Bn	GAZA RIDGE	31 Bn
5 Apr 41	"	"	"	4 Fd Amb	"	"
6 "	"	"	"	1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	"	"
7 "	"	"	"	31 Bn	"	"
8 "	"	"	"	32 Bn	"	"
9 "	"	"	"	33 Bn	"	"
10 "	"	"	"	4 Fd Amb	"	"
11 "	"	"	"			

2. PREVENTION OF V.D.

The following measures for the prevention of V.D. will be adopted in the Bde:-

- (a) ALL ranks proceeding on leave will be in possession of condoms and blue light outfits. The issue will be free.
- (b) ALL ranks will be informed that the following Prophlatic centres have been established

GAZA	RAP HQ A.I.F. Base Area.
JERUSALEM	Fast Hotel
TEL AVIV	M.P. Barracks off the Esplanado and near "The Soldiers Club".
PORT SAID	Golden House Constantinople House
CAIRO	Victoria Hotel
ALEXANDRIA	Atlantic Hotel

- (c) Prophlactic centres will be established in all camps.

3. RECORDS.

Bns will show on the bottom left corner of A.I.F. Fl number who are A.W.L. or have V.D.

4. WASHING.

For the purpose of the Laundry Contract (ref Bde RO No. 135 of 23 Mar 41) summer will commence on 7 Apr 41

5. CHURCH PDES.

(a)	<u>C of E</u>	Holy Communion	0715 hrs	2/32 Bn	Recreation Hut
(b)	<u>R.C.</u>	Holy Mass	0715	" 2/31	" " "
		Pde	0915	" 2/32	" " "
(c)	<u>U.P.B.</u>	Communion	0900	" 2/33	" Writing Room.
(d)	<u>Pde Services.</u>	HQ Gd Bn	0900	"	Y.M.C.A. GAZA RIDGE
		31, 32 Bns, Bde HQ	0915	"	Picture Theatre
		Remaining Units	1000	"	" "

6. AMENITIES.

The following comforts have been received from A.C.F. and distributed as follows.

25 Aust Inf Bde	147
2/31 Bn	705
2/32 "	634
2/33 "	686
2/4 Fd Amb	250
HQ1 Aust Gd Bn	197
School of Sigs	98
2/2 Fd Hyg Sec	29
C.R.S.	10
Fd Post Office	3
Dental	5
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These will be ack through Unit R.O's.

The following equipment has been handed to O/C Rest Huts, Kilo '89.

Table Tennis balls	2 doz
Bottles Ink	2 "
Pen Holders	2 "
Writing paper	2 pkts
Envelopes (500)	1 box

7. LEAVE.

(a) GAZA TOWN.

Gaza Town is out of bounds to ORs, who will be warned accordingly. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

(b) CAIRO.

- (i) If accommodation is available, offr's under Fd Rank, when in CAIRO on leave, will stay at the Leave Hostels - Nile steamers "Victoria" and "Sudan" - unless otherwise authorised by Formation etc Comds.
- (ii) Formation, etc Comds may grant leave up to a maximum of 14 days to individual offr's.

8. EXCHANGE OF CURRENCY.

It is advised that:-

- (i) PALESTINE Currency is NOT legal tender in EGYPT.
- (ii) Facilities are available at OC, AIF Details, 13 Midan Ismail CAIRO for personnel on leave to be paid in EGYPTIAN currency and for PALESTINE money to be exchanged at the most favourable rates. It is unnecessary, therefore, for personnel proceeding on leave to withdraw large sums from their pay books in PALESTINE.

9. RD CLOSED.

ALL unit M.T. Dr will advised that the military by rd on the EAST side of the camp is closed for repair.

10. CONFERENCE.

A conference of all Bde QM will be held at this HQ at 1630 hrs Tue 8 Apr 41

G. Hunter Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES.

The following matches have been arranged for Sun 6 Apr 41.

(a) AT KILO 89

<u>Hockey.</u>	1400 hrs	25 Aust Inf Bde	v. School of Sigs
	1530 "	31 Bn	v. 33 Bn
<u>Basket Ball.</u>	1400 "	4 Fd Amb	v. School of Sigs
	1500 "	31 Bn	v. " "
<u>Cricket.</u>	1100 "	31 Bn	v. 4 Fd Amb

(b) AT DIER SUNEID.

<u>Cricket.</u>	1100 "	31 Bn	v. 25 Fd Regt.
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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1

No 141

14 Apr 41

1. HYGIENE.
Every precaution will be taken to prevent food being contaminated by flies. Steps will be taken to destroy possible breeding places such as rubbish pits, scraps from meals, lavatory seats etc.
2. WATER.
Units will take precautions to ensure that water is NOT wasted thus rationing will be avoided. Taps will NOT be left running.
3. CONCEALMENT.
Strict attention will be paid to the blackout of all camps. Open fires will be extinguished at night fall.
4. BOUNDS.
ALL native villages are out of bounds.
5. LEAVE.
NO leave will be granted pending further orders from this HQ.
6. RATIONS.
All units will obtain forthwith and hold stocks of the following hard rations:-

Track rations	2 days
Emergency rations	4 days
Total.	<u>6 days.</u>

Periodical checks of rations will be carried out.
7. PET.
Pet will be drawn at IKINGI MARYUT at the same time as rations are drawn.
8. AIF KIT STORE.
ALL kits and equipment for store will be ready for despatch by 1200 hrs 15 Apr 41. Tpt arrangements will be notified later.
9. SUMMER TIME.
Summer time will obtain in EGYPT from 15 Apr 41 to 17 Sep 41. All clocks will be advanced one (1) hr at 2300 hrs 14 Apr 41.
10. ACCOMODATION STORES.
On receipt of warning order for a move, Bns will automatically return to DADOS IKINGI MARYUT, ALL camp accomodation stores that have been drawn in this area. This

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does not include tentage.

Before leaving a camp. Units will roll the walls of all tents.

11. PDE STATES.

AIF F1 will NOT be used in future. Daily pde states will be rendered on AF W3006, and fwded to reach this HQ by 0900 hrs daily.

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W. S. C. Capt.
S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1

No 142

18 Apr 41

1. DUTIES

Duty Bn	Fri 18	Apr 41	31 Bn
" "	Sat 19	"	31 Bn
" "	Sun 20	"	32 Bn
" "	Mon 21	"	32 Bn
" "	Tue 22	"	32 Bn
" "	Wed 23	"	33 Bn
" "	Thu 24	"	33 Bn
" "	Fri 25	"	33 Bn

2. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS etc.

The following appointments, Promotions etc are repeated from A.I.F. Orders (Middle East):-

Brig A.R. Baxter-Cox is appointed to Command 11 Mar 41
(AIF Orders (ME) 21 Mar 41)

Following to remain seconded in their units:-

B.M. Capt G.A. Bertram 2/2 Bn - 1 Mar 41 - (AIF Orders
(ME) 7 Mar 41)

S.C.(Learner) Capt J.A.C. Andrew R.A.A. 7 Div - 27 Mar 41
(AIF Orders (ME) 4 Apr 41)

L.O. Lieut L.E. Walcott R.A.A. 7 Div - 27 Mar 41
(AIF Orders (ME) 4 Apr 41)

Amenities Offr Lieut H.H. Rankine 2/32 Bn - 6 Apr 41
(AIF Orders (ME) 11 Apr 41)

To be temporary Major 27 Mar 41 - Capt G.A. Bertram 2/2 Bn
(AIF Orders (ME) 4 Apr 41)

3. STOLEN VEHS.

Reports have been received that vech are being stolen under varying circumstances. In some cases they have been taken from city streets, and in others removed from unit lines.

The stealing or unauthorised use of military vech by AIF Personnel will be made a Court Martial offence, and, in the case of a stolen veh being found in the possession of a unit other than that to which the veh is on charge, the CO of the unit in which the veh is located will be held responsible.

No army veh is to be left unattended in a city street, and strict precautions will be taken by all offr in charge of tpt to ensure that the vech in their charge are not removed by any unauthorised person.

This order will be repeated in Unit ROs.

4. EXPLOSIVES IN KITS.

On no account will amm or explosives of any kind, whether enemy or otherwise, be placed in kits for depositing in A.I.F. Kit Stores.

5. OUTWARD MAIL.

Air Mail to Australia closes at Fd P.O., Bde HQ, at 0930 hrs Sun and Thu.

Australian Stamps may be used but are not purchaseable in Egypt.

6. CHURCH PDESR.C.:

Holy Mass will be held in Bn Lines at the following times:

0645 hrs	Sun	20	Apr	41	33 Bn
0900	"	"	"	"	Bde HQ, 31 Bn
0945	"	"	"	"	32 Bn, 4 Fd Amb

Times and locations for Holy Communion and Pdes for other religions will be notified later.

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[Signature]
Capt.
A.S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.STOLEN VEHS

The following vehs have been reported stolen:-

W.D. No 2178 (British Veh) Morris 30 cwt lorry. Stolen by party of 10 Australian tps by force from the garage of the Polish Cavalry Regt, Matruh, on 2 Mar 41.

W.D. No X-194441 (British Veh) Trailer 2/W, Water Tank, Left on Cairo Alexandria Rd on the evening of 8th March, 41 8 miles south of Amirya Staging Camp, with cracked chassis; missing when Rec Sec reached there next morning.

Units will advise HQ, AIF, of any information in their possession likely to lead to the location of the vehs or the apprehension of the thieves.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

BRIG. A.R. BAXTER-COX.

COMD 25 AUST INF BDE.

Part 1.

No 143

24 Apr 41

1. STORES-REMOVAL of

Cases have been reported of personnel removing rations from DID and ration dumps without authority. All ranks are warned that this practice will cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. (This order will be rptd in unit ROs).

2. WAR EQPT DEFICIENCIES

All indents (AF 997) previously submitted for war eqpt will be cancelled as from 1 May 41.

Bns will re-submit indents in quadruplicate, to reach this HQ by 1630 hr; 26 Apr 41, covering items required to complete initial AF G1098 scale.

Attention is again directed to the fact that when stores are issued one copy of the issue voucher, AF G982, is placed in the package as a packing note and will be retained by the unit to support its accounts. Both copies of the AF G982 will be receipted by the CO and returned to Bde without delay. Under NO circumstances will any Bn fwd a receipt voucher direct to an Ord Depot.

3. INCREASE in AF G1098

The scale of eqpt authorised for unit shoemakers is increased by the following:-

Chisels cold	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1
Files	$\frac{4}{4}$ "	1

These items will be included in the indents submitted in accordance with para 2.

4. REPLACEMENT OF US SD UNIFORMS

Personnel proceeding on leave from WESTERN DESERT and CYRENICA, whose Uniforms SD are in an US condition, may obtain on exchange issue from RAOC Laundry ALEXANDRIA, near No 14 Wharf.

5. SUP

(a) Bde DR will collect indents for rations from unit sig offices daily at the following times:-

2/31 Bn	0800	hrs
2/32 Bn	0805	"
2/5 Fd Coy	0810	"
2/33 Bn	0815	"
2/6 Fd Regt	0820	"
2/4 Fd Amb	0825	"

Units will ensure that the DR is NOT kept waiting.

- (b) Bns will NOT indent direct on DID and any enquiries, adjustments etc will be made through this HQ.
- (c) ALL sacks are returnable containers and will be returned by units to DID.

6. PET

- (a) Units will submit indents for pet through bde by 0900 hrs D1 days for drawing on D2 days.
- (b) Sup will be drawn from the Area Pet Depot by units. Veh pet tanks will NOT be filled at this depot.
- (c) Empty pet tins and cases are returnable containers and will be returned to the depot.
- (d) A res of pet on the following scale will be maintained by units

Cars	16	gals
Vans	24	"
Lorries	32	"

Half of this res will be carried on the veh.

7. AMN

- (a) Unit 1st line amn will be maintained in accordance with quantities shown in WE.
- (b) 2nd line amn will be dumped in bn areas.
- (c) Expenditure of 1st line amn will for the time being be replaced direct from ARH.
- (d) Amn state in accordance with att pro forma, will be fwded by Bns to reach this HQ by 1700 hrs daily.
- (e) Replenishment will be made automatically in accordance with the above deficiency list.

8. TPT

The following tpt will be loaned by 21 Aust Inf Bde and is allotted as follows:

Bde HQ	3	1 ton		
31 Bn	3	"	2	30 cwt
32 "	3	"	2	"
33 "	3	"	2	"
	12	"	6	"

Vehs will report with drivers who will be att to Bns for rations and quarters.

Requisitions for additional tpt required for moving by loads will be made to this HQ.

9. VEH MARKINGS.

Bns will mark all veh with their numerals immediately.

10. CONFERENCE

A conference of Bde QMs will be held at this^{HQ} at 1630 hrs 26 Apr 41. QMs will be prepared to discuss:-

- (a) Deficiencies in War Eqpt.
- (b) Special requirements in Sig Eqpt and RE Stores
- (c) Universal Carriers
- (d) Amn 1st Line
2nd Line : Fortress.
- (e) Sup Daily
Emergency chocolate, track and battle rations.
- (f) Water

11. OFFENCE REPORTS.

Bns will fwd AF B2069 every Sat as follows:-
 1 copy direct to Offr i/c 2nd Echelon AIF.
 1 " to Bde HQ by 1600 hrs

Reports will give details of offences committed, punishments awarded and where applicable forfeitures and stoppages of pay incurred since previous return. Particulars of FGCM to be incl.

Returns will be endorsed on top right hand corner.

For week ending
 No of sheets incl in return
 Last return submitted on

Nil returns are required by Bde but NOT for 2nd Echelon.

12. ANZAC DAY SERVICES

The following services will be held at the Greek Church, WAVELL WAY on Fri 25 Apr 41

- (a) Holy Communion 0700 hrs
 (b) Service of Commemoration 0900 "

The seating accomodation is restricted, so the following allocation has been made.

Bde HQ	6	
31 Bn	13	
32 "	13	
33 "	13	Total 45.

Bns will arrange tpt for their representatives who will report to Liout Buswell at this HQ at 0840 hrs.
 Dress: S.D., hats (turned up) gaiters and web belts.

13. POSTAL

The mails close at the Fd PO at the following times:-

Ordinary Mail 1700 hrs daily
 Air Mail 1700 hrs Tue and Thu

The rates for letters, packets and parcels are the same as in force in PALESTINE. EMF cables 6 words 12 Pt (minimum charge) each additional word 2 Pt.

All postage to be prepaid with Aust Stamps. Egyptian stamps on hand may be used on Air Mail articles.

14. BOUNDS

NO one is to be sent outside the Fortress area without ref to this HQ. This does not apply to personnel sent outside the perimeter for tng or tac recee.

J. Hunter Capt.
 S.C. 25 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES

Found One rifle.
 Bns will carry out a thorough check of ALL rifles.

SUBJECT : Amn sta

To : 25 Aust Inf Bde

From : 3 Aust Bn

.....41

The following is the amn sta at 1600 hrs on

.....41.

TYPE	W.E.			On Hand	Defi- cient	REMARKS
	1st Line	2nd Line	Total			
<u>S.A.A.</u> .303 Bandolier (Rifle)	111925	29800	141,725			
Carton (LMG)	64600	30000	94,600			
Tracer (AA)	10400	N/A	10,400			
<u>ATK</u> .55 AP	5280	1100	6380			
<u>SMG</u> .45 Thom Sub	41400	20000	61,400			
<u>PISTOL</u> .45	1341	282	1,623			
<u>PISTOL SIG</u> 1" Green	144	144	288			
Red	144	144	288			
Illuminating	444	300	744			
<u>BOMBS</u> 3" M HE	390	84	474			
Smoke	234	60	294			
2" M HE	864	432	1,296			
Smoke	288	144	432			
<u>GRENADE</u> Hand	180	180	360			

Comd 2/3 Lt-Col.
Aust Bn.

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Part 1

No 144

26 Apr 41

1. PROMISCIOUS SHOOTING

Vital harbour facilities have been dangerously reduced by tps shooting at buoys which mark channels and moorings.

All tps will be warned that shooting at buoys and all other naval property is strictly forbidden.

2. PO REDIRECTION SCHEME

Since 11 Dec 40 a system for the redirection of mail matter has been in operation. Instns were issued to Unit Postal Orderlies to obtain from the unit orderly rooms and supply to the Fd PO daily particulars of personnel "taken on" or "struck off" strength of the unit.

The results are not proving satisfactory. Many instances have come under notice of the failure of orderly rooms to supply the infm to their Postal Orderlies, and, in some instances, neglect of Orderlies to pass the infm on to the Fd PO.

Units with a WE of less than 300 are not entitled to the attachment of a Postal Orderly who is a member of the Australian Army Postal Service and the orderlies appointed by such units do not come under the direct supervision of the Postal Service.

Postal Orderlies for units with a WE of less than 300 will be instructed that all particulars of personnel "taken on" or "struck off" strength must be supplied promptly to the Fd PO servicing their unit. Units not within the vicinity of a Fd PO will post returns direct to the Australian Army PO, CAIRO.

The particulars will be supplied on a return in accordance with the pro forma below:-

.....Unit.....	FdPO.....	Serial No	
No	Rank	Name	Movement	Date	
:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:

All orderly rooms must make the necessary infm readily available to their Unit Postal Orderlies daily.

3. POSTAL

Ref Bde RO No 143 of 24 Apr 41, the mail closing time is amended to read

AIR MAIL 1700 hrs Sun and Thu

4. PAY

In future tps will be paid every second Sat. Div Paymaster requires the requisition for cash on the Wed before each pay.

5. PAYMENTS OF MESS A/cs

1 Aust Corps RO No 41 of the 17 Dec 40

provides that

(a) All offrs and NCO's attending schools, courses or att to British units or formations for temporary duty will pay their mess bills in full before leaving the unit, formation, school or course to which they were att.

(b) If necessary, Paybooks may be overdrawn for the purpose of paying the accounts but will NOT be overdrawn for more than the amount for which reimbursement will be claimed. The overdrawn Paybook will be adjusted as soon as possible and NOT later than the receipt of the Credit Note for the claim.

(c) Reimbursement may be claimed for non-personal items such as Mess Subscriptions, Entrance Fees, etc, only claims for items of the following types are NOT admissable

- (1) Newspapers
- (2) Radiograms
- (3) Laundry
- (4) Wine Bills
- (5) Stationery

(d) Claims will be submitted on A.A.F. TS 4 and will include:-

- (1) Actual dates of arrival and departure from the Mess.
- (2) Rate at which each Messing and other subscription is charged and the number of days &c., for which reimbursement is claimed.
- (3) Similar details for any other item for which reimbursement is claimed.
- (4) Certification by the CO
- (5) A deduction of Fd Allowance for the number of days of attendance at the schools, &c., from the total amount claimed. The Palestine equivalent of the Fd Allowance is 133 mils per day. The Egyptian equivalent is 130 milliemes.

(6) The receipted mess bill att to the TS 4.

(e) When the period of att is longer than one month, mess bills will be paid and claims submitted monthly.

6. AUDIT of ACCOUNTS

CO's are responsible for the conduct of Regt Trust Funds and Mess Accounts in accordance with AMR & O 1310. Personnel will be appointed by CO's to conduct monthly audits of all accounts under their control and to arrange for certified statements to be fwded to this HQ by 1200 hrs 2nd day of each month.

It is not necessary to fwd supporting vouchers, the following form of certificate will be used:

NAME of ACCOUNT.

Balance of A/c at41

Receipts for the month of

Less Total payments for the month of

Balance at

As directed by AIF Order (ME) No 56. I have examined the books and vouchers of the for the month of The above is a true and correct statement of receipts and payments according to the infm and explanations given to me and as shown in the books submitted.

No expenditure of canteen profits has been made for ordinary military requirements, for the use of offrs, in aid

of any religious or philanthropic institution or for any purpose other than the advantages of WOs, NCOs and men

Sgd

.....(Date)

7. HYGIENE

Units will pay particular attention to the cleanliness of all earthworks.

8. WATER

Units will be restricted in their drawing to one (1) gal per man per day.

All requisitions for water will be signed by an offr and will show the ration strength of the Unit.

9. AMN

States in accordance with att pro forma, will be fwded by Bns to reach this HQ by 1700 hrs daily. Units will ensure that an accurate return is submitted daily and ON TIME.

10. OILS

The following oils will be used ONLY for the purposes shown

M220 MC's, carriers, lt stationary and auxiliary engines
 M160 Cars, vans, lorries.
 C600 Transmission.

11. RECORDS

The undermentioned returns are still required by Div and will be rendered by bns.

(a)	AFW3006 - Daily Strength State	Daily as at 0600 hrs	1	Telegraphed direct to 2 Ech
			1	Copy to Bde HQ by 0900 hrs
(b)	AFW3010 - Casualty Return of Offrs	When required	1	2 ech
(c)	AFW3011 - Casualty Return ORs	"	1	"
(d)	AFW3012 - Casualty Ret att personnel	"	1	"
(e)	AFW3008 - Fd Return of Offrs	Weekly by 1200 hrs Sat	1	2 Ech
(f)	AFW3009 - Fd Return of ORs	"	1	2 Ech
(g)	AFB2069 - Offence Reports	"	1	2 Ech
			1	Bde HQ
(h)	AFC2118 - War Diary	Monthly	2	2 Ech
(i)	Veh Strength Return	Monthly 1200 hrs 2nd last day each month	5	Bde HQ
(j)	Census of Warlike Stores	1200 hrs 19th each month	9	Bde HQ
(k)	Report showing result of Inspection of Respirators	6th day of each month	2	"
(l)	Statement of Unit Trust Fund, Mess and General A/cs	1200 hrs 2nd day each month	2	"

12. AMENITIES

The following were received from ACF and distributed to units

	Pkts Cigs	Tins Cake	1 oz tins Tobacco	Cig papers	Primus Stoves
25 Aust Inf Bde	400	2	200	200	6
31 Bn	1500	11	750	750	12
32 Bn	1400	11	700	700	12
33 Bn	1500	11	750	750	12
2/5 Fd Regt	1000	7	500	500	7
2 ATk Regt	1400	9	700	700	9
7 Div Pet Coy	800	5	400	400	6
2/4 Fd Amb	1000	7	500	500	8
2/6 Fd Amb	1000	7	500	500	8
	<u>10000</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>80</u>

Units will ack receipt of above through Unit ROs

J. Hunter Capt.

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