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WAR DIARY
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 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/13 AUST INF BN

Commanding Officer Lt-Col RWN TURNER

Month and Year Feb 1942

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.	
LATTAKIA	1 Feb	0830	CE Church Pde,		
		0815	RC " "		
		0900	Lieut BROWN, LO, 20 AUST INF BDE visited A Coy at KASSAB.		
		1030	2 i/c visited D Coy at BEDRIYE.		
		1030	Lieut MURRAY, 2/7 AUST FD COY called. 3 engrs were stationed with B Coy to supervise the repairing of roads by civilian labour in vicinity of BOUKA CAMP.		
		1700	Lieut EM PINKNEY returned from Spigot Mortar Course.		
		1850	CO returned from ALEPPO.	C	
		1900	Capt PCR GOODE, (RMO) moved to BEIRUT to attend a course on prevention and treatment of Malaria.		
		2 Feb	0745	Party consisting of Lieuts DESCHAMPS, MARTIN, GREEN & WILSON reced KASSAB area.	
			1100	Coy Comds conference.	
			1200	Maj STATHAM, SOME 9 AUST DIV reported.	
			1435	Bn Pde addressed by CO.	
			1730	L/Cpl MASON and 6 ORs of 42 FD COY RE stationed with B Coy to take over rd supervision duties from 2/7 AUST FD COY.	C
3 Feb	0745	Recce party consisting of Capt CRIBB, Lieuts BURRELL & PINKNEY reced KASSAB area.			
	0900	Capt DOUGLAS (RMO) reported fur duty during Capt GOODE'S absence.			
	1400	Capt MORRIS, 10 Coy ASC re amn.			
4 Feb	1500	Lieut BROWN, Bde LO, visited the unit.			
	1400	GOC 9 AUST DIV accompanied by G1 visited KASSAB and was met by CO.			
5 Feb	1730	GOC visited BN HQ and carried out inspection.			
		Heavy rain prevailed throughout the day.			
6 Feb	1000	Capt BENJAMIN, LSO called on CO.			
	0920	CO visits D Coy.			
		Lieut AJ RACKHAM transferred from A Coy to C Coy.	C		
		Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN transferred from C Coy to A Coy.	C		

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LATTAKIA	7 Feb	1100	18 Pl returned to B Coy. Reported L/Cpl FSS at LATTAKIA had disappeared. Infm was later received that he had crossed the frontier and been taken into custody by TURKISH officials and was at EL OURDU.	
		1200	Capt WALSOE visited A Coy. 2 i/c visited A Coy.	
		1700	Lieut CLARKE returned. Lieut CIARKE arrived in CAIRO too late to attend METS (CW) School for which he had been detailed. Lieut BROWN, Bde LO called.	
			IO and TO 2/48 AUST INF BN reported making a rd recce of certain rds in ALAOUITE.	
	8 Feb	0830	RC & CE Church Pdes.	
		1000	Capt McDONALD, R SIGS, NINTH ARMY visited this unit.	
		1130	TEWT at NAHR el KANDIL attended by offr of this unit to consider suitability as defensive posn for one coy.	D
		1300	CO was invited to lunch in LATTAKIA by EL SHARIF ABDALLA. The function was attended by Gen MONCLAR (FRENCH DEIE GATE), the Mohafez of DJEBLE ALAOUITE, SULEIMAN MURSHED (ALAOUITE religious leader, the principal officials and representatives of leading families of ALAOUITE, the Comds of the FRENCH BNS and SERVICES SPECIAUX at LATTAKIA and the offr of the BSM and the SPEARS MISSION. The CO was represented by Maj NW SIMPSON (2 i/c).	
	8 Feb		FRENCH POSTS L3 (161418) and L4 (158416) reported 5 planes out to sea and sounds of firing from same direction.	D
		1400	Band played at KASSAB. Lieut SR LEACH promoted T/Capt.	
	9 Feb		Route march and ordinary routine, tng areas allotted.	} c
10 Feb	1200	Bde Comd visited unit. He was met by CO at KASSAB and inspected demolitions and proposed demolitions on rd LATTAKIA-ANTIOCH. Gen MONCIAR was invited by CO to dinner to meet Bde Comd		
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LATTAKIA	10 Feb		Owing to a misunderstanding at HARIM Post a slight clash occurred between TURKISH guards and GUARD MOBILE, but was satisfactorily settled. <i>C</i> Capt PCR GOODE rejoined unit from MALARIA school. <i>C</i>	
	11 Feb		Bde Comd visited NAHR SENE (174368) inspected demolitions there.	
		1100	Commencement of Spigot Mortar school conducted by Lieut PINKNEY. <i>C</i>	
		1400	Bn Pde at BOUKA CAMP.	
		1430	Bde Comd addressed BN (less outlying detachments) on pde after which BN marched to LATTAKIA.	
		1500	Bde Comd took the salute at the march past in LATTAKIA. At the saluting base with Brig WINDEYER was Gen MONCLAR.	
	12 Feb	1000	OC, 2/7 AUST FD COY and Lieuts ED MURRAY & AH MURRAY (6 Sec 2/7 AUST FD COY) were shown posn of proposed demolitions on Rd LATTAKIA-ANTIOCH, by CO.	
	13 Feb	1000	Maj J PETERS, DADMS 9 AUST DIV visited unit.	} <i>C</i>
		1200	Maj NORMAN, 9 AUST DIV LO visited the unit.	
	14 Feb	1000	Capt EVANS-PRICHARD (SPEARS MISSION) and Capt MORGAN (BSM) called on CO at BOUKA and discussed questions of local security.	
		1400	IO attended sand table exercise conducted by Gen MONCLAR and other offrs of FFL Garrison at LATTAKIA.	
		1430	Band played at KASSAB.	
	15 Feb		Capt HT GRAHAM and Lieut JB MARTIN left for AUSTRALIA on special duty. <i>C</i>	
		0830	Church Pdes.	
		1500	17 Pl returned from BEDRIYE.	
	16 Feb		Lieuts JW CALDER and VD PADMAN (2/7 AUST FD REGT) reported to make a recce of BN area.	
		1100	A Coy relieved by portion of C Coy at KASSAB.	
	17 Feb	1100	Relief of A Coy by C Coy at KASSAB completed.	
	18 Feb	1700	Maj ROGERS and Capt SCHRODER, 2/7 AUST FD REGT arrived on a tour of inspection of proposed delaying posns in the area. <i>C</i> Lieut JE MADDEN XXXX transferred from A Coy to HQ Coy to Comd AA Pl.	

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LATTAKIA	19 Feb	1900	CO left for CAIRO to attend METS SEN OFFRS TACTICAL COURSE.	c
	20 Feb	0930	Maj ROGERS, Capt SCHRODER IO and Adjt recce NAHR SENE.	
		1030	Maj HODGMAN (G2 Learner 9 AUST DIV) Capt CUDLIFFE (LO), Capt MCKENZIE, DAQMG (Learner) visited unit in morning and then proceeded up to C Coy at KASSAB.	
			Maj SIMPSON, Maj DAINTREE and Maj COLVIN went to ALEPPO for 3 days TEWT.	} c
			Arrival of 2 Offrs, 60 ORs from 20 AITB, Offrs Lieuts BEVAN & BISSAKER.	
			" " 2 Offrs from "X" List, Lieuts RACKHAM & HUGHES.	
		1500	Torrential rain fell throughout the afternoon.	
			Lieut TIMSON, FSS left for ALEPPO. Lieut GR WILLSON took over control of 281 Sec FSS.	
	21 Feb	1430	2/13 V 2/15 Rugby Union. Scores - 36 to Nil in favour 2/13 Bn. 2/13 Bn V Brothers College, Lattakia, Soccer Match.	
	22 Feb	0900	Padre visited KASSAB and conducted a service in the ARMENIAN Church which was attended both by local inhabitants and by members of C Coy. Prayers were said and hymns were sung both in ARMENIAN & ENGLISH.	
		1230	Brig-Gen MAXWELL of the UNITED STATES ARMY accompanied by Lieut GERARD of US NAVY inspected 4 coys of this unit at a Bn Pde held in his honour, and took the general salute.	
		1400	Maj ROBERTS and 1 Cpl, 4 RTR arrived. They will stay 2 days and lecture BN Offrs and NCOs on lessons derived from recent campaigns in the WESTERN DESERT.	} c
		1430	Bn Sports Meeting was held.	
		2000	Lecture by Maj ROBERTS to all Offrs.	
	23 Feb	1000	" " Cpl 4 RTR to NCOs.	
	24 Feb	0830	Leave party to ALEPPO Maj SIMPSON, IO and Adjt went on recce to NAHR SENE AREA. Word was received that Sgt APPLETON FC had been granted his commission.	
	25 Feb	1000	Five warships sighted off coast.	
		1230	Maj ALIEN (ACF) visited the unit.	
		2100	Leave party returned from ALEPPO.	

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IATTAKIA	26 Feb	0830	Lieut DWB MAUGHAN to INTERPRETATION OF AIR PHOTOGRAPHS COURSE,	HELIOPOLIS. C
	27 Feb	0900	Leave party to ALEPPO. Daily routine tng carried out.	
		1500	Maj MAGNO & Capt BROADBENT, 2/17 AUST INF BN visited unit.	
			Light rain fell during the afternoon.	
	28 Feb	0200	Message re parachute landing at TELL KALLAKH was received from Bde.	
			Gen MONCIAR (FFL) despatched parties to search area.	
		1430	Gen MONCIAR reported investigation carried out and barrage balloon found four kilometres from TELL KALLAKH.	D
		1530	2/13 V 2/15 Rugby Union football at ALEPPO - scores 16 all.	
		1600	A Gas Spray demonstration from a plane was conducted by 9 AUST DIV on IATTAKIA-HOMS RD and was attended by several Offrs and ORs from this unit.	C

DWB Maughan
Lieut.
I.O. 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.

RWN Turner
Lt-Col.
Comd. 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 231 SECTION P.S.S.
covering the period 24 Feb to 2 Mar 42

30 APR. 1942

To :- G.S.
Hq Ninth Aust Div.

(1) MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information.

It is reported that a certain LOUFI SOUFI, wood seller of LATAKIA, of low repute, is in the habit of procuring prostitutes for his customers. One of these, a certain Hae SILARUSS, a married woman of promiscuous habits, is reported to question her "clients" on Military matters. This matter is being investigated.

(b) Security of Personnel. Nil.

(c) Security of Material. Remains good. The Australian sentry on the barrier at KEMAYE now carries a Thompson sub-machine gun in lieu of rifle and bayonet.

The A.I.F. detachment at DJISR BQH GHOGHOUR left on 24 Feb 42. The huts are now guarded by 2 sappers of the R.E.'s, who are also responsible for a quantity of constructional material. It is not yet known if the A.I.F. are sending another detachment. In the meantime, the matter is receiving attention.

Security precautions in LATAKIA continue to be good.

(2) MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops. Continues to be high. A.I.F. still consider that they will shortly leave SYRIA. Rumours to the effect that English troops have arrived in SYRIA and Americans in PALESTINE have strengthened the belief that they will shortly return to AUSTRALIA. They appear anxious to "get at the little yellow man". Reports re alleged bombing of SYDNEY were received skeptically.

(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians. Continues to be excellent. No reports of any incidents have been received.

(c) Civilian Morale. A certain amount of anxiety has been reported from KEMAYE, following the rumours that the A.I.F. are leaving, and the possibility that the village may be left without a Garrison. If this took place, it is feared that the Christians would suffer at the hands of the Musselmans.

A certain YASIN BEN HASSIN-YASIN, of DJISR BQH GHOGHOUR, is now awaiting trial by Military Court charged with spreading sedition amongst R.E. local labourers, in consequence of which they refused to work for the normal wage of P.T.75 per day. This matter is still being investigated, and a further report will follow.

Profuse praise of the Allies is still reported from DJISR BQH GHOGHOUR area.

(3) RUMOURS

1. That 980 vehicles were shortly proceeding to TURKEY.
2. Turkish civilians are discussing an aerodrome to be constructed at RIHANIYB.
3. That 45 German divisions have been rushed up to the E.Front to stem the Soviet drive.
4. That South African and Canadian troops are shortly to be stationed in SYRIA.
5. That a railway is being built from TRIPOLI to HAIFA and is to be completed by July 42.
6. That 10,000 German troops landed in SOUTHAMPTON in Aug 41 and were "killed to a man".

(4) GENERAL

(a) The Wheat Situation.

It is rumoured in LATAKIA that SULEIMAN MARSCHID is shortly to receive 200 tons of U.K.C.C. wheat for distribution amongst the Alacuite peasants in the hill districts. It is expected that he will hoard the wheat in his own house in the village of ISTAMOU, where a store is already said to exist. He is alleged to be assisted by another Alacuite leader, IBRAHIM KINBE. (Reported to Spears Economic Representative).

The village of GHENIMEYEH is still reported to be without wheat. The inhabitants of KINSIBDAH made direct representation to the U.K.C.C. and managed to obtain 5 tons.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 Sec. F.S.S. (contin.)(a) The Wheat Situation (contin.)

The house of ABDULLA MELISH was recently raided, and one ton of wheat was found. ABDULLA is now facing trial.

A civilian source suggests that wheat be issued to bakers only, and that district issues be in the form of bread, which cannot be hoarded.

(b) Security Situation.

It is reported from a civilian source that the inhabitants of the Alaouite village of BABSEHIE have recently made representations to become Christian. This followed the action of SULEIMAN MARSCHID having the village lands surveyed in his own name. This loss of land coupled with the alleged hoarding and non-distribution of wheat by MARSCHID is causing the situation in this area to deteriorate. It is expected that the villagers will shortly come to LATAKIA to stage a demonstration. (This is unconfirmed from other sources).

(c) Personalities.

ABDINE AGHA, of BOBLINE is reported to possess a radio receiving set which he tunes in to German propoganda. He was once heard to suggest to the Muktar of FERGIN that all large families in the district would be well advised to remain on friendly terms with the pro-German element in TURKEY.

HAKMAT SOULH, a member of the Moslem family SOULH, reported to be pro-German in sympathy, travels frequently to and from BEIRUT in company with a certain WASFIE HADDAD. Both WASFIE and EMIL HADDAD are known contacts of LOUFI SOUFI mentioned in para (1) (a) of this report. WASFIE is owner and editor of "AL SAKER" and is reported to be an extreme NATIONALIST. His brother EMIL, also reported to be an extreme NATIONALIST, teaches in the Government School in LATAKIA. The third brother, owner and editor of "AL LAZIKIE", is reported to be pro-British.

SELAHEDDIN BAKI, of AZOUZ is reported to have previously been a member of the Syrian NATIONAL BLOC. He owns property in ALEXANDRETTA and AZOUZ, and is now reported to be Turcophile.

(d) Frontier Situation

Extra vigorous methods have now been adopted to counteract contrabandists and letter-carriers. Village and frontier patrols are frequent and daily snap controls on roads have been instituted.

Customs officials also patrol night and day. Three men were arrested by them on 25 Feb 42 attempting to smuggle olive oil across the frontier. It has been reported by the Customs Authorities that there are some civilians in possession of both Syrian and Turkish identity cards apart from Frontier passes.

Turkish Authorities are reported to have banned the use of Frontier passes in the FERGIN area to persons owning land on each side of the Frontier. This new ruling does not, however, apply to the HAFIA zone.

It is reported that recently the Turkish frontier guards stole 11 goats from the Syrian side of the frontier. These goats were the property of a member of the Moukhtar of KEMAYE's family. The Caimacan was informed of the incident.

On 21 Feb 42, HASSAN BIL-AL, Turkish, age 20, of TOUFILOU PINAR (Turkey), farm labourer, and HAIL AKES, Syrian, age 22, of SLAYEB TURKMAN, labourer, were apprehended by Gardes Mobiles at a point north of QARA KILISSE (185434) whilst attempting to enter TURKEY. They were searched, but nothing was found except £10 (Turkish). Their intention was to find employment in TURKEY. HASSAN BIL-AL, whose identity card was issued in ALEXANDRETTA, 1940 said that he entered SYRIA on 27 Dec 41, accompanied by ISMET MOHAMED CHERDEL ABDULLA, who is believed to be still in SLAYEB (160416). HASSAN has not yet been called up by the Turkish military authorities. Both men were passed on to the Surets Generals, LATAKIA.

The following persons crossed the frontier at HAFRAK during the period 20 to 26 Feb 42 (incl.) :-

<u>ARRIVALS</u>					
Date	Name	From	Destination	Passport No.	Nationality & Occupation
Feb					
21	M.E. GUEYNE & 6 officers & 158 O.R.'s.	ALEXANDRETTA	BEIRUT	5142	Lieut. R.N. British

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 Sec. F.S.S. (contin.)

Frontier crossings at MAFFRAK (contin.)

<u>Date</u> <u>Feb</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Passport No.</u>	<u>Nationality</u> <u>& Occupation</u>
21	ELIAS MICHAEL HAWA } ABDO MHARNA } GEORGE BISHARA MATTA } RID JOSSET REZKELLAH } SABI GEIRGI KHOURI } GEORGE SEMAAN SAAD } ANTOON HABIB RIZLI } HABIB MANSOUR SAGAROUH } ANTOINE YOUSSEF HAIM } ISHAIA ATTIC } GEORGE ATTIC } Sgt. SPRATT } -do- } -do- } -do- }	ALEXANDRETTA	BEIRUT	Laissor passor	Drivers
25	MUHEMET RAZIM RUSSEM	ANTIOCH	LATAKIA	149572/40	Turkish farmer.

DEPARTURES

20	Sgt. SPRATT with 11 drivers as above	BEIRUT	ALEXANDRETTA	Laissor passor	British i/c Convoy.
26	GELAL ERDAY IRWAN ERDAY and 2 children	LATAKIA	ANTIOCH	54991/100	Turkish. Nil.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL - 281 Section F.S.S.

Lieut. G. R. WILLSON
(Latakia)

Cpl. BAUMANN (Kessab)	Sgt. SWEETEN (Latakia)	Sgt. NEILL (Latakia)	Sgt. GAPP (Djisir)
L/Cpl. DRUGE (Kessab)	Cpl. BROOKING (Latakia)	L/Cpl. WHITTLE (Kenaye)	
L/Cpl. WEBSTER (Latakia)	L/Cpl. CLARKE (Latakia)	L/Cpl. BLYTHMAN (Latakia)	

DISTRIBUTION OF TRANSPORT - 281 Section F.S.S.

One 'BEDFORD' 15 cwt Truck (at present in W/shops)
One 'DODGE' 8 cwt Truck at LATAKIA
Four 'MATCHLESS' M/cycles (one at LATAKIA, one at KESSAB, one at
DJISIR BOH CHOCHOUR and one at KENAYE)

2 Mar 42

G. R. Willson Lieut.
O. i/c 281 Sec FSS.

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C.O. 2/18 Aust Inf Bn.
Commandant, I.C. (F.S.W.) GHQ MEF.
B.S.M. Latakia.

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Subject:- Weekly Report of 281 Section, Intelligence Corps
(Field Security Wing) for the period
10 Mar 1942 to 15 Mar 1942

To:- 1/193
15th Australian Division

30. APR. 1942

LETTAKIA

1/ Military Security

SECRET

(a) Security of information

Arrival of new A.I.F. units in the town have naturally caused comment amongst population. The names of the new units are already well known. i.e. 2/15th Inf Bn and 9th Cav Regt. It is known that the 2/17th Inf Bn are on their way.

These moves substantiate the rumour in our weekly report W /2/6 dated 8th Mar 42 para (3) Rumours.

(b) Security of personnel

Troops continue to show a good sense of security.

An A.I.F. private reported the fact that he had been questioned by two strangers re the number of Australian personnel in the area.

He gave them no information and immediately reported to his Coy. Officer and from his descriptions, we were able to recognise two members of the British Consular Service passing through on leave.

(c) Security of material

The Port is now well guarded and no one may enter without a special port pass issued by the Chef du Port.

The perimeter is now secure.

There is no perimeter in the new A.I.F. encampments and Security is maintained by "Flying Patrols".

Security Officers of the new units have not yet been contacted owing to inter section moves and lack of OS personnel in the town.

2 MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops

Morale continues to be good. No noted comments on the Far East situation other than the hope expressed that the A.I.F. would go back to look after Australia.

Relations of Troops with Civilians

(b) Continues to be good.

A control of prices in the town would do much to establish a more friendly feeling as arguments and possible friction through overcharging would be cut down.

(c) Civil Morale

Slightly improved owing to arrival of more troops in town.

3/ Rumours

- (a) That two parachutists had landed South of KESSAB.
- (b) That General Monclar was leaving this area.

4. Propaganda

Nil

5/ Personalities

Nil

JISR -EL -CHOGOUR and KNAYE

1/ Military Security

(a) Security of Information

A.I.F. detachments moved out of the area and camp sites were inspected by F.S. N.C.Os and all documents had been accounted for by the A.I.F. The actual departure date was kept a good secret.

(b) Security of Personnel

Nil in Jisr el Chogour

In Knaye when N. 2. troops first arrived a "racket" re changing Egyptian and Palestinian currency developed. This was checked by a F.S. N.C.O. and the current bourse rate established. Soldiers who had been defrauded were reimbursed.

A fixed price list was established for commodities and the prices conformed with those fixed by Sgt Chef i/c Circassian Cavalry.

This met with approval of Cheikh Allouwers the Chef de Municipalite who felt that this would do away with arguments re charges.

(c) Security of Material

All native labour has been issued with vouchers. F.S. has arranged police supervision of loading and unloading of labour from transports as slight disturbances were occurring. Also the issue of work cards to regular workers.

On 12 Mar 42 Jassan BEN HASSAN EL JARAF of Kestoun was apprehended for agitation amongst the labourers of Kestoun. He was "chastised" by the Gendarmerie and is up for Military Tribunal. No previous record of this man. The trouble appears to have been entirely a local matter.

M.T. drivers report instances of water in petrol drawn from Aleppo. As instances were independent the possibility of sabotage cannot be overlooked.

2 (a) Morale of Troops

A.I.F. troops marching through Jisr were in excellent spirits. Morale of R.E. personnel in N. 2. in area is also high.

(b) Relations of troops with civilians

No troops in Jisr el Chogour - Nil report

Apart from incident re money changing, the attitude is friendly and hospitable.

(c) Civilian Morale

Rather low at present owing to shortage of commodities, wheat sugar oil paraffin and soap. Poor people blame Government and hope that the British will take over distribution of necessities.

3. Rumours

(a) Armenian newsheet reports that Moscow Radio announces German seizure of 40 vessels of French Fleet.

(b) Villagers state that British are taking over all wheat distribution.

(c) N.A.A.F.I. opened in Aleppo (A.I.F.)

(d) De Gaulle killed in Lybia

(e) Schools in Aleppo are being taken over ready for arrival of Canadian and American troops.

4. General

Impending departure of 2/Lieut Menecier (SS) caused much comment

It is reported by Mohammed el Kurdi of Hamoud that twenty revolvers are at Dercouche. Police are investigating. Names mentioned N.A.S.M.I.E BEN N.A.S.M.I.E : OMAR ABEL JAWAL : ABDEL HAMED JOWAD.

No further details have yet come to light. The rumour started by the Mukhtar of Jergin re impending invasion of Syria by Turkey has no confirmation from reliable informants.

5. Personalities

Nil.

6. Frontier Situation

Patrols and informants give no indication of any untoward incidents. Frontier posts in Turkey exist every two kilometres and in many cases, personnel have been increased by two now making nine men.

KESSAB

1/ Military Security

a/ Nil
b/ Nil
c/ Nil

2: MORALE

(a) Morale of troops cont

Continues to be high.

(b) Relations of troops with civilians

Certain inhabitants of KESSAB were invited and attended a film "RAMONA" shown on the parade ground of "C" Company 2/13 Inf Bn A.I.F. This did much to foster good relations with inhabitants.

(c) Civilian Morale

Much improved by above incident. The arrival of eight tons of flour distributed at 26 Pts per kilo by the Municipality was a great boon and helped morale.

3. RUMOURS

(a) A mixed force of Italians and Germans made a landing five kms N.W. of LATTAKIA on 8 Mar and were mopped up by the F.F.F. (source French circles in Lattakia)

(b) Turkish frontier service at El Ordou have been armed with 9 m.m. Revolvers of French pattern.

4. General

It is reported that there are continued quarrels amongst the Turcomans. Some are said to follow Mohammed Jamil Jaid whilst others follow Haji Nader Haffer. These two leaders are cousins and live in Lattakia.

5. Frontier Control

Attached list of passengers for period 8-12 Mar crossing frontier at Mafrar.

GENERAL FOR COMPLETE AREA

Work has been rather disrupted during period 10-15 Mar owing to section moves and general interchanges in the area.

Lack of transport - one vehicle on unauthorised trip to Cairo and one vehicle of 275 section in workshops has meant that one Dodge has had to cover the area as well as transport kit and men.

The area is now handed over to Lieut P.G.W. PURVES 275 P.S. Section.

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Lieut.
O i/c
EXE Field Security Section.

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- G.S.I. (b) H.Q. 9th Army, M.E.F.
- Commandant's Field Security Wing
- B.S.M. Lattakia
- H.Q. 20 Aust Inf Bde
- C.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn ✓

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF 275 F.S. SECTION

Appendix to Weekly Report 275 and 281 F.S. Sections
for the period ending 15/3/42

I Distribution of personnel

During the past week this section has worked with 281 F.S. Section, whose area we are taking over. All matters affecting Tripoli Docks have been handed over to 282 F.S. Section while N.C.Os of this section stationed in Tartous and Banias have handed over to N.C.Os of "B" Aust F.S. Section. All N.C.Os with exception of two at Tripoli have now moved to Lattaquia Kessab and Jlar el Cheghour.

II Propaganda

A weekly magazine printed in Arabic is now being distributed in Banias through the local Gendarmerie and is being extensively read. This magazine is called "War" and is reported to be official British propaganda and has been welcomed in the area.

Radio Ankara remains the most widely listened to Broadcasting Station.

Two Stories are circulating in the area which would appear to be enemy propaganda. Unfortunately although an attempt was made to trace them to their sources, it was unsuccessful. The stories are as under.

1. A shop manager tells his salesman to let General Wavell have goods for approval as Wavell has taken DAMIA APOLONIA and BENCHASI and has returned them all (in French "rendu")
2. CHURCHILL, Mussolini and Hitler met in heaven and the question as to why they were fighting arose. Hitler said "For Living Space" Mussolini said "Because Hitler wanted it" but Churchill said "We are not fighting. On all the battle-fronts there are Australians, Indians etc but there are no British."

These stories are believed to have originated in Beirut.

III Rumours

A rumour was heard in Banias during the middle of the week that the French S.S.O in Lattakia had been arrested by the British and was to be deported and because of this General Monclar had threatened to resign.

IV Personalities

TEWFIK HAROUN Lives in Lattaquia. Twenty five years old. Reported to be ultra Nationalist and either to be or have been Vichy agent. Reliability of informant unknown. This man is being kept under observation.

V Political and Economic Situation in Banias

Prevailing topic of conversation in Banias remains the present economic situation. Grumbling about the method of distribution of wheat has been heard. The present method of distribution is
200 grammes of flour per head per day in Banias
90 grammes of flour per head per day in rural districts.

Rice and sugar are very scarce the prevailing price when obtainable being £1 Syrian per kilo for rice and £1.25 for sugar.

The harvesting of barley is due to commence in six weeks and great ~~native~~ optimism is felt by all the population in the expectation of a good harvest which will tide them over and relieve the present shortage.

The general feeling is that whilst England has assumed responsibility for supplying wheat to Syria, she should continue to supervise directly the distribution of wheat and control the price.

The educated classes express no faith in the present Government and it has been stated in Banias that the President of the Syrian Republic is "a thief of old standing"

Although the majority of the people are Nationalist, the opinion has been expressed that they would not be averse to accepting British guidance for a period of say three years in order to "get things going".

The lower strata of humanity in the district has gained the idea that Britain plays the greatest part in the administration of the Syrian Government and consequently cannot understand why things are in such a chaos.

P. G. W. Purves
Lieut.

O. i/c Section 275
F. S. S.

LIST OF PASSENGERS AT MAFFRAR for the week 6-12 Mar 42

ARRIVALS

Date	Name	From	To	P.P.	Nation	Profess.
7 Mar	BOUTROS MADANI with wife & 3 daught.	SOUEIDIE	LATAKIA	642	Refugee (Alouite)	Boot Maker
8 Mar	HANSE NETA ABDULLA & son	ORDOU	do	355	do	-----
	J.W. KERNICK -andretta	Alex-	Beyrouth	C 168052	British	Sovt Official
	M.G. KERNICK (mrs)	do	do	ISS 123055	do	----
10 Mar	J. CATONI with wife LINA	do	do	C 125554	do	Consul
	OSMAN HARABEK	do	do	111/ 1868	Turkish	Chauffeur
11 Mar	RIFSI REFIK PASIN	do	do	269/39	do	Consul
	MUSTAPHA KHANSI	do	do	1242	Lebanese	Chauffeur

DEPARTURES

6 Mar	KASIM GULEK	Beyrouth	Ankara	20/304/42	Turkish	Depute pour BILEGIR
	RIFKI REFIK PASIN	do	Alex- andretta	269/39	do	Consul
	MUSTAPHA KHANSI	do	do	1242	Lebanese	Chauffeur

APPENDIX "A"

281 Field Security Section

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL

Lieut A.R. Baker
(Latakia)

Cpl Bauman (Kessab)	Sgt Sweeten L/Cpl Blythman L/Cpl Webster L/Cpl Clarke	Sgt Neill Cpl Brooking (with Lieut Willson)	Sgt Gapp (Jisr) L/Cpl Whittaker (Knaye)
L/Cpl Druce (Kessab)	(Aleppo Advance party for section)		

Appendix "B"

281 F.S. Section

DISTRIBUTION OF TRANSPORT

One (1) Dodge 8 cwt truck at Latakia

One (1) Bedford 15 cwt truck with Lieut. Willson

Four Matchless motor cycles (one at Latakia unserviceable)
one at Kessab
one at Jisr el Choghour
one at Knaye.

APPENDIX "D"

275 Field Security Section

Distribution of personnel as at 2359 hours
Sunday 15 March 1942

LATTAQUIE

Lieut. P.G.W. Purves
C.S.M. G.O. Millyard
Sgt. E.M. Wilkins
Sgt. K. Briant
Cpl. L. Bond
Ete J. Colliss (attached)

TRIPOLI

L/Cpl A. Fayers
L/Cpl A. Wardle

TARTOUS

L/Cpl E.V. Pratt

BANIAS

L/Cpl J. Benjamin

KESSAB

Cpl K. McConnell

DJISR EL CHOUGHOUR

Cpl W.E.D. Lamont

APPENDIX "E"

275 Field Security Section

Distribution of Transport as at 2359 hrs
Sunday 15th March, 1942

Z	1305395	Dodge P.U.	Alkappa	Lattaquie
C	77281	Royal Enfield		Tripoli (Workshop)
C	985092	do		Lattaquie
C	985101	do		Banias
C	985008	do		Lattaquie
C	75744	do		Tripoli (Workshop)
C	985069	do		Tartous
C	940417	Matchless m/c		Lattaquie
C	940671	do		Kessab
C	935867	do		Djisar el Choghour.

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LATTAKIA

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275 Section
I.C. (FSW)
M 25/1/5
13th March, 1942

Tel:- Lattakia 421

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275 Section, Intelligence Corps (Field Security Wing) moved from Tripoli to LATTAKIA on 10/3/42 and has taken over the area LATTAKIA - FRONTIER in place of 281 Section, Intelligence Corps, Field Security Wing.

P. W. P...
Lieut.

O. i. c Section 275
F. S. S.

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 WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 SECTION F.S.S.
 covering the period 17 Feb to 23 Feb 42.

To :- G.S.I.,
 Hq Ninth Aust Div.

30. APR. 1942

(1) MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information. Nil

(b) Security of Personnel. A detachment of 2/8 A.I.F. Field Ambulance arrived in DJISR BOH CHOCHOUR on 13 Feb 42 for the purpose of carrying out anti-malaria precautions in preparation for the coming season. A further detachment arrived for the same purpose on 17 Feb.

(c) Security of Material. Nil

(2) MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops. Continues to be good. References are being made to Japanese raids on Australia, but no serious reactions have been reported to news of recent raids on PORT DARWIN.

(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians. Continues to be excellent. Anti-malaria squad were well received by civilians in DJISR BOH CHOCHOUR, who appeared to appreciate their efforts and attention. Reported that Australian detachment at DJISR BOH CHOCHOUR are impressing the local inhabitants, who compare their agreeable manners with those of French troops who have shown aloofness and bad manners in their treatment of all civilians.

(c) Civilian Morale. Recent fall of SINGAPORE has given cause for some comment. Musselmen of surrounding districts are reported to be showing signs of depression following recent Allied reverses. They still, however, hold the British in high esteem. Reported that recently three Syrians were fired on by Turkish sentries on Turkish side of the frontier, two being killed and one wounded. Local inhabitants have taken a poor view of this in view of the fact that Turks escaping into SYRIA to avoid mobilization are merely imprisoned when caught crossing the frontier. This matter is being investigated.

(3) RUMOURS

1. A strong rumour is current that an aerodrome is to be constructed at KASTOUN (213415). It is thought that this emanates from villagers who have been engaged for constructional purposes.

2. The rumour that the A.I.F. is shortly leaving SYRIA is still rife. This is being discouraged by F.S. personnel.

3. In civilian circles, it is rumoured that General CATROUX has been sent to the Western Desert; also

4. that fifty French people have been arrested in a round-up in BEIRUT for pro-Vichy activity.

(4) GENERAL

Petty smuggling in frontier districts is reported to be assuming large proportions. Gardes Mobiles are making daily patrols in all villages of the Gaza and are going out at all hours to make ambushes, etc. Strong measures are being enforced which, it is hoped, will prove fruitful. Developments will be reported.

Disturbances have been reported in DJISR BOH CHOCHOUR area due to armed Alaouites interfering with local villagers and stealing cattle. Lieut. MEMNECIER proceeded to LATAKIA in connection with this on 21 Feb 42.

PERSONALITIES

2/Lieut. JEUNET, officer i/c Turkish Frontier Posts (N.Q. KARBHAS 202449) is reported to be violently pro-German.

Reported that Father ANTOINE, an Arab Franciscan Father at DJISR BOH CHOCHOUR showed strong pro-Italian sentiments prior to the entry of the British into SYRIA.

Frontier Situation

(a) As from 16 Feb 42, all SYRIAN subjects entering SYRIA must be in possession of Syrian visas issued by the British Authorities.

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WEEKLY REPORT, 281 Sec F.S.S. (contin.)

Frontier Situation (contin.)

(b) Two Syrians shot dead and one wounded by Turkish sentries, who opened fire on Turkish side of frontier. Six Turks were detained by Gendarmerie on Syrian side for crossing frontier in DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR area.

(c) It is proposed to move the road barrier at KENAYE 150 yards further down the road towards DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR, in an endeavour to prevent persons using the track through the village. Continual checks are being carried out at this point; there is, however, no untoward incident to report as yet.

(d) The following persons crossed the frontier at MAFFRAK during the week 12 - 19 Feb 42 :-

ARRIVALS

<u>Date</u> <u>Feb</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Passport No.</u>	<u>Nationality & Occupation</u>
13	STEPHENSON John Henry	ALEXANDRETTA	BEIRUT	G.149785	Brit. Civil Serv.
13	KNATCHBULL- HUGHESON, Hugene Montgomery and Lady Mary	"	"	G.123323 "	Brit. Ambassador to Turkey and wife.
14	SAFLO, Hassan Houstapha	ISTANBUL	LATAKIA	45	Syrian Business man.

DEPARTURES - Nil.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL - 281 Section F.S.S.

Lieut. G.R. WILLSON
(Latakia)

Cpl. BAUMANN (Kessab)	Sgt. SWEETEN (Latakia)	Sgt. NEILL (Latakia)	Sgt. GAPP (Djisir)
L/Cpl. DRUSE (Kessab)	Cpl. BROOKING (Latakia)		L/Cpl. WHITTLE (Koneyo)
L/Cpl. WEBSTER (Latakia)	L/Cpl. CLARKE (in Turkey)	L/Cpl. BLYTHMAN (Latakia)	

TRANSPORT - 281 Section F.S.S.

One 'BRIFORD' 15 cwt Truck (at present in W/shops)
 One 'DODGE' 8 cwt Truck at LATAKIA
 Four 'MATCHLESS' M/cycles (one at LATAKIA, one at KESSAB, one at
 DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR and one at KENAYE).

23 Feb 42

G.D. Wilkin Lieut.
O. i/c 281 Sec FSS.

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 Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde.
 C.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 Commandant, I.C.(F.S.W.) GHQ MEF.
 B.S.M. Latakia.

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30. APR. 1942

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 291 SECTION F.S.S.

covering the period 27 Jan 42 to 2 Feb 42.

G.S.I.
H.Q. NINTH AUST DIV.

(1) MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information.

The security of messages coming through from H.Q. 9 Aust Div. is sometimes poor. On one occasion recently, a call came through from H.Q. 9 Aust Div. to 2/13 Bn. and the caller said "we can't get through to ALEPPO, so would you please telephone 29 Bde and ask them to give the following message to 15 and 17 Bns." The message called for certain returns.

Checks on camp security show that office security within the 2/13 Bn is good.

Very little indiscreet talk by troops in the area has been heard.

(b) Security of Personnel.

(c) Security of Material.

Civilians continue to make advances to troops for the purchase of W.D. property, - particularly food and clothing. There is evidence that a considerable quantity of these items found their way to civilians, the purchases being by no means confined to the poorer classes. The Free French authorities are being approached with a view to having a proclamation made to the civil population reminding them that it is a punishable offence to be in possession of W.D. property, and that it is therefore strictly forbidden to make attempts to purchase such items as petrol, clothing, equipment, foodstuffs, etc.

The number of people, both men and women, wearing overcoats made up from military blankets is surprising.

In all matters concerning Military Security, the fullest co-operation has been given by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. General security within this Unit is good.

(2) MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops. Good. Much discussion as to future movements.

(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians. Good.

(3) RUMOURS - amongst civilians.

1. - All Australian troops in area are being replaced by British troops. All French Senegalese troops are also leaving the area.

2. - Australian troops in the Turkish frontier area are to be relieved by Greek troops from Cyprus on 4 Feb 42.

3. - Shipping Agents in LATAKIA expect the arrival of heavy war material in the port in two months' time.

(4) PORT CONTROL

This control has tightened up. The port is easily photographed from vantage points near by. The pass system is working well and is thoroughly enforced by F.F. Marines under Capt. LABLOIS.

(5) OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL SECURITY INTEREST.

(a) Turkish Nationals.

On 1 Feb 42, BOLATOGU BURTOS BOLUS, a Turkish civilian of peasant type, crossed the frontier and gave himself up to the Gardes Mobiles of the Services Speciaux at LATAKIA, and was brought to DJISR SOH GHORHOU, where he was interrogated by F.S.S. He came from SOURIY, some 18 km. east of ANTIOCH. He fled from Turkey to avoid being called up for Military Service under the Mobilisation Order covering age groups 21 to 27. He had previously served ten years in Syrian Forces and expressed the wish to join the F.F.L. He gave the following information:-

Turkish Army food is very poor. Pay is very small. Age groups 27 to 31 likely to be called up soon. There are 10 to 12 Bns in ANTIOCH engaged in constant manoeuvres. They are billeted in town with families, in all big buildings, including mosques. Turkish soldiers are wearing uniforms provided by the British. It is rumoured that Gt. Britain is paying all Army expenses. It is his impression that Turkey is preparing for a war on two fronts. Feeling is mixed, but generally there is a tendency towards being anti-Axis.

He has been sent under escort of Gardes Mobiles to F.F.L. H.Q., ALEPPO for probable enlistment in F.F.L.

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(b) Land subsidence.

A land subsidence lasting for three days and embracing the village of KARA DOURANE (Ref 171441 Levant Grid 1:200,000) near KESSAB commenced on 23 Jan 42. 49 houses have been destroyed. The Délégué, General HONGLAR, visited the scene and arranged for the relief of those affected. A quantity of foodstuffs was made available by the C.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. There were no casualties.

(c) Road checks.

These are being carried out four times weekly at different points on roads leading out of LATAKIA at different times of day and night. Many people have been travelling without appropriate identification papers, but nothing otherwise has so far been discovered. The two detachments at KESSAB and DJISR BSH CHOCHOOR also apply local road checks. F.F.L., Sureté Générale, Services Spéciaux and F.S.S. co-operate in the above controls.

(d) Photography.

A F.S. N.O.O. visits the two approved photographers in LATAKIA every morning for the purpose of censorship. The instructions to photographers are that no prints will be taken from negatives until the latter have been passed by censor.

(e) Frontier crossings at KESSAB for the period 11 Jan 42 to 30 Jan 42 (one arrival, three departures):-

(a) ARRIVALS

Date	Name	From	Destination	Passport No.	Nationality & Occupation.
14 Jan	Mrs MANDOURIA KOVVAS and 2 children	ANTIOCH	LATAKIA	36	Syrian. Mil.

(b) DEPARTURES

15	HASSAN OZTURK	LATAKIA	KHIRIKAN	157281/134	Turk. "Policier"
16	SHAHIN KENDRACE	KESSAB	ALEXANDRETTA	149562/30	Turk. "commerçant"
23	C.E. ROLLESTON	BEIRUT	ALEXANDRETTA	G.127670	British Shipping consulate.

ROAD ACCIDENT

On 27 Jan 42, Lieut. A.H. BAKER, S. i/c this Section, was involved in a motor accident whilst proceeding to DJISR BSH CHOCHOOR where he was to post three F.S. N.O.O.'s.

Lieut. BAKER's injuries necessitated his evacuation to 2/11 Aust Fd. Amb, TRIFOLI. Upon instructions of Ninth Army, Lieut. TIMSON, "B" Sec Aust F.S.S. remains in LATAKIA to control Security duties in that area pending the return of Lieut. BAKER.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL - 281 Section F.S.S.

LATAKIA	Lieut. T.F. TIMSON	KESSAB	Cpl. BAUMANN, J.H.
	Sgt. SWESTEN, A.W.		L/C. CLARKE, H.
	Sgt. NEIL, R.E.		
	Cpl. BROOKING, L.J.	DJISR BSH CHOCHOOR	Sgt. BAPP, K.C.
	L/C. BLYTHMAN, R.H.		L/C. DRUCE, