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2/13 Infantry Battalion

June - July 1941

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/13 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 1 June 41 To 3 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Sunday 1 June 41	1500	Stand to	
		1900	Rece party from 2/15 to see over area preparatory to taking over.	
		1000	Padre holds communion service	See 007 attached - page A
		1200	Rece successfully carried out and no movement of relief to take place before 2100 boys to move in alphabetical order at quarter hours intervals. HQ boys and on HQ moving last.	
		2200	Patrols as usual we are responsible for patrols until dawn	
		2300	Relief will under <u>seugh</u>	JLH
	2 June	0500	Last tip settled in new area on flat north foot PILASTRINO. 3 boys fed south of PILASTRINO	
			A Coy and on HQ on flat north of the foot	
		0930	B and C boys leave for digging tasks on BLUE LINE - A and D boys go swimming	
			During afternoon news received that petrol is strictly rationed - no more MIT for swimming party	JLH
			CO and Hdq leave for rest at depot.	
	3 June	0500	Stand to	See all standing order app A
		0730	Shelling of PILASTRINO area kills two of B Coy direct hit on their dug out	
		0930	A and D engaged on the digging	
		1000	Rece parties from 2/10 Bn from whom we are to take over on Thursday	
			2 i/c moves gva for rece of 10 Bn area	
			3 ofpr and 25 ch arrive as reinforcements	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Tuesday			
	3 June	1800	Sigs returns from Beachs — some shelling during evening no damage or casualties. Sigs send rice parties fwd	JLB
	4 June	0500	Stand to Sigs arrange transfer mutually. General preparation for shift. Nothing to report. Sigs send fwd 1000 and 1400 per sec.	JLB
	5 June	0500	Stand to	
		0700	morning shelling has no effect. Preparations for relief.	See att order 008 appx 8
		1900	Bn HQ moves.	
		2100	Sigs commence to shift. per RASC 3 ton waggons	JLB
	6 June	0300	Relief completed without incident.	
		0500	Stand to. New position in well dug trenches wired on complete Sigs fronts. Enemy is fairly active with his MGs and snipers. FDLs at gen distance 600-1000 yds from enemy. No activity during day light. No lat. fwd of Bn HQ. Rations to Sigs after dark. Bn HQ in waddi well concealed and free from dust — Quite the best spot yet	
		2200	Patrols on all fronts to get feel of territory before taking fighting patrols fwd.	JLB
			2000 and 8000 arrive as re-enforcements — posted to Coys.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Saturday 7 June	0300	Patrols report all clear - little enemy activity - some digging	
		0500	Stand to Some enemy shelling on A and C Coys during the day. Enemy mixes shells and mortar bombs to make the location of his mortars a more difficult task. - Our mortars shoot during day with some effect	
		1800	Shells on fwd Coy and pl of Tickers' guns of NF in Bn area - No damage.	
		2200	Patrols on all fronts. Enemy working party engaged - Quantity of arms equipment and ammunition recovered from rear fwd of B Coy. - Sec of B Coy mans this vacated post.	See report att App C JLH
	8 June	0500	Stand to - Patrols report all clear.	
		1000	Padre holds communion service - good attendance Few shells on Bn area	
		1300	8 planes bomb and machine gun left flanking unit one brought down. - Quiet day with intermittent shelling on FDL's during afternoon	
		2200	Patrols on all fronts.	JLH

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Unit 2/13 Bns

Date and Time.—From 9 June 41 To 10 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Monday 9 June	0500	Stand to - Patrols report booby traps on B Coy front. Observers have moved fwd from B and C Coys to observe from positions during the day well fwd from FDLs.	
		1500	Heavy and accurate shelling on FDLs during the evening some casualties and damage to equipment.	
		2200	Patrols on all fronts - B Coy have det. of engineers with them patrol to investigate and remove booby traps reported on left flank as it is proposed to advance for line commencing night 10/11 Engineers locate many booby traps of various kinds and remove 60. Patrols on these fronts report no unusual activity.	See all to att page D Giff
	10 June	0500	Stand to.	
		0700	Preparations for fwd move. His rules that it shall be done in two nights instead of four. Pioneer pl and reserve Coy making concertinas of banked wire to be used by boys after moving fwd.	
		1600	Evening session of heavy shelling on fwd boys. Some casualties E arty has own guns ranged accurately and amount of damage surprisingly small for the quantity and proximity of the shells.	
		2200	Evening meal arrives, pattern of this meal governs all movement at night.	
		2400	Evening party and sappers move out to remove remaining booby traps and make area safe for working	

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Date and Time.—From 10 June 41 To 11 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Tuesday 10 June	(Cont.)	Party working party to move out when given the OK	JLB
	11 June	0100	Working parties move fwd to dig new forms followed by wiring party who carry and erect the wire.	
			Digging and wiring progresses sometimes under MG and mortar fire.	
		0130	All work finished for night. Forms dug to average depth 4 ft and wired.	
		0500	Stand to. Quiet day, usual amount of enemy activity, no especial activity in vicinity. B Coy new forms. B Coy report many booby traps still in area fwd of their posn.	
			Shelling on other Coy forms continues throughout the day.	
		1600	Shelling intensifies on A & C Coys.	
		2340	Evening meal. 2nd Secs of A & C Coys move fwd before their meal to spitlocks their forms.	
		2400	B Coy digging parties move fwd supplying their own covering party.	
		0100	Covering party arrives and moves out to cover working parties of A & C Coys. A Coy digging parties move fwd with covering party. MG fire open on A Coy killing 1 engineer and 1 of the covering party. Work progresses despite hostile fire. One mortar fire on enemy posn.	
		0300	Left of C Coy strikes field of booby traps. Engineers commence to remove but wiring party explode	

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Unit 2/13 Bn Date and Time.—From 11 June 41 To 14 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Thursday 11 June 41		a booby trap killing 3 and wounding 5. MG opens up on sound of explosion wounding one man in the knee.	
	12 June 41	0430	Posns down to 4ft, wired and stocked with supplies.	Call
		0600	Stand to - Enemy shell old posns - attempts to range on new posns but not successful. Quiet day with little shelling.	
		2200	Patrols are only to guard parties working on improvement of posns. - to lay traps. GERMAN prisoners bringing rations	Call
FRIDAY 13 June	13 June	0500	Stand to - Quiet day, still hot in the day and cool at night.	
		1700	Shelling of old FDLs with some severity - No shells on new posns	
		2200	Patrols again in protective capacity - Nothing unusual to report. Booby trap field still active and supports given 11/72 mine field	Call
		14 June	1500	Stand to: Hearing some through of our air activity and descriptions of TOMAHAWK fighters circulated to all ranks.

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Unit 2/13 Bn AF Date and Time.—From 14 June 41 To 15 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Saturday 14 June		<p>Quiet day no enemy activity other than some shelling on the piers. D Coy to relieve B Coy 2/17 Bn now in position on our right left. Area is small and held with 4 sec front. — Mutually arranged between Coy Comds.</p> <p>2230 Relief starts. Salvo shells lands on D Coy area killing one and wounding three.</p> <p>Flare signal red over white seen to go up from unit on our right.</p> <p>2245 Report of 2 tanks — stand to —</p> <p>2300 Stand down — no further report of enemy.</p> <p>2300 Report of loss of trucks on minefield.</p>	
	15 June		<p>0500 Stand to</p> <p>1000 Padre holds service in O mess for attendance.</p> <p>Quiet day with some shelling in fwd areas. Further warnings of presence of own air craft.</p> <p>1335 Dense columns smoke seen in direction DERNA or GAZALA</p> <p>Falling off of shelling this afternoon.</p> <p>1700 Some shelling on C Coy L Coy to ship HQ tonight. Ship fwd slightly to escape shelling.</p> <p>2130 Coy Comds conference — Aggression patrolling</p> <p>2200 Standing Patrols for tonight — Nothing unusual.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>

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Unit 2/13 Bn Date and Time.—From 16 June 41 To 18 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Monday 16 June	0500	Stand to.	
			Reasonably quiet day with usual amount of shelling on fwd areas. Few shells in Pn HQ area.	
		1700	Snipers active when visibility improves.	
		2700	Patrols instructed to probe enemy defences.	
			HQ patrols report NMIS seen in vicinity wrecked plane and unoccupied weapon pits	Y.H.C.
	17 June	0500	Stand to.	
			Normal day. CO instructs Comd A to occupy weapon pits in vicinity plane if possible.	
			Hot day with increased air activity passing and repassing FORTRESS area due to operations on the frontier. All ranks anxiously waiting news of the operations.	Y.H.C.
		2200	Patrols as usual. A party finds enemy too strong to permit of occupation of weapon pits near wrecked plane. Some shelling on area during the night.	
	18 June	0500	Stand to.	
			Quiet day with some shelling on fwd bay posts.	

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Date and Time.—From 8 June 41 To 20 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Wednesday 18 June	2130	A boy & ration truck strikes minefield one man injured.	
		2200	Patrols as usual - Nothing unusual to report.	L.H.
	19 June	0500	Stand to - Uneventful day little enemy activity - few shells and some mortar bombs on F.D.'s	
		1800	Enemy m.c.s active as visibility improves, few Coy's return heavy fire onto enemy positions	
		2200	Patrols as usual - B Coy and A Coy HQ's to move to more advantageous positions	
		2400	Changes effected without trouble. Patrols strike nothing unusual.	L.H.
	20 June	0500	Stand to - Uneventful day some sniping and machine gun activity at dawn but things quiet as the sun rises - Hot day	
		1800	Enemy arty begins to shoot	
		1930	Put out 1st action fire of M.F.'s destroying one gun and damaging the other. No personnel injured though 4 shells landed in gun pits.	
		2200	Patrols as usual	
		2230	D Coy HQ shifts into pos vacated by B Coy	
		2400	Patrols have nothing unusual to report.	L.H.

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Date and Time.—From 21 June 41 To 22 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Saturday 21 June	0500	Stand to. - Some E mg activity at first light.	
		1000	CO goes to Bde to arrange further fwd move of left flank and to ensure cooperation from 2/15 Bn.	
		1300	Conference with Lt's Dana & boys relative to fwd move. Observation post manned by Lt. Durrell and 100 400 yds fwd I Coy to take stock of ground to be covered by fwd move. Reports many booby traps and anti-personnel mines - Move decided on. To dig one night and 2/15 Bn to occupy positions the following night.	Report at App E
		2200	Patrols as usual but little enemy activity some MG and mortar fire.	Gill
		22 June	0500	Stand to Little activity during the day some ineffective mortar fire on the fwd areas
		1200	Plans finalized for fwd move of I Coy. Lorrying parties supplied by Pioneer pl and 8 echelon. Wire and sandbags to be brought fwd as soon as it is dark so that work can begin immediately after the evening meal. Sappers provided to deal with booby traps	
		2200	First party moves out preceded by sappers and 2 "I" personnel to lay tape for guides and mark FDLs for digging party.	
		2400	Work well under way	Gill

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Date and Time.—From 23 June 41 To 24 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Monday 23 June	0100	Carrying party sets off booby trap - killing two and injuring one. Both fatalities from 1st pl. I MGs open up on scene of explosion but work proceeds	
		0400	Work ceases and all troops return to our lines.	
		0500	Stand to. Plan on front is that sec posts are dug to depth of 2ft 6ins and some wire on front. Wire will be completed tonight and sec posts improved, 2/15 to take over at 0400. Quiet day some arty fire during the night and early morning.	
		2200	Work proceeds sappers and I personnel clear and tape area for tactical sewing.	
		2300	2/15 Bn parties active bringing up supplies and recce area preparatory to taking over Some enemy MG fire but not sufficiently accurate to stop work	[Signature]
	24 June	0200	Parties of sappers and I men working from each end of wire meet in the middle booby trap explodes killing 4 and injuring 6 - killed 2 I men 1 sapper and 1 from I Coy. Enemy mortar immediately fires on area one bomb killing 3 and injuring 6 - killed 1 sapper 2 2/15 Bn. Wounded evacuated and 3 of the fatalities brought in. Lt Bunnell amongst the injured.	See report at Appx F
		0300	2/15 decide not to occupy posts	
		0400	All troops withdraw to trenches as it grows light	

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Date and Time.—From 24 June 41 To 25 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Tuesday 24 June	0500	Stand to -	
		2200	Some shelling and MG fire but generally quiet day - Plans for occupation of fwd posns changed - D Coy supplies covering and carrying parties - 2/15 to occupy. Movement's start - patrols from other Coy as usual. Patrols find nothing unusual. - Sappers continue to disarm anti personnel mines in fwd posns.	LWB
	25 June	0400	Take over by 2/15 completed D Coy returns to reserve posn. - No trouble experienced - Remaining bodies brought out satisfactorily.	
		0500 0900	Stand to Rece parties from 2/17 Bn to arrange for our relief. Boys will take over night 25/26. Sappers Recce to 2/17 area.	
		1200	Heavy mortar fire on to boys area killing two and injuring one a 2/17 representative. Bn area shelled at odd times throughout the day. Enemy shells saddy and other dead ground during the day and fwd areas and tracks during the night.	See 0011 Appx G att.
		2130	Relief begins We are responsible for the Patrols for the first part of the night.	

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Date and Time.—From 25 June 41 To 27 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Wednesday 25 June	2400	Relief continues satisfactorily.	
	26 June	0430	Relief completed without incident - some stragglers.	
		0500	Stand to - Ips rest	
		1400	CO's conference of Coy Comds. Ips will wash clothes clean up generally - Coy officers make themselves familiar with country in the event of center attack role being necessary. - Arrangements being made if possible for cot. for swimming parades - Ips in need of rest but in good spirits.	Lillo
	27 June	0500	Stand to - 6 Coy reports some shelling on area during the night.	
		0930	Ips busy with the cleaning. CO sets out on recce to contact units in Bde - 2/15 Bn HQ visited just from here to Bde and thence to 2/1 Pwd. Owing to situation this must be done on foot.	
		1500	All units contacted return to HQ	
			Quiet night nothing doing.	Lillo

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Date and Time.—From 28 June 41 To 30 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Saturday 28 June	0700	Swimming parties continue 20 from each bay spending whole day on beach - very healthful and much appreciated by all ranks.	
		2100	Quiet and uneventful day. Those tops not at beach busy washing clothes and sorting out gear. Adj and wife leave for two days at beach also to recon for position for shelter to be built large enough to house 4 or 5 officers - It is proposed to send the officers in turn + 10 or 12 pts to spend two days on the beach.	G.H.B.
		1000	Padre holds service in officers mess then makes round of D.A.S.C boys in turn holding a short service at each. Some ineffective shelling during day at odd points in Bn area.	No att. Routine Orders Army Form W3008 & W3009
			Nothing to report.	Patrol reports - Shelling reports G.H.B. and I summaries.
	30 June	0700	Pioneers report to Beach to build home for officers resting on beach. Poon has been picked and work proceeds.	No's diary - Map of operations for month.
			Nothing to report - Quiet goes - Swimming most popular.	G.H.B.

War Diary

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2/13 BN 00 HQ 7.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY.

- (a) Enemy hold SANGARS and WEAPON PITS on general line 40154289 to 40044282 at mean distance of 350 yds from our posns.
- (b) Weapon Pits have no parapet and are approx 30 yds fwd of SANGARS. In places there is a trip wire laid fwd of pits. No wiring of posns.

2. OWN POS.

2/13 Bn hold general line 40174290 to R.8, thence to R.9 with three coys fwd - "D" Coy right, "B" Coy left and "C" Coy reserve in Bn HQ Area 40204281.

INTENTION.

- 3. To move into reserve posn in the PILASTRINO Area.

METHOD.

- 4. Relief of 2/13 Bn by 2/15 Bn on night 1-2 Jun 41.

Time relief to commence:-

"A" Coy	-	2200 hrs
"B" Coy	-	2145 hrs.
"C" Coy	-	2230 hrs.
"D" Coy	-	2215 hrs.
"HQ" Coy & Bn HQ	-	2245 hrs.
RAF	-	2045 hrs.

5. RELIEF.

Details of relief to be mutually arranged between OG Coys concerned.

6. RES POSN.

Coys will move into reserve posns vacated by relieving coys of 2/15 Bn.

7. GUIDES.

- (a) I.O. will arrange for guides to report to HQ 2/15 Bn one hour before movement of personnel-carrying vehicles ~~leave~~ for Assembly Areas.
- (b) Guides will remain with tpt and on completion of relief of respective coys, will guide them to res posns.

METHOD (Cont).

8. PATROLS.

- (a) 1 NCO and 3 ORs from 2/15 Bn will report to "A", "B" and "D" Coys after last light, to move with coy patrols on night 1-2 Jun 41.
- (b) On completion of relief 1 NCO and 2 ORs per pl from "A", "B" and "D" Coys will remain behind and assist 2/15 Bn in patrolling during hours of darkness.
- (c) 2/15 Bn will arrange to return personnel to res posn.

9. COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Completion of relief will be signalled to Bn HQ by Code Word - "TARA".

ADMINISTRATION.

10. AMM.

Reserve Amm and ST Grenades to be left in Posts and taken over by incoming Unit.

11. TRK.

- (a) Pl trucks will report to Coy Kitchens at 1800 hrs and will move to fwd area with ration trucks.
- (b) RAF truck, Bn Office and Offrs' Mess truck will report to respective areas at 2030 hrs.

12. RATIONS - WATER.

Coys will ensure that three days reserve of rations and water is left in Posts and taken over by the incoming Unit.

13. WEAPONS.

- (a) Two VMGs (Vickers), two 81 mm Mortars will be handed over on loan to 2/15 Bn.
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INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- 14. Fwd Bn HQ will remain in present posn until relief is complete.

J. Kelly
Adjnt 2/13 Bn A.I.F. Capt

Time of signature -----1050 hrs.

Method of distribution -----BR.

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J. Kelly Capt
Adj't 2/13 Bn A.I.F.

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2/13 Bn A.I.F.
Standing Orders for Counter Attack.

Ref Map. - TOBRUK 1: 50,000

INFORMATION.

- 1. Enemy according to situation.

Intention.

- 2. To organise Bn as mob force to move at 30 minutes notice.

METHOD.

- 3. TPT. (a) Bn will be completely motorised with its own tpt and tpt carrying vehs from 309 RASC-Coy.
(b) Rifle Coys will each have six (6) three ton wagons.
(c) No 3 Pl will be provided with two (2) tks (1 ton)
(d) No 2 Pl will be provided with two (2) trucks (1 ton)

- 4. EMBUSSING PTS : Located as follows:-

- A Coy. In Coy Area WEST of rd opposite RASC Pk.
- B Coy Fwd Pls at Pl HQ. Res Pl and Coy HQ at Coy HQ.
- C Coy Fwd Pls at Pl HQ, Res Pl and Coy HQ at Coy HQ.
- D Coy. On rd along foot of escarpment WEST of Coy HQ
- No 3 Pl. In Pl area- 400x west of Bn HQ.

- 5. GUIDES. Coys will provide guides for vehicles as required as follows:-

- A Coy On rd near RASC Pk
- B Coy West of rd June near Coy HQ.
- C Coy East of rd June near B Coy HQ.
- D Coy At Cross rds at foot of escarpment at 40744306.

- 6. MOVEMENT. MT by day- 10 vtm.
MC by night- Vehicles will maintain touch.

ADM

- 7. SAA. Each rifleman to carry 100 rds in pouches, one bandolier SAA and 2 Grenades HE.
2 S.T. Grenados per Sec.

INTERCOM.

- 8. Communication will be by runner and MC/DR . Report centre will be established and its location advised to Coys who will detail one runner to remain there.

Coys will carry a R/T set 108 which will be used only as instructed

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 2/13 Bn A.I.F.

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2/13 Bn A.I.F.
Standing Orders for Counter Attack.

Ref Map. - TOBRUK 1: 50,000

INFORMATION.

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Intention.

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(b) Rifle Coys will each have six (6) three ton wagons.
(c) No 3 Pl will be provided with two (2) tks (1 ton)
(d) No 2 Pl will be provided with two (2) trucks (1 ton)

4. EMBUSsing Pts : Located as follows:-

- A Coy. In Coy Area WEST of rd opposite RASC Pk.
- B Coy Fwd PIs at Pl HQ. Res Pl and Coy HQ at Coy HQ.
- C Coy Fwd PIs at Pl HQ, Res Pl and Coy HQ at Coy HQ.
- D Coy. On rd along foot of escarpment WEST of Coy HQ
- No 3 Pl. In Pl area- 400x west of Bn HQ.

5. GUIDES. Coys will provide guides for vehicles as required as follows:-

- A Coy On rd near RASC Pk
- B Coy West of rd June near Coy HQ.
- C Coy East of rd June near B Coy HQ.
- D Coy At Cross rds at foot of escarpment at 40744306.

6. MOVEMENT. MI by day- 10 vtm.
MI by night- Vehicles will maintain touch.

ADM

7. SAA. Each rifleman to carry 100 rds in pouches, one bandolier SAA and 2 Grenades HE.
2 S.T. Grenades per Sec.

INTERCOM.

- 8 Communication will be by runner and MC/DR . Report centre will be established and its location advised to Coys who will detail one runner to remain there.

Coys will carry a R/T set 108 which will be used only as instructed

Richard L. Evans
Capt.
Adjt 2/13 Bn A.I.F.

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2/13 BN GO NO. 8

REF MAP.

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INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY.

As per Intelligence Summaries.

2. OWN TROOPS.

2/10 Bn in defensive posn general line 39854312-40084303.

2/13 Bn part of Div Reserve is in the PILASTERINO area.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Bn will relieve 2/10 Bn on Night 5-6 Jun 41.

METHOD.

4. RELIEF

- (a) The respective coys 2/10 Bn will be relieved by the same coys of 2/13 Bn in their present posns.
- (b) Details of relief other than matters herein specifically mentioned, to be mutually arranged between coy comds concerned.
- (c) Relief to be completed by 0300 hrs.

5. TIMINGS.

- (a) B Coy will leave present posn 2100 hrs Night 5-6 Jun 41.
D coy will leave present posn 2115 hrs Night 5-6 Jun 41.
C Coy will leave present posn 2130 hrs Night 5-6 Jun 41.
A Coy will leave present posn 2145 hrs Night 5-6 Jun 41.
- (b) Time for relief of Bn HQ and HQ Coy will be issued separately.

METHOD (Cont.)6. DEBUSSING AREA.

B Coy	-	40314316
D Coy	-	40204319
C Coy	-	40314316
A Coy	-	40204319
Bn HQ & HQ Coy	-	40204319

7. GUIDES.

Guides from debussing area to fwd area will be supplied by 2/10 Bn.

8. PATROLS.

- (a) On completion of relief 1 NCO and 2 ORs per pl from each fwd coy of 2/10 Bn will remain to assist in patrolling during the hours of darkness.
- (b) Bn HQ, 2/13 Bn, will arrange for return of these personnel to 2/10 Bn.

9. VEH.

- (a) Personnel-carrying vehicles will be supplied by 309 Coy RASC and will move out at times specified to debussing points.
- (b) Allotment of vehs:

B Coy	-	6 - 3-ton lorries.
D Coy	-	5 - 3-ton lorries
C Coy	-	6 - 3-ton lorries
A Coy	-	5 - 3-ton lorries

- (c) This tpt will be handed over to outgoing coys of 2/10 Bn.
- (d) F1 trucks will report as considered necessary at times to be notified.

10. EMERGENCY RATIONS.

- (a) 2/13 Bn will take over three days reserve rations and water as arranged. A corresponding amount of rations and water will be taken over by 2/10 Bn in reserve area.

11. AMM.

- (a) Each man will carry 150 rds and 2 Grenades MM. Other amm incl Grenades S.F. will remain in present posn. All amm held by 2/10 Bn less that carried on the man will be left in fwd areas.
- (b) RSM will arrange to replace all amm left in fwd area by 2/10 Bn.

METHOD (Cont.)

12. B. MCH.

B Mch tpt will remain in its present posn.

Coy kitchens, unless otherwise notified, will move back after dark to present B Mch area.

ADMINISTRATION.

13. RAP will move to posn occupied by 2/10 Bn RAP. Details to be mutually arranged by RMOs.

14. SUP. ANN. WATER.

On completion of move will be as follows:-

- (a) Sup. 24 FSO - DENNA RD.
- (b) Aps. DENNA RD - 40654343.
- (c) Wps. 839 Junc RD DENNA-PILASTERINO.

INFORMATION.

15. LINE COMM.

Will be maintained throughout relief in 2/10 Bn area.

16. CODE FOR RELIEF.

The following Code Words will be telephoned to Command Posts when applicable:-

Relief of A Coy completed	-	"ARTHUR"
" " B "	-	"WILLIAM"
" " C "	-	"THOMAS"
" " D "	-	"HENRY"
" " HQ "	-	"PAUL"

ACK.

J. Kelly
 Capt
 A&S 2/13 Bn. AIF.

Time of signature - 2235 hrs.

Method of distribution - DR.

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MEKO.

8 Jun 41.

PATROL REPORT - NIGHT 6/7 JUN 41.

Our IO and one OR proceed^{ed} to point 173 FORBES MOUND for the purpose of checking posns. Enemy on immediate front could be heard plainly driving stakes so decided to move out and investigate further.

Moved fwd due SOUTH from 173 a distance of about 100x to derelect ITALIAN tank CV3. (3 ton - 2 man tank.) Tank was examined for enemy. It's two MUs appear to be still in position. Moved further 20x South, from which point enemy could be seen in three groups working on defences. Observed through field-glasses and could count 15 figures in large group, 8 in smaller group and third group could not be counted, est about 3 or 4 men. Est distance 400x.

Moved further fwd and slightly left for approx 80x and came upon dug posn thought to have been occupied previously by our own tps at some earlier date, as the posn is constructed to face perimeter and was intended to contain one pl.

P1 post was investigated and a considerable amount of SAA was found and much equipment and rations scattered in the bays.

Patrol returned to FORBES MOUND carrying some of the lighter stores and guided ~~and guided back~~ a party to bring in the heavier articles. Up to the time of the Patrol leaving FORBES MOUND to go to BATE C. there had been brought in, 1 British 2" Mortar complete, 2 boxes 2" Mortar ammunition, 1 Rifle and sundry rations and tools. 10,000 rds SAA in cartons and 1 box 2" Mortar amn had been collected for recovery and more SAA was seen to be scattered round the posts.

This posn was well dug to depth of 4ft with dugouts for sleeping - crawl trenches to rear bays.

Est distance from FORBES MOUND 150-200x on approx bearing 175 deg.

Constitutes danger to our posns if enemy patrols are vigorous or in the case of an enemy attack.

The post has now been occupied by a watching patrol of 1 Sec. The remainder of the equipment is being collected and will be returned to Bn.HQ. night 8/9.

J. B. ...
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SILVER : MEKO.

War diary

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10 Jun 41.

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2/13 BN CO NO. 10

REF MAP: TORROK 1 : 50,000.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY. As per Intelligence summaries.
Enemy on 2/13 Bn front in MEDAUUAR Salient hold general line from 57-S6-40024297.

From reports the line is held fairly strongly with MG, Mortars and Arty support.
2. OWN TROOPS. 20 Aust Inf Bde holds MEDAUUAR Salient. 2/13 Bn on general line 39854315 - 39954304 - 40054303.

2/1 Fnr Bn on right, holding Perimeter Posts with left flank in S.S.

2/17 Bn on left on general line 40054303 - 40204293.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Bn will move FDLs fwd from present posn to general line 39844312 - 39954304 - 40014299 in order to shorten the present front, obtain better observation and to be in closer contact with the enemy.

METHOD.

4. NIGHT 10/11 JUN.
 - (a) B Coy will dig in, camouflage and wire new posns along general line 39954304 - 40014299.
(Shown in BROWN on attached sketch)
 - (b) This posn will be dug for occupation by ~~three~~ ^{three} two pls fwd and will be completed and occupied on night 11/12 Jun.
5. NIGHT 11/12 JUN.
 - (a) C Coy will dig in, camouflage and wire new posns along general line 39894309 - 39944305.
(Shown in GREEN on attached sketch).
 - (b) The posn will be dug for occupation by two pls fwd and will be completed and occupied on night 12/13 Jun.
6. NIGHT 12/13 JUN.
 - (a) A Coy will dig in, camouflage new posn along general line 39844312 - ~~39844309~~ ³⁹⁸⁹⁴³⁰⁹.
(Shown in PURPLE on attached sketch).
 - (b) The posn will be dug for occupation by two pls fwd and will be completed and occupied on night 12/13 Jun.

MINICO (Cont).

7. No movement to new posns will take place before 2200 hrs. Whilst new posns are being dug one sec per pl will remain in present posn.
8. COVERING PARTY. One pl B Coy will be utilised as covering party and will report to Coy Hq as follows:-
 - B. Coy on night 10/11 Jun at 2200 hrs.
 - C. Coy " " 11/12 " " 2200 "
 - A. Coy " " 12/13 " " 2200 "Covering parties to be withdrawn and clear of respective Coy's areas by 0530 hrs.
9. GUIDES. It will arrange for one guide from each pl to be in posn on fuel line on right of pl area - guides will be in posn before movement of working parties.
10. HAZARDOUS AREAS.
 - (a) Two HCOs and 20 MF personnel from B Ech will act as carrying parties and will report to Coy Hqs in accordance with dates and times laid down in para 8 above.
 - (b) CC Coys will ensure that carrying parties are clear of Coy areas by 0430 hrs.
 - (c) These parties will be clear of Ba Area by 0530 hrs.
11. FIRING. Pl F1 will report to Coy Hq in accordance with date and times outlined in para. 8 above.
 - Priority
 - Expenditure of work.
 - (a) Single concertina fence across Coy front
 - (b) wiring of pl localities if wire and time permits.
12. ARTY. Pl Fd Regt will be prepared to fire on Coy front on any hostile enemy posns at first light on morning of occupation of new posns by respective Coys.
13. MORTARS. Mortar Pl will engage any hostile enemy posns at first light on morning of occupation of new posns by respective Coys.
14. MINES. One dot of Eggs from 2/13 Pl Coy will move fwd with each coy to clear any Booby Traps etc that may be encountered.

ADMINISTRATION.

15. WATER STORES.
 - (a) 1000 sandbags will be delivered by QM to B, C and A Coys at 2200hrs on 10 Jun.

ADMINISTRATION (Cont)

15. AMMUNITION STORES (Cont)

(b) All available concert wire and pickets will be distributed to Coy HQ on the night previous to that of move.

16. INTERCOMM. Sig Offr will arrange to run new line to new locations whilst they are being dug. On occupation of new lines will be immediately connected.

Bn HQ will remain in present posn.

17. Coy Comds concerned will report to Bn HQ when occupation of new areas is completed by the Code Word - "ARRIVED".

Kelly
Capt
Majt 2/13 Bn AIF.

Method of issue... *D.R.*....

Time of signature... *1200*....hrs.

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10 Jun 41.

2/13 BN OP NO. 10

REF MAP: TEBRUK 1 : 50,000.

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METHOD (Cont).

7. No movement to new positions will take place before 2200 hrs. Whilst new positions are being dug one sec per pl will remain in present position.
8. COVERING PARTY. One pl B Coy will be utilised as covering party and will report to Coy HQ as follows:-
- | | | | | |
|--------|----------|-----------|----|-----------|
| B. Coy | on night | 10/11 Jun | at | 2200 hrs. |
| G. Coy | " | 11/12 | " | 2200 " |
| A. Coy | " | 12/13 | " | 2200 " |
- Covering parties to be withdrawn and clear of respective Coy's areas by 0530 hrs.
9. GUIDES. IC will arrange for one guide from each pl to be in position on fwd line on right of pl area - guides will be in position before movement fwd of working parties.
10. CARRYING PARTY.
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 - OC Coys will ensure that carrying parties are clear of Coy areas by 0430 hrs.
 - These parties will be clear of BA Area by 0530 hrs.
11. WIRING. Par Pl will report to Coy HQ in accordance with date and times outlined in para. 8 above.
- Priority
RECONSTRUCTION OF WORK.
- Single concertina fence across Coy front
 - Wiring of pl localities if wire and time permits.
12. ARTY. Pl Pd Regt will be prepared to fire on Coy front on any hostile enemy positions at first light on morning of occupation of new positions by respective coys.
13. MORTARS. Mortar Pl will engage any hostile enemy positions at first light on morning of occupation of new positions by respective Coys.
14. ENGINEERS. One det of Engrs from 2/13 Pd Coy will move fwd with each coy to clear any booby traps etc that may be encountered.

ADMINISTRATION.

15. FOOD STORES.
- 1000 sandbags will be delivered by GH to B, G and A Coys at 2200hrs on 10 Jun.

ADMINISTRATION (Cont)

15. AMMUNITION STORES (Cont)

(b) All available handcart wire and pickets will be distributed to Coy HQs on the night previous to that of move.

16. INTERCOMMS. Sig Offr will arrange to run new line to new locations whilst they are being dug. On occupation of posn lines will be immediately connected.

Bn HQ will remain in present posn.

17. Coy Comds concerned will report to Bn HQ when occupation of new areas is completed by the Code Word - "ARRIVED".

J. Kelly Capt
Adjts 2/13 Bn AIF.

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2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
21 June 41.

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Patrol " D" Coy. 20 June 1941.
Lieut J? Burrell Pte Davidson.

OBJECT.

To observe ground in front of D Coy FDLs.

METHOD.

Moved out through rt Platoon D Coy and along the left of D Coy wire. On striking ditch moved left about 200x and took up position on bend (OP) time 0445 hours. Return direct through right platoon D Coy, 1200 hours.

NARRATIVE.

Before light became too strong took opportunity to disarm booby traps. Ground in front of OP in general direction of enemy is flat, bushy and covered with sangers and crawl tranches. Just before enemy wire (which is about 300x from ditch) ground appears to fall away slightly. The left of the enemy wire is on a bearing 210° and continues right till obscured by No 11 Pl fwd wire in approximate vicinity of 173. The ditch and forward of it bear no evidence of very recent occupation but works are in fair state of preservation but of course, facing the wrong way for our purposes. From the sketch it will be seen that the ditch practically encloses the area in front of D Coy in a very rough square. This square contains a few old sangers and a line of booby traps along general line 10 to 15 yards in rear of the south west side. These are all apparently of the type submitted to GOLD for inspection. Enemy wire appears to be steel picket double apron. Sangers are not visible on enemy side of wire.

Machine gun firing on our troops seems to be situated somewhere in front of 173, some bullets striking NIXONS POST.

Roads marked on sketch are taken off "I" Sec enlargement and were not visible from OP.

German sangers: Usual type about 3 to 4 feet deep with earth piled up about 2 to 3 feet to sharp crest, topped with paper sandbags. Peep holes in parapet are made of metal piping approx 2" in diameter.

It seems apparent that with confirmation forthcoming from 2/15 Bn it would be to our advantage to occupy new FDLs a pprox 100x fwd of ditch at its part farthest south.

(Signed) J.R. Burrell Lieut.

The move fwd of FDLs, 2/13 Bn as per OO No 10.

Handwritten red markings, possibly a signature or initials.

The time schedule for the move fwd was shortened to two nights instead of four. This was accomplished, but engineering stores were not available to completely wire the front. This however, will be done as soon as wire is made available.

B Coy on left moved fwd, dug in and occupied new posns on night 10/11 Jun. A Coy and C Coy did likewise on night 11/12 Jun. Throughout the whole day of 10 Jun one sec of D Coy occupied old diggings previously discovered by patrols approx 200 yds fwd of the then Coy FDLs.

Booby traps had been reported in the area to be occupied by left pl of B Coy and Engrs had gone fwd, covered by a patrol on night 9/10 Jun to investigate and remove them. They removed approx 60 of various types on night 9/10 Jun. Booby traps took many forms. MT Pits, and vacated weapon pits contained quantities of ITALIAN hand grenades, either loosely scattered or attached to pieces of flat board. These grenades were prepared to explode when disturbed. Explosives attached to trip wires, attached to taut wires which when cut caused explosion, attached to or concealed in everyday articles, such as ration tins, loaves of bread, articles of clothing and so prepared that they exploded when stepped on. Technical details of these traps may be obtained from Engrs. The Engrs were not able to clear all booby traps from area on night 9/10 Jun but continued their work on night 10/11 Jun assisted by our Pnr Pl. The exact number of traps removed is not known but it was considerable and many traps have been left fwd of our posns to render area equally inaccessible to enemy. On night 9/10 Jun we suffered one OR killed and one Sgt injured by the explosion of one of these booby traps.

Time of arrival of evening meal governed the timing of the programme. Rations arrived at 2215 hrs and by the time Engrs with their covering party had declared the area safe for working it was 0130 hrs, before digging commenced. A wiring party from our Pnr Pl wired the posns as the digging progressed.

Work was held up at intervals by heavy enemy MG fire and an enemy Mortar attempted to range on the working party. Work was interrupted, but as no casualties resulted the work was pushed fwd sometimes under fire. Weapon Pits were dug for the whole Coy to a depth of approx 4 ft, in some case were linked by crawl trenches and the whole Coy Front with the exception of 100 yds was wired by 0430 hrs.

Wiring Party and Engrs returned at 0430 hrs and posns were occupied complete with three days reserve water, rations, arms, amm and eqpt by 0500 hrs. Normal shelling, sniping and machine gunning was experienced, day 11 Jun.

Coy had moved fwd a mean distance of 350-400 yards.

L/T established as digging commenced.

The same procedure was adopted by A and C Coys on night 11/12 Jun. Engrs representatives moved fwd with the covering party in the event of unreported booby traps being discovered. With A Coy, Engrs had specific task of investigating and, if necessary, clearing minefields previously reported by our patrols.

Parties went fwd as soon as it became dark to locate and spitlock posns before moon rise so that working parties could move out and commence digging with minimum movement. Arrival of rations and hot evening meal again governed commencement of operations.

A Coys rations arrived at 2300 hrs and the covering party consisting of one pl supplied by reserve coy 0050 hrs. Wiring party supplied by Pnr Pl arrived at 0130 hrs.

The fwd move of the left pl was severely hampered by MG and Mortar fire. Very heavy MG fire also opened on B Coy but this neutralised by fire from B Coy's Bren Guns. Digging commenced at 0200 hrs.

At 0230 hrs work on the left flank of A Coy was interrupted by MG and some Mortar fire killing one OR of the covering party and one OR of the Mgrs. Our Mortar had previously registered on targets in area and fire was brought to bear, silencing the enemy.

Contact was made with the 2/1 Pnr Bn on the right and C Coy on the left.

Wiring party covered main portions of the front with wire but spent the last hour of darkness bringing fwd water, rations and amm.

Posns dug to approx depth of 4 ft and all tps other than A Coy out of area by 0430 hrs.

Coy moved fwd on general front 400 yds.

L/T established as digging commenced.

The fwd move of C Coy was commenced by fwd sections, who moved up with their own covering parties at 2400 hrs, reaced the new posns and commenced digging. The main body of the Coy together with covering party of one pl from reserve coy and a det of Engrs moved fwd at 0200 hrs.

One sec of left pl adapted and occupied posn previously held by 2/24 Bn and reported by us in Patrol Report for night 10/11 Jun. This posn was already wired and thereby saved much work. The right of C Coy progressed without incident but on the left, an area of thickly laid booby traps was discovered, which area the Engrs proceeded to clear. As the wiring party consisting of Pnr Personnel and some attached AASC Personnel was moving fwd carrying wire stores, a very heavy explosion occurred killing three men and injuring four. The exact cause of the explosion is not known, but either one of the party contacted a trip wire from a booby trap or stepped on some form of contact mine. This explosion attracted the attention of the enemy who fired occasional bursts from MGs from general direction of left platoon. One OR was wounded, but notwithstanding this fire the digging and wiring was kept going.

Covering and wiring parties left by 0445 hrs. Posns dug to depth of 4 ft and completely stocked by 0500 hrs.

C Coy advanced from 300 yds on left to 500 yds on right.

L/T established as digging commenced.

At daylight the enemy was very active and MG and Mortar fire with some sniping, was directed at the new posns.

C Coy also reported that enemy arty shelled old posn area.

The fire was answered in kind and at 0800 hrs enemy fire from fwd posns slackened considerably. Intermittent shelling continues - one casualty after daylight.

GENERAL. The fwd movement shortens the Bn Front by approx 600 yds giving closer touch with enemy and an improved field of fire.

The shortening of the line enables the front to be held with a Coy disposition of two pls fwd giving depth that was previously lacking.

Contact with Post S.8 removed isolation of that post and considerably strengthens the position of S.10.

Glyndwr Iwan Jones

Silver MEKO

The move fwd of FDLs, 2/13 Bn as per CO No 10.

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The time schedule for the move fwd was shortened to two nights instead of four. This was accomplished, but engineering stores were not available to completely wire the front. This however, will be done as soon as wire is made available.

B Coy on left moved fwd, dug in and occupied new posns on night 10/11 Jun. A Coy and C Coy did likewise on night 11/12 Jun. Throughout the whole day of 10 Jun one sec of D Coy occupied old diggings previously discovered by patrols approx 200 yds fwd of the then Coy FDLs.

Booby traps had been reported in the area to be occupied by left pl of B Coy and Engrs had gone fwd, covered by a patrol on night 9/10 Jun to investigate and remove them. They removed approx 60 of various types on night 9/10 Jun. Booby traps took many forms. MT Pits, and vacated weapon pits contained quantities of ITALIAN hand grenades, either loosely scattered or attached to pieces of flat board. These grenades were prepared to explode when disturbed. Explosives attached to trip wires, attached to taut wires which when cut caused explosion, attached to or concealed in everyday articles, such as ration tins, loaves of bread, articles of clothing and so prepared that they exploded when stepped on. Technical details of these traps may be obtained from Engrs. The Engrs were not able to clear all booby traps from area on night 9/10 Jun but continued their work on night 10/11 Jun assisted by our Pnr Pl. The exact number of traps removed is not known but it was considerable and many traps have been left fwd of our posns to render area equally inaccessible to enemy. On night 9/10 Jun we suffered one OR killed and one Sgt injured by the explosion of one of these booby traps.

Time of arrival of evening meal governed the timing of the programme. Rations arrived at 2215 hrs and by the time Engrs with their covering party had declared the area safe for working it was 0130 hrs, before digging commenced. A wiring party from our Pnr Pl wired the posns as the digging progressed.

Work was held up at intervals by heavy enemy MG fire and an enemy Mortar attempted to range on the working party. Work was interrupted, but as no casualties resulted the work was pushed fwd sometimes under fire. Weapon Pits were dug for the whole Coy to a depth of approx 4 ft, in some case were linked by crawl trenches and the whole Coy Front with the exception of 100 yds was wired by 0430 hrs.

Wiring Party and Engrs returned at 0430 hrs and posns were occupied complete with three days reserve water, rations, arms, amm and eqpt by 0500 hrs. Normal shelling, sniping and machine gunning was experienced, day 11 Jun.

Coy had moved fwd a mean distance of 350-400 yards.

L/T established as digging commenced.

The same procedure was adopted by A and C Coys on night 11/12 Jun. Engrs representatives moved fwd with the covering party in the event of unreported booby traps being discovered. With A Coy, Engrs had specific task of investigating and, if necessary, clearing minefields previously reported by our patrols.

Parties went fwd as soon as it became dark to locate and spitlock posns before moon rise so that working parties could move out and commence digging with minimum movement. Arrival of rations and hot evening meal again governed commencement of operations.

A Coys rations arrived at 2300 hrs and the covering party consisting of one pl supplied by reserve coy 0050 hrs. Wiring party supplied by Pnr Pl arrived at 0130 hrs.

The fwd move of the left pl was severely hampered by MG and Mortar fire. Very heavy MG fire also opened on B Coy but this neutralised by fire from D Coy's Bren Guns. Digging commenced at 0200 hrs.

At 0230 hrs work on the left flank of A Coy was interrupted by MG and some Mortar fire killing one OR of the covering party and one OR of the Engrs. Our Mortar had previously registered on targets in area and fire was brought to bear, silencing the enemy.

Contact was made with the 2/1 Pnr Bn on the right and C Coy on the left.

Wiring party covered main portions of the front with wire but spent the last hour of darkness bringing fwd water, rations and amm.

Posns dug to approx depth of 4 ft and all tps other than A Coy out of area by 0430 hrs.

Coy moved fwd on general front 400 yds.

L/T established as digging commenced.

The fwd move of C Coy was commenced by fwd sections, who moved up with their own covering parties at 2400 hrs, recced the new posns and commenced digging. The main body of the Coy together with covering party of one pl from reserve coy and a det of Engrs moved fwd at 0700 hrs.

One sec of left pl adapted and occupied posn previously held by 2/24 Bn and reported by us in Patrol Report for night 10/11 Jun. This posn was already wired and thereby saved much work. The right of C Coy progressed without incident but on the left, an area of thickly laid booby traps was discovered, which area the Engrs proceeded to clear. As the wiring party consisting of Pnr Personnel and some attached AASC Personnel was moving fwd carrying wire stores, a very heavy explosion occurred killing three men and injuring four. The exact cause of the explosion is not known, but either one of the party contacted a trip wire from a booby trap or stepped on some form of contact mine. This explosion attracted the attention of the enemy who fired occasional bursts from MGs from general direction of left platoon. One OR was wounded, but notwithstanding this fare the digging and wiring was kept going.

Covering and wiring parties left by 0445 hrs. Posns dug to depth of 4 ft and completely stocked by 0500 hrs.

C Coy advanced from 300 yds on left to 500 yds on right.

L/T established as digging commenced.

At daylight the enemy was very active and MG and Mortar fire with some sniping, was directed at the new posns.

C Coy also reported that enemy arty shelled old posn area.

The fire was answered in kind and at 0800 hrs enemy fire from fwd posns slackened considerably. Intermittent shelling continues - one casualty after daylight.

GENERAL. The fwd movements shortens the Bn Front by approx 600 yds giving closer touch with enemy and an improved field of fire.

The shortening of the line enables the front to be held with a Coy disposition of two pls fwd giving depth that was previously lacking.

Contact with Post S.8 removed isolation of that post and considerably strengthens the position of S.10.

Gynderd Lewis
for Silver MBEKO

2/13 BN. 00 No. 11.

REF MAP.

TOBROK overprint 1 : 50000

INFORMATION.1. ENEMY.

The enemy hold perimeter posts S 7 to R 7 inclusive and in the salient opposite the 2/13 Bn they hold general line S 7 - S 6 - 39844308 - 40014297 - 40034292. This line is held with many alternate posts and LMGs which it is estimated are moved frequently. The left hand front of Bn area is thickly laid with anti personnel mines and booby traps.

2. OWN TPS.

20 Aust Inf Bde holds MEDAUUAR salient with three Bns fwd. 2/1 Par Bn on right holding to S 8 and 2/15 Bn on left with three Coys in the salient and one Coy holding Posts R 8-9-10. 2/13 Bn holds general line 39854312 - 39914305 - 40024300 - 40094301 with three Coys fwd, A Coy on right C Coy on left.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Bn will be relieved in the SAS EL MEDAUUAR sector by 2/17 Bn on night 25/26 Jun 41.

METHOD.4. RELIEF.

(a) On night 25/26 Jun 41 relief will be carried out and on completion of relief Coys will move independently to reserve posns after reporting to Bn H.Q.

(b) RELIEF OF COYS.

"A" Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by "A" Coy 2/17 Bn.
 "B" Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by "D" Coy 2/17 Bn.
 "C" Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by "C" Coy 2/17 Bn.
 "D" Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by "B" Coy 2/17 Bn.
 "HQ" Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by "HQ" Coy 2/17 Bn.

(c) Coys of 2/13 Bn will move into reserve posns vacated by relieving Coys with the exception of "D" Coy who will move to posn previously occupied by "HQ" Coy 2/17 Bn. Reserve posn for "HQ" Coy 2/13 Bn will be advised.

5. TIMES OF RELIEF.

- (a) No movement in fwd area before 2130 hrs.
 (b) Relief to be completed by 0400 hrs.
 (c) Details of relief including routes to be arranged mutually between Coy Comds.

6. NUCLEUS PARTY.

- (a) 2/17 Bn. Necessary recce will be carried out by Offrs and Pl representatives on night 24/25 Jun 41. Nucleus party comprising one representative for each Coy, Pl, and Section will remain in fwd areas on 25 Jun 41 to obtain all possible information. Reserve rations, water and trench stores will be checked during this period. Every assistance will be given to these personnel.
- (b) 2/13 Bn. The following personnel will report at Bn Hq at 0830 hrs on 25 Jun 41 for recce of reserve posns

6. NUCLEUS PARTY.
(b) Continued.

O.C. Recce Party.	Maj R.W. Turner.
A. Coy.	Coy 2 1/c and 3 ORs.
B. Coy	do
C. Coy	do
D. Coy	do
Bn. HQ.	S.B Sgt and 1 OR (I Sec)
HQ Coy.	1 Offr 1/c and 1 NCO from Pls 1 to 5.

Recce party will ~~XXXX~~ remain with 2/17 Bn on 25 June.

GUIDES.

7. (a) Coy 2 1/c will guide the respective Coys of 2/17 Bn from reserve posn to RV (Coy HQ) as arranged mutually between OC Coys. Coys of 2/17 Bn will be met by Pl guides from 2/13 Bn in these areas.
- (b) 2/17 Bn will supply guides to reserve posns for Coys 2/13 Bn. To meet outgoing troops at RV Coy HQ.

PATROLS.

8. On night of relief normal patrolling will be carried out by fwd Coys. On completion of relief 1 NCO and 2 ORs per Pl will remain behind for this purpose. These personnel will be withdrawn at first light and returned to Res posn under arrangements by 2/17 Bn.

MEDICAL.

9. RA P will remain open at present posn. HMO's will make mutual arrangements for handing over.

AMM.

10. OC Coys will take their G 1098 scale of Amn (same scale for enemy weapons as for British) The following table shows the amn to be left in posts. This will be replaced by 2/17 Bn in reserve posn.

AMMUNITION.

Coy.	BDR.	CTN.	55 A Tk	2" Mor HE.	Hand Grenades.	ST Gren.	Smoke Generator:
A	4000	30,000	100	90	-	30	-
B	4000	20,000	500	-	-	21	-
C	-	30,000	150	-	-	14	-
D	4000	10,000	100	284	-	20	-
HQ	-	10,000	-	-	-	10	5
Bn Res.	3000	20,000	460	108	48	-	50
TOTAL.	15000	120,000	1310	482	48	95	55

TPT

11. 2/17 Bn tpt will be utilised for stores, equipment etc., to reserve posn.
12. B Ech will remain in its present posn.

TRENCH STORES.

13. (a) A complete list of trench stores will be maintained by each Coy and a signed receipt will be obtained from the relieving Coy on handing over.

TRENCH STORES Contd.

13. (b) Telephones, switchboards and cable (arrangements ^{to be} made for this handover by Sig Offrs of each Unit). Two Sigs, (linemen) will remain at Sig Office until first light on 26 June, in order that any breaks in the line may be adjusted during the hours of darkness.
- (c) All stores supplied by Engrs, including wire, sandbags, timber, periscopes etc., will remain in posts.

WEAPONS.

14. All weapons including captured enemy weapons will be taken with Coys.

RESERVE RATIONS & WATER.

- 14A (a) Three days reserve rations in the form of pres meat and biscuits will be handed over to incoming unit as follows:-

Coy.	Pres Meat tins.	Biscuits. lbs.
A	396	300
B	408	309
C	426	320
D	420	320

- (b) Reserve water will be handed over as below:-

Coy.	Water Gals.	Details of containers.
A	130	33 x 2 Gals- 3 x 15 gals, 1 x 45 gals.
B	157	17 x 4 gals- 4 x 15 gals- 2 x 45 gals.
C	162	37 x 2 gals- 2 x 45 gals.
D	160	4 x 45 gals.

Similar amounts of reserve rations and water will be left in Coy areas by 2/17 Bn at Res Posn/ No exchange of reserve rations and water will take place between HQ Coys and Bn HQs.
Receipts will be signed for Amn, Water, and rations handed over.

INTERCOM.

15. Bn HQ will close at 40144323 and reopen at 30324315 at a time to be notified.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

16. Code words for indication of completion of respective reliefs as under:-

A	Hunk.
B	Tunk.
C	Bunk.
D	Junk.
HQ	Hunk.
Bn HQ	Sunk.

ACK.

Kelly Capt.
Adj. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

Time of Signature.....
Method of Distribution.....

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ Coy	No 1.
A Coy	No 2.
B Coy.	No 3.
C Coy.	No 4.
D Coy.	No 5.
Comd.	No 6.
2/17 Bn	No 7.
20 Aust Inf Bde	No 8.
2 i/c	No 9.
T.O?	No 10.
Q.M.	No 11.
Sig Offr	No 12.
I.O.	No 13.
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2/13 Bn. CC. HQ 11.

REF MAP:- TOBRUK overprint 1: 50000

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY.

The enemy hold perimeter posts S 7 to R 7 inclusive and in the salient opposite the 2/13 Bn they hold general line S 7² S 6 39844308 - 40014297 - 40034292. This line is held with many alternate posts and LMGs which it is estimated are moved frequently. The left hand front of an area is thickly laid with anti-personnel mines and booby traps.

2. OUR POS.

20 Aust Inf Bde holds MEDAUUAR salient with 3 Bns fwd/ 2/1 Par Bn on right holding to 38 and 2/15 Bn on left with three Coys in the salient and one Coy holding posts R8² 10 2/13 Bn holds general line 39854312 - 39914305 - 40024300 - 40094301 with three Coys fwd, A Coy on right C Coy on left.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Bn will be relieved in the RAS EL MEDAUUAR sector by 2/17 Bn on night 25/26 Jun 41.

METHOD.

4. RELIEF.

(a) On night 25/26 Jun 41 relief will be carried out and on completion of relief Coys will move independently to reserve posts after reporting to Bn HQ.

(b) RELIEF OF COYS.

A Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by A Coy 2/17 Bn.
B Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by D Coy 2/17 Bn.
C Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by C Coy 2/17 Bn.
D Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by B Coy 2/17 Bn.
HQ Coy 2/13 Bn will be relieved by HQ Coy 2/17 Bn.

(c) Coys of 2/13 Bn will move into reserve posts vacated by relieving Coys with the exception of "D" Coy who will move to post previously occupied by HQ Coy 2/17 Bn. Reserve post for HQ Coy 2/13 Bn will be advised.

5. TIMES OF RELIEF.

- (a) No movement in fwd areas before 2130 hours.
(b) Relief to be completed by 0400 hours.
(c) Details of relief including routes to be arranged mutually between Coy Comds.

NUCLEUS PARTY.

6. (a) 2/17 Bn. Necessary recon will be carried out by Officers and PI representatives on night 24/25 Jun 41. Nucleus party comprising one representative for each Coy, PI, and Section will remain in fwd areas on 25 Jun 41 to obtain all possible information. Reserve rations, water and trench stores will be checked during this period. Every assistance will be given to these personnel.
(b) 2/13 Bn. The following personnel will report at Bn HQ at 0830 hours 25 Jun 41 for recon of reserve posts.

NUCLEUS PARTY

6. (b) Continued.

O.C. Reece Party.

A Coy
 B Coy
 C Coy
 D Coy
 BN HQ
 HQ Coy

Maj R.W. Turner.

Coy 2 i/c and 3 ORs.

do

do

do

SB Sgt and 1 OR (I Sec)

1 Off i/c and 1 NCO from Pls 1 to 5.

Reece party will remain with 2/17 Bn on 25 June.

GUIDES.

7. (a) Coy 2 i/c will guide the respective Coys of 2/17 Bn from reserve posn to RV (Coy HQ) as arranged mutually between OC Coys. Coys of 2/17 Bn will be met by Pl guides from 2/13 Bn in these areas.

(b) 2/17 Bn will supply guides to reserve posns for Coys 2/13 Bn. To meet outgoing tps at RV Coy HQ.

PATROLS.

8. On night of relief normal patrollings will be carried out by fwd coys. On completion of relief 1 NCO and 2 ORs per Pl will remain behind for this purpose. These personnel will be withdrawn at first light and returned to reserve posn under arrangements by 2/17 Bn.

MEDICAL.

9. RAP will remain open at present posn. RMO's will make mutual arrangements for handing over.

AMN.

10. OC Coys will take their G 1098 scale of Amn (same scale for enemy weapons as for British) The following table shows the amn to be left in posts. This will be replaced by 2/17 Bn in reserve posn.

AMMUNITION.

Coy.	BDR	CPN	55 A TK	2" MOR HE	Hand Grenades.	S.T. Gren.	Smoke Generators
A	4000	30,000	100	90	-	30	-
B	4000	20,000	500	-	-	21	-
C	-	30,000	150	-	-	14	-
D	4000	10,000	100	284	-	20	-
HQ	-	10,000	-	-	-	10	5
Bn Res	3000	20,000	460	108	48	-	50.
TOTAL	15000	120,000	1310	482	48	95	55

TPT.

11. 2/17 Bn tpt will be utilised for stores, equipment etc., to reserve posn.

12. B Ech will remain in its present posn.

TRENCH STORES.

13. (a) A complete list of trench stores will be maintained by each Coy and a signed receipt will be obtained from the relieving coy on handing over.

TRENCH STORES Contd.

13. (b) Telephones, switchboards and cable (arrangements to be made for this handover by Sig Offr of each Unit). Two sigs (linemen) will remain at Sig Office until first light on 26 June, in order that any breaks in the line may be adjusted during the hours of darkness.
- (c) All stores supplied by Engrs including wire, sandbags, timber, periscopes etc., will remain in posts.

WEAPONS.

14. All weapons including captured enemy weapons will be taken with Coys.

RESERVE RATIONS AND WATER.

- 14a. (a) Three days reserve rations in the form of pres meat and biscuits will be handed over to incoming unit as follows:-

Coy.	Pres Meat tins.	Biscuits lbs.
A	396	300
B	408	309
C	426	320
D	420	320

- (b) Reserve water will be handed over as below:-

Coy.	Water gals.	Details of containers.
A	130	33 x 2 gals- 3 x 15 gals- 1 x 45 gal.
B	157	17 x 4 gals- 4 x 15 gals- 2 x 45 gals.
C	162	37 x 2 gals- 2 x 45 gals.
D	160	4 x 45 gals.

Similar amounts of reserve rations and water will be left in Coy areas by 2/17 Bn at Res posn. No exchange of reserve rations and water will take place between HQ Coys and Bn HQs.

Receipts will be signed for Amn, water and rations handed over.

INTERCOM.

15. Bn HQ will close at 40144323 and reopen at 30324315 at a time to be notified.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

16. Code words for indication of completion of respective reliefs as under:-

A	Munk.
B	Tunk
C	Bunk
D	Junk
HQ	Hunk
B _n HQ	Sunk.

J. Kelly
 Capt.
 Adjt 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

ACK.

Time of signature... 2020
 Method of Distribution... O.R.

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ Coy	No 1.
A Coy	2
B Coy	3
C Coy	4
D Coy	5
Cond	6
2/17 Bn	7
20 Aust Inf Bde	8
2 i/c	9
T.O.	10
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Sig Offr	12.
I.O.	13.
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File	16.

SECRET.

HQ 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
23 June 41.

Scale of Amn for Enemy weapons.

Ref 2/13 Bn 00 No 11

Ref para 10 AMN. The following scale of Amn for captured weapons will be left in posts.

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>6.8 mm</u>	<u>45 mm (Mor IT)</u>
A	-	36
B	5000	189
C	7000	260
En Res	4800	270
	<u>16800</u>	<u>755</u>

J. Kelly Capt.
Adj. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

Wal Stuart

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2/13 Bn. OC. HQ 11.

REF MAP:- TORRUM overprint 1: 50000

INFORMATION.

1. SALIENT.

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2. GENERAL INFO.

20 Aust Inf Bde holds MEDAUUAR salient with 3 Bns fwd/ 2/1 Pnr Bn on right holding to S3 and 2/15 Bn on left with three Coys in the salient and one Coy holding posts R3 & R10 2/13 Bn holds general line 39854312 - 39914305 - 40024300 - 40094301 with three Coys fwd, A Coy on right & Coy on left.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Bn will be relieved in the SAS RL MEDAUUAR sector by 2/17 Bn on night 25/26 Jun 41.

METHOD.

4. RELIEF.

(a) On night 25/26 Jun 41 relief will be carried out and on completion of relief Coys will move independently to reserve posts after reporting to Bn HQ.

(b) RELIEF OF COYS.

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5. TIMES OF RELIEF.

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C Coy
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HQ Coy

Maj R.W. Turner.

Coy 2 i/c and 3 ORs.

do

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SB Sgt and 1 OR (I Sec)

1 Off i/c and 1 NCO from Pls 1 to 5.

Recce party will remain with 2/17 Bn on 25 June.

GUIDES.

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Bn Res	3000	20,000	460	108	48	-	50.
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TPT.

11. 2/17 Bn tpt will be utilised for stores, equipment etc., to res erve posn.
12. B Ech will remain in its present posn.

TRENCH STORES.

13. (a) A complete list of trench stores will be maintained by each Coy and a signed receipt will be obtained from the relieving coy on handing over.

TRENCH STORES Contd.

13. (b) Telephones, switchboards and cable (arrangements to be made for this handover by Sig Offr of each Unit). Two sigs (linemen) will remain at Sig Office until first light on 26 June, in order that any breaks in the line may be adjusted during the hours of darkness.
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INTERCOM.

15. Bn HQ will close at 40144323 and reopen at 30324315 at a time to be notified.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

16. Code words for indication of completion of respective reliefs as under:-

A	Hunk.
B	Tunk
C	Bunk
D	Junk
HQ	Hunk
B _n HQ	Sunk.

J. Kelly
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

ACK.

Time of signature.....20.20.....
 Method of Distribution.....DR.....

DISTRIBUTION.

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A Coy	2
B Coy	3
C Coy	4
D Coy	5
Comd	6
2/17 Bn	7
20 Aust Inf Bde	8
2 i/c	9
T.O.	10
Q.M.	11
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SECRET.

HQ 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
23 June 41.

Scale of Amn for Enemy weapons.

Ref 2/13 Bn 00 No 11

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J. Kelly Capt.
Adj. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

War Service

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 BATTALION.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by.

Lt. Col. F.A. Burrows M.B. E.D. Commanding.
No 238. Part 1.

21 June 41.

1. Field Censorship- Photography. The following translation of Egyptian Govt Proclamation No 60 is published for promulgation to all ranks:-

(a). All persons are forbidden, unless in possession of a special permit issued by the Ministry of National Defence, to take photographs or make sketches or drawings, within or near a prohibited Military Zone. For the purpose of this Proclamation, the following are prohibited Military Zones:-

- i. Military works, buildings or fortifications, armaments, batteries, searchlights, barracks, camps, bivouacs, encampments.
- ii. Arsenals, munitions or supply depots, buildings, establishments or yards performing work of national defence.
- iii. Telegraph, telephones and wireless stations, water, gas and electricity works or systems, gasometers, petrol and oil installations, tanks and systems.
- iv. Port areas and everything contained therein, the Suez Canal, installations therein, boats and ships navigating therein, bridge locks and waterways generally in relation thereto.

(b) Photographs or sketches of the following are also forbidden:-

- i. Naval, Military or Air Force Units or formations of the Egyptian or British Forces, their ships, aircraft, tanks, artillery, vehicles w weapons and equipment.
- ii. Hospital trains, ambulances, casualties.

2. Re-direction of Mail- AIF Units.

(a) To obviate the submission to Aust Base Post Office of a copy of Casualty return (AFW, 3010, 3011, 3012) The Postal Cpl will secure from the Bn Orderly Room daily, or as frequently as possible, all essential information relating to personnel struck off or taken on strength. This information will be forwarded by the Postal Cpl to Aust Base Transport Office in accordance with technical instructions issued by the postal officer of the formation concerned.

(b) To enable mail for personnel absent from the Unit to be forwarded by the Unit direct to a known address a special redirection card will be on issue shortly to all ranks.

On marching out on transfer or to a hospital, all ranks should promptly forward a re-direction card to the Bn Postal Cpl. The card at present in use for advising O.C. Aust Base Post Office of any change of address will continue to be used for this purpose.

3. WATER.

(a) The daily water ration will be increased to $\frac{3}{4}$ gallon per man per day as from 18 June 41.

(b) The reserve water ration will, however, remain fixed at $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon per man per day.

4. Field Censorship- Correspondence with Enemy Territory- Enemy occupied Territory and Neutral Countries bordering thereon.

(a) All ranks corresponding with persons in enemy territory, enemy occupied territory or neutral countries bordering thereon, will NOT place the official address at the head of their letters nor will they give any indication in the body of the letter that they are serving in or with the AIF.

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(b) The address to be placed at the head of such correspondence will be:-

P. O. Box,
Cairo, Egypt.

Sufficient space will be left after the word "BOX" to allow a number to be inserted. No other address will be used. Postage will be prepaid in stamps of the country in which the writer is serving.

- (c) Correspondence will be placed open in an outer envelope which will be addressed to the Deputy Chief Field Censor, GHQ EE. A slip will be inserted in the outer envelope giving the writer's army number, rank, name, squadron, battery, company or other component part of the Unit, and Unit.
- (d) Green Envelopes (A.F.W. 3078) will ~~not~~ be used.
- (e) Replies will be forwarded by the Deputy Chief Field Censor through the Army Postal Service.
- (f) Correspondence will ~~not~~ be franked in units, but the Unit censor stamp will be impressed on the ~~outer~~ envelope. Neither a Unit censor stamp nor any other stamp of a service nature will be impressed on the ~~inner~~ envelope.
- (g) In addition to security requirements the object of these measures are:-
- i. To establish an address to which correspondence can be dispatched without immediately focussing the attention of the enemy's censor.
 - ii. To prevent suspicion being directed to recipients of letters as a result of their being in correspondence with members of the AIF.
 - iii. To prevent any retaliatory action on the families and relations of those serving with the AIF.

5. OFFICERS VISITING ALEXANDRIA. All officers of the AIF visiting Alexandria from places other than Amiryia-Ikingi area either on duty or leave, will report to the C.O. AIF Detail, Alexandria, Flat 1, 6 Rue Young, off Rue Fuad Ier. On reporting the nature of the visit and other relative particulars will be recorded in a book kept for this purpose.

6. INTEREST ON DEFERRED PAY. In view of the fall in the ruling rate of interest on Commonwealth Bonds, it has been decided that the interest rate on accumulated deferred pay shall be varied as follows:-

- (a) Rate of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % shall apply for the period up to 31 Dec 40.
- (b) Rate as ~~is~~ and from 1 Jan 41 shall be 3%.
- (c) Rate shall be reviewed and fixed annually by the Commonwealth Treasurer.

J. Kelly Capt.
Adjt. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 BATTALION.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt. Col F.A. Burrows R.M. R.D. Commanding.
Part 1, No 239

24 June 41.

1. DAILY RATION SCALE - FISH.

- (a) The following alteration to the daily ration will be effective from 17 June 41.
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| Tinned fruit- | Issue alternate days. |
| Biscuits. | Issue in lieu of bread one day per week. |
- (b) Onions will be issued until stocks are exhausted at scale of 2oz per man on Tuesdays and Saturdays commencing on 22 Jan 41.

2. COMMUNICATIONS OTHER THAN THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

- (a) Many applications, requests and submissions are being made direct to formation etc., HQ and to Australia, instead of through the proper Military channels.
- (b) Unit censors will ensure that matters of the nature referred to are disposed of in accordance with the provisions of AMRO 1568 (1) and 1569 (1) which provides:-
- " Correspondence ^{to} be referred to superior authority will be forwarded through each officer in the chain of command. The same principle will be followed in communications by a superior to a subordinate authority. A superior authority who communicates directly with a subordinate authority will usually notify his action to any intermediate authority. An application from an Officer will be submitted to his C.O. An application from a soldier will be made to his Company etc., Comd who will, if the nature of the application requires, lay it before the C.O. "

3. COMPLETED PAYBOOKS.

- (a) For security and administrative reasons, it is not desirable or practicable to return completed paybooks to soldiers during the course of their service, but such paybooks will be returned to the individual when service is completed.
- (b) Continuation paybooks are issued immediately the filled book is presented. This is not the case with duplicate paybooks issued to replace paybooks declared to have been lost, however, as some considerable time elapses before the duplicate can be issued, the soldier being precluded from drawing pay during the period between loss of the old and issue of the new book.

4. CREOSOL IN DISINFECTANT. Strict economy MUST be exercised in the use of Creosol. This disinfectant normally will be used in a strength of half a 50 cigarette tin of Creosol in a 2 gallon bucket full of water. Creosol will not be thrown indiscriminately on the floors of cook-houses latrines etc. If an offensive odour exists its cause will be removed and attempt will not be made to hide it with Creosol. All orders for Creosol will be scrutinised carefully and counter-signed by a Medical Officer who will ensure that demands made are not excessive.

5. SCALE OF DISINFECTANTS. Creosol, disinfectant, 1½ gallons per 100 men per month. Chloride of Lime disinfectant, 11 lbs per 100 men per month.

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Capt.
Adj. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 BATTALION.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt. Col. F.A. Burrows M.M. E.D. Commanding.
Part 1, No 240.

27 June 41.

1. RETURN OF AMMUNITION EMPTIES.

The production of munitions is considerably facilitated and increased by the prompt return of empty boxes and cartridge cases. Very large discrepancies exist between the issue made to Coys and the number of empties which have been received.

All Coys will ensure that empty amm boxes and cartridge cases in their areas are promptly collected and returned to the Bn A.P. RSM will arrange for return to the nearest AP.

The use of amm cases for construction of defence works is NOT permitted.

2. AMENDMENTS TO AMR & Os- AIF UNITS. The following amendments of general interest are contained in Serial No 24 of A.M.R. & O Amendments and are published for the information of all concerned:-

AMR & O 418 (R.256) is amended (a) by inserting in sub-regulation (5) after the words " forfeiture of pay" the words " in excess of Three pounds"; (b) by inserting after paragraph (a) of that sub-regulation the following paragraph- " (aa) For an offence committed on war service by a private soldier of the Permanent Forces- A fine not exceeding Three Pounds"; (c) by inserting in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) of sub-regulation 7 after the figure and letter " 2(e) the word, figure and letters " or (5) (aa)."

After AMR & O 423 (R.260) the following regulation is inserted. " 423A (R.260A) : For the purpose of its application to the Military Forces, A.A. 46 (8) shall be read as if, after the words "ordinary pay", the words " in excess of Three Pounds" were inserted."

N.B. The effect of the amendment in regard to fines is that a fine not exceeding £A 3 is a minor punishment. Such a fine may be awarded conjointly with the other punishments mentioned in A.M.R. & O 418 (7) (b)(i) A soldier fined less than £A 3 has no right to elect trial by C.M. subject to the saving of the right when pay is automatically forfeited.

The effect of the adaptation of A.A. 46 (8) is that a soldier has no right to elect trial by C.M. merely because pay is automatically forfeited. The amount of forfeited pay must exceed £A 3 except in this regard, and in regard to fines under £A 3, right to elect trial by C.M. remains as heretofore.

A.M.R. & O 411 (R.251) is amended by inserting after the figures 46(8) the words " as modified and adapted by these regulations".

AMR & O 316 is amended by inserting at the end of sub-paragraph (i) the words " they are also forbidden to furnish testimonials to any company, firm, or person in respect of the quality of commodities supplied for military purposes".

A MR & O 361 and 363 are repealed and the following order is inserted in their stead:-

" 361. (i) an officer or W.O. liable to arrest may be placed under arrest by a competent authority when charged with an offence, but will not normally be placed under arrest by an authority other than his C.O. unless the needs of discipline so require, nor will he be kept under arrest unless his C.O. is satisfied, on investigation, that it will be necessary to proceed with the case and report it to superior authority.

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(2) When an Officer or W.O. is placed under arrest, the C.O. unless he dismisses the case, will report the matter without delay to the formation etc., commander.

(3) An N.C.O. liable to arrest may be placed under arrest by a competent authority when charged with a serious offence. If, however, the offence alleged appears not to be serious, it should be investigated and disposed of without previous arrest."

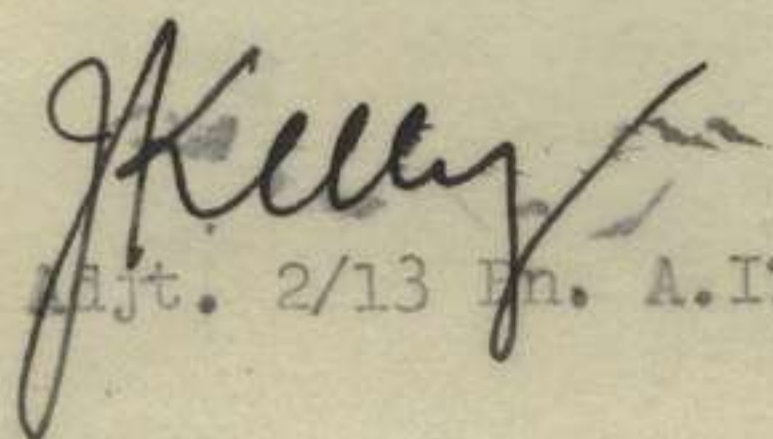
AMR & O 367 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the words " If the offence alleged is not of a serious nature, the offender should not normally be placed under arrest, but should be informed of the charge and ordered to attend at orderly room at a specified time."

AMR & O 369 is amended by inserting in sub-paragraph (2) next after the word "his", the words " bedding and."

A MR & O 370 is amended by omitting sub-paragraph (i) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:-

(i) Except as provided in paragraph 369 (2) a soldier under close arrest will be allowed the use of his bedding."

A MR & O 372 is amended by omitting the words " soldier under arrest" and inserting in their stead the words " private soldier".


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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 BATTALION

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col. P.A. Burrows, MM, ED Commanding
Part 1 Number 241.

30 Jun 41.

1. DRESS - Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers.

- (a) The practice of affixing badges of rank on detachable wrist bands, in case of Warrant Officers, and on detachable arm-bands in the case of Non-Commissioned Officers will cease forthwith.
- (b) Badges of rank will be permanently affixed in an appropriate place in approved manner. With Summer Dress, Warrant Officers may wear badges above the forearm when shirt sleeves are rolled.
- (c) White tape stripes may be worn on shirts KB, but will be of standard pattern consisting of white tape $\frac{1}{2}$ -in wide and of same size as stripes normally worn on service dress.

2. MT VEHICLES - Defective stub axles.

- (a) Breakages of stub axles are occurring in load carrying vehs, mainly owing to the extra strain imposed by the over-sized wheels and tyres fitted to commercial mix type vehs for army purposes.
- (b) To reduce the strain on stub axles under these circumstances the Transport Officer will ensure that:-
 - i. Vehs are not overloaded.
 - ii. Speed limits are strictly observed.
 - iii. Vehs are not sharply braked or accelerated.
 - iv. Correct tyre pressures are maintained.
 - v. Front wheels are not turned violently when veh is moving and not turned when veh is at rest.
- (c) Broken stub axles can be repaired by AASC Workshops and in all instances both pieces of every broken axle are to be saved and returned without fail to the nearest AASC organisation for repair.
- (d) Transport Officer will ensure that all drivers and mechanics are conversant with this order.

3. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS.

- (a) As from 15 Jul 41 a reduced rate air mail letter card service to AUSTRALIA will be introduced.
- (b) The postage rate will be THREE PENCE (3d.), and AUSTRALIAN stamps only may be used. Although the cost is much less than the ordinary airmail letter, there will be no distinction in speed of despatch and delivery.
- (c) The concession is available to all members of the Imperial Forces in the Middle East.
- (d) On application at any British Army PO, AIF personnel may avail themselves of the similar British airmail letter card service for correspondence with persons in the United Kingdom.
- (e) The letter card is designed to provide a writing space of one and a half pages, quarter size. Censorship arrangements will apply as in the case of letters. All ranks are specially warned, that if anything is enclosed, the card will be sent by ordinary surface mail.

3. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS (CONT)

- (f) As the available aircraft space and load is limited it is desired that letter cards be used instead of airmail letters to the maximum extent possible.
- (g) Owing to the acute shortage of suitable paper, all ranks are warned that wastage must be avoided. Strict disciplinary action will be taken to check the improper use of letter cards.
- (h) Air Mail Letter Cards will be supplied to Coys as soon as they are received from Stationary Depot.

4. TREATMENT OF UNDELIVERABLE POSTAL ARTICLES. In accordance with National Security (General) Regulations, promulgated by the Minister for the Army, the following procedure will be adopted with all unclaimed, unregistered postal articles (other than letters, postcards and commercial papers):-
Newspapers and Periodicals: Undeliverable newspapers and periodicals, clearly distinguishable as such, shall be distributed at the discretion of the senior postal representative with the forces, among other members of the Unit of address, or made available as reading matter to hospitals, convalescent camps or recreational centres for tps. The address labels or covers should, in such cases, be destroyed, or the addressee completely obliterated before such distribution is effected.
Parcels and Packages: Undeliverable parcels and packages shall be opened at the Overseas Base Post Office and such contents as are suitable for the purpose shall be handed over to the accredited representatives of Australian Comforts Fund and the Australian Red Cross Society for general distribution to the troops. Items of sentimental value, shall, however, be withheld from distribution and wherever possible returned to the senders.

5. RESERVE RATION. The daily reserve ration for all British Troops, including A.I.F. will in future consist of the following items only:-

Biscuits	12 oz
Preserved Meat	12 oz
Sugar	3 1/2 "
Tea	1 1/2 "

6. LAUNDRY. A small steam laundry has been established which will be used to provide as often as possible a clean change of clothes for tps in the fwd areas. It must, however, be realised that the output of this laundry is limited and accordingly it will be some time before all units concerned have been dealt with. The actual order has been decided by drawing lots. The following procedure will apply:-

- (a) A clean change of clothes will comprise these items only:
 - 1 pr shorts
 - 1 shirt
 - 1 pr underpants
 - 1 singlet.
- (b) i. On instructions from these Hqs, coys will forward to the HQS a complete set of soiled items as enumerated above for all ranks of the coy.
- ii. On receipt from coys HQS will forward a complete set of soiled items for all ranks of the unit, direct to AQB, ZORNIK.
- iii. Replacements of shirts and shorts will be made immediately by HQS. Singlets and underpants will be issued as soon as they have been washed. On receipt of replacements HQS will immediately deliver to Coys sufficient to replace the number originally handed in.
- iv. Coys will ensure that only serviceable items are handed in for washing. Only one (1) set of clothes for all ranks will be washed.

Gordon Livan Lieut
 Capt
 2/13 En A.I.F.

War diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

7/13 Bn 422 (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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	<i>1</i>		
Majors....	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
Captains	<i>8</i>		<i>1</i>
Lieutenants	<i>16</i>		<i>3</i>
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	<i>27</i>		<i>5</i>

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>J. B. Martin</i>	<i>7/13 Bn</i>	<i>26.11</i>	<i>on M.E.O.C.T.U</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>A. B. Kugent</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>26.11</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>E. M. Penkney</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>26.11</i>	<i>Being Depot</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>B. J. Barrett</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>6.6.11</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>J. B. Thompson</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>6.6.11</i>	<i>"</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>L. B. Bentley</i>	<i>7/13 Bn</i>	<i>31.5.11</i>	<i>on 7/8 M. Amb</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>D. W. B. Mangram</i>	<i>7/13 Bn</i>	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	Nx 383	J. H. Burnous	7/13 Bn	yes	Comd Offr
Maj	Nx12213	R. W. Turner	"	"	A/DIC
"	Nx12218	J. H. G. Carter	"	"	OC C Coy
Capt	Nx 380	A. J. Hill	"	"	OC B Coy
"	Nx12214	J. A. Kelly	"	"	Adj. C.
"	Nx12220	E. A. Handley	"	"	OC D Coy
"	Nx12336	S. G. Gillen	"	"	OC HQ Coy
"	Nx16965	J. J. Walsh	"	"	2/c B Coy
"	Nx12333	J. J. Cooper	"	"	OC A Coy
"	Nx12335	B. G. Jamieson	"	"	2/c C Coy
"	Nx10221	O. M. Walshe	"	"	2/c D Coy
Lieut	Nx34960	D. S. Saulkner	"	"	2/c A Coy
"	Nx12315	H. J. Graham	"	"	Pl. Comd
"	Nx12344	J. B. Watch	"	"	"
"	Nx10203	M. C. Wood	"	"	"
"	Nx12223	P. Deschamps	"	"	"
"	Nx34981	G. D. Evans	"	"	IO
"	Nx2191	G. J. Dwyer	"	"	TO
"	Nx14772	R. J. Schmeville	"	"	Pl. Comd
"	Nx15678	J. B. Bunnell	"	"	"
"	Nx34914	E. B. Bucknell	"	"	"
"	Nx34781	G. D. Clarke	"	"	"
"	Nx13888	J. B. Martin	"	"	"
"	Nx14761	A. B. Nugent	"	"	"
"	Nx21934	G. M. Pinkney	"	"	"
"	Nx10129	R. J. Barnett	"	"	"
"	Nx56431	J. B. Thompson	"	"	"

(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.	Sx9183	R. G. B. Gude	AA MC	27.2.41	MO
Chaplain	Nx35097	G. Francis	AA CD	30.7.40	PADRE

7/13 Bn A.I.F.
(Unit.)

7 June 1941
(Date of Despatch.)

J. H. Burnous
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors.....	1		1
Captains	2		1
Lieutenants	8		
2nd Lieutenants	16		3
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	27		5

* 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.
Ca pt	C.M. Daintree	2/13 Bn	12/6/41	ceases to be seconded
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	O.M. Walsoe	2/13 Bn	10/6/41	evac 2/5 Fd Amb.
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	D.W.B. Maughan	2/13 Bn	
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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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 383	F.A. Burrows	2/13 Bn	yes	Comd Offr
Maj	NX12213	R.W.N. Turner	"	"	A/2/c
"	NX12218	H.M. Chilton	"	"	O C C Coy
Capt	NX 380	A.J. Hill	"	"	O C B Coy
"	NX 12214	J.L.A. Kelly	"	"	Adjnt
"	NX 12384	C.M. Daintree	"	"	O C A Coy
"	NX 12222	E.A. Handley	"	"	O C D Coy
"	NX 12336	H.G. Gillan	"	"	O C HQ Coy
"	VX 16965	F.S. Walsh	"	"	2 i/c B Coy
"	NX 12383	H.H. Cooper	"	"	2 i/c A Coy
"	NX 12335	R.G. Sanderson	"	"	2 i/c C Coy
Lieut	NX 34860	D.F. Faulkner	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX 12375	H.T. Graham	"	"	"
"	NX 12394	J.R. Watch	"	"	"
"	NX 70203	M.C. Wood	"	"	"
"	NX 12223	P. Deschamps	"	"	"
"	NX 34981	G.D. Evans	"	"	I.O.
"	VX 2191	C.S. Taylor	"	"	T.O.
"	NX 14772	R.J. Sommerville	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX 15678	J.R. Burrell	"	"	"
"	NX 34714	E.R. Bucknell	"	"	"
"	NX 34781	G.D. Clarke	"	"	"
"	NX 13888	J.B. Martin	"	"	"
"	NX 14767	A.A.B. Nugent	"	"	"
"	NX 27934	E.M. Pinkney	"	"	"
"	NX 70729	R.J. Barre tt	"	"	"
"	NX 56431	J.K. Thompson	2/13 Bn "	No	det. 20 Bde pending transfer

(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.
SX 9183	Capt	P.C.R. Goode	A A M C	27-2-41	M O
NX 35097	Chaplain	G. Francis	A A Ch D	30-7-40	Padre

2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

1 4 June 41

(Date of Despatch.)

F.A. Burrows Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

Comd. 2/13 Bn, A.I.F.

20 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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	2		1
Lieutenants	8		1
2nd Lieutenants	185		24
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	206		26

* 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	O.M. Walsoe	2/13 Bn	20.6.41	ex 4 A.G.H.
Capt	F.S. Walsh	"	15.6.41	ex 2/3 Pd ambulance.
Lieut	H.R. Bucknell	"	20.6.41	ex 4 A.G.H.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	H.G. Gillan	2/13 Bn	16.6.41	to 2.3 Pd Amb.
"	F.S. Walsh	"	14.6.41	"
Lieut	H.R. Bucknell	"	15.6.41	"
"	J.K. Thompson	"		on strength 14 June tak on strength in error.

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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	NX 383	F.A. Burrows	2/13 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Maj.	NX 12213	R.W.N. Turner	"	"	A 2 i/c
"	NX 12218	H.M. Chilton	"	"	O.C. C Coy.
Capt.	NX 12384	C.M. Daintree	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"	NX 12222	E.A. Handley MC	"	"	O.C. B Coy.
"	NX 380	A.J. Hill	"	"	O.C. B Coy
"	NX 12214	J.L.A. Kelly	"	"	Adjt.
"	MX 16965	F.S. Walsh	"	"	2 i/c B Coy.
"	NX 12383	H.H. Cooper	"	"	2 i/c A Coy
"	NX 12335	R.G. Sanderson	"	"	2 i/c C Coy
"	NX 70221	O.M. Walsoe	"	"	2 i/c D Coy
Lieut	NX 34860	D.F. Faulkner	"	"	Pl. Comd.
"	NX 12375	H.T. Graham	"	"	"
"	NX 12394	J.R. Watch	"	"	"
"	NX 70203	M.C. Wood	"	"	"
"	NX 12223	P. Deschamps	"	"	"
"	NX 34981	G.D. Evans	"	"	I.C.
"	NX 14772	R.J. Somerville	"	"	Pl. Comd.
"	VX 2191	C.S. Taylor	"	"	T.O.
"	NX 15678	R.J. Burrell	"	"	Pl. Comd.
"	NX 34714	E.R. Bucknell	"	"	"
"	NX 34781	G.C. Clarke	"	"	"
"	NX 13888	J.B. Nugent	"	"	"
"	NX 27934	E.M. Pinney	"	"	"
"	NX 70729	R.J. Barrett	"	"	"

(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.
SX 9183	Capt.	P.C.R. Goode	A A M C	27.2.41	M.O.
NX 35097	Chaplain	C. Francis	A.A.C.I.D.	30.7.40	Padre.

2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
(Unit.)

22 June 41.
(Date of Despatch.)

F.A. Burrows Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd. 2/13 Bn., A.I.F.
20 Aust Inf Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

..... 2/13 Bn A.I.F. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks,	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors....	2		1
Captains	8		1
Lieutenants	15		4
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	26		6

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	D.W.B. MAUGHAN	2/13 Bn	26/6/41	Ex Reinfnts Depot.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	J.R. BURRELL	2/13 Bn	24/6/41	Evac 2/3 Fd Amb
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 383	F.A.BURROWS	2/13 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Maj	NX12213	R.W.N.TURNER	"	"	A 2i/c
"	NX12218	H.M.CHILTON	"	"	O.C. Coy
Capt	NX12384	C.M.DAINTREE	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"	NX 12222	E.A.HANDLEY MC	"	"	O.C. D Coy
"	NX 380	A.J.HILL	"	"	O.C. B Coy
"	NX12214	J.L.A.KELLY	"	"	Adjt
"	VX16965	F.S.WALSH	"	"	2i/c B Coy
"	NX12383	H.H.COOPER	"	"	2i/c A Coy
"	NX12335	R.G.SANDERSON	"	"	2i/c C Coy
"	NX70221	O.M.WALSOE	"	"	2i/c D Coy
Lieut	NX34860	D.F.FAULKNER	"	"	2i/c Pl Comd
"	NX12375	H.T.GRAHAM	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX12394	J.R.WATCH	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX70203	M.C.WOOD	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX12223	P.DESCHAMPS	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX34981	G.D.EVANS	"	"	I.O.
"	NX14772	R.J.SOMMERVILLE	"	"	Pl Comd
"	VX 2191	C.S.TAYLOR	"	"	T.O.
"	NX34714	E.R.BUCKNELL	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX34781	G.C.CLARKE	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX13888	J.B.MARTIN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX14767	A.A.B.NUGENT	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX27934	E.M.PINKNEY	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX70729	R.J.BARRETT	"	"	Pl Comd
"	NX21195	D.W.B.MAUGHAN	"	"	Pl Comd

(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.
SX 9183	Capt	P.C.R.GOODE	AAMC	27.2.41	M.O.
NX35097	Chaplain	C.FRANCIS	AA CI D	30.7.40	Padre

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

(Unit.)

28 June 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

F.A. Burrows
Comd, 2/13 Bn, A.I.F.
20 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

War diary

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Bn A 9 Div +
1st Reinfts

(Unit) 7 June 1941. (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Appointment.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Staff Serjeants	5		2
Serjeants	29		5
Corporals	67		10
Buglers			
Privates, etc.	562		224
TOTALS	669	*	* 242

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX 10533 Sgt. Padgett	B AAPC	VX 59592 Pl. Wood	A A O C
VX 1278 Pl. McMechan	A. A. M. C.	366th, Brazier	A. I.
SX 6406 " Barter	"	16001 Cpl. Brown	A A POST C
VX 60042 Cpl. Larkin	D A A O C		
VX 16660 Pl. Evans	"		
VX 34493 Cpl. Altwood	A. A.		

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).

7/13 Bn A 224 1st Rump Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.		Corporals.	Buglers.	privates, etc.	TOTAL.
Armament Artificers Fitters																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments —Wireless																			
Ammunition Examiners																			
Armourers																			
Blacksmiths																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Coppersmiths																			
Driver Mechanics																			
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																			
Electricians																			
Fitters																			
Fitters (Motor Vehicle)																			
Grinders (Precision)																			
Hammermen																			
Instrument Mechanics																			
Machinists (Metal)																			
Moulders																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Motor Assemblers																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Pattern Makers																			
Posh Cycle Repairers																			
Riveters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saw Doctors																			
Sawyers																			
Shoemakers																			
Storemen																			
Textile Refitters																			
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths																			
Toolmakers																			
Turners																			
Vulcanizers																			
Watch Makers																			
Welders (Acetylene or Electric)																			
Wheelers																			
Wireless Mechanics																			
Wood Turners and Machinists																			
MASON																			
GEN DUTY PERSONNEL										1			2	5	10		1	1	20
Non-Tradesmen																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1			2	5	10		2	4	24

7/13 Bn A 224 Unit

H. Purvis
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 7 June

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Bn A.I.F. + 1st Reinfts ^(Unit) 14 June 41 19 41. (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Appointment.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	1		1
W.Os. Class II.	5		
W.Os. Class III.			2
Staff Serjeants	5		7
Serjeants	27		15
Corporals	62		256
Buglers			
Privates, etc.	530		
TOTALS	630	*	281

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX 10533 Sgt Padgett	C. A.A.P.C.		
NX 17278 Pte McMechan	A. A.A.M.C.		
SX 6406 " Baxter	R. "		
NX 60042 Cpl Larkin	D. A.A.O.C.		
NX 16660 Pte Evans	J. "		
NX 59592 " Woods	A.G. "		
NX 36646 " Brazier	A.J. "		
NX 16001 Cpl Bowns	R.E. A.A. Post C.		
NX 16794 Pte Stevenson	R. 20 Bde		

Part C. Description of other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.		Corporals.	Buglers.	privates, etc.	TOTAL.
Armament Artificers Fitters																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments —Wireless																			
Ammunition Examiners																			
Armourers																			
Blacksmiths																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Coppersmiths																			
Driver Mechanics																			
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																			
Electricians																			
Fitters																			
Fitters (Motor Vehicle)																			
Grinders (Precision)																			
Hammermen																			
Instrument Mechanics																			
Machinists (Metal)																			
Moulders																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Motor Assemblers																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Pattern Makers																			
Posh Cycle Repairers																			
Riveters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saw Doctors																			
Sawyers																			
Shoemakers																			
Storemen																			
Textile Refitters																			
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths																			
Toolmakers																			
Turners																			
Vulcanizers																			
Watch Makers																			
Welders (Acetylene or Electric)																			
Wheelers																			
Wireless Mechanics																			
Wood Turners and Machinists																			
Butcher																		1	1
Mason																		1	11
General Duty Personnel										1	2	7	15	254				279	
Non-Tradesmen																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	2	7	15	256				281	

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

Unit

Date of Despatch 14 JUNE 41

H. Burman
Signature of Lt. Col. Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.		privates, etc.	TOTAL.
Armament Artificers Fitters																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments —Wireless																			
Ammunition Examiners																			
Armourers																			
Blacksmiths																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Coppersmiths																			
Driver Mechanics																			
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																			
Electricians																			
Fitters																			
Fitters (Motor Vehicle)																			
Grinders (Precision)																			
Hammermen																			
Instrument Mechanics																			
Machinists (Metal)																			
Moulders																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Motor Assemblers																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Pattern Makers																			
Posh Cycle Repairers																			
Riveters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saw Doctors																			
Sawyers																			
Shoemakers																			
Storemen																			
Textile Refitters																			
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths																			
Toolmakers																			
Turners																			
Vulcanizers																			
Watch Makers																			
Welders (Acetylene or Electric)																			
Wheelers																			
Wireless Mechanics																			
Wood Turners and Machinists																			
Butcher																		1	1
Mason																		1	1
General duty personnel										2		2	8	17			27	298	
																	269		
Non-Tradesmen																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										2		2	8	17			271	300	

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

Unit

J. Burrows Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/13 Bn., A.I.F. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 Jun 41

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/33 Bn A.I.F. (Unit). **28 June** 1941 . (Date)
+ 1st Reinfts

(To be furnished by all Units of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Appointment.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Staff Serjeants	5		2
Serjeants	27		7
Corporals	58		19
Buglers			
Privates, etc.	505		281
TOTALS	601	*	* 310

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX1 0533 Sgt PADGETT H.C.	AAPC	NX16794 Pte STEVENSON R.	20 Bde.
NX17278 A/Cpl McMECHAN A.	AAMC		
NX21151 Pte FRASER R.	AAMC		
NX16613			
SX 6406 " BAXTER R.	AAMC		
NX60042 Cpl LARKIN D.	AAOC		
NX16660 Pte EVANS J.	AAOC		
NX59592 " WOODS A.G.	AAOC		
NX36646 " BRAZIER A.J.	AAOC		
NX16001 Cpl BOWNS R.E.	AA Post. C		

Part C. Description of other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.					
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.		Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	privates, etc.	TOTAL.
Armament Artificers Fitters																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments —Wireless																			
Ammunition Examiners																			
Armourers																			
Blacksmiths																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Coppersmiths																			
Driver Mechanics																			
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																			
Electricians																			
Fitters																			
Fitters (Motor Vehicle)																			
Grinders (Precision)																			
Hammermen																			
Instrument Mechanics																			
Machinists (Metal)																			
Moulders																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Motor Assemblers																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Pattern Makers																			
Posh Cycle Repairers																			
Riveters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saw Doctors																			
Sawyers																			
Shoemakers																			
Storemen																			
Textile Refitters																			
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths																			
Toolmakers																			
Turners																			
Vulcanizers																			
Watch Makers																			
Welders (Acetylene or Electric)																			
Wheelers																			
Wireless Mechanics																			
Wood Turners and Machinists																			
Butcher																	1	1	
Mason																	1	1	
General duty personnel										1	2	719				269	308		
																1			
Non-Tradesmen																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	2	719				271	310		

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

Unit

Date of Despatch

28 June 1941

H. J. ... Lt. Col
Comd. 2/13 Bn. S. I. F. of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde.

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

David L. Harvey

MEMO.
8 June 41.

ALL COYS.

PATROLS.

Much of the value of patrols is lost through hasty or careless reports. Information, which to a patrol leader may seem unimportant or trivial can be of utmost importance to higher formations, who are in a position to collate odd scraps of information into valuable knowledge/

The reporting of enemy activity is not sufficient; a serious attempt must be made to pin point the posn and report findings to this HQ.

It must be realised that patrolling, and the accurate reporting of observations both on patrol and during the day is not just a matter of routine, but a very real part of the work in hand. Too much care cannot be taken in the compilation of patrol reports.

It is suggested that Pl Comds make notes of all things reported to them by patrols and to ensure that nothing is missed they should question each patrol leader when he reports back. These notes can then be grouped by Coy and passed on to this HQ each morning- The attached pro forma "A" gives an idea of what is required by TURK.

In order that maximum support can be given the accurate reporting of enemy shelling is essential. The posn of the guns is but one result of observation, by far the most important is the area shelled and the type of fire. Accurate reporting of these on all fronts yields a surprising amount of information. If details of enemy shelling are reported immediately to this HQ arty fire can be brought down anywhere on our front. Naturally, accuracy of our fire depends on accuracy of information. The appendix "B" attached sets out details required.

Glyndwr Iwan
GOLD MEMO.

MEKO PATROL REPORT

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 11 Jun 41.

Unit	Out	In	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report.
A	2300	0100	1 NCO, 4 ORs	Out from left Coy front to depth 300x and in rt Coy front.	This patrol checked on mine field - reported on night 9/10 Jun. Minefield extends opposite complete coy front and appears to have been laid in xxx irregular fashion at a mean distance of 350x. The density is irregular and the mines British. Sounds of digging were heard in the area of crashed plane.
B	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy fronts	Standing patrols to protect move fwd of left pl. Nothing unusual to report.
B	0530	2100	1 OR	Observation post 300 yds fwd of left pl. Observe from A/MT Pits.	Reports Anti-MT Pits full of Booby Traps of various kinds and area between MT Pits and enemy lines a distance of some 500-600 yds also thickly strewn with trip wires and Booby Traps. Traps take several forms. Prepared charges with trip wires. Charges with tension wires which explode when touched. Mines to be stepped on. Traps attached to every-day articles, such as clothing, eqpt, ration tins, loaves of bread etc., Enemy posns behind single apron wire fence are well camouflaged. Little enemy activity during daylight. Sniper fwd of enemy posns approx 200x. (Our tps have since taken up posn fwd of anti-MT pits.)

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MEKO PATROL REPORT. (Cont)

11 June 41

Unit	Out	In	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
C	0530	2130	1 Sgt, 1 OR	Observation Post 300x fwd of left Pl.	Took up posn in unoccupied pl post formerly used by 2/24 Bn. (This post is apparently part of the same coy area as the post occupied by B Coy on night 8/9 Jun). This posn is completely wired and could be adapted to suit needs of present situation. Posn contained sundry eqpt which could not be investigated owing to need for concealment. Comds infilade view of enemy posns opposite A Coy. Enemy movement very restricted during day. Report area vicinity of crashed plane strongly held and well supported from flank.
C	2230	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy front to depth of 400x.	Nothing unusual to report.

Glyndwr Iwan
 Gold MEKO.

MEKO HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

For 24 hrs ended 0700 11 Jun.

Unit:	Location of reporting point:	Bearing of flash:	No sec F to R:	Area s helled:	Damage:	No of Guns:	Calibre:	Time of shelling From To	No of shells:	Date:	Remarks:
A	Coy HQ	244°	-	FDLs left & centre Pls	2 ORs wounded 1 S.Sh.	4	75 mm & 105 mm	1855 2000	85	10//6/41	Many duds.
C	Coy HQ	-	-	FDLs Rt Pl	nil	1	105 mm	1900 1930	12	10th	

Enemy Recce Plane spotting for these shoots.

Alfred W. ...

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PATROL REPORT.

For 24 hrs ended 0700 hrs. 12 Jun 41.

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Route and area patrolled</u>	<u>Report.</u>
B	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy Front	Patrols limited on right by fwd move of C Coy and on right booby traps which have been left in position to hinder enemy, prevent free patrolling at this early stage. When patrols become familiar with their location deep patrolling will be easier.
D	2300	0445	1 Pl	General front A and C Coys	Patrols split into small parties and provided standing patrols to prevent advance on A and C Coys. One OR killed by MG fire in front A Coy. Nothing unusual to report.

A & C Coys were fully occupied in advancing their line and no patrolling was carried out.

Sydney L. Evans
COY
MEKO

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

0700 12 Jun

Coy Reporting:	Location of reporting Point:	Bearing of flash of sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No of Seconds from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage	No of Guns:	Calibre:	Time of shelling: From to	Rate of Fire.
Bn HQ	-	-	-	NF Posns 40144320 and 40093421	nil	-	75mm	1830 1900	10 shell each
A	-	-	-	FDLs	1 OR killed 2 ORs Wounded	-	105mm	2000 2100	20 "
C	-	-	-	Left Pl	1 OR wounded	-	105mm	1800 2000	15 "

Sydney Stewart
(Capt) MEKO

PATROL REPORT

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 13 Jun 41.

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Coy:	Out	In	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
A	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy Front	Standing patrols to covering improvement of new positions & nothing to report.
B	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy Front	er Covering improvement of defences. Right pl moved two secs fwd on its right to conform with Bn line. Still a large number of booby traps on left and centre of Coy area. Nothing of importance to report.
C	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy Front	Standing patrols to cover improvement of new posns. At approx 2230 a single GERMAN prisoner was taken on the right of Coy area. He was carrying rations when captured, consisting of hot stew and coffee. Engrs with the left Pl continued to clear Booby Traps in the pl area. The Engrs also report presence of suspected minefield to the SE of Coy area. This will be fully investigated tonight.

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

For the 24 hours ended - 0700 13 Jun 41.

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Coy Re- porting	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound.	Number of Secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No of Guns	Calibre	T i m e		Rate of fire Number of Shells.	Date
								From	To		
A	Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns	nil	4	75mm) 105mm)	1900	2100	40 shells	12th
A	Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns	nil	2	105mm	2300	0400	50 shells	12/13
B		No		shelling	reported						
C	Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns	nil	2	75mm	0800	0900	20 shells	12
C	Coy HQ	-	-	Old FDLs, Coy HQ & Rd in Coy area	nil	4	75mm 105mm	2200	0300	60 shells	12/13
D	Coy HQ	-	-	40094318	1 OR killed 1 OR wounded	2	75mm	0030	0100	6 "	13
Bn HQ	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ Area	nil	1	75mm	1900	1930	12 "	12

This is first occasion on which the enemy has used harassing fire during the night on our fwd Coy Areas.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....41.

0700

14 Jun41

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Standing patrols only to protect further improvement and wiring of new defences. No enemy activity. Nothing of importance to report.
	B	2200	0500	" "	" " "	Standing patrols to protect working parties. Two enemy MGs opened fire, investigated, and located at approx 39944301. These xxxxxxxxxxxx will be engaged by mortars this morning. Engrs removed more booby traps but there are still many more on Coy Fronts.
	C	2200	0500	" "	" " "	Covering screens for working parties improving defences. Det of Engrs clear path to enable wire to be linked with that of B Coy on the left. Minefield reported yesterday could not be investigated fully owing to priority of work but field believed to be anti-personnel and additional details at this stage can be received from Engrs HQ.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 14 Jun 41.

Unit or Subunit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
HQ		Bn HQ	-	-		nil	4	75mm	1100 1830	1230 1930	40/50 25	13th 13th
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns	nil	4	105mm	0830 1400 2200	1000 1700 0300	20 60 10	13th 13th 13/14
B		Coy HQ	-	-	FORBES MOUND Gen. Coy area	nil nil	4 4	75 & 105mm 75 mm	1600 2200	1700 2400	20 5	13th 13th
C		Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns Gen. Coy Area	nil nil	4 1	75/105 mm 75 mm	1600 2300	1800 0300	30/40 35	13th 13/14
D		Coy HQ	-	-	Fwd Pls	Several dug- outs destroy- ed	4	105mm	0800 1800 2300	1000 2030 0100	50 70 5	13th 13th 13/14

REMARKS: Careful watching finds it still impossible to spot gun-flashes at night. It is thought possible that the enemy has some means of shielding the flash of his guns from view. One Cp of guns is much nearer the target than others but still no sign of flash can be seen.

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....0500 hrs.....15 May 41.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Standing Patrols to cover further improvement of new posns Some enemy MG fire but nothing of importance to report.
	B	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Protective patrols for working parties improving defences. Deep patrolling on the B Coy front still dangerous due to unremoved booby traps.
	C	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Standing patrol to cover further improvements of new posns Some enemy MG fire. Little enemy movement seen. On left of Coy small party of enemy engaged by LMG fire. Fire was not returned and results could not be observed.
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Richard D. Stewart
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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....0500 hrs.....15 Jun 41..41.

Unit or Subunit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns Gen Coy Area	nil	8	75 mm 105mm	0800 1800	1300 0500	50 140/150	14 14/15
B		Coy HQ	NO	SHELLING								
C		Coy HQ			Gen Coy Area Old Posns	nil	4	105 mm	0800	0500	100/150	14/15
D		Coy HQ			Rt. Fwd. Pls	1 OR killed 3 ORs wounded	4	75 mm	1000 1800 0100	1500 2300 0500	20 12 10	14 14 15
HQ		Bn HQ			40114324 40154324 40124327	nil	4	75 mm	1000 1700 2200	1400 2000 0500	10 25 40	14 14 14/15

REMARKS:

midnight MT movement was heard and the guns opened up from a much closer posn. At approx 0430 hrs MT movement was again heard and it is estimated that the guns have been withdrawn to their normal posn.

Shell fire on fwd coys was of harassing type all day and night searching the area. Old Posns were accurately shelled but the new posns have yet not been touched nor does it seem that the fire is directed at them. Shortly after mid- At approx 0430 hrs MT movement was again

MEKO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 0700 HRS 16 JUN 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

There was very little enemy activity on the front for the 24 hrs. A little harassing fire from MGs, fired at irregular intervals, but doing no damage. Shelling was lighter than for the past few nights, the practice continuing however of shelling the forward areas at odd spots apparently in the hope of disorganising our ration and carrying parties. There was some MG and hy MG fire on the front of ARAB but nothing eventuated in this section.

Late report shows that one BREN CARRIER was damaged by a near miss from a shell est. Calibre 105

OWN ACTIVITY.

Our patrols were primarily concerned with the protecting of of the parties improving defences. Report came in late yesterday morning of patrol from 8 Coy negotiating two lines of trip wires and booby traps and discovering a minefield (previously reported). One mine as a sample was brought back and will be handed over to the Engineers for examination. This field is considered to be A Tk. Our Mortars continue to fire on targets in the WATER TOWER area and in vicinity of PLANE with good effect.

GENERAL.

Over the last 2 days much MT movement has been heard but it is difficult to determine just where this comes from, thought to be well outside perimeter.

Attached sketch of presumed GERMAN Sec Post System from a captured document, original forwarded earlier.


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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended... 0500...hrs... 1.6 Jun.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Standing patrols. Nothing to report.
	B	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Protective Patrols, for working parties. Nothing unusual seen.
	C					Out of comm with this coy - no report yet to hand.
	D	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front to depth of 200x	Max depth Patrol activities limited by booby traps. Nothing unusual to report.

Glynwyn Stewart
(Sgt)

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For 24 hours ended.....0500s.....16 Jun..41.

Unit or Subunit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
C		Coy HQ	-	-	Coy HQ old posns	NIL	4	75mm	0930 1730	1100 2100	20 35	15 15
D		Coy H Q	-	-	FDLs	NIL	1	75mm	1730	2000	12	15

Glyndwr Lewis
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MEKO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY TO 0700 HRS

17 JUN 41

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy activity on the front has been on a reduced scale for several nights past; last night was no exception. One small working^{point} was reported in the vicinity of the WATER TOWER by our patrols but that is the only movement seen after dark. In the late afternoon when visibility was good groups of enemy could be distinguished even with the naked eye standing and moving about in the approx vicinity S.4.

LMG duels were in progress at the same time from enemy posns to the right of the crashed aeroplane and our "C" Coy. On the left considerable MG fire followed any movement at last light, in this sector enemy mortars were active, fortunately without effect.

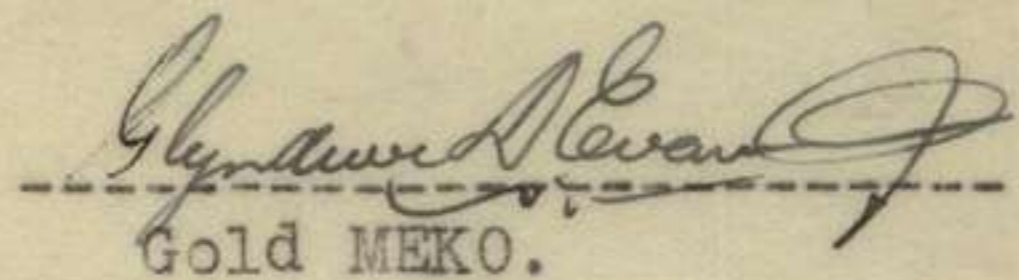
The enemy continues to shell our old posns and harassing fire on roads and tracks in the rear areas. Last night, ^{and} especially on "A" Coy this morning a larger proportion of airbursts ~~were~~^{was} noticed.

Apart from his arty the enemy is still very inactive during the day.

OWN ACTIVITY.

During an arty shoot at approx 2000 hrs a fwd coy reported a direct hit on an enemy posn in the Salient. Our patrols were active during the night reports of which have already been given.

Our Mortars fired on registered targets during the day but the effect of our fire is unknown.


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2/13 BN. A.I.F.

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17 Jun 41

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2200	2400	1 NCO, 4 ORs	Out: From left to dorelict plane and back through right.	Thoroughly investigated area in vicinity wrecked plane and truck. In this vicinity there are a number of unoccupied slit trenches with no booby traps. SANGARS in their immediate rear appear to be unoccupied.
	A	2400	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy from to depth of 300 yds	Investigated area and apart from one enemy working party in vicinity WATER TOWER nothing unusual to report.
	B	2115 2400	2330 0500	1 NCO, 4 ORs	Moved from right of Coy area to depth 350 yds and returned.	Patrols moved to within 50-60 yds of enemy wire opposite the right pl of the coy. Slight MG fire heard but not directed at the patrol. Encountered no booby traps or mines. No movement seen. Could hear usual sound of MT movement.
	D	2130	2345	1 NCO, 7 ORs	Depth 350 yds from gen Coy front and returned	Patrol at depth approx 300 yds came across MT Ditch which runs opposite left platoon B Coy. This is unoccupied but is still as has been previously reported filled with booby traps. There is a crawl trench running back towards the enemy lines. Beyond this MT Ditch the booby traps continued in the direction of the enemy area. Nothing unusual to report.
	D	0030	0030	1 NCO, 4 ORs	Same as first patrol	When in vicinity anti-MT Ditch patrol was sighted in the vicinity and fired upon by MGs. Any movement fwd or back called down fresh fire. Patrol could not go fwd and after lapse of 40 minutes managed to return.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours end ~~0900~~.....hrs 17 Jun 41.....41.

Unit or Subunit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns and gen coy area	nil	4	75 mm	2000 0530	0400 0600	14 20	16/17 17
HQ		Bn HQ	-	-	40114325 Both sides of Bn HQ Wadi	nil	4	75 mm	2000 0500	2200 0600	15 42	16 17

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MEKO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY TO 0700 HRS 18 JUN 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.


Enemy shelling was on a reduced scale on the Bn area during the 24 hrs under review. The main weight of the enemy guns appeared to be directed to counter battery work. There appeared to be increased sniping activity and MG fire at dusk, when the visibility is good and movement commences; on all fronts. The MG ranged on the track leading from Bn HQ to "B" Coy was particularly active last night.

Enemy working parties were again reported after an absence of several nights and it is thought possible that these working parties were laying booby traps on the right of the Bn area as one, apparently freshly laid, had been found where none had been reported previously.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Patrols established the fact that the enemy anti-tank mine fields extends across the complete front of our "B" Coy and have a depth of four rows of mines. It is also understood that this field has been investigated and plotted by the 2/13 Fd Coy RAE.

Our mortars again fired with good effect during the day and last night effectively stopped the activity of an enemy working party opposite "D" Coy.

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8 Jun 41

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....41.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	0010	0140	1 NCO, 3 ORs	Immediate front to derelict plane	Patrol moved towards the area of the derelict taxi ^{plane} and truck. Sound of digging was heard and patrol moved fwd to investigate. Part of enemy was seen operating in area to the rear of the plane and sound of further digging could be heard on both flanks. Patrol moved across coy front and counted in all five enemy working parties. Patrol returned.
	A	0150	0310	1 NCO, 6 ORs	" "	Patrol set out to engage working parties. Proceeded towards plane, but no activity heard. Observed from vicinity of plane and saw large enemy party moving back towards S.4. It is considered that the enemy had either finished their task or had been disturbed by the previous patrol. Patrol opened fire with Bren and rifles. Fire was returned from enemy weapon pits on hillside beyond plane. No estimate of casualties sustained by enemy. Patrol returned.
	A	0320	0350	1 NCO, 3 ORs	Right pl, direction WATER TOWER-200yds and return.	Patrol moved ^{General} direction WATER TOWER a distance of 300-400 yds. No activity seen or heard. Came across booby trap thought to be freshly laid. Type Large tin with three prongs on the top let into the ground.

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 18 Jun 41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	B	22 00	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy front	Patrols during the night penetrated to within 150 yds of the enemy's wire at which pt they came across the minefield. Minefield runs across complete Coy front and is to a depth of 4 rows of mines. Enemy could be heard talking behind the wire but no enemy was seen. Some MG fire in general direction of patrol but nothing unusual to report.
	C	0030	0300	1 NCO, 7 ORs	Immediate front from rt pl. Retained centre of coy area.	Patrol moved fwd estimated 500x in direction approx due SOUTH. No booby traps in this area. Enemy activity, digging was heard opposite the left pl and patrol moved fwd to investigate. Before enemy was seen however, left pl opened fire and digging ceased. Other patrols nothing to report.
	D	2200	0500	Sec Patrols	Gen Coy Front	Patrol at 0200 hrs saw enemy working party vicinity of their own wire. Word was sent back and effective fire from 3" mortar dispersed the enemy. Nothing of importance to report from the other patrols.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....⁰⁷⁰⁰hrs.....^{18 Jun 41}.41.

Unit or Subunit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Reserve pl	nil	1	75 mm	0800	0930	12	17
B		NO			SHELLING		2	75 mm	0300	0400	6	18
C		Coy HQ	-	-	Rear Coy area	nil	4	75 mm	0600 2130	0630 2200	15 10	18 17
D		Coy HQ	-	-	Mortar Pit 2 ORs in Coy area shell shock		2	75 mm	0300 1830	0400 1900	20 19	18 17
HQ		Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	4	75 mm	1930	2030	24	17
							4	75 mm	0630	0730	15	18

REMARKS:

Glynoull Lewis

2/13 Bn A.I.F.
In the field.
19 June 41.

~~MEMO~~ 2/13 Bn A.I.F Intelligence Summary @4 hrs ended 0700 19 Jun 41

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy activity was again limited to sniping when visibility is good and using MGs if and when target appears. Enemy shelling on a much reduced scale for the 24 hours, C Coy having its first free night for over a week: even the evening session round about 2000 was slacker than normal. His working parties are not as numerous nor as evident as before. Sounds of activity are to be heard but no movement can be seen and it is estimated that his works, if any, are now being constructed in depth.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Our patrols were as close to the enemy posns ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxx~~ as the firing of flares would permit but there was no movement seen. Every opportunity is taken by our fwd Coys to engage targets when they present themselves; consequently several sharp exchanges took place when the heat haze had subsided. There is no estimate of possible casualties inflicted.

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

0700

19 June 41.

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
-	A	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy Front- depth approx 300-400x	The patrols covered the area on their immediate front and have nothing of importance to report. Digging was heard well behind the enemy lines, thought to be in the location of B4.
	B	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy front to minefield.	Patrols determined that the minefield extends on both sides of the Coys front. No enemy activity was seen though there were flares and some MG fire.
	C	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	The patrol out at 0030 moved to a depth of approx 50x from centre of Coy.	There was no enemy movement though flares were fired at frequent intervals as the patrol moved fwd. Patrol returned via wrecked plane and weapon pits reported in that vicinity by A Coy were still unoccupied. Patrol also investigated posns that had been previously occupied and vacated by 2/10 Bn. These did not appear to have been occupied at any time by the enemy and no anti-personnel devices were found in these posns.
	D Coy	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Patrol reports no enemy activity other than occasional MG fire. One patrol set out to locate MG which had been worrying B Coy by firing on its HQ at night but gun did not fire after 2100 hours and could not be located.

REMARKS:

Richard Stewart
(GOD)

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2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs. 19 June 41. 41.

Unit or Subunit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Dearing of flash or sound. (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
A	-	Coy HQ	No	-	Reserve Pl area.	Nil	4	75 mm	1700	1930	18 shells	17 June
B	-	Coy HQ	220 °	-	Forbes mound.	Nil	3	75 mm	1910	1940	12	do
C	-	Coy HQ	-	-	Old HQ posn.	Nil	4	75 mm	1800	2000	20	do
D	-	Coy HQ	-	-	Fwd Pls	Nil	4	75 mm	1920	2030	46	do.
HQ	-	Bn HQ	-	-	HQ Area	Nil	4	75 mm	1700	2030	24	do

REMARKS:

R. Stewart
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2/13 Bn A.I.F.

In the field.
20 June 41.

Intelligence summary for 24 hours ended 0700 on 20 June 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery was again on comparatively reduced scale although for the first time one of our new positions received attention, namely the left platoon of C Coy. It is thought that the fire on this platoon was directed from either the fwd enemy troops or a new O.P. Enemy machine guns continued to be active while the visibility is good and they have made more use of their mortar for firing at our posns during these MG exchanges. Activity at night was conspicuous by its absence.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Our mortars fired on enemy posns during the day and our A & C Coy despite accurate enemy mortar fire had several sharp engagements (mas) with the enemy at approx 2000 hours. Our patrols were again active but despite constant efforts no contact was made with the enemy.

GENERAL.

It has been noticed that for the last two days enemy troops seen have been wearing steel helmets. On one or two occasions in the period under review men were seen to walk from one posn to another in the most brazen manner as though unfamiliar with the country and the state of affairs. These points coupled with the sudden increase in enemy fire may indicate that a relief has taken place on our front. Yesterday morning a vehicle identified as a tracked ambulance moved across the front of our B Coy from left to right approx 400x from our FDLs and was engaged by the arty.

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PATROL REPORT

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Sheet No. 1.....

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700.....hrs. 20 June 41......41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
"A"	A	2400	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy front towards water tower.	Patrols report no movement seen or heard. Large number of flares fired by enemy when patrol approached their posn.
	B	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Patrols to a depth of 300x reported NMS. Additional line of booby traps found which runs north and south cutting at approx right angles to previously reported line.
	C	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Patrols on right of Coy front penetrated to beyond crashed plane. They report no enemy activity but illuminating flares were frequent.
	D	2200	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Patrols principally in the vicinity of MT obstacle report no enemy activity other than firing of flares.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs. 20 June 41. 41.

Unit or SubUnit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire, No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Old FDLs	Nil	4 1	75 mm 105 mm	1200 1800	1400 2000	15 8	19 June "
B		No shelling										
C		Coy HQ & left Pl HQ	-	-	Old posns & new posn left Pl.	Several w/tins & wire damaged.	4	75 mm	1800	2030	40	19 June
B		Forbes Mound.	220°	-	Forbes Mound,	Nil	4	75 mm	1840	1905	22	19 June.

REMARKS:

Sydney Stewart

2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
June 21. 1941.

Intelligence Summary 24 hours ended 0700 June 21, 1941.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy shelling was again on a reduced scale although they engaged and put out of action a section of NFs as reported in the shelling report. The usual amount of sniping and machine gunning was experienced during the day. At night after a lapse of 2 or 3 days working parties were again reported, engaged and silenced.

OWN ACTIVITY.

There has been a general shift of Coy HQs, the last taking place last night. Coy HQs are now well forward in the approx vicinity of their old platoon posns. The rt Coy was engaged last night in erecting more wire on the front. Patrols penetrated to within 100x of enemy posns and all enemy activity effectively silenced with fire from the automatic weapons. NFs conducted a shoot at 1930 hours on to movement observed by the water tower. A patrol from D Coy consisting of 1 Off and 1 OR lay and observed fwd of our posns until 1100 hours. Report of this is submitted separately and in full.

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Richard Evans
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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 21 Jun 41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	0030	0340	1 NCO 7 ORs	left of Coy area towards water tower approx 300x and return through right	when Patrol saw/approx 200x from our wire what appeared to be enemy working party. They approached to within grenade throwing distance and considered that the working party were dummies, before closer investigation could be made they were fired on from the flank and forced to withdraw. After withdrawing some distance they moved to the left to locate the party who had fired on them. They did this, fir fired on the enemy without known result. The enemy returned the fire.
	A	0230	0400	1 NCO 7 ORs	left of Coy area towards plane and return	No enemy in the vicinity of plane but could hear digging well back on the ridge in the rear of plane. Moved forward to investigate but evidently ^{heard} by enemy, flares were fired and digging stopped.
	B	2300	0500	Sec Patrols	General Coy front	Quiet night, one small enemy working party seen and engaged with Bren fire. No estimate of enemy casualties.
	C	0215	0415	1 NCO 4 ORs from rt pl general front to depth 500x return centre Coy front	from rt pl general front to depth 500x back centre Coy area	Patrol moved to investigate the noises heard on thr Coy front by the wire patrol. On moving out these noises were identified as the driving os stakes, 6 or 7 strokes per stake. When still some distance from noise, A Coy patrol opened fire and noise was not heard again, moved forward

REMARKS:

past plane to within estimated 75x of enemy posns and saw several men move quickly into large weapon pits. Patrol could not move further forward so withdrew. No sign was found of the stakes which they had heard being driven. Patrol came across the previously reported pits in the vicinity of the plane and brought back some German SAA. It is not considered that the pits have been recently used.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended... 0700 ... hrs. 21 June ... 41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	D	0430 on 20 Jun	1100 on 20 Jun	1 Offr 1 OR	300x forward of centre of Coy.	Patrol lay and observed own and enemy posns. Details of booby trap fields and relative posns of ourselves, enemy and features were observed. Full report is submitted separately.
	D	2230	0430	Sec patrols	general Coy front	Patrols have nothing of importance to report.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT2/13 BN. A.I.F. *K*

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									From	To		
BHQ		B. H.Q	-	-	40144318	2 guns of RNF knocked out crews uninjured	4	75mm	1900-1930	1930	10	20 Jun
C		Coy HQ	-	-	old posns	nil	4	75mm	0830 1900	0900 2000	10 12	20 Jun 20 Jun
No further shelling on Bn area.												

Raymond B. Lewis
Gold

REMARKS:

2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
22 June 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy arty concentrated this time on right section of NF's guns injuring 4 men and setting on fire 20 boxes of Mk VIII ammunition. Guns were undamaged. The NFs are reconnoitring new posns for their guns. Enemy MGs during the night were active but with no effect. An enemy plane at approximately 0530 this morning flew over the area and from indications it is presumed Thermos bombs were dropped. No confirmation of enemy of these bombs being found is yet reported. During the night there was one small working party reported opposite C Coy which was fired on and silenced by the left platoon.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Our patrols continue and one patrol from B Coy had the misfortune to set off a booby trap which killed one and injured 2 ORs. A party which moved out to assist the injured set off yet another trap injuring 4 ORs. D Coy was engaged digging fwd posns which will be occupied tonight. They report digging almost completed but as yet no wiring has been done. Engineers were provided to deal with booby traps. They cleared the necessary areas for approaches and platoon areas which were marked immediately with tape. There are many more booby traps in the area which will have to be disarmed before the area is fit for occupation. One carrying party disregarded the taped route and set off a booby trap, 2 men were killed and 4 injured. This explosion drew down heavy enemy MG fire on the area but as the fire was high the work was able to proceed without undue interruption. There were no casualties from enemy MG fire. To give additional protection B Coy on the right of the digging troops pushed fwd a Bren gun which was able to engage the enemy MGs when they fired but judging from the enemy's fire with but little success.

Clyde D. Evans
IO 2/13 Bn AIF

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 22 June 41. 41.

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A		2300	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy Front	Patrols report no enemy movement seen. One patrol was fired on when moving near enemy lines in vicinity of crashed plane.
B		2300	0430	Sec. Patrol	General Coy front	Apart from enemy MMG fire patrols have nothing to report. One patrol exploded a booby trap with the resulting casualties- 1 OR killed and 6 ORs injured.
C		2300	0500	Sec. Patrols	General Coy front	Generally little activity, One patrol on left of Coy area heard sounds of digging which were silenced by MMG fire. When approx opposite centre of Coy area and when about 400x from our wire they heard sounds of blankets being shaken. Moved fwd to investigate but were fired upon and forced to lie low for some considerable time until able to crawl away. The digging heard & silenced by another patrol was also reported by this party. Standing patrols and listening patrols only as Coy engaged in digging new posns.
C		2330	0145	1 NCO 6 ORs	Left of Coy area, across front and return thro' centre	
D		2300	0500			

REMARKS:

Sydney Huan
(OR)

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A		Coy HQ	-	-	Old posns	Nil	4	75 mm	1920	1930	8	21 June
B		Coy HQ	-	-	Rt Pl. Forbes Mound	Nil	2	75 mm	2100	2120	4	"
C		Coy HQ	-	-	Old posns	Nil	4	75 mm	0800 2130	0900 2200	25 20	" "
Bn HQ		Bn HQ	-	-	West of Bn Area NPs NG post.	xNil 4 ORs injured & 20 boxes SAA destroyed.	2	75 mm	1915	1940	20	"

*Sydney Howard
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ARAB HQ.
23 Jun 41.

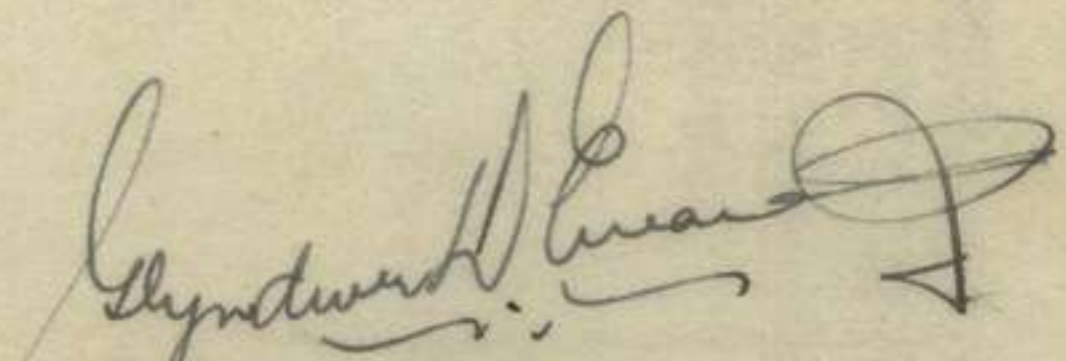
ARAB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY UP TO 0700 hrs 23 JUN 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery was active during the period shelling, principally, HQ area. It is not considered that he has located this HQ but is concentrating on the gun posns of the NFs. There was a little shelling of the old posns of A and C Coys. During the night enemy activity was very slight. Machine gun fire was on a reduced scale.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Our mortars obtained several direct hits on enemy posns during the day but full results could not be observed. "D" Coy was last night engaged in wiring the posns dug the previous night. Despite the work of engrs booby traps were exploded and casualties are as yet known to be 5 killed and 8 injured. Those killed include 2 engrs and 2/15 Bn men are known to be amongst the injured. 2/15 Bn did not occupy the posns. MG fire was brought down by the enemy on the area of the explosions. Our patrols have nothing of importance to report.


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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....⁰⁷⁰⁰hrs.....^{23 Jun}.....41.

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	A	2200	0430	Sec patrols	General Coy front	Nothing unusual to report
	B	2300	0500	Sec patrols	General Coy front	No enemy activity - nothing to report
	C	2330	0430	Sec patrols	General Coy front	Patrols worked the area of crashed plane and old 2/10 Bn diggings. A few flares, nothing of importance to report
	D	No patrols				

Gynder Stewart
God

REMARKS:

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs. 23 Jun 41.

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									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns	NIL	4	75mm	0200	0530	10	23 Jun
B	No shelling on area.											
C		Coy HQ	-	-	Old Posns	NIL	4	75mm	1900	2000	20	22
D	No shelling on area.											
HQ		Bn HQ	-	-	HQ area	NIL	4	75mm	1000 1900 2330 0300	1300 2000 2400 0500	30 6 5 8	22 22 22 23

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2/13 Bn. A.I.F

24 June 41.

Intelligence Summary for 24 hrs ended 0700 on 24 June 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

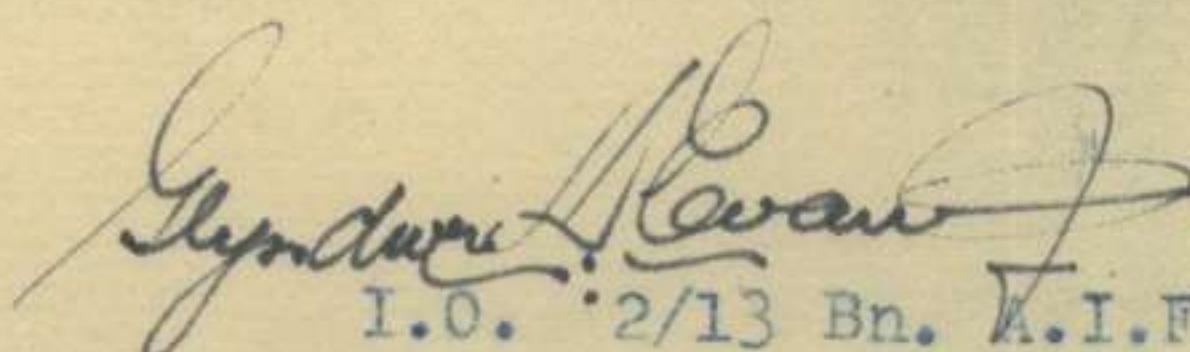
Enemy shelling in the area was very reduced scale and no damage was caused. Enemy MGs were active at first light, last light and at intervals during the night. Patrols report little movement of enemy heard deep behind their own lines.

OWN ACTIVITY

The work on the new posns on the left flank by D Coy continued the working parties being supplied by the 2/15 Bn, the covering party by D Coy. Work was mainly concentrated on sinking the section posts and there is still some wiring yet to be completed. D Coy occupied these new fwd posns by 0400 hrs. There was some MG fire in the general area of the work but neither sufficient nor accurate enough to do any damage. Our Mortar fired at these MGs one of which did not fire again. It is not known if any material damage was done.

GENERAL.

The 4 bodies which it was not possible to recover on night 22/23 June were brought in last night (2 of 2/15 and 1 2/13 Fd Coy and one of our own).


Lieut.
I.O. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 24 June 41. 41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2200	0430	Sec Patrol	General Coy Front	One patrol reported a few enemy well back on the ridge behind wrecked plane otherwise patrols had nothing to report
	B	2200	0430	Sec Patrol	General Coy Front	No movement seen but occasional sound of digging heard from well within enemy lines.
	C	2200	0430	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Slight enemy movement was heard but nothing of importance was seen. There were some enemy flares fired during the night.

Glynn and Lewis
(Sgt)

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....
0700 24 June 41. 41.

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									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	-	-	Res. Pl	Nil	1	75 mm	1600	1615	5	23 Jun
B		Coy HQ	270°	-	Rear of Coy HQ	Nil	1	75 mm	0230	0240	2	24 Jun
C		Coy HQ	=	-	Old posns	Nil	2	75 mm	1800 0001	1830 0600	6 12	23 Jun 24 Jun.
Bn HQ		Bn HQ	-	-	Ridge on each side of Wadi	Nil	4	75 mm	1200 0001	1330 0600	17 20	23 Jun 24 Jun

Lyndward Evans
Cox

REMARKS:

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended...0700....hrs.....25 June 41...41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2230	0500	Sec Patrol	General Coy Front	Nothing to report.
	C	0140	0315	1 NCO 6 ORs	From centre of Coy to depth of approx 400x General Coy Front and return.	Patrol inspected stone sangars approx 300x from centre of Coy and found them to be not only unoccupied but clear of all anti personnel devices. A noise of the driving of stakes was heard from the rt flank and patrol moved to investigate. The noise ceased and 1 man was seen to move back towards the enemy posns further up the slope. The ground was carefully examined by the patrol but only thing found was 2 tins of approx 1/2 pint size sealed at each end. These were not touched. Patrol proceeded back towards centre of the Coy before sturning but nothing further was seen.
	D	2200	0330	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Other C Coy patrols nothing to report.
	B	2230	0430	Sec Patrol	General Coy front	Standing patrols only. Report patrol front to depth enemy minefield- nothing to report.

REMARKS:

*Sydney Howard
Coy*

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For 24 hours ended. 0700...hrs...25 June 41...41.

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									From	To		
A		No shelling.										
B		Coy HQ	220°	-	General Coy area.	Nil	4	75 mm	2045 0600	2100 0700	16 8	24 June 25 June.
C		Coy HQ	-	-	Rt Pl and old posns	Nil	4	75 mm	1900	2100	30	24 June.
D		Coy HQ	-	-	Left pl	-	4	75 mm	2030	2100	12	24 June.
Bn HQ		Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ area	-	4	75 mm	0900 1630 1900 2200	1000 1700 2000 0300	15 10 3 18	24 June. " " "
					4005323	4 wounded RNF	4	75 mm	1900	2000	20	"

REMARKS:

Glyndwr Evans
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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....⁰⁷⁰⁰ 28 Jun 41.

Unit or SubUnit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire.No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
HQ Coy	-	Coy HQ	-	-	40294316	NIL	1 4	75mm 75mm	1915 0430	1945 0445	20 12	27 28
C Coy	-	Coy HQ	-	-	Gen Coy area	NIL	2	75mm	1900	1915	14	27
Gap in Blue line wire was also shelled at irregular intervals during the 24 hours but with no effect.												

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs. 29 Jun 20

Unit or SubUnit reporting	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No. of secs from flash to report	Area shelled	Damage done	No. of guns	Calibre	Time of shelling		State of fire. No. of shells	Date
									From	To		
HQ Coy -		40294317	-	-	40294317	1 OR wounded	1	75mm	1900	1902	2	28
							4	75mm	0700	0704	70	29
NO FURTHER SHELLING ON BN AREA												
Again irregular shelling of gap in Blue Line wire between these HQ and CHERF HQ												

REMARKS:

M.Os DIARY

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Attendance of sick was still very low.

As the dental health of the battalion was generally low, the opportunity was taken to certain parties regularly to the 2/8 Fd. Amb. for dental treatment.

On retiring to En Requina a more substantial R.A.P. was built by the Pioneer Pn., and evacuation was facilitated by attaching an ambulance from the 2/8 Fd Amb. to the R.A.P.

This ambulance linked with a mobile section 2 miles further East.

During the battle on 4 Apr 41 18 casualties were treated.

Morphia & A.T.S. was administered. Hot In 2 cases Thomas leg splints were applied, & in 2 other cases phable aluminium splints were used.

The patients received hot drinks. The problem of evacuation which seemed difficult owing to the possession of only one ambulance, was solved by requisitioning a 1 ton, & a 30 cwt. lorry.

The patients were loaded, & the equipment completely packed at 2015 hrs. The R.A.P. lorry, the ambulance, 2 other trucks carrying wounded, and a staff car &

truck from the mobile section of the (4)
2/8 Fd Amb. They moved out in
darkness striking East.

The track to the road REGIMA -
EL ABIAR was missed in the
darkness, and we finally had
to travel across country towards
this road taking our direction
from the Pole Star.

We reached the top of the
escarpment above BARCE at
dawn on the 5 Apr 41 and the
casualties were sent on to
the 2/8 Fd. Amb. M.D.S. at LUM LUDA.

A mobile RAP. was established
later at TECNIS, and on the
morning of 7 Apr 41 at MARTUBA
where several casualties were
treated.

Later that day we shifted to
~~TIMINES~~ TIMINES, and by nightfall to GAZALA.
The next day the RAP was
established near ACROMA.

On 10 Apr 41 we entered the
perimeter defences of the TOBROK
fortress and established RAP.
in 2 rooms of a roofless stone

5/ building at B. IASIN in the ELADEM sector

3 double decker Glavin beds were erected here, and we maintained a small hospital usually holding about 4 patients. Evacuation was through 2/87th Am. During ~~the~~ subsequent moves within the perimeter the R.A.P. was packed & shifted without incident, 6 moves being accomplished up to 10 Jun 41.

While at TOBRUK Cpl. West, L/Cpl. Stokes & Sgt. Crawley of the R.A.P. staff were evacuated through sickness. Pte. McMechan was promoted to Cpl. and two stretcher bearers Pres. F.S. Jones & J. Fraser were transferred to R.A.P. staff.

On the 12 Jun 41 the reserve R.A.P. stores at Bechelon were bombed and damaged. The driver of the R.A.P. truck was wounded & died the same night.

The high standard of health which had prevailed since leaving PALESTINE declined on entering TOBRUK, chiefly because of the increasing heat, the difficulty in obtaining adequate quantities of water for washing purposes, and the innumerable flies. Gastro-enteritis became very prevalent, and sporadic cases of B. Flexner dysentery occurred.

Several cases which were suspected to be sand fly fever were encountered, ~~and~~ and a few proved cases of relapsing fever.

On the whole the health of the battalion as a whole was still very good for although diarrhoea was almost universal, it rarely incapacitated the patient for more than 24 hours.

By 22 Jun 41 however, the continued exposure to arduous conditions and the unbearable heat had reduced the resistance of the men in the front line and the number of men reporting sick had risen considerably.

Later, on moving into reserve the men were able to get adequate rest & sleep, and swimming parties were arranged.

The influence of this relaxation was soon noticed, & the general health & resistance rapidly improved.



Statistics

	25 Mar — 24 Apr.	25 Apr — 24 May	25 May — 24 Jun
Total Attendance at R.A.P.	610	456	1000
<u>Evacuations.</u>			
2/13 B.	58	43	127
Other Units	12	15	34
Total	70	58	161
Average daily attendance.	20	15	33
Casualties	38	30	80
* Diarrhoea	56	103	360
* Dysentery	8	6	28
'Fear state'	2	5	16
* represent daily attendance — not new cases.			

2/13 BN

TOBRUK

JUN 41

OPERATIONS

LOCATION

Settled in new area on flat north FORT PALASTRINO.
2 June.

6 June. Relieve 2/10 Bn on general line 39854312 -
40084303. Well dug trenches; wired on complete
fronts; enemy fairly active M.G's and snipers.
Engrs remove 60 booby traps ready for advance of
working parties improving positions; casualties
from booby traps and M.G.

17 June. Enemy too strong to occupy weapon pits.

22/24 June. With help of sappers sec. positions
further improved.

25 June. 2/15 Bn take over fwd prepared positions.

26 June. Relief by 2/17 Bn completed.

ENEMY
SHELLING

Heavy shelling on all areas during month, but light
casualties from this - most casualties through
booby traps.

2/13 BN

TOBRUK

JUN 41

MEDICAL - DIET

HEALTH
DETERIORATES

Health declined at TOBRUK. Gastro -
enteritis became prevalent.

2/13 BN
JUN 41

MEDICAL - Case Reports and Statistics

25 MAY-24 JUN

Total attendance R.A.P.	1000
Evacuations	127
Casualties	80
"Fear State"	16

Approx 100 per cent over previous 2
months before reaching TOBRUK.

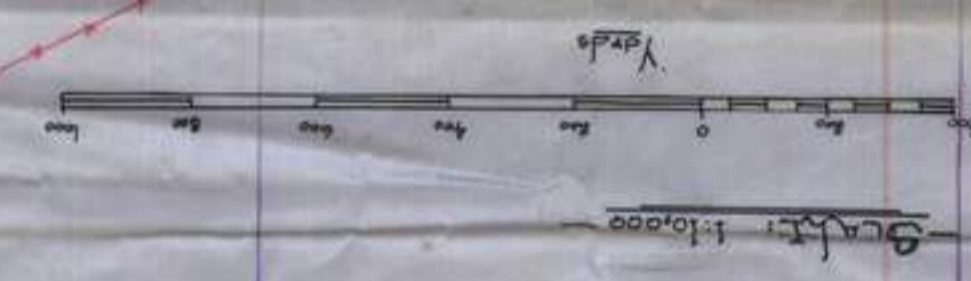
2/13 BN
JUN 41

2/13 Bn DISPOSITIONS
ENLARGEMENT TORBUK 1:50000



2/13 Bn
10 9/5
at Torbuk

- LATEST ADVANCE
- ORIGINAL POSN
- ARTY TANKS
- MOVING TRACKS



2/13 BN

TOBRUK

JUL 41

OPERATIONS

RELIEF OF
2/10 BN

effected on 26 Jul. Nightly patrols instituted.

PERSONNEL

DECORATIONS

approved for acts of gallantry in
Western Desert operations.

2/13 Bn
13 Jul 41

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Unit

2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From

1 July 41

To

3 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUC.H	Tuesday 1 July.	0900	Adj and 2/c had returned previous night. CO sets out on recon to 18 bay to satisfy himself on route and lie of the land. Quarters on beach are ready for occupation and scheme for 6 coffers at a time to stay there for two days at a time. Nothing of importance to report - slight shelling during evening.	<i>Call</i>
	2 July	0800	Swimming by bay continues. Boys spending 1/2 day - troops all ranks feeling the benefit. Some isolated shelling nothing of importance to report.	<i>Call</i>
	3 July	0900	Further swimming - Mail and fresh meat arrive. Both most welcome the meat particularly so.	
		1000	Shelling on Bay HQ right on the spot but no casualties - 6 shells only. Five shells again at 1800 apparently one left wound can only be seen in the morning and evening.	<i>Call</i>

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 4 July 41 To 5 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Friday 4 July	0800	Further swimming parties which are it appears to go on the whole time see any in reserve. First intimation that Bde is to be relieved and go into his reserve.	
		1000	Shelling again on Br 10. - Close but ineffective	
			Quiet day and quiet night. - Coy Comds have reced. all tanks in the case of necessary counter attack - Nothing to do. - Lieut Graham by means of diving rod considers he has found water in C. Coy area - digging commenced on the spot for water estimated to lie at depth 15 ft	G/6 G/6
	5 July	0900	Co 10 and OC HCoy set out for recce of area quad of 18 Cav Regt where we have to dig strong point on high ground to be held by a Coy.	
			After looking over ground with representatives from 18 Cav RNF and Penguin CO. decides this scheme not practicable	
		1200	Bde asked for modification of scheme - this contacted and CO's idea adopted.	
		1500	OC HCoy and Pl Comds recce area and mark forms	
		1700	A Coy moves across to area and commences digging	G/6

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 6 July 41 To 7 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Sunday 6 July 41	1000	<p>Pade commences series of services first in afternoon then doing the rounds of the boys.</p> <p>1400 Capt. Dawson rejoins unit from his appointment in Syrian Campaign.</p> <p>First news of relief - we are to be relieved on night 9/10 by 2/28 Bn. - 20 Pade to be his reserve and we will go back to our posts in the PLASTRINO area.</p> <p>2200 A Coy continues digging post in bar area - work inspected by 2/c. A Coy lives during the day in a waddi plentifully supplied with fresh water and giving easy access to the Red for swimming - they will be both to complete the job.</p>	<p>U/S</p>
	7 July	1000	<p>First elements of relieving party from 2/28 Bn to be seen over our area. Includes Sgt who completes details for take over.</p> <p>Otherwise uneventful day.</p> <p>2200 A Coy continues work they are to be relieved on the job by A Coy 2/28.</p>	<p>U/S</p>

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Unit 2/13 B Date and Time.—From 8 July 41 To 9 July

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Tuesday 8 July 41	1130	<p>Capt Colvin rejoins unit from 2 I.I.B. in Palestine - he was three weeks on the road having been side tracked for a Court Martial in Alexandria</p> <p>Arrangements made for Capt Hill to proceed to 20 I.I.B. in his place.</p> <p>General preparations for the relief packing of surplus kit and general cleaning of area</p> <p>General shelling of by Germans throughout the day impresses boys from the 2/28.</p> <p>10th and 1st from 2/28 are staying with each of our Coy to act as guides for their incoming Coy.</p> <p>2200 A Coy continues to dig and tanks to are compressor and blasting posts are almost complete</p>	
	9 July	0930	<p>Nothing unusual to report overnight</p> <p>2/28 takes recess party to 2/28 posts - Coy reps of 10th and 1st stay there - HQ and GHO reps return by lunch time</p>	
		1800	<p>2/28 decides not to relieve A Coy in present posts but to take over old posts - hurried change of plans to cope with reserve stores</p> <p>apt guides etc</p>	

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Unit 2/13 Bn Date and Time.—From 9 July 41 To 10 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Wednesday 9 July 41	2115	Relief commences and carries on without trouble.	G.W.C. see att 00 App A
	10 July	0245	Last boy (A boy) reports safely in - no untoward happenings.	
		1030	CO addresses all NCOs of the bn and after thanking them for their efforts goes on to explain their additional duties and how the NCO can affect the efficiency of the unit. Insists on complete control of	
			the men and unswerving loyalty.	Att. Orders for counter attacks Bn organized as per force Appx B
		1400	CO addresses all officers in a similar vein expressing the need for co-operation and anticipation of needs. - Also gives new officers a chance to meet the older members of the mess - The first gathering of officers since we left Palestine.	
			There is a works programme outlined for improvements to the BLUE LINE and the BLANCA SWITCH or YELLOW LINE. Swimming continues and salvage instructions are issued.	G.W.C.

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Unit 2/3 Bn Date and Time.—From 11 July 41 To 13 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Sunday 11 July 41	1000	Swimming parties from all Coy's - no working parties for the time being.	
			Boys spend day in general clean up of men and area - load of laundry to wash koozes clothes.	LDB
	12 July 41	1000	Level of enquiry starts into many cases of poisoning, accidental and otherwise that have been waiting over for such an opportunity.	
			Swimming parties continue - otherwise nothing of importance to report.	
			Heat storm - most unpleasant. - Bug calls for evening mess.	LDB
	13 July	0900	Boys lands and B receive routes to BARVIA rd sector in accordance with Committee attack role - parties to all other parts of perimeter are known.	
		1800	Ration issue of beer and cigarettes - been enough to give 1 bottle and 2 tins per man the largest quantity yet - much appreciated.	
			Padre held Combined Service in office mess at 1000 hrs.	LDB

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Unit 2/13 Bn Date and Time.—From 14th July 41 To 15 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Monday 14 July 41	1000	<p>All inspect all Coy and B Echelon generally satisfied. Some points of improvement suggested especially in cleanliness.</p>	
		1400	<p>TAB inoculation for ENTG HQ C & D Coy. one dose A Coy report that when their working party for BRANCH SWITCH was approaching 130th vehicles were shelled and 10R wounded. Suggest vehicles do not go so far fwd arrangements accordingly made.</p>	
		1500	<p>TAB serum runs out, part of D Coy not done.</p>	Sub
	15 July	0300	<p>High flying plane drops several bombs apparently at random on flat near SW HQ. All bombing is now HQ and by single planes - AF defence commands with respect especially from the Italian who does most of the work in this region now - GERMAN planes and pilots particularly pilots are apparently needed elsewhere.</p>	Sub

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 16 July 41 To 19 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUC.H	Wednesday 16 Jul 41	0900	Fine day. Coy comds continue with their recess one Coy dig on BIANCA ditch. Nothing of importance during the day. Boys swim	
		1400	Now work one Coy required to dig on Blue line behind BIANCA — we will now have 3 boys working. Each Coy will have opportunity for swimming parties.	GWB
	17 July 41	0500	Boys (AED) leave for work areas. By leaving at this time they avoid exposure of vehicles to enemy arty observation and also cease work before the full heat of the day.	
		1400	Final TAB inoculations given some areas but no adverse effects. Nothing of importance.	GWB
	18 Jul 41	0500	Digging boys leave — A.C & D work 2 days and swim on the third. B boy works and swims each day — He swims and provides odd duties.	
		0900	Swimming parties leave — Nothing of importance.	
	19 July 41	0500	Digging	GWB
		0900	Swimming Nothing of importance.	GWB

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 20 July 41 To 22 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Sunday 20 July 41	0500	Digging	
		0900	Swimming	
		1000	Church parade at C Coy for HQ & ETR Coys.	
		1100	Church parade B Coy	
			Dusty day nothing to report.	GWB
	21 July 41	0500	Digging	
		0900	Swimming	
			Severe dust visibility extremely poor - hint that we may have a practice stand to.	
		1650	Warning to stand to and have Bn completely mobile and ready to move for practice.	
		1810	Bn reports to Cde ready to move - Swimming parties had to be recalled but system of workings worked well and things went smoothly - Bn was 2 nd .	
		1930	Stand down ordered from Cde Bn unloads and returns to normal.	GWB
	22 July 41	0500	Digging	
		0900	Swimming	
			Severe dust storm most unpleasant - Nothing to report.	
			Dust day nothing unusual.	GWB

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Unit 2/13 Bn Date and Time.—From 23 July 41 To 1200-25 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Wednesday 23 July 41	0430 0548	Stand to - a further practice Bde reports to Bde ready to move - Single exercises in mobility is then engaged in - We move 2 carriers and a pl to deal with taken para's.	See rept att. Appx C
		0830 1000	Stand down Must Storms receive - Piece to 2/10 Bn from whom we are to take over perimeter posts R11 - R25 inclusive on night 25/26 Must preclude any activity	
	24 July		Receive Must Storms piece of 2/10 Bn from and general agreement on details Must Storms increases nothing can be done	
		1730	Key Comds Conference CO makes himself clear on aggressive policy to be adopted when getting to the line once more.	S.B.
	25 July	0500	One day dig	
		0900	TEWT for CO. Key Comds Mountain and Carrier officers in conjunction with Artillery and Tanks - DO Col Brown and Bde.	
		1200	Must Staffers and conditions reasonable once more. TEWT finishes and declared most interesting and instructive for all ranks	

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 25 July 41 To 27 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Friday 25 July 41	1400	Bn commences packing for move at night. - no move before 2115	Call Sec 0013 Appx D
		2115	Move commences - everything goes smoothly	
	26 July 41	0215	Last Coy reports take over completed without incident we are now under comd 18 Bde for one night.	
0500		Stand to - patrols during night limited to standing patrols on wire and ditch		
		0700	Settling in of Bn slight adjustments to be made	
			Some little shelling of left and rt flanks during the day.	
		2100	Recce patrols out from all Coy to become familiar with our front. - Quiet night nothing to report	Call
	27 July 41	0400	All patrols report in	
		0600 0730	Stand to CO holds Coy Comd conference at D Coy HQ. at spot complete with trees close to R26 - CO reiterates the need for vigorous patrolling and aggressive actions - Indicate regular patrol routines mainly officer patrols with the object of taking prisoners and harassing enemy.	
			Some slight shelling during day - With the exception of C Coy in R 44 int. can be taken to all HQ's with impunity.	
		2130	Patrols from each Coy - recce patrols with orders to fight any opposition some slight shelling.	Call

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 28 July 41 To 1200 hrs 29 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Monday 28 July 41	0400	All patrols have reported in. Patrols have gone only so far as the enemy minefield presumably (scraped) reported from recon and air photos. No contacts are made with enemy.	
		0500 0630	Stand to Bay Comds Conference at D Coy HQ. - Co-ordinate patrols - question of intermediate gaps. Salvage and general cleaning of areas - call for names for "Commando" if few attacks to be decided	
		0915	CO goes to look over B Coy forms.	
		2100	Hot day but no dust in this area Patrols from all boys as usual - Patrols have taken of 2,300 before enemy can be contacted at all.	
		2400	1 Pl and 1 OR move approx 1000 yds fwd from C Coy for OP	
	29 July 41	0330	1 Pl and 1 OR move out approx 1700 yds for OP	See report page E
		0400	All patrols have reported - But one patrol that from B Coy crossed mine field. B Coy patrol reported No enemy seen after penetrating 700 yds beyond field. A Corp ration truck strikes minefield during the night	
		0500 0630	Stand to Bay Comds Conference at D HQ	
			Hot and dusty day. Slight shelling and mortar on C and D boys - No damage. Mortar pl has taken over and operates 5 captured field pieces 3.75 mm and 2 .77 mm - These they shoot with increasing accuracy - plenty of shooting today. OP reports targets successfully engaged	

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 1200 29 July 41 To 30 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Tuesday 29 July 41	1900	Some shelling on D Coy.	
		2000	Rockets for illumination test sent up from each pl only 3 were successful as far as illumination was concerned - but enemy no doubt jumped brought down a good deal of shrapnel onto front lines.	
		2130	Patrols out from all Coys.	
		2200	Both fwd OP's return safely but with no exciting information	C/S
	30 July 41	0200	OP with phone moves out from A Coy.	
		0400	All patrols home - Recd of Carrier Officer nearby SIR EL CARMUSA shows this point to be held strongly. - No patrols crossed minefield. No contacts made with enemy.	
		0500	Stand to	
		0830	Coy Comdg' conference at D HQ - CO lays down patrols for tonight insist on aggression and that contact be made with enemy - Prisoners if possible - Windy and dusty day.	
		1400	B Coy lights party of enemy at same place as before - Bush arty fire and party withdraws	
			A good deal of shelling on Bn area during the day. There is no regular programme of E shelling.	
		2130	Patrols move as usual at least one deep patrol from each Coy.	
		2400	Observations move fwd from A C and D Coys. to remain out all day	C/S

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Unit 2/13 Bn

Date and Time.—From 31 July 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH	Thursday 31 July	0400	Patrols all in - Contact made with the enemy at two points only BIR EL CARMUSA and at 117. Enemy very silent and no chance of raiding posts.	
		0600 0800	Stand to 2 carriers ordered to report to B Coy to stand by in case fwd sec needs help. One carrier runs on mine field at R24 - one man injured	
		1000 1430	Shelling continued and rd of Bn area. Sec fwd of B Coy sees enemy approaching and after a short engagement kills four and captures one. Carriers prevented trouble from remainder of B enemy but were they themselves prevented from pursuing enemy by mechanical breakdowns. Prisoner from mortar sec 1 Bn 27 Regt. PAVIA Sec asks if he will be taken to Aust. Army man who seems content to be captured.	See report att. Appx F. Also att. BRO's - Patrol & Shelling reports - Patrol Orders and - Summary AF 3008 & 3009
		2130	Patrols on all fronts to engage enemy if possible.	
		2400	O's return from A.C.E.D. Coy but have nothing of importance to report.	J. Howard

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INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY. Holds general line in the Salient from S.7 - 39984296 - R.7. Estimated that this line held by series of MG posts.

There is an extensive field of anti-personnel mines on the Eastern and Southern sides of the Salient. On the Northern and Eastern side there is a large field of Teller A Tk Mines.

2. OWN TFS.

- (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde is to be relieved by 24 Aust Inf Bde in the MEDAUAR Sector.
- (b) On night 8/9 Jul 41 - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to be relieved by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and will be located at EL ADEM - BARDIA RD Junc.
- (c) On night 10/11 Jul - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to be relieved by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn which moves to ASIRATE.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved in the RAS EL MED-AUWAR Sector by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on night 9/10 Jul 41 and will then move to reserve posn in PILASTRINO area.

METHOD.

4. RELIEF.

- (a) Each coy will be relieved by the opposite coy of the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) On the completion of the relief coys will move independently to reserve posns previously occupied by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

5. TIMINGS - ROUTE.

- (a) No movement in forward areas before 2100 hrs.

(b)/

5. TIMINGS - ROUTE (Cont)

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will leave PILASTRINO as follows:-

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Route</u>
HQ Coy	2115 hrs	Track North of Escarpment
A Coy	2115 hrs	Via DERNA RD.
B Coy	2100 hrs	Via DERNA RD.
C Coy	2130 hrs	Via ACROMA RD.
D Coy	2145 hrs	Via ACROMA RD.

(c) Relief will commence immediately on arrival of coys from 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) Relief to be completed by 0400 hrs.

6. RECEC PARTY

2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

One representative for each coy and pl will report to HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at 2100 hours on night 8/9 Jul 41. I.O. will arrange for guides to escort reps to coy areas. This party will remain in coy areas to obtain information and to check Reserve Water, Trench Stores and Amn.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

The following personnel will report to Bn Hq at 0900 hrs on 9 Jul 41 for Recce of reserve posn.

OC Recce Party	-	Maj. R.S.W. Turner
A Coy	-	Coy 2 i/c and 3 ORs
B Coy	-	"
C Coy	-	"
D Coy	-	"
HQ Coy	-	One Offr and Pl Reps.

Recce Party will remain with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on 9 Jul 41 for checking of stores.

7. GUIDES.

Coy 2 i/c will guide respective coys 2/28 Aust Inf Bn from PILASTRINO area to the debussing area. Coys, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, will arrange for guides to pl areas from debussing area.

8. DEBUSSING AND REBUSSING AREA.

Coy 2 i/c will arrange for these areas to be as close as possible to Coy Hq.

9. VEH.

(a) Personnel carrying vehicles will be supplied by 1 Coy AASC.

(b) Allotment of Vehs.

Bn HQ	-	Two 3-ton
HQ Coy	-	Four 3-ton
A	-	Six 3-ton
B	-	"
C	-	"
D	-	"

(c) This tpt will be taken from 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at debussing point.

(d) TO will ensure that Coy and Pl vehs report to respective Coy HQ at 2200 hrs on 9 Jul 41.

These vehs will return to B Ech after unloading at reserve posn.

10. MEDICAL.

RAP will remain open at present posn. RMOs will make mutual arrangements for handing over.

11. FUTURE ROLE OF 2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL.

On moving to FILLERING 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the following:-

- (a) ~~Improvement~~ One coy vicinity aerodrome 412430 - responsible for the protection of ~~the~~ rear areas against landing of parachute troops.
- (b) Improvement of Green Line Defences in area aerodrome 412430.
- (c) Improvement to BIANCA switch.
- (d) While in reserve the Bn may be called upon to counter attack in any part of the Fortress. Arrangements will be made for a systematic recce by all officers of all parts of the perimeter and approaches thereto with ~~the~~ which the unit is NOT already acquainted.
- (e) Further instructions re the above will be promulgated later.

ADMINISTRATION.

12. 6C Coys will take their G.1098 Scale of Amn. The following table shows the amn to be left in the posts.

This will be replaced by the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn in reserve position.

12. (Cont).

AMMUNITION.

Coy	GRE	.55 A Tk	2 Mor B
A Coy	12,000	120	-
B Coy	4,700	150	-
C Coy	18,000	160	2
D Coy	8,000	100	-
Bn Reserve	8,000	150	54

REMs of respective Units will arrange for the handing over of Bn Reserve Amn.

13. RESERVE RATION AND WATER.

- (a) Reserve Rations will not be handed over but will be taken to new posns by respective Coys.
- (b) Water. Four 44 Gallon containers filled with reserve water will be left in coy area.
- (c) A similar amount of reserve water will be left in coy areas by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

14. TRENCH STORES.

R.S. and Trench Stores will be handed over. Signed receipt will obtained from the relieving Coys.

15. B Echelon tpt and Coy Kitchens will remain in present posn

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

16. Bn HQ will close at 40314315 on completion of relief and reopen at 40754312.

17. Completion of Relief.

Code word for indication of completion of respective reliefs as under:-

HQ Coy	-	HUNK
A "	-	TUNK
B "	-	JUNK
C "	-	HUNK
D "	-	SUNK.

AGE.

Adj't 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. *J. Kelly* Capt

Time of Signature 1630 hrs.

Method of distribution: DR.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.

Hq Coy	1
A Coy	2
B Coy	3
C Coy	4
D Coy	5
20 Aust Inf Bde	6
2/28 Aust Inf Bde Bn	7
Comd	8
MEMO	9
TO	10
GH	11
IO	12
sig offr	13
LC	14
War Diary	15-16
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2/13 AUST. INF. BN. O.D. NO. 12

REF. MAP.

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INFORMATION.

1. MINY. Holds general line in the Salient from
B.7 - 39984296 - R.7. Estimated that this line
held by series of MG posts.

There is an extensive field of anti-personnel mines
on the Eastern and Southern sides of the Salient.
On the Northern and Eastern side there is a large
field of Teller A Tk Mines.

2. RELIEF.

- (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde is to be relieved by 24 Aust Inf
Bde in the HEDAFUAR Sector.
- (b) On night 8/9 Jul 41 - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to be
relieved by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and will be located
at EL ADEN - BARDIA RD June.
- (c) On night 10/11 Jul - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to be
relieved by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn which moves to
ARIENTE.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved in the RAS EL HED-
AFUAR Sector by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on night 9/10 Jul 41
and will then move to reserve posn in PILASTRINO area

REMARKS.

4. RELIEF.

- (a) Each coy will be relieved by the opposite coy
of the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) On the completion of the relief coys will move
independently to reserve posns previously
occupied by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

5. TIMINGS - ROUTE.

- (a) No movement in forward areas before 2100 hrs.

(b)/

5. TIMINGS - ROUTE (Cont)

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will leave PILASTRINO as follows:-

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Route</u>
Hq Coy	2115 hrs	Track North of Escarpment
A Coy	2115 hrs	Via DERNA RD.
B Coy	2100 hrs	Via DERNA RD.
C Coy	2130 hrs	Via AGRONA RD.
D Coy	2145 hrs	Via AGRONA RD.

(c) Relief will commence immediately on arrival of coys from 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) Relief to be completed by 0400 hrs.

6. RECEC PARTY

2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

One representative for each coy and pl will report to Hq 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at 2100 hours on night 8/9 Jul 41. I.O. will arrange for guides to escort reps to coy areas. This party will remain in coy areas to obtain information and to check Reserve Water, Trench Stores and Amn.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

The following personnel will report to Bn Hq at 0900 hrs on 9 Jul 41 for recec of reserve posn.

OC Recce Party	-	Maj. E.W.H. Turner
A Coy	-	Coy 2 i/c and 3 ORs
B Coy	-	"
C Coy	-	"
D Coy	-	"
Hq Coy	-	One Offr and Pl Reps.

Recce Party will remain with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on 9 Jul 41 for checking of stores.

7. GUIDES.

Coy 2 i/c will guide respective coys 2/28 Aust Inf Bn from PILASTRINO area to the debussing area. Coys, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, will arrange for guides to pl areas from debussing area.

8. DEBUSSING AND REBUSSING AREA.

Coy 2 i/c will arrange for these areas to be as close as possible to Coy Hq.

9. VEH.

(a) Personnel carrying vehicles will be supplied by 1 Coy AASC.

(b) Allotment of Vehs.

Bn HQ	-	Two 3-ton
HQ Coy	-	Four 3-ton
A "	-	Six 3-ton
B "	-	"
C "	-	"
D "	-	"

(c) This tpt will be taken from 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at debussing point.

(d) TO will ensure that Coy and Pl vehs report to respective Coy HQ at 2200 hrs on 9 Jul 41.

These vehs will return to B Ech after unloading at reserve posn.

10. MEDICAL.

RAP will remain open at present posn. MEDOs will make mutual arrangements for handing over.

11. FUTURE ROLE OF 2/13 AUST INF BN.

On moving to FILASTRING 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the following:-

- (a) ~~Improvement~~ One coy vicinity aerodrome 412430 - responsible for the protection of ~~the~~ rear areas against landing of parachute troops.
- (b) Improvement of Green Line Defences in area aerodrome 412430.
- (c) Improvement to BIANCA switch.
- (d) While in reserve the Bn may be called upon to counter attack in any part of the Fortress. Arrangements will be made for a systematic recce by all officers of all parts of the perimeter and approaches thereto with ~~the~~ which the unit is ~~not~~ already acquainted.
- (e) Further instructions re the above will be promulgated later.

ADMINISTRATION.

12. 6C Coys will take their G.1098 Scale of Amn. The following table shows the amn to be left in the posts.

This will be replaced by the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn in reserve position.

12. (Cont).

AMMUNITION.

Coy	GN	.55 A Tk	2 Wor B
A Coy	12,000	120	-
B Coy	4,700	150	-
C Coy	18,000	160	6
D Coy	8,000	100	-
Bn Reserve	8,000	150	54

NEMs of respective Units will arrange for the handing over of Bn Reserve Am.

13. RESERVE RATION AND WATER.

- (a) Reserve Rations will not be handed over but will be taken to new posts by respective Coys.
- (b) Water. Four 44 Gallon containers filled with reserve water will be left in coy area.
- (c) A similar amount of reserve water will be left in coy areas by 2/26 Aust Inf Bn.

14. TRENCH STORES.

R.E. and Trench Stores will be handed over. Signed receipt will obtained from the relieving Coys.

15. B Echelon tpt and Coy Kitchens will remain in present post

INTERCOMMUNICATION.


16. Bn HQ will close at 40314315 on completion of relief and reopen at 40754312.

17. Completion of Relief.

Code word for indication of completion of respective reliefs as under:-

HQ Coy	-	HUNK
A	-	TUNK
B	-	JUNK
C	-	HUNK
D	-	BUNK.

ASK.


 Adj. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

Time of Signature 630 hrs.

Method of distribution: DR.

DISTRIBUTION

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B Coy	3
C Coy	4
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20 Aust Inf Bde	6
2/28 Aust Inf Bde Pa	7
Comd	8
MO	9
TO	10
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20 Jul 41.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTER ATTACK

REF MAP: TOBRUK 1 : 50,000

INFORMATION:

- 1. EMERGENCY: According to situation.

INTENTION:

- 2. To organise Bn as a Mob. Force to move at one hours notice.

METHOD:

3. TRANSPORT.

- (a) Bn will be completely motorised with its own tpt and tp carrying tpt from 1 Coy AASC.
- (b) Rifle Coys will have five (5) three ton vehs in addition to "A" Echelon Vehs.
- (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Tk Hunting Pl will each be allotted one personnel carrying veh.
- (d) Bn HQ will be allotted one three ton truck.

4. EMBUSING AREA.

- A Coy - Area 40784317
- B Coy - SE Corner of Landing Ground 41244302
- C Coy - Building 40754302
- D Coy - WADI 40654306
- HQ Coy - From present Pl Posns.

Coys will arrange suitable signs for each veh (three ton trucks) to denote posns at embussing area.

Veh numbers will be notified to coys as soon as possible.

5. WORKING PARTIES.

- (a) Western Swith Line - Coys working in this area will have a runner at 2.43 Bn HQ so that information can be immediately passed to the coy concerned.
- (b) Blue Line - Square 402429 - Coys working in this area will have a runner at D Coy HQ 2/28 Bn for a similar purpose.

5. WORKING PARTIES (Cont)

- (c) To ensure that coys employed on working parties do receive the information if "stand to" is ordered a veh will at all times be ready to move off from HQ to the area in which personnel are working.

6. SWIMMING.

Should "stand to" be ordered whilst coys have personnel absent swimming the following procedure will be adopted:-

- (a) This Hq will immediately despatch a DR to Control Post, B Echelon, recalling personnel.
- (b) Rear Bde Hq will be informed and will pass the information to the Control Post.
- (c) Vehs carrying swimming parties will check IN at the Control Post and will leave one orderly there who will receive instructions from the offr or NCO in charge of the party as to the quickest possible means of recalling the tpt.
- (d) B Coy will make the necessary arrangements for the withdrawal of working parties.

7. CODE WORD.

- (a) Code word for "stand to" will be - "BATTLECALL".
- (b) Alarm gongs are to be used in Bn Hq, Coy Hq and B Ech areas to xxx raise the alarm when the above Code word is received.
- (c) As soon as coys are ready to move the following Code words will be signalled to these Hqs:-

A Coy	-	BUNK
B "	-	JUNK
C "	-	HUNK
D "	-	SUNK
Hq Coy	-	TUNK.

- (d) Bn Hq will signal to Bde Hq the Code word - "ARABCOO" an indication that the Bn is ready to move.

8. GUIDES.

I.S. will arrange for one guide for each Coy from the "I" Sec to report as soon as possible after the order "stand to" has been given.

9. ORDER OF MARCH.

- (a) R Gp : CO, Adjt, IO and one sgt.
- (b) O Gp : A, B, C and D Coy Comds, 3 Pl Comd, 4 Pl Comd, Sig Offr and Orderlies (6).
- (c) F Gp : Comd by OC Hq Coy. Order of move -
4 Pl
1 Pl
3 Pl
2 Pl

METHOD (Cont)

9. ORDER OF MARCH (Cont)

A, B, C and D Coys, under of Coy 2 1/c's, in order to be advised.

Bn Reserve SAA

RAP

(d) Carriers will protect move of F Gp.

10. MOVEMENT.

MT By day - 10 V.T.M.

MT By Night - Vehicles will maintain touch.

ADMINISTRATION.

11. AMMUNITION. G.1098 scale.

(a) Bn SAA Reserve will be kept loaded on trucks at Bn HQ and move in rear of F Gp under RSM.

(b) Coy SAA Reserve on Coy Trucks.

(c) Each rifleman to carry 150 rds and 2 grenades.

12. RATIONS.

(a) One day's reserve rations will be carried on the man. Water bottles will be filled.

(b) M1 Trucks will carry reserve rations and water.

(c) If possible tps will be given a hot meal before leaving present areas.

13. SURPLUS GEAR, PACKS AND BLANKETS ETC. will be stacked in Coy Dumps. Three men per coy will be detailed to guard these dumps.

14. MEDICAL. Mob. RAP will move at rear of Amn Trucks and will be directed to suitable posn by OC F Gp.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

15.

(a) Communication will be by runner.

(b) Report Centre will be established and its location advised to coys.

(c) Reserve of cable will be carried on Sig Truck.

(d) Cable will not be reeled in on practical "Stand To".

ACK.

J. Kelly
Adj. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

Capt.

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20 Jul 41.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTER ATTACK

REF MAP:

TERRUK 1 : 50,000

INFORMATION:

1. EMERGENCY: According to situation.

INTENTION:

2. To organise Bn as a Mob. Force to move at one hours notice.

METHOD:

3. TRANSPORT.

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D Coy - WADI 40654306
Hq Coy - From present Pl Posns.

Coys will arrange suitable signs for each veh (three ton trucks) to denote posns at embussing area.

Veh numbers will be notified to coys as soon as possible.

5. WORKING PARTIES.

- (a) Western Switch Line - Coys working in this area will have a runner at 2.43 Bn Hq so that information can be immediately passed to the coy concerned
- (b) Mine Line - Square 402429 - Coys working in this area will have a runner at D Coy Hq 2/20 Bn for a similar purpose.

5. WORKING PARTIES (Cont)

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6. SWIMMING.

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7. CODE WORDS.

- (a) Code word for "Stand To" will be - "BATTLECALL".
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B "	-	JUNE
C "	-	HUNE
D "	-	SUNE
Hq Coy	-	TUNE.

- (d) Bn Hq will signal to Bde Hq the Code word - "ARABCOH" an indication that the Bn is ready to move.

8. GUIDES.

I.C. will arrange for one guide for each Coy from the "I" Sec to report as soon as possible after the order "Stand To" has been given.

9. ORDER OF MARCH.

- (a) R Gp : OC, Adjt, IO and one sgt.
- (b) O Gp : A, B, C and D Coy Comds, 3 Pl Comd, 4 Pl Comd, Sig Offr and Orderlies (6).
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METHOD (Cont.)

9. ORDER OF MARCH (Cont.)

A, B, C and D Coys, under of Coy 2 1/c's, in order to be advised.

Bn Reserve SAA

RAF

(d) Carriers will protect move of F Cp.

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MT By day - 10 V.T.M.

MT By Night - Vehicles will maintain touch.

ADMINISTRATION.

11. AMMUNITION. G.1098 scale.

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(b) Coy SAA Reserve on Coy Trucks.

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12. RACTIONS.

(a) One day's reserve rations will be carried on the man. Water bottles will be filled.

(b) Pl Trucks will carry reserve rations and water.

(c) If possible tps will be given a hot meal before leaving present areas.

13. SHIRLING GEAR, PACKS AND BLANKETS ETC. will be stacked in Coy Dumps. Three men per coy will be detailed to guard these dumps.

14. MEDICAL. Mob. RAF will move at rear of Amn Trucks and will be directed to suitable posn by OC F Cp.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

15.

(a) Communication will be by runner.

(b) Report Centre will be established and its location advised to coys.

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ACK.

Adjt 2/13 Asst Inf Bn.

Capt.

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of

PRACTICE EXERCISE BY ARAB IN MOBILE RESERVE.

23 JUL 41.

See Map Annex. A.

- 0430 Order by Code Word comes from Bde L/T.
- 0430-0445 Coys informed.
- 0530 First coy reported "ready". The other four coys reported "ready" at intervals of less than 5 minutes, Bde being informed in each case.
- 0548 Bde informed whole Unit "ready".
- 0645 Message received from Bde by L/T:
"Paratps have landed GEBEL ABD RABBA and EL GUBI SATELLITE AERODROME. FAIT with all tps will capture first mentioned and ATAB second objective. ARAB will detail one mobile pl with anti-parachute role to patrol and deal with isolated parties in ~~general~~ general line RD FT PILASTRINO to (incl) 40884305 ----"
- 0655 Instructions as above issued to offr. i/c Tk Hunting Pl. Tps under his comd consisted of 2 carriers, 1 MG sec. Special instns were - carriers to scout well out between HQ and EL GUBI. MG to take up posn about 40894322.
- 0725 Offr i/c Mob. Pl reported back - "Pl HQ est 0720 hrs at 40824313. MMG Sec at 40894322. Carrier Patrol route from Pl HQ to 40904320 to 40954315 to Pl HQ. Rd Patrol of one sec from 40714302 to 40904325. Nothing to report".
- 0750 All secs Mob. Patrol report SITNOR.
- 0815 " " " " " "
- 0825 A second Mob. Pl with att detachments as above despatched towards FT SALARO to scout in and about square 409430 to protect concentration of remainder of Bn and dispose of enemy parties moving towards our area.
- 0830 "Stand Down".

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PRACTICE EXERCISE BY ARAB IN MOBILE RESERVE.

23 JUL 41.

See Map Annex. A.

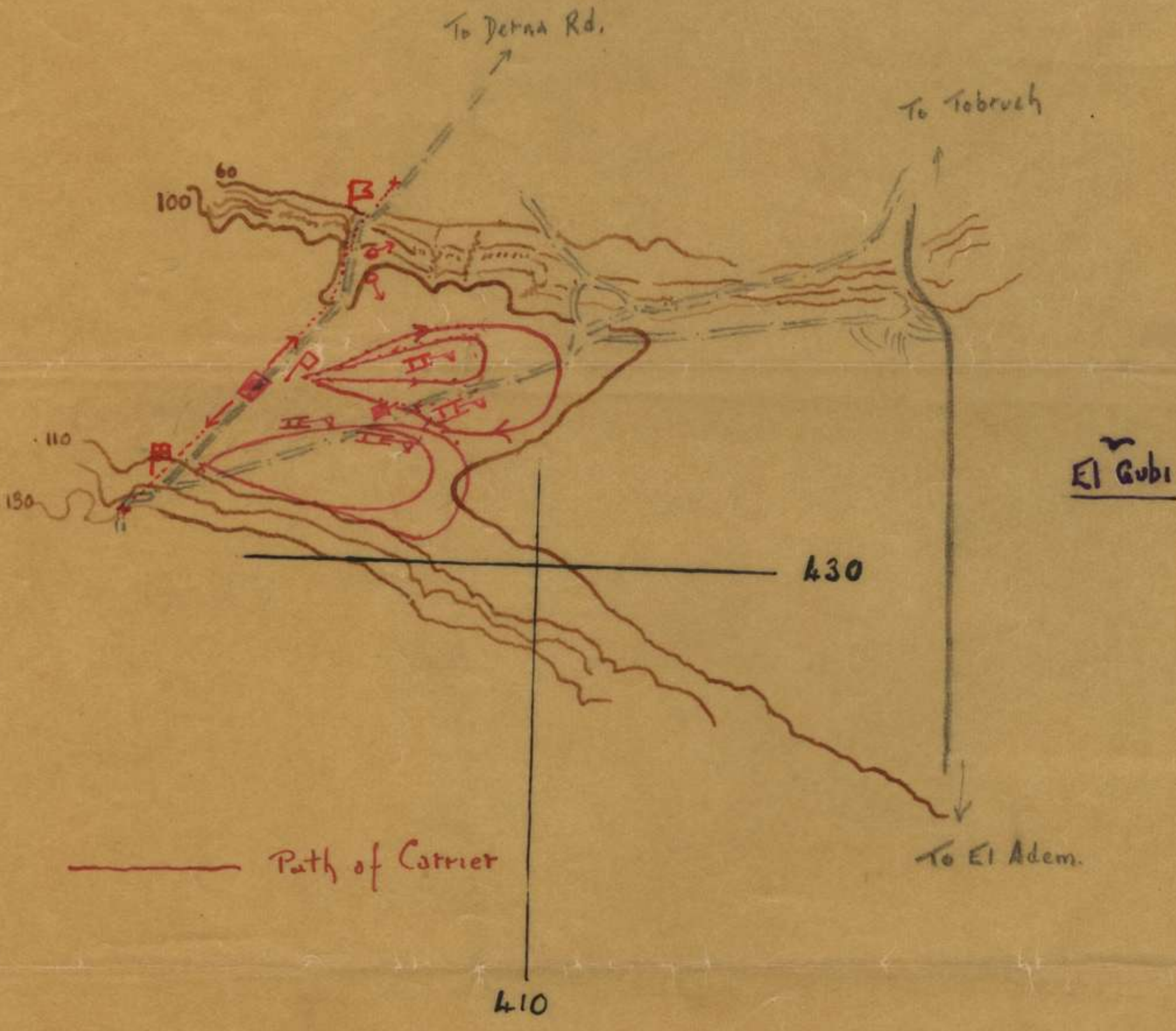
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- 0750 All secs Mob.Patrol report SITNOR.
- 0815 " " " " " "
- 0825 A second Mob.Pl with att detachments as above despatched towards FT SALARO to scout in and about square 408430 to protect concentration of remainder of Bn and dispose of enemy parties moving towards our area.
- 0830 "Stand Down".

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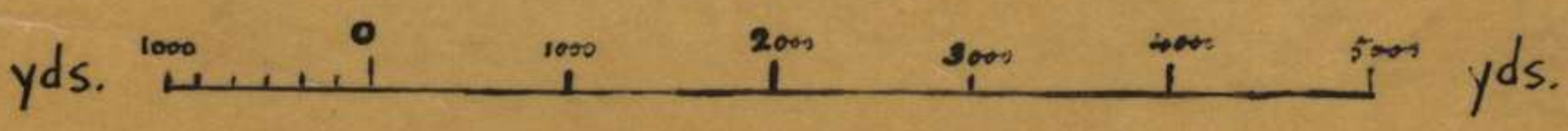
Practice Exercise of ARAB in Mobile Reserve. 23 Jul 41.

App. A. Showing Posts & Movements of Mobile Pt.

Based on TOBRUCH Defence Sheet 1:50,000.



Scale 1:50,000



23 Jul 41. I Sec. ARAB

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24 July 41.

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN CO NO 13.

REF MAP. TOBRUK Overprint 1 : 50000
With EL ADEM Supplement.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY. As per "I" Summaries. It is estimated that the line is held with isolated strong points. Minefields are apparently patrolled and much reliance is placed on a mobile Search Light. Situated out of effective arty range to give protection against our patrols. There are fields of TELLER A Tk Mines and suspected isolated fields of Anti-personnel mines.
2. OWN TROOPS. 20 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 18 Aust Inf Bde at present holding Perimeter Posts R 11 to R 53 incl in the EL ADEM Sector.
Relief to be carried out in three phases:-

Night 25/26 Jul 41	-	2/13 Bn	relieves	2/10 Bn.
" 26/27 Jul 41	-	2/17 Bn	relieves	2/9 Bn.
" 27/28 Jul 41	-	2/15 Bn	relieves	2/12 Bn.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/10 Bn in Perimeter posts R.11 to R.35 incl on night 25/26 Jul 41.

METHOD.

4. RELIEF. Each Coy will relieve the corresponding coy of 2/10 Bn.

A Coy	-	R 17 to R 23.
B "	-	R 30 to R 35.
D "	-	R 24 to R 29.
C "	-	R 11 to R 16.

5. TIMINGS.

- (a) No movement in fwd areas before 2115 hours.
- (b) Coys will leave their present posns as follows:-

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>ROUTE.</u>
B	2115	Rd TOBRUK- EL ADEM.
C	2115	Rd SOUTH from PILASTRINO.
D	2130	Rd SOUTH from PILASTRINO.
A	2145	Rd SOUTH from PILASTRINO.
HQ	2200	Rd SOUTH from PILASTRINO.

- (c) Relief to be completed by 0400 hours.
- (d) Details of relief to be arranged mutually between Coy Comds.

METHOD CONTR.6. NUCLEUS PARTY.

- (a) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Night of 24/25 July - 10 selected personnel comprising one per sec and one man per coy will move to respective coy areas 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. These personnel will obtain all relative information incl all information relating to minefields, both A Tk and anti personnel, check stores to be handed over and prepare inventory of all trench stores, water, weapons and amm. This party will remain in the new posns and will take rations for 24 hours.
- (b) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. Recce party will report at Bn Hqs 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on 25 Jul 41.

7 PATROLS.

- (a) On night of 23/24 Jul 41 two selected men per coy will report to the respective coys of 2/10 Aust Inf Bn for the purpose of becoming familiar with patrol routes and scope. These personnel will remain in the new area.
- (b) 3 representatives of 2/10 Aust Inf Bn per Coy will remain until first light for patrol duties. These men will be returned to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn on 26 July 41. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will supply tpt. Patrol personnel from C Coy 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will HV at "A" Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn where tpt will pick them up on mornin of 26 Jul 41.

8. GUIDES. Coy 2 i/es from 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will guide respective coys to debussing areas where they will be met by the section reps already in position.

9. DEBUSSING AREAS. Coy Hqs with the exception of C Coy which will be vicinity of post R.26 or as close to Coy Hq as situation permits.

10. TPT.

- (a) Personnel carrying vehs will be supplied by 1 Coy AASC
 (b) Allotment of vehicles:-

Bn Hq	-	1	3 ton truck.
Hq Coy	-	4	"
A Coy	-	5	"
B Coy	-	5	"
C Coy	-	5	"
D Coy	-	5	"

(c) This tpt will be taken over by 2/10 Aust Inf Bn at debussing point.

(d) Coy and Pl vehs will report to B Echelon when unloaded.

11 ARTY. The following pieces of arty will be taken over in posn to be operated by selected personnel. Liaison will be est with RMA for instn and supervision.

METHOD CONTD.11. ARTY Contd.

3 - 75 mm.
 2 - 77 mm.
 2 - 149 mm.
 2 - 149 mm on loan from RHA.

12. ANTI TK GUNS. All Anti Tk guns will remain in posn.

13. MEDICAL. Movement of RAP by mutual arrangements of RHOs.

ARM.14. ARM.

(a) Coys will take with them all arm at present held (G 1098 scale)/

(b) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will take their G 1098 scale and leave their reserve in the posts.

(c) RHMs will arrange for disposal of Bn reserve.

15. Reserve Rations & Water.

(a) Reserve rations will NOT be handed over, but will be lifted and carried by respective Coys.

(b) Coy Comds will mutually arrange the handing over of reserve water. Corresponding number and type of water containers to be left in reserve posn for 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

16. TRENCH STORES. R.S. and Trench Stores will be taken over and receipts given for all stores to the Coys relieved.

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18. KITCHENS. B Echelon and kitchens will remain in present posn.

INTERCOM.

19. Bn Hq will remain open at 40754312 until completion of relief when it will close and reopen at 40734266.

20. Completion of reliefs. Code word for indication of completion of respective reliefs as follows:-

Hq Coy	-	HUNK
A "	-	TUNK
B "	-	JUNK
C "	-	HUNK
D "	-	SUNK

ACK.

J. Kelly
 Capt.
 Adjt. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 (J.L.A. Kelly)

TIME OF SIGNATURE.....1000..... Hours.

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION.....DRLS.....

DISTRIBUTION.

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SECRET.
Copy No. *19*.....
24 July 41.

2/13 MUST INF BN CO NO 13.

REF MAP. TOBRUK Overprint 1 : 50000
With SL ADEM Supplement.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY. As per "I" Summaries. It is estimated that the line is held with isolated strong points. Minefields are apparently patrolled and much reliance is placed on a mobile Search Light. Situated out of effective arty range to give protection against our patrols. There are fields of TALLER A Tk Mines and suspected isolated fields of Anti-personnel mines.
2. OWN TFS. 20 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 18 Aust Inf Bde at present holding Perimeter Posts R 11 to R53 incl in the SL ADEM Sector.
Relief to be carried out in three phases:-

Night 25/26 Jul 41	-	2/13 Bn	relieves	2/10 Bn.
" 26/27 Jul 41	-	2/17 Bn	relieves	2/ 9 Bn.
" 27/28 Jul 41	-	2/15 Bn	relieves	2/12 Bn.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/10 Bn in Perimeter posts R.11 to R.35 incl on night 25/26 Jul 41.

METHOD.

4. RELIEF. Each Coy will relieve the corresponding coy of 2/10 Bn.

A Coy	-	R 17 to R 23.
B "	-	R 30 to R 35.
D "	-	R 24 to R 29.
C "	-	R 11 to R 16.

5. YIMINGA.

- (a) No movement in fwd areas before 2115 hours.
- (b) Coys will leave their present posns as follows:-

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>ROUTE.</u>
B	2115	Rd TOBRUK- SL ADEM.
C	2115	Rd SOUTH from FILASTRINO.
D	2130	Rd SOUTH from FILASTRINO.
A	2145	Rd SOUTH from FILASTRINO.
HQ	2200	Rd SOUTH from FILASTRINO.

- (c) Relief to be completed by 0400 hours.
- (d) Details of relief to be arranged mutually between Coy Comds.

METHOD CONTD.6. NUCLEUS PARTY.

- (a) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Night of 24/25 July - 10 selected personnel comprising one per sec and one man per coy will move to respective coy areas 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. These personnel will obtain all relative information incl all information relating to minefields, both A Tk and anti personnel, check stores to be handed over and prepare inventory of all trench stores, water, weapons and amm. This party will remain in the new posns and will take rations for 24 hours.
- (b) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. Recce party will report at Bn Hqs 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on 25 Jul 41.

7. PATROLS.

- (a) On night of 23/24 Jul 41 two selected men per coy will report to the respective coys of 2/10 Aust Inf Bn for the purpose of becoming familiar with patrol routes and scope. These personnel will remain in the new area.
- (b) 3 representatives of 2/10 Aust Inf Bn per Coy will remain until first light for patrol duties. These men will be returned to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn on 26 July 41. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will supply tpt. Patrol personnel from C Coy 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will RV at "A" Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn where tpt will pick them up on morain of 26 Jul 41.

8. GUIDES. Coy 2 i/es from 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will guide respective coys to debussing areas where they will be met by the section reps already in position.

9. DEBUSSING AREAS. Coy Hqs with the exception of C Coy which will be vicinity of post R.26 or as close to Coy Hq as situation permits.

10. TPT.

- (a) Personnel carrying vehs will be supplied by 1 Coy AASC
 (b) Allotment of vehicles:-

Bn Hq	-	1	3 ton truck.
Hq Coy	-	4	"
A Coy	-	5	"
B Coy	-	5	"
C Coy	-	5	"
D Coy	-	5	"

(c) This tpt will be taken over by 2/10 Aust Inf Bn at debussing point.

(d) Coy and Pl vehs will report to B Echelon when unloaded.

11. ARTY. The following pieces of arty will be taken over in posn to be operated by selected personnel. Liaison will be est with RMA for instn and supervision.

METHOD CONTD.

11. ARTY Contd.

- 3 - 75 MM.
- 2 - 77 MM.
- 2 - 149 MM.
- 2 - 149 MM on loan from RHA.

12. ANTI TK GUNS. All Anti Tk guns will remain in posn.

13. MEDICAL. Movement of RAP by mutual arrangements of RHQs.

ARM.

14. ARM.

- (a) Coys will take with them all arm at present held (G 1098 scale)/
- (b) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn will take their G 1098 scale and leave their reserve in the posts.
- (c) RSMs will arrange for disposal of Bn reserve.

15. Reserve Rations & Water.

- (a) Reserve rations will NOT be handed over, but will be lifted and carried by respective Coys.
- (b) Coy Comds will mutually arrange the handing over of reserve water. Corresponding number and type of water containers to be left in reserve posn for 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

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OBSERVATION REPORT - OP at 40604207.

POSITION. TOBRUK 1 : 50,660 - 40604207.

TIME OCCUPIED: 0400 hrs 29 Jul 41.

TIME VACATED: 2115 hrs 29 Jul 41.

REPORT. Occupied by I.O. and 10R from 'I' Sec before dawn.

0545 First light - MF movement heard to the SW evidently making for rd EL ADEM. Visibility fair.

0615 Sunrise - visibility excellent. OP was surrounded by hastily prepared posns for inf and light arty. Posns evidently prepared by GERMANS before initial attack on 14 Apr 41. Evidently the GERMAN spent little time owing to speed of operations or has had little practice in the siting and digging of posns for open warfare as one-man pits were scattered at random.

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The actual ground surface between the OP and the distant ridge could not be seen but any person walking could be picked up.

0700 As light changed an object in the hollow on bearing 210° was identified as a camel. This animal appeared to have some kind of flat saddle on his back. It did not move during the hours of visibility and it is presumed it was tethered. To support this a figure appeared to the left of the beast though est 500-600 yds further back, dressed in clothes which did not look like a military uniform. He did not have the customary head-dress of the SENUSI. This man was seen before the camel was identified. This was the only movement seen fwd of the far ridge.

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REPORT (Cont)

- 1900 Visibility again good. Enemy on distant ridge checked and movement seen as before in 4 small groups of 2 or 3 each. Camel could not be seen but light was not as favourable as in the morning.
- 2130 Moved from OP to investigate area where enemy were seen during afternoon but nothing found to give clue as to what enemy found or definitely what they were doing there.
- 2205 Arrive at Post R.31.

SUMMARY. Consider there is no established line of enemy defences closer than 3500-4000 yds from Post R.31 in a southerly direction - apparently no policing of minefield.

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OBSERVATION REPORT - OP AT 40214260.

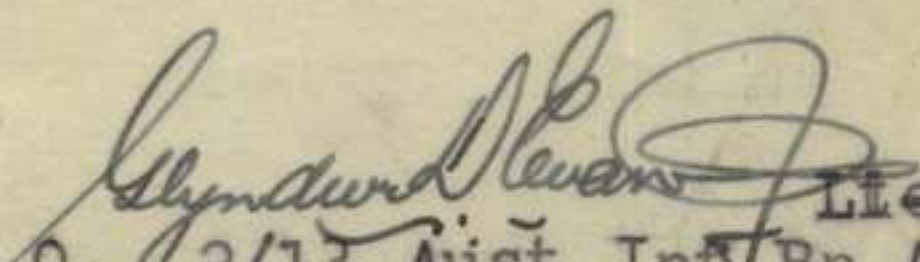
POSITION :- TOBRUK 1 : 50,000 - 40214260.
TIME OCCUPIED:- 2030 hrs 29 Jul 41.
TIME VACATED:- 2130 hrs 29 Jul 41.

REPORT.

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During hours of darkness muzzle flashes were observed and bearings taken to the gun posns. Movement was seen on the escarpment in the early morning, but it was noticeable that the enemy did NOT move about during the day.

Attached sketch shows information gained.


Lieut.
I.O. 2/13 Aist Inv Bn AIF.
(G. D. Evans)

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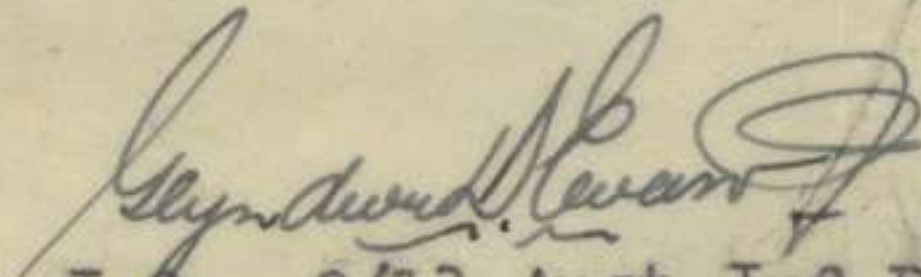
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SILVER ARAB.

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SILVER ARAB.

A137/1/1528

ARAB. 26 Jul 41.

All Coys
BLUE
GOLD.

COMMUNICATION.

Comm between coys and HQ will be as follows:-

0600 Hrs.

"I" Sec Personnel will call at HAND and DANO at 0600 hrs daily to collect reports and despatches for these HQ.

COLO will fwd reports and despatches to HAND so as to reach there by 0600 hrs.

KILO will fwd reports and despatches to DANO so as to reach there by 0600 hrs.

COLO and KILO runners will wait at HAND and DANO respectively until the arrival of the "I" personnel and collect any despatches for their respective coys.

1600 Hrs.

DR will leave these HQ for DANO, COLO and HAND Coy HQ with outward despatches. He will collect coy despatches for these HQ.

KILO will arrange for their despatches to be collected from DANO by coy runner.

The above will be the only service except in cases of extreme urgency.

Coy Comds' trucks will not leave the fwd area without permission being first obtained from these HQ.



Scarlet ARAB.

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ARAB

27 Jul 41.

SECURITY

The Attitude of the average soldier towards Security is - "Oh ! so - and - so talks freely about that why should I be careful" or "The enemy has a good ~~xxx~~ spy system, he would know all about that". It is only by 100% co-operation that success can be attained in making a Unit "Security minded" and until everyone is Security minded the task of enemy intelligence is made easy.

There is a lamentable lack of obedience of security regulations and effort to deny information to the enemy. You have all heard from time to time, expressions of amazement that the enemy should know so much of our movements and activities and yet you must have noticed the absence of any attempt in many cases to adhere to even the most elementary principles.

Many glaring examples have occurred within the TOBRUCH FORTRESS since we have been operating here, which serve to impress all with the necessity of checking the divulgence of information to people who can have no possible claim to the knowledge.

Some points that may well be watched are as under:-

- (a) Careless talk within hearing of troops or outsiders.
- (b) Careless talk on telephones and failure to use appropriate codes.
- (c) Careless methods of handling secret documents and marked maps.
- (d) Habit of carrying documents and maps in forward areas.
- (e) Taking for granted any troops in allied uniform appearing in Unit lines.
- (f) Failure to challenge - especially at night.
- (g) Failure to adequately censor outgoing mail.

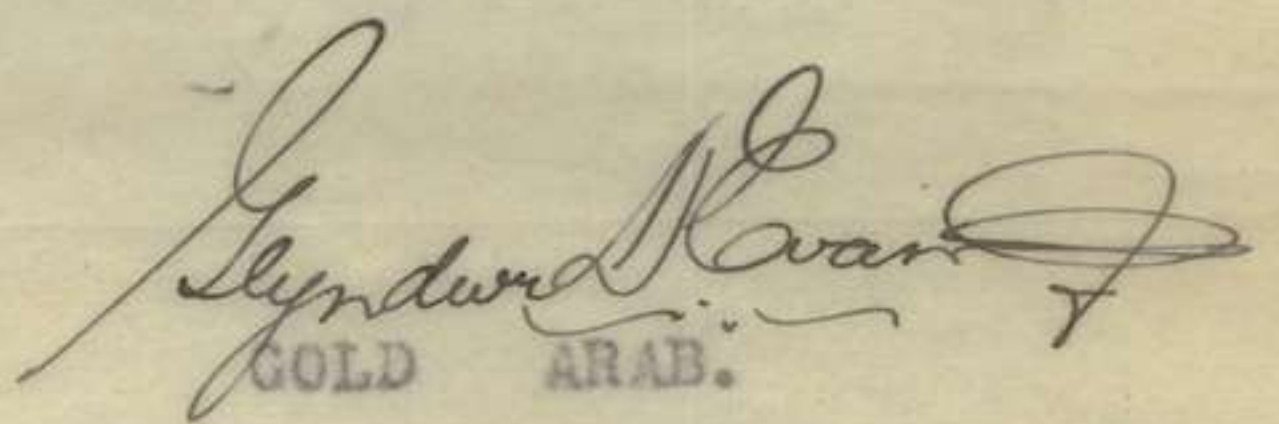
It is the duty of all Officers, NCO's and Men to see that the Unit is internally secure. The burden falls on the officers to see that the ~~xxxxxx~~ men under their command are properly instructed in security matters and that they themselves set an example.

Green envelopes are always a temptation and it is pointed out that while there are adequate supplies of these no man will use more than two per week and on no account will they be used as a substitute for ordinary envelopes.

It has been proved that the enemy outside the perimeter can and does intercept and act on our signal messages both L/T and W/T so that conversations on the telephone must at all times be discreet.

Higher formations are concerned with slackness of units, and units and sub-units can at any time ~~expect~~ expect severe disciplinary action being taken against persistent carelessness.

Security is merely the application of common sense.


GOLD ARAB.

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EGYPTIAN INFANTRY FORCE.

2/11 INF INF BN

DISCIPLINE ORDER.

BY

Lt-Col P.A. Burrows, MC, MB, Commanding
Part 1 Number 343

In the Field.
7 Jul 41.

1. Field Sanitation - Photographic Negatives leaving EGYPT.

Cmdg (HQ) General Order 306 is repeated:-

- (a) Cases are continually occurring of service personnel attempting to leave EGYPT with undeveloped photographic negatives in their possession.
- (b) It is notified for information that/this is prohibited by the EGYPTIAN Government Service to take undeveloped photographic negatives out of EGYPT.
- (c) In future when such negatives are found on service personnel, they will be confiscated and destroyed.

2. Wireless Batteries.

It has been notified that batteries for service wireless sets are being used for lighting and other purposes. This practice will cease immediately and all ranks will be warned that misuse will constitute a breach of orders owing to the necessity for conserving batteries.

3. Lights.

No one is authorized to fire on an exposed light. All persons seeing lights during hours of blackout will make enquiries and request that it be put out by the person in charge of it.

If the request is not complied with a charge should be laid under ARMS A.A.40 or A.A.11 and the C.O. of the offender notified.

The attention of all ranks, especially sentries, Guards and MPs, will be directed to this order. Disobedience hereof will be followed by disciplinary action against the firer.

J Kelly
Maj 2/15 Inf Bn. Capt
M.B.

FOOTNOTES

FOOTNOTES. Identity signs for HQ17324 etc. FORMER A. Co. sent at HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,2/13 AUST. INF. BN.ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col. F.A. Burrows, ME, RD, Commanding
Part 1 Number 243In the Field.
13 Jul 41.1. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following posthumous award for most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations :-

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

MX 15705 Cpl. J. H. EDWARDS, 2/17 Aust. Inf. Bn.

The Commander-in-Chief has approved of the following immediate awards for gallantry in action during recent operations:-

THE MILITARY CROSS.

VX48694	Capt. G.I. MALLOCH,	2/23 Aust Inf. Bn.
WX3421	" C.H.B. NORMAN,	24 Aust A Tk Coy.
QX254	Lieut W.H. NOYES	2/9 Aust Inf Bn.
SX1225	" F.W. COOK	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
TX2105	" A.L. REID	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
VX48603	" J. ROSEL	2/24 Aust Inf Bn

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

QX1399	A/Sgt R.W. HOBSON	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
QX2687	L/Cpl A.J. TAYLOR	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
EX677XXX		

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

TX677	Sgt B.L. McRAY	2/12 Aust Inf Bn.
VX31583	" E.B. THURMAN	2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
MX19124	" G.W.D. MCCARTHY	3 Aust A Tk Regt.
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VX40269	L/Sgt G.A. STUCKEY	2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
823584	Edr J. HEARDON	51 Fd Regt R.A.
VX32559	Cpl C.J. GRAY	2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
SX5911	" W.B. CURRAN	2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
MX1551	" M.J. KENNEDY	16 Aust A Tk Coy
MX7959	" F.C. ANTON	24 Aust A Tk Coy.
884661	Gnr R. KIXINS	3 R.H.A.
QX4141	Pte G.S. McFROW	2/9 Aust Inf Bn.
SX2448	" C.G. HACKETT	2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
QX1799	" F. MURNICH	2/12 Aust Inf Bn.
VX40144	" J. Mc3. KELLY	2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
VX49151	" H.P. CLARK	2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
MX6948	Gnr R.J. BALDWIN	24 Aust A Tk Coy.

THE INDIAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

6003	Sqn/Daf/Maj. KANSHI RAM,	18 Cav.
6198	L/Daf BAJID KHAN	18 Cav.
6606	Sowar ABDI KHAN	18 Cav.

The Commander of the Fortress extends his heartiest congratulations to all who have received these honours.

[Signature]
Adj. 2/13 Bn., A.I.F. Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 IMP INF BN.

ROUTINE MESSAGE

BY.

Lt-Col. P.A. Burrows, MC, ED Comd.
Part 1 Number 244

In the Field.
15 July 41.

1. Airmail Service. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following:-

- (a) Certain colours are unsuitable for photography on these forms and the best results are obtained when BLACK or DARK BLUE inks are used.
- (b) The perforated portion at the bottom of the form should be removed before the form is handed in for censorship. The postage stamp should not be affixed to this portion of the form.
- (c) Do not forget to fill in the address portion in the panel. Typewritten characters are not suitable for the address, which should be written in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS.

2. Line Juice. An issue of Line Juice Powder on the basis of 2 ozs per man has been made.
 Instructions for mixing the powders are given on the tin containers.
 The issue is sufficient for the equivalent of at least two water bottles per man.
 Until further stocks are received it is not intended to make a regular issue of this powder.

3. Care of Ammunition. It has been noted that in recent returns of ammunition to AFO and ADOs, many rounds were so badly dented and damaged as to be unserviceable. The am concerned was of all natures and included .55 A Tk and also grenades, the shortage of which is known.

Days are directed to ensure that proper care is exercised in custody, storage and use of am to obviate such damages and that all ranks are warned that they must co-operate in preventing such unnecessary wastage.

4. Veneral Disease - Forfeiture of Pay in respect of.

As from 5 Jul 41 members of the AIF shall forfeit one-third of their daily rate of pay and pay allowances for each day during which they are absent from duty suffering from venereal disease.

The number of days for which pay will be forfeited as a result of VD will be the full period of treatment commencing and terminating dates off duty included.

5. Illness & Use of Defaced Postage Stamps:

- (a) Several instances have recently been detected of personnel in EGYPT and PALESTINE attempting to use previously used stamps for prepayment of air mail letters.
- (b) In each case an attempt has been made to erase the previous post markings.
- (c) ~~Postal~~ Postal articles bearing previously used stamps will not be forwarded by the Army Postal Services but returned to the Censoring Unit for disciplinary action.
- (d) This order will be brought to the notice of all ranks and they will be warned that the offence will be regarded as serious and will be treated accordingly.

6. Mail. It is notified that the following mails were lost enroute to TONK when one of HM ships was sunk:-

85 Bags parcels and packets papers
54 Bags letters, packets and ~~papers~~ (all sea mail)

All the above was for AIF but did not include any known airmail matter.

7. Mail - Correspondence for missing personnel.

1. All mail received for personnel reported "Missing" or "Killed in action" will be returned by Coys to the Postal Cpl without any endorsement whatsoever on the envelopes.
2. Postal Cpl will forward all such mail to AIF Base Post Office under cover of a memo giving reason for non-delivery.

8. Control of Transport. For the economical running of the Unit tpt it is necessary that all vehs entering or departing from B Sch Area during the hours of daylight should report to the Control Post.

This order will be brought to the attention of drivers of all motor vehs and they will be instructed that they MUST report to the control post when arriving at or departing from B Sch Area.

9. Air Mail Letter Cards.

- (a) This service comes into operation on 15 Jul 41. A small supply of air mail letter cards is available at Bn Hq.
- (b) Coys will advise Bn Hq by 1800 hrs 16 Jul 41 the number of these forms required for immediate use.
- (c) Three-penny postage stamps can be obtained from the Postal Cpl on the basis of the number of forms drawn by Coys.
- (d) When further supplies of these forms are received they can be drawn by Coys as required.

J. Kelly
Adj. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Capt
(J. L. A. Kelly)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY.

Lt-Col. F.A. DUFFOYS, MB, ED, Comd.
Part 1 Number 245

In the Field.
19 July 41.

1. WATER. Six cases of amoebic dysentery have recently been reported. In each instance the patient admitted drinking water from non-treated wells.
Coys will ensure that only water drawn from authorised water points is used for drinking purposes.
2. CARRYING OF ARMS. It has been noticed that some laxity is creeping ~~is creeping~~ in regarding the carrying of arms. Arms will be carried by all ranks at all times regardless of where the person or persons are going, or length of visit.
3. ASCORBIC ACID TABLETS. Future issues will be 9 per all ranks per week on the basis of one tablet daily, except Wednesdays and Sundays (two).

J. Kelly Capt
Adjt 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.
(J.L.A. Kelly)

NOTICES

The following notice contained in AIF Orders (MR) Nos. 444-462 dated 5 Jul 41 is repeated:-

FORMATION OF MILITARY HISTORY AND INFORMATION SECTION-HQ AIF (MR).
Applications are invited from personnel qualified to fill the following vacancies in the War Establishment of the Military History and Information Section HQ AIF MR.

	<u>No. Required</u>	<u>Rank Provided</u>
Cinema Camera Operators	2	WO (1)
Press Photographers	2	WO (1)
Cinema Script Writer	1	WO (1)
Caption Writer (For Photographs)	1	WO (1)

There are in addition two vacancies to which it is desired to appoint AIF personnel who are members of the Third Division of the Commonwealth Public Service.

Applications, with particulars of qualifications will be forwarded through the usual channels to Military History and Information Section HQ AIF MR.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col. F.A. Burrows, MM ED, Comd.
Part 1 Number 246

In the Field
25 Jul 41.

1. RFM STANDARD TEXTS. At present there is no authority for the use of additional words, at 5d per word in RFM Messages as shown in a SYDNEY report, published in a recent copy of AIF News.

2. CASH PAYMENTS. It is essential that all available money be kept in circulation. It has been reported that large amounts are held by some members of the Forces in TORRUK.

The non-circulation of this money is at present causing a shortage in the amount held by the Field Cash Office.

Coy Comds will take the necessary steps to prevent the holding or drawing of large amounts of pay by individual personnel.

3. SECURITY - SECRET DOCUMENTS. There is very good reason to believe that Officers' Baggage abandoned in the recent operations contained documents of military importance which gave valuable information as to Imperial Troops Dispositions in the MIDDLE EAST.

The attention of Officers is once more drawn to the vital importance of safeguarding all documents of military value and to ensuring that private papers contain nothing that can be of assistance to the enemy.

4. FIELD CENSORSHIP.

(a) Posting of Correspondence. Cases of evasion of censorship by carrying letters by hand continues and this is ~~now~~ leading to a serious state of insecurity. The practice is most common between EGYPT and PALESTINE.

The fact that such carrying of letters by hand is forbidden will be impressed on all ranks.

A personal search of personnel in transit may be conducted at any point and correspondence being carried by hand for delivery found in their possession will be confiscated and destroyed. Disciplinary action will follow against the carriers and writers.

The term "All Ranks" includes:-

1. Wives and adult relatives and dependents of Officers and other ranks.
2. Attached Allied personnel.
3. Civilians employed by HM Forces
4. Civilians visiting the Army.
5. Interpreters.

(b) Green Envelopes. Regulations regarding "Multiple" Green Envelopes are not being correctly observed. All ranks are reminded that writers may enclose up to three (3) of their own letters, each in a separate ordinary envelope, in one Green Envelope. These letters will be properly addressed ~~but must be left unsealed.~~ Green Envelopes containing more than one letter will be addressed to the "Base Censor".

4. FIELD CENSORSHIP (Cont)

(c) Franking of Correspondence: A certain laxity in the manner in which officers franking correspondence apply the regulations has been noticed. The attention of all Franking Officers is drawn to Field Censorship Regulations 1940 Part 2 Para 3 (ii).

5. WEARING OF PILOTS' AND OBSERVERS' WINGS. Pilots' and Observers' Wings are badges peculiar to the Air Force and are to be worn by members of the Australian Imperial Force only when serving with the Royal Australian Air Force.

6. AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT FINANCIAL LOSS TO AIF.

- (a) As a result of offences committed by members of the AIF in some cases loss or damage has been caused to property or persons belonging to the AIF and in others the AIF has been put to the expense of paying compensation to private individuals or to local public authorities.
- (b) Offenders as part of their punishment for the offence will be made to pay for the loss, damage or expense they cause. Unless he is put under stoppage of pay in the Summary Award or Court Martial Sentence there is ordinarily no way of recovering from an offender compensation for the loss and expense caused by his offence. 4-
(See Army Act s.46 (7) and Rules of Procedure R.6 (B).)
- (c) Attention is drawn to Army Act ss 137 and 138 and Defence Act s 97 by virtue of which a member of the AIF who commits an offence can, by means of a Summary Award or Court Martial Sentence be put under Stoppage of Pay in order to recover from him any of the following amounts:-
- (i) The amount of any expense, loss, damage or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the commission of the offence.
 - (ii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any buildings or property whoever the owner thereof may be.
 - (iii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offenders to any arms, amn, eqpt, clothing, instruments or any Regtl Necessaries or military decorations or to any other article owned by the Commonwealth of Australia or by a unit of the military forces of the Commonwealth.

7. AMN and EXPLOSIVES, Care and handling of. Rough usage of amn and explosives or packages and their contents may cause misfires, hangfires, blinds or prematures. In any case such treatment will impair the efficiency and shorten the service lives of amn and explosives. The greatest care will therefore be taken in handling of all amn or explosives whether boxed or unboxed.

8. REGISTERED POST.

- (a) Personnel are advised to send by Registered Post any packet, not exceeding one lb in weight containing Valuable enclosures. The additional fee is 3d.
- (b) Registered Articles are checked from hand to hand and safeguarded against loss during transit.

8. REGISTERED POST (Cont).

- (c) These should not be placed in a posting receptacle but presented at an Army Post Office where a receipt will be issued.
- (d) Registered Packets must be properly packed and securely wrapped. Linen, canvas or calico is the most suitable type of cover.

9. COMFORTS. Receipt is acknowledged of the following comforts from the

A.C.F.			
Chewing Gum	1856 Pkts	Coffee & Milk	55 Tins.
Golden Syrup	44 Tins	Vegetables	131 "
Soup	167 "	Soap	560 Cakes
Handkerchiefs	413	Cigarette Papers	580 Pkts.
Writing Paper	3500 Sheets	Envelopes	878
Matches	462 Boxes		


Also acknowledged from the Victorian Racing Club:-

14 pipes.

10. DISCIPLINE. On a recent occasion a certain soldier was tried by P.G.C.M. - (1) For leaving a Fighting Patrol and returning to his Section Post, and (2) For Desertion in that he absented himself from his post and remained absent for a considerable period.

He was found "Guilty" on both charges and sentenced to NINE MONTHS imprisonment with HARD LABOUR.

This should be brought to the notice of all ranks in order that they may be made fully aware of the seriousness of such actions


 Capt.
 Adj. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 (J.L.A.Kelly)

NOTICE

1. The following special Order of the Day has been issued by General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, GCB, CMG, MC, and is published for information:-

On leaving the MIDDLE EAST I wish to express my grateful thanks to all those who have served me so well and so loyally during the two years I have held the Command. We have won some great successes, which will find a place in History, thanks to your skill, courage and hard work. We have had some failures and setbacks, when you have been outmatched in numbers and equipment, never in fighting qualities and endurance. Your magnificent spirit has been shown not only on our many fronts but in those places behind the lines where the unceasing work of preparation and maintenance goes on, which is so essential to success in battle. I shall always be very proud to have Commanded the Forces in the MIDDLE EAST, representative not only of the Mighty Power of the British Commonwealth but also of many other nationalities who have chosen to fight on rather than submit to injustice and suppression.

I know that you will maintain the same dauntless spirit and fighting qualities under my successor, and under his leadership you will win other victories. As Commander in Chief, INDIA I shall hope to continue the close co-operation which already exists between the MIDDLE EAST and INDIA, whose magnificent troops have played so great a part in the campaigns here.

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NOTICES (Cont)

1. From my heart I thank you for the past and wish all success in the future.

2. The following Officer has been reported "Missing":-

Maj. (Hon. Lt-Col) R.G. HUTCHINSON - 6 Aust Div Cav Regt.

A descriptive report of the absentee is as follows:-

Maj. (Hon Lt-Col)	R.G. HUTCHINSON *
Army Number	NX 211
Rank Badges	Lt-Col
Name	Ralph Galloway HUTCHINSON
Height	5 ft 10 in.
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Age	40 yrs 6 mths.
Marks or Scars	Small scar out to int malleolus left ankle.
Clothing	Of an Officer of AIF. (When last seen)

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the abovenamed will notify the nearest HQ immediately.

3. LOST. Between No 3 and No 4 Jetty, TOBRUK on the evening of 6 Jul 41, Wristlet Watch, Stainless Steel, "DUNKLINGS", Make. Inscribed "TO HARRY EDNIE FROM E.R.W. WARRIGUL". Finder is requested to return to Rear HQ 9 Aust Div.

Pistol No ~~347~~ G.2902, Enfield .38 Pattern.)
Pistol No 347283, Webley .45 Pattern)

Any person knowing the whereabouts of the above arms is requested to advise these HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 AUST IAF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col. F.A. Burrows, MM, ED, Comd.
Part 1 Number 247

In the Field
31 Jul 41.

1. PHOTOGRAPHY IN PROHIBITED AREAS. Cases are still occurring of BRITISH personnel taking photographs in prohibited areas and key points in EGYPT.

Prohibited areas and key points are:-

1. Military works or buildings, such as fortifications, ammunitions, searchlights, barracks, camps, bivouacs, cantonments.
2. Arsenals, munition or supply depots or establishments or yards performing works of national defence.
3. All military formations (tps or convoys) of the EGYPTIAN or BRITISH armies.
4. Hospital trains or ambulances.
5. Principal telegraph, telephone or wireless stations, water gas and electricity works, gasometers and petrol and oil tanks.
6. Port installations or installations on SUEZ CANAL or boats moored or navigating thereon.
7. Kamalek Bridge
8. Khedive Ismail (Kasr-el-nil) Bridge
9. ENGLISH Bridges
10. Abbas Bridge (Giza)
11. Bababa Bridge
12. Bababa Railway Bridge.

Contravention of this order renders cameras liable to confiscation and disciplinary action will be taken against the offender.

2. PAYBOOKS-Entering place of payment. The practice of entering location in which payment is made will cease immediately and the only entry which will appear in the third column will be "On Service".

3. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. The number of traffic accidents in the NILE DELTA involving third parties only, now amounts to approx 100 per week. This figure is excessive and must be reduced in the interests of efficiency and economy. Most accidents are caused by neglect of elementary traffic regulations or by speeding.

It is the responsibility of the Coy Comd and Transport Offr to ensure that adequate instns on these points are given to all dvrs under their comd and to take severe disciplinary action when they are disobeyed or neglected.

It is the duty of all offr and ORs to report cases of speeding and bad driving immediately and all such reports will be investigated most carefully.

This order will be specifically brought to the notice of all dvrs in the Unit.

4. PHOTOGRAPHS. The practice of feding to AUSTRALIA personal photographs taken in such a manner as to show the portrait superimposed on or inset on facsimile Australian Bank Notes in the blank oval space reserved for the watermark will cease forthwith. The possessor of such photographs in Australia constitute an offence under the Commonwealth Bank Act, and any person within the Commonwealth in possession thereof is liable to prosecution.

5. PAYBOOKS - Loss of.

(a) Coy Comds will ensure that Paybooks remain in the possession of the soldier at all times. An exception may be made when Paybooks are required for Unit record purposes. They will, however then be returned to the soldier with the least possible delay.

(b) Cases of loss occasional by the negligence or carelessness of the soldier are to be severely dealt with as breaches of discipline

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5. PAYBOOKS - Loss of (Cont.)

(c) Coy Comds will carry out periodical checks parades for the purpose of establishing:-

- i. The identity of soldiers without paybooks.
- ii. The early detection of fraudulent or irregular entries.

Certificates will be fwded to these HQ after each check parade.

(d) Coy Comds will investigate all cases under sub paras (b) and (c) and take the necessary disciplinary action

6. BOTTLES, OIL and FULLTHROUGHS.

Heavy wastage in Bottles, Oil and Fullthroughs is occurring. Coy Comds will ensure that stricter supervision is exercised in regard to the carrying of these items in butts of rifles.

When Fullthrough cords become unserviceable the weights MUST be returned to the QM. The QM will be responsible for the return of such weights to the nearest AOD.

7. DISCIPLINE. A member of this Unit was tried by a FCGM on 24 Jul 41 on the following charges:-

1. Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior offr, in that when ordered to carry out certain digging did disobey the command.
2. Using threatening and insubordinate language to his superior offr.
3. Striking his superior offr.

He was found guilty on charges 1 and 3 and sentenced to SIX MONTHS DETENTION.

G. L. A. Kelly
Adjnt 2/11 Aust Inf Bn AIF. Capt
(G. L. A. Kelly)

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ARAB. 26 Jul 41.

All Coys.
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SPECIAL PATROLS.

Further to the normal patrolling as outlined by SILVER.

Special patrols will be required nightly for tasks as laid down by these Hq.

Coys will be required to supply these patrols on the dates hereunder:-

<u>Nightly</u>	<u>Coy.</u>
27-28 Jul	KILO
28-29 Jul	DAHO
29-30 Jul	HAND
30-31 Jul	COLO.

Patrol Orders will be issued by these Hq.

J. Kelly

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PATROL REPORT

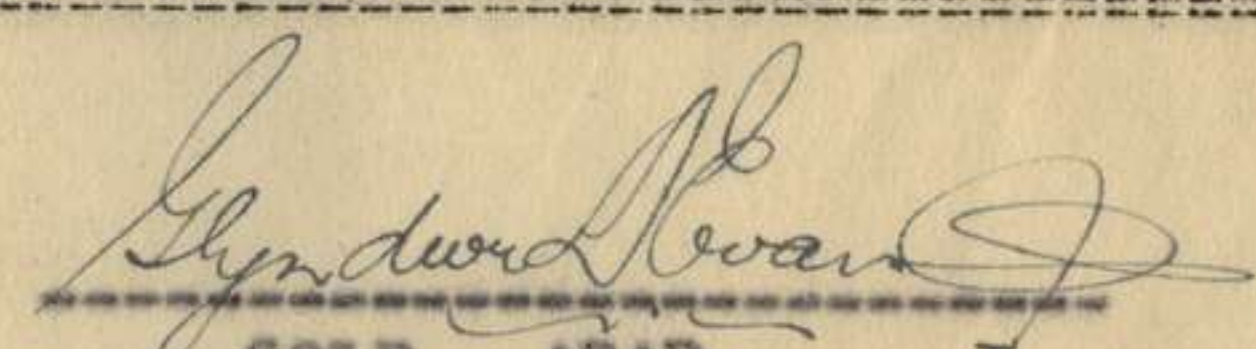
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For 24 hours ended 0700.....hrs. 27 July 41.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	0115	0450	1 NCO 6 ORs	General Coy front to depth 1200x out	Nothing to report.
	B	0130	0100	1 NCO 8 ORs	From R.31 to depth 1500 yds-cover Coy front and return	No enemy seen but MF movement heard still further out. Nothing of importance to report.
	C	0130	0515	Sec Patrols	Coy Front to depth 1000 yds.	Nothing of importance to report.
	D	0200	0400	1 NCO 6 ORs	Out from R23 to depth 3200 yds across front and return	Patrol moved on a bearing of 250° for 3200 yds and contacted enemy minefield marked with cairns of small stones. They then moved on a bearing of 205° for 800 yds without striking any opposition. Return direct to R.23.
	B	0245	0530	1 NCO 8 ORs	From R35 1500x on 204° then 1800x on 304° return to R.31.	passed 1000x from A Tk Ditch patrol/old diggings. Further out Sig wire was encountered which was cut and a sample brought home. No enemy was contacted but another wire was found and cut on the way back.

REMARKS:

Each Coy provided continuous patrols on wire and A Tk Ditch.



GOLD ARAB.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended 0700.....hrs. 27 July 41.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
A		2115	0450	1 NCO 6 ORs	General Coy front to depth 1200x out	Nothing to report.
B		2130	0100	1 NCO 8 ORs	From R.31 to depth 1500 yds-cover Coy front and return	No enemy seen but MF movement heard still further out. Nothing of importance to report.
C		2130	0515	See Patrols	Coy Front to depth 1000 yds.	Nothing of importance to report.
D		2200	0400	1 NCO 6 ORs	Out from R23 to depth 3200 yds across front and return	Patrol moved on a bearing of 250° for 3200 yds and contacted enemy minefield marked with cairns of small stones. They then moved on a bearing of 205° for 800 yds without striking any opposition. Return direct to R.23.
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GOLD ARAB.

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 27 Jul 41.

Coy No.	Ser. No.	Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Calibre	Time of Shelling		No of Shells	Date
									From	To		
A		No shelling										
B		Coy HQ	-	-	R33	NIL	4	105mm	0200	0300	14	27
C		"	287°	-	RL4 RL3	NIL 1 OR wounded	1 1	75mm 75mm	1830 2010	- 2015	2 3	26 26
E						damage Nil	1	105mm	1920	1940	12	26
D		R 26	-	-	R29	"	?	75mm	1529	1531	4	26

REMARKS.

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ARAB - 'I' SUMMARY FOR 24 HRS ENDED 0700 HRS.

27 JUL 41.

GENERAL. The usual first-day settling in to do, new ground to become familiar with and the first patrols from the posn at night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling:

During the period 35 shells landed in the area:-
KILO 17, HAND 4, COLO 14; one man was wounded by shell in KILO. Times of shelling were 1530 hrs, 1940 hrs, 2015 hrs and 0300 hrs.

KILO gave a bearing of a gun flash at 287 degrees from Post EK.

The searchlight was NOT reported.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols.

Patrols were out for periods ranging up to 6 hours and to depths of up to 3000 yds. No contacts were made but enemy works were encountered.

KILO and DANO patrolled fronts to depths of 1000-1200 yds but found nothing of importance to report.

HAND moved south of west for 4000 yds and contacted enemy minefield marked with cairns.

COLO sent out two successive patrols, found old diggings 1000 yds and sig wires of which samples were cut and brought back. This is good calibre thin wire believed to be GERMAN.

in E. H. H. S. L.
for

GOLD ARAB.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended... 0700 ... hrs. 20 JUL ... 41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
1	A	2155	0045	6 ORs	Between front and Excarpment	No movement seen or heard. Located MGs firing from vicinity FIG TREE a
2 3	A A	0115 2130	0445 0500	6 ORs 3 patrols of 2 ORs	" " Wire along Coy front	No movement seen or heard. N I L
1	B	2130	0130	1 Offr, 1 NCO 7 ORs	R. 31, 162° for 1900x then 256° " 2200x then 59° " 3400x	Wire was found 1200x put but led nowhere. At 1950x two small slit trenches were found and tk tracks and further slit trenches to the SSE. Also Post with triangle affixed which was brought in. The trenches appeared recently made.
2	B	2230	0430	2 Successive patrols of 2 men, from each Pl.	Wire and Ditch	Nothing unusual to report. " "
1	C	2230	0430	1 Offr, 7 ORs	From R. 15 on bearing 161° to Stuka then 213° for 4200x then 288° " 2500x then 73° back through Pt to Coy.	When 2000x out from Stuka along burst of MMG fire, appearing to come from Pt 171. The fire continued intermittently as the patrol moved along foot of Excarpment and edge of minefield (TELLER Mines). On commencing return journey 8 HE shells landed approx 200x behind patrol, followed by a long burst of MMG fire over heads of patrol. No wires were seen and no contact made with the enemy.

REMARKS:

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PATROL REPORT

0700

28 Jul 41.

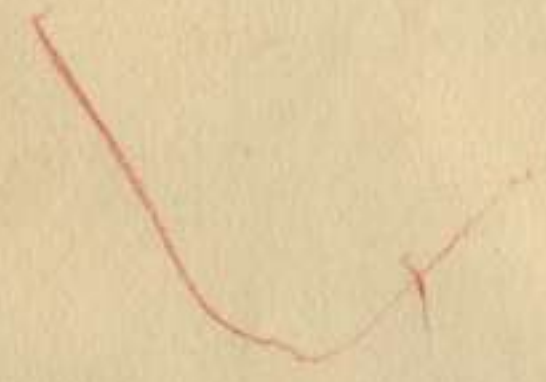
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For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
1	D	2200	2400	1 Offr. 1 Cpl 6 ORs	From R23 on bearing 249° for 2300x and return	At conclusion pt of outward journey 4 LMGs were located on bearings 235, 247, 259 and 263 degrees and at distances of 350-500 yds, firing spasmodically in all directions. No m/fields located. Some information of last night confirmed
2	D	0200	0500	1 NCO, 6 ORs	From R27 on bearing 247° for 900x and return	Nothing to report.

*Mr Edwards
for
GOD*

REMARKS:



HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 28 Jul 41.

Coy	Ser. No.	Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded Shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Calibre	Time of Shelling		No of Shells	Date
									From	To		
A	1	R.20	180°	5	Between R20 & R.21	NIL	-	47mm	-	-	18	
B	2	R.35	-	-	R.35	NIL	-	47mm	0700	-	2	28
			180°	-	R.31 & R.28	NIL	-	47mm 75mm 105mm	1800	-	6	27
												4
C	1	R.14	Left of R.7		Rear of R.14 & R.15	1 OR NIK wounded	-	105mm	1800 1840 2230	1905 2235	3 15 6	27
D	1	R.23	-	-	R.23A	NIL	1	75mm	2345		1	27
					R.23	NIL	2	75mm	0240	0245	12	28

REMARKS.

m. Edwards for G.O.P.

ARAB. 28 Jul 41.

ARAB 'I' SUMMARY FOR 24 HRS 0700 HRS 29 JUL 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling: 67 Shells fell in latter part of period at 1800 - 1900, 2230-2345, 0245 and 0700 hrs.
Distribution:

KILO	24
DANO	18
HAND	13
COLO	12

A Tall OP reported by A Tk personnel Was having previously been erected over night was observed by COLO to be demolished between 1600 and 1900 hrs.

A Group of enemy were observed by COLO at 1600 hrs out from the left front.

Two bombs were dropped 400 yds in rear BUSH arty COLO area 2300 hrs. One MB 110 flew WEST to EAST over perimeter at about 800 ft at 0645 hrs.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols.

KILO. A patrol out for 6 hours covered a route: ²⁶⁰⁰ ~~4000~~ yds on 213 degrees from Post ER, then 2500 yds on 288 degrees, then returning on 73 degrees. From 2500 yds out bursts of MMG fire apparently from Pt 171 followed the patrol along foot of Escarpment. Front row of m/field found to be TELLER mines. Eight shells landed behind patrol as it turned homeward.

DANO. Patrolling between front and Escarpment located an enemy MG post in vicinity FIG TREE.

HAND. Two patrols moved approx WSW from Posts HO and AG, distances 2300 yds and 900 yds respectively. The former, at end of outward route located 4 LMGs ~~250-500 yds distant~~, firing at random from time to time.

COLO. Patrol found Tk Tracks and some small recent trenches over 2000 yds out. A Post with indication triangle attached was brought in.

OTHER AREAS.

TOBRUK. One bombing attack by day - no damage. My barrage against raiders late at night. Shell fire damaged the Stationery Depot.

DERNA RD SECTOR. Night 26-27 Jul a force 200-300 ITALIANS were easily driven off by SA fire when approaching the NORTHERN posn.

FRONTIER. Our arty is reported to have inflicted damage on enemy MT and occupied Posts.

1 m Edwards Sgt

for

GOLD ARAB.

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ARAB. 28 Jul 41.

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A Tall OP reported by A Tk personnel was having previously been erected over night was observed by COLO to be demolished between 1600 and 1900 hrs.

A Group of enemy were observed by COLO at 1600 hrs out from the left front.

Two bombs were dropped 400 yds in rear BUSH arty COLO area 2300 hrs. One ME 110 flew WEST to EAST over perimeter at about 800 ft at 0645 hrs.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols.

KILO. A patrol out for 6 hours covered a route: 4200 yds on 213 degrees from Post ER, then 2500 yds on 288 degrees, then returning on 73 degrees. From 2500 yds out bursts of MMG fire apparently from Pt 171 followed the patrol along foot of Escarpment. Front row of m/field found to be TELLER mines. Eight shells landed behind patrol as it turned homeward.

DANO. Patrolling between front and Escarpment located an enemy MG post in vicinity FIG TREE.

HAND. Two patrols moved approx WSW from Posts EO and AG, distances 2300 yds and 900 yds respectively. The former, at end of outward route located 4 LMGs 350-500 yds distant, firing at random from time to time.

COLO. Patrol found Tk Tracks and some small recent trenches over 2000 yds out. A Post with indication triangle attached was brought in.

OTHER AREAS.

TOBRUK. One bombing attack by day - no damage. Hy barrage against raiders late at night. Shell fire damaged the Stationery Depot.

DERNA RD SECTOR. Night 26-27 Jul a force 200-300 ITALIANS were easily driven off by SA fire when approaching the NORTHERN posn.

FRONTIER. Our arty is reported to have inflicted damage on enemy MT and occupied Posts.

*1 m Edwards Sgt
for*

GOLD ARAB.

DISTRIBUTION.

DANO
COLO
KILO, HAND, GILL, SCARLET, GOLD. File

(Arty - Chp - 15 bn - 17 bn)

PATROLS - ARAB NIGHT 28/29 JUL 41. 28 Jul 41

Ref Map: TOBRUK Overprint 1 : 50,000

1. Patrol by DANO.(a) OBJECT. To obtain information of enemy. Locate and destroy enemy MG Posts.(b) STRENGTH. 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.(c) TIME & PLACE OF START. 2200 hrs - Post 17.TIME & PLACE OF RETURN. 0300 hrs - Post 17.(d) ROUTE. From Post 17 direction of Pt 171.2. Patrol by HAND.(a) OBJECT. To obtain information - capture prisoners or obtain identification.(b) STRENGTH. 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.(c) TIME & PLACE OF START. 2230 hrs from Post 27.TIME & PLACE OF RETURN. 0300 hrs Post 25.(d) ROUTE: From Post 27 direction Pt 1743. Patrol by KILO

(a) Normal. Patrol Coy front to 2000x.

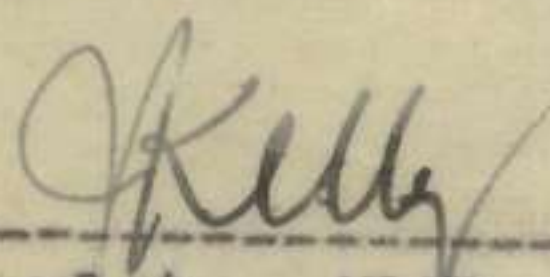
4. Patrol by COLO.

(a) Normal - Coy front to 2000x.

(b) Patrol from Post 31 to move SW direction of 40454215. To obtain information. Engage small parties of enemy or MG Posts.

Time of Signature 1600 hrs.

Method of distribution. DR.



 Scarlet ARAB.
DISTRIBUTION.Copy No.

COLO	1
DANO	2
HAND	3
KILO	4
UGAG	5
Lieut. JR. BUCKNELL	6
GOLD	7
File	8

PATROLS ARAB - NIGHT 29/30 JUL 41.

REF MAP: TOBRUK Overprint 1 : 50,000

1. OBJECT.

- (a) Capture prisoners or obtain identification.
- (b) Inflict casualties on enemy
- (c) Obtain information.

2. PATROL BY HAND.

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2230 hrs - Post R.29
- Time and Place of Return: 0200 hrs - Post R.29
- (c) Route: From Post R.29 on bearing of 260 degrees.

3. PATROL BY KILO

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2230 hrs - Post R.11
- Time and Place of Return: 0400 hrs - Post R.13
- (c) Route: From Post R.11 SOUTH along Grid 401.
- (d) Patrol to penetrate as far as possible to road crossing through 401424.

4. PATROL BY DANO.

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2230 hrs - Post R.17
- Time and Place of Return: 0400 hrs - Post R.19
- (c) Route: From Post R.17 on a bearing of 215 degrees to foot of Escarpment.

5. PATROL BY COLO.

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2230 hrs - Post R.31
- Time and Place of Return: 0300 hrs - Post R.31
- (c) Route: Post R.31 on a bearing of 250 degrees.

Time of Signature. 1605

Kelly
Scarlet ARAB.

Method of Distribution: DR.

DISTRIBUTION.

HAND	1
KILO	2
DANO	3
COLO	4
UGAG	5
Lieut E.R.Bucknell	6
Scarlet	7
Gold	8
File	9

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 41

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

30 Jul

2/13 AUSS INF BN AIR.

Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
	A	2130	0500	1 NCO, 5 ORs	1000x due SOUTH R.17	Establish OP with phone. OP to remain there during the day.
	A	2230	0330	1 Offr, 6 OR	215° from R.17 for 1900x across front and return	Patrol moved out until m/field was encountered but as anti-personnel mines were suspected and no one engineer in patrol with the group moved to their left along the foot of the escarpment for 1500x. No contact was made with the enemy. Patrol returned
	B	2230	0250	1 Offr, 1 NCO 6 ORs	250° from Post 31 2000x and return	Patrol moved on bearing indicated and struck neither m/field nor enemy.
	C	2215	0415	1 Offr, 1 NCO 6 ORs	SOUTH from R.11 to depth of 2640x thence EAST 500x and return to R.13	Patrol moved out until m/field was reached at approx 2640x from R.11. Patrol listened. Then moved EAST 500x along the edge of the m/field but could hear or see nothing. MG from estimated vicinity R.7 and which were shooting along the general line of our FDLs constituted the only enemy activity.
	D	2200	0350	1 Offr, 1 NCOs, 1 Spr, 6 ORs	260° from R.29 across front and return.	Patrol moved out for 2300x before any enemy activity was apparent then there was some MG fire to their flank. Moved further fwd for approx 1000x and contacted enemy m/field. 2 rows of TELLER A Tr mines marked with the usual furrow on each side. In places this was only a single row of mines. From appearances the field is still to be extended. Patrol returned with sample of mine the distance being checked from m/field to R.29 as 3000x (approx)

REMARKS:-

Normal wire and Ditch patrols carried out on all coy fronts.

Gynderu Heran
 GILD ARAB.

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

30 Jul 41.

Coy:	No.:	Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded Shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Cal-ibre	Time of Shelling		No of Shells	Date
									From	To		

A		Coy HQ	-	-	R.20	NIL	2	105 mm	2000	2110	12	29
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B		Coy HQ	200°	2000	R.31	NIL NIL	4 4	105 mm 105 mm	2020 2120	2027 2125	20 6	29 29
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C		Coy HQ	-	-	R.14	NIL	2	75 mm	1800 1835	1809 1920	15 6	29 29
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D		No	Shelling	reported.								
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REMARKS.

Sydney D. Brown
Crow

PATROLS ARAB - NIGHT 30/31 JUL 41.

REF MAP.

TOBRUK Overprint 1 : 50,000.

1. OBJECT.

- (a) Capture prisoners or obtain identification.
- (b) Inflict casualties on enemy.
- (c) Obtain information.

2. PATROL BY KILO.

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2300 hrs Post R.11
Time and Place of Return: 0400 hrs Post R.13
- (c) Route: From Post R.11 SOUTH along grid 401-
patrol to penetrate as far as possible in the
direction 40104260.

3. PATROL BY DANO.

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2300 hrs Post R.17
Time and Place of Return: 0400 hrs Post R.19
- (c) Route: From Post R.17 on a bearing of 215°.

4. PATROL BY HAND.


- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 10 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2300 hrs Post R.29
Time and Place of Return: 0400 hrs Post R.29
- (c) Route: Bearing of 260° from Post R.29.
- (d) MG post has been reported at approx 40354226 if
encountered this MG Post will be dealt with in
accordance with para 1.

5. PATROL BY COLO.

- (a) Strength: 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
- (b) Time and Place of Start: 2300 hrs Post R.31.
Time and Place of Return: 0400 hrs Post R.31.
- (c) Route: Bearing of 230° from Post R.31.
- (d) Patrol to penetrate as far as possible.

Time of signature 1430 hrs.

Method of distribution--DR



 Scarlet ARAB.
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HAND	1
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COLO	4
UGAG	5
Lieut. E.R. Bucknell	6
CHEF	7
SCARLET	8
GOLD	9
File	10.

31 Jul

A 2300
~~2130~~ 0345 1 Offr, 11 ORs Out from R.17 on bearing 190°
to search front for reported
MGs vicinity 40244243.

1

Patrol moves to OP established previous day then on bearing of 213° for 1200x, crossed m/field at this pt where mines appeared to be laid irregularly. On enemy side of m.field one line of 'S' Mines with white tape tied to end of trip wire and two yds further on the normal plain trip-wire. Patrol moved up the WADI leading towards Pt.171 and were fired by MGs from their right. Patrol was forced to crawl and could distinguish flashes from 7 separate guns in the WADI. Patrol could select a post of 2 guns and moved fwd until stopped by a double wire fence about 3 ft high. Two guns were located at an estimated distance of 40x behind the wire in SARGARS. It was impossible to penetrate the wire and effect surprise so patrol remained for approx. 1 hour in the hope of intercepting enemy coming out to investigate. No movement was seen though voices were heard. Patrol returned.

B 2200 0100 1 Offr, 12 ORs On bearing of 224°-1600x
from R.31 then moved NORTH
for 2000x and return

Patrol with the object of obtaining info of activity of enemy, if any, on the left flank of the enemy movement of the previous day. Despite considerable depth of patrol nothing was encountered.

B 1345 1420 1 Offr, 1 NCO,
4 ORs SE from R35

This patrol was on 29 Jul and went out to endeavour to intercept enemy party of approx 14 men seen moving on skyline an est distance of 3000 yds from out wire. Enemy however withdrew before patrol could be got much get with effective distance and enemy party was shelled by our arty on its way to its own lines.

31 Jul

C 2300 0415 1 Offr, 1 NCO,
6 ORs SOUTH from R11 to vicinity
40104260 Patrol moved on a bearing of 180 degrees from
R11 and crossed n/field at 3000x. Patrol contin-
ed for 200x and came to a well used track cover-
ed in dust. This track bore slightly to the EAST
and was followed. 2 large sangars were seen on the
left, investigated but nothing found. 30x further
on a low concertina trip-wire and on investigat-
-ion no defences were within the wire. There was
a well nearby which had the appearance of being
used regularly. Patrol returned to the rd and
as the time was late returned to R11. Patrol
leader considers posn examined was on approx.
Easting 424. ~~xxxxxxx~~

D 1400 1545 1 Sgt, 3 ORs 270 degrees from R27 to area
40444237 Patrol moved out for approx 1200x and observed
towards Pt 171, visibility was fair but no move-
-ment was seen in that area. No defences could be
seen other than at Pt 171 and no wire could be
seen in that area.

2300 0420 1 Offr, 1 NCO.
10 ORs 260° from R29 to area
403422 then to area 40274222 Patrol moved out search for MG posn reported in
area 40254226 but could find nothing. Then move-
-ed further gun posn est at 40324222 but again
found not find sign of gun. Then moved WEST for
approx 800x and crossed n/field. On enemy side o
n/field one of the patrols kicked a trip-wire
which caused a tin to rattle. MGs immediately
opened to the right firing towards FIG TREES. No
fire was brought to bear on patrol though a fur-
ther gun opened on the left. Guns seemed to be
supplying DF for FIG TREES. Patrol cond consider-
ed insufficient time recee and returned.

Guydown

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 31 Jul 41.

Coy:	No.	: Location of Reporting Point	: Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded Shell)	: No of secs from flash to report	: Area Shelled	: Damage Done	: No. of Guns	: Calibre	: Time of Shelling		: No of Shells	: Date
									: From	: To		
A		Coy HQ	10 Secs		Rear R.20	N11	4	105mm	1545	1615	14	29 30
					R.21	N11	4	105mm	1300	1800	12	29 30
B		Post R.32	-	-	Rear R.31	N11	4	75mm	2023	2026	9	29 30
					Post R.35	N11	4	75mm	0800	0900	8	29 30
					Rear R.34	N11	4	75mm	0730	0830	24	30
C		No	Shelling	in	area							
D		Coy HQ	-	-	R.27	N11	2	75mm	0900	1000	7	30

REMARKS.

Sydney Levan

 GOLD

2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. INFORMATION UP TO
0600 HRS 31 JUL 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Enemy activity was principally limited to shelling on all coys:-

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D "	"	7	"

C Coy was the only place where any damage was caused - one OR from RHA being fatally wounded.

Enemy party appeared for the third day in succession opposite B Coy. It is considered that the men were a working party. They approached in MF and made off when fired upon by the arty.

ENEMY METHODS. A patrol from D Coy kicked a trip wire causing a tin to rattle. MGs immediately opened fire apparently on a DF task.

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Observation. Observation Posts have been manned on the fronts of A, B and C Coy during the last few days. On A Coy's front on 30 Jul 1 Sgt with telephone remained and observed throughout the day. He was able to distinguish MG posns in vicinity FIG TREE and Pt 171 providing data for patrols on night 30/31 Jul 41.

Observation on B Coy's front has already been reported.

C Coy had one Cpl and 1 OR in a fwd OP. They established the fact that the only occupied points on the front are FIG TREE and Pt 171. The enemy makes no movement during the day.

Patrols. On 29 Jul 41 there were two daylight patrols, one from B Coy and one from D Coy. B Coy patrol went fwd to attempt to intercept and capture a party of 14 enemy seen to be moving at estimated distance of 3000 yds from own FDLs. The enemy party made off before our patrol could get within effective distance. The enemy party was shelled on its way back.

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OWN ACTIVITY Cont

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Mortars with C Coy fired with good observed effect on MG posns.

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BUSH arty has been active. Sights are now being used on these gun giving more accurate fire and also enabling a variety of targets to accurately and quickly engaged.

Over the period under review the following targets were engaged:-

Working party - MV Movement - Enemy SANGARS.

Number of rds fired - 210

GENERAL.

Sec from B Coy has gone fwd to area where working party was observed yesterday. This sec went fwd last night and is remaining till darkness tonight to deal with any further working parties and to observe generally: Posn - Vicinity 40674197.

Time of signature 1500 hrs.

Method of Distribution: DR.

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I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn AIF.
(G. D. Evans)

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War diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		1
Captains ...	2		2
Lieutenants ...	7		5
2nd Lieutenants ...	14		
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	24		8

* 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.
	Capt F.S. WALSH	2/13 Bn	30/6/41	Byac 2/3 Pd Amb (Dorset)
	Lieut J.S. WALSH	"	26/6/41	Byac 2/3 Pd Amb

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)

War Diary

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	383	F.A. BURROWS	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd G Coy
Maj.	12213	A.W.H. TURNER	"	"	1/23/c
"	12216	H.M. CHILTON	"	"	OC C Coy
Capt	12384	C.M. DAINES	"	"	OC A Coy
"	12222	B.A. HANDEY	"	"	OC B Coy
"	389	A.J. HILL	"	"	OC B Coy
"	12214	J.L.A. KELLY	"	"	Adj. G.
"	12383	H.H. COOPER	"	"	2 1/2 c A Coy
"	12335	R.G. SANDERSON	"	"	2 1/2 c C Coy
"	70221	G.E. WALSH	"	"	2 1/2 c B Coy
Lieut	34560	D.F. PAULMAN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	12377	H.T. GRAHAM	"	"	"
"	70203	H.C. WOOD	"	"	"
"	12223	F. MICHAMPS	"	"	"
"	34581	L.D. EVANS	"	"	"
"	14772	L.J. SCHMAYVILLE	"	"	1.c.
"	2191	G.A. TAYLOR	"	"	Pl Comd
"	34714	G.H. BUCKHILL	"	"	1.c.
"	34781	G.D. CLARKE	"	"	Pl Comd
"	3558	J.D. MARTIN	"	"	"
"	4757	L.C. HUGHES	"	"	"
"	7224	L.C. HUGHES	"	"	"
"	70729	L.J. HANDEY	"	"	"
"	21195	L.H.C. HANDEY	"	"	"

(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	9183	F.C.R. GOONS	AUS	2/1/41	1.c.
Chaplain	35097	C. FRANCIS	A.C.P.	3/7/40	1.c.

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

(Unit.)

G. Kelly Capt. Comd
(Signature of Commander.)

5 July 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

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

N.H. Smith

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8/13 Bn A 2 9 (Unit)

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Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	26		

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Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	<i>J.B. Walsh</i>	<i>8/13 Bn</i>	<i>5.7.21</i>	<i>Ex 2 AGM.</i>
Capt	<i>L.G. Dawson</i>	" "	<i>7.7.21</i>	<i>reinstated to command company</i>
"	<i>G.C. Galvin</i>	" "	<i>7.7.21</i>	" " " " " " " " " "
"	<i>J.S. Walsh</i>	" "	<i>8.7.21</i>	<i>Ex 2 AGM.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	<i>R. Bennett</i>	<i>8/13 Bn</i>	<i>10.7.21</i>	<i>Went to hospital</i>
Capt	<i>A.J. Hill</i>	" "	<i>12.7.21</i>	<i>Reinstated to 17 B.</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.
Lt. Col	NX 383	J. A. Burnards	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd. Off.
Major	NX 12213	B. W. Turner	" "	"	A 2/c
"	NX 12218	J. M. Chittan	" "	"	OC HQ COY
Capt.	NX 12330	L. G. Dawson	" "	"	OC C COY
"	NX 12214	G. E. Colvins	" "	"	OC B COY
"	NX 12384	G. H. Saintriv	" "	"	OC A COY
"	NX 12222	G. A. Handley, M.C.	" "	"	OC D COY
"	NX 12212	J. H. Kelly	" "	"	3/c
"	NX 465	J. S. Walker	" "	"	3/c B COY
"	NX 12383	J. J. Cooper	" "	"	3/c A COY
"	NX 12335	R. G. Johnson	" "	"	3/c C COY
"	NX 70221	C. H. Walsae	" "	"	3/c D COY
Lieut	NX 34860	D. J. Faulkner	" "	"	Pl Comd
"	NX 12375	H. J. Graham	" "	"	"
"	NX 12392	J. B. Water	" "	"	"
"	NX 70203	J. B. Wood	" "	"	"
"	NX 12223	P. Deschamps	" "	"	"
"	NX 34981	J. B. Evans	" "	"	I.O.
"	NX 4712	L. J. Tennerville	" "	"	Pl Comd
"	NX 3191	G. J. Taylor	" "	"	" T.O.
"	NX 34121	G. K. Bullock	" "	"	Pl Comd
"	NX 34181	J. B. Clark	" "	"	"
"	NX 13888	J. B. Barton	" "	"	"
"	NX 47167	A. H. Nugent	" "	"	"
"	NX 27932	G. H. Finney	" "	"	"
"	NX 27195	A. W. B. Maughan	" "	"	"

(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	SX 9183	P. B. Good	ANMC	27.2.01	MO
Chaplain	NX 35097	G. Francis	ANCID	30.7.00	PROV

2/13 Bn A.I.F.
(Unit.)

12 July 1941
(Date of Despatch.)

J. A. Burnards
Comd. 2/13 Bn (Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/13 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	17		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	29		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>A. J. Dwyer</i>	<i>2/13 Bn</i>	<i>16/7/44</i>	<i>transferred to 2nd Bn</i>
	<i>H. D. O'Connell</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>15/7/44</i>	<i>transferred to 2nd Bn</i>
	<i>P. A. Martin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>18/7/44</i>	<i>transferred to 2nd Bn</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
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.
St Capt	12383	J.A. Bennett	7/13	Yes	Comd Officer
Maj	12213	R.D. Bennett	"	"	Asst Comd
	12218	H.M. Clifton	"	"	OC HQ Coy
Capt	12330	L.E. Dawson	"	"	OC C Coy
	12217	R.E. Baldwin	"	"	OC B Coy
	12384	G.W. Sainton	"	"	OC A Coy
	12222	G.A. Hanaway MC	"	"	OC D Coy
	12221	J.L. Hill	"	"	Asst
	14965	J.J. Walsh	"	"	2/Lt B Coy
	15383	H.H. Cooper	"	"	2/Lt A Coy
	12335	R.G. St. Laurent	"	"	Sigs C Coy
	70221	G.M. Wallace	"	"	2/Lt D Coy
Lt Col	31860	G.G. Danckwerts	"	"	PL Comd
	12375	H.D. Graham	"	"	"
	12391	J.B. Hatch	"	"	"
	70503	M.G. Wood	"	"	"
	12323	R. G. Langley	"	"	"
	31021	G.P. Evans	"	"	I.O.
	14142	R.J. Semmeling	"	"	PL Comd
	2141	E.J. Dwyer	"	"	T.O.
	31984	C.R. Blackwell	"	"	PL Comd
	31981	G.A. Clarke	"	"	"
	56181	J.D. Jurek	"	"	"
	13888	V.B. Martin	"	"	"
	14164	H.B. Kuntz	"	"	"
	21981	E.H. Dwyer	"	"	"
	11105	D.W. B. McMillan	"	"	"
	13861	M.D. Danckwerts	"	"	"
	13863	R.B. Martin	"	"	"

(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	51993	R.C. R. Brown	7/13	27/2/44	M.O.
Expain	135097	G. Francis	ARCLO	26/7/44	PAORE

7/13 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)

19 July 1944
(Date of Despatch.)

H. Bennett
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd. 7/13 Bde., A.I.F.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	9		
Lieutenants ...	19		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	31		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>M. J. Walker</i>	<i>2/13 Bn</i>	<i>20/1/51</i>	<i>ex X L. 1. 5 T</i>
	<i>W. G. J. Hedges</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>25/1/51</i>	<i>20 IT 13</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

War diary

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	Nx 383	L.A. Bunawes	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd. Off
Maj	Nx12213	R.W.A. Turner	" "	"	A.S.I.C.
"	Nx12218	H.B. Chilton	" "	"	OC HR Coy
Capt	Nx12330	L.E. Rawson	" "	"	OC C Coy
"	Nx12317	G.B. Colman	" "	"	OC B Coy
"	Nx12384	G.D. Dantre	" "	"	OC A Coy
"	Nx12222	G.J. Haraway	" "	"	OC D Coy
"	Nx12214	L.H. Smith	" "	"	OC E
"	Nx16965	H.S. Walsh	" "	"	S/C B Coy
"	Nx12333	S.H. Cooper	" "	"	S/C A Coy
"	Nx12335	R.S. Santow	" "	"	S/C C Coy
"	Nx10221	R.M. Watson	" "	"	S/C D Coy
Lieut	Nx34860	D.G. Banker	" "	"	Q.M.
"	Nx12375	H.D. Graham	" "	"	Pl Comd
"	Nx12394	L.R. Watch	" "	"	" "
"	Nx10203	L.E. Wood	" "	"	" "
"	Nx12223	S. Pochan	" "	"	" "
"	Nx12152	H.T. Walker	" "	"	" "
"	Nx31981	G.O. Evans	" "	"	I.O.
"	Nx12172	S.J. Somerville	" "	"	Pl Comd
"	Nx31911	H.D. Taylor	" "	"	T.O.
"	Nx34174	G.C. Blackwell	" "	"	Pl Comd
"	Nx34186	G.D. Clark	" "	"	" "
"	Nx56181	L.J. Dwyer	" "	"	" "
"	Nx13888	H.B. Martin	" "	"	" "
"	Nx14174	H.F. Bryant	" "	"	" "
"	Nx21930	G.H. Bennett	" "	"	" "
"	Nx21995	G.W. Boulton	" "	"	" "
"	Nx3862	H.G. Hamilton	" "	"	" "
"	Nx13863	H.B. Martin	" "	"	" "
"	Nx32220	W.C. Hooper	" "	"	" "

(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	529183	H.B. Gooch	ANMC	21.5.41	N.I.O.
Capt	Nx33097	G. Francis	ANCD	26.7.41	PAOR.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

H. Brown Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/13 Bn. A.I.F.
(Signature of Commander.)

26 July 41
(Date of Despatch.)

20 Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.		Corporals.	Buglers.	privates, etc.	TOTAL.
Armament Artificers Fitters																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments —Wireless																			
Ammunition Examiners																			
Armourers																			
Blacksmiths																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Coppersmiths																			
Driver Mechanics																			
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																			
Electricians																			
Fitters																			
Fitters (Motor Vehicle)																			
Grinders (Precision)																			
Hammermen																			
Instrument Mechanics																			
Machinists (Metal)																			
Moulders																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Motor Assemblers																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Pattern Makers																			
Posh Cycle Repairers																			
Riveters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saw Doctors																			
Sawyers																			
Shoemakers																			
Storemen																			
Textile Refitters																			
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths																			
Toolmakers																			
Turners																			
Vulcanizers																			
Watch Makers																			
Welders (Acetylene or Electric)																			
Wheelers																			
Wireless Mechanics																			
Wood Turners and Machinists																			
General Duty Personnel										1		3	5	18			29	33	
Non-Tradesmen																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1		3	5	18			29	33	

2/13 Bn A.I.F.

Unit

J. Kelle
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

5 July 1941

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

20 Aust Inf Bde

2/13 Bn A.I.F. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel									1	3	5	22	311	342		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									1	3	5	22	311	342		

2/13 Bn A.I.F.
Unit.
Date of Despatch 13 July 1941
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[Signature]
Signature of Commander.
Comd. 2/13 Bn., A.I.F.
20 Aust Inf Bn
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 19 July 1941 (Date)
 + 1st Ldg Coy

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4		3
Serjeants	28		6
Corporals	56		21
Troopers, Privates, &c.	50 484		302
TOTALS	578	*	* 333

* 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.
VX10533 SGT Jaquet G	AAPC	NX59592 Pte Woods AG	AAOC
NX17278 A/CPL McKechnan A	AAMC	NX36646 A/CPL Brogier AJ	"
NX51551 Pte Graser R	"	NX16001 CPL Bourne RG	AAPOST C
SX 6406 " Pascoe R	"	NX16794 Pte Stevenson R	20 RAL
NX60042 CPL Lankins A	AAOC	SX7813 A/SGT Bell RG	AAMC
NX16660 Pte Evans J	"		

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).

213 Bn Inf Bde
1st Reinforce.

War Diary

Unit.

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

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

213 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.

[Signature]
Comd. 213 Bde. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 July 41
D.3459.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

913 Aust Coy 15th (Unit) 26 July 1941 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants			3
Serjeants	28		5
Corporals	5761		16
Troopers, Privates, &c.	540		246
TOTALS	640	*	311

* 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.
VX10533 Sgt Daugherty	A.A.P.C.	VX16660 Pte Evans	A.A.O.C.
17278 W/O McMichael	A.A.M.C.	VX59595 " W. Adams	"
21551 Pte Fraser	"	VX27325 " Smith	"
Sx6206 " Baxter	"	VX36616 W/O Pte Brazier	A.A.I.
Sx7813 W/O Bell	"	VX16001 Cpl. Burns	A.A.P.O.S.T.C.
VX60045 Cpl. Larkin	A.A.O.C.	VX16792 Pte Stevenson	A.A.S.

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).

Unit. *War diary*

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(page 2)

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

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

Handwritten totals:
General duty personnel: 6/16, 3/16, 270
TOTALS: 6/16, 3/16, 271

of 12 units...
Unit. _____
Date of Despatch _____
D.3459.

Handwritten signature: Lt. Col. _____
Comd. 2/13 Bn., _____
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.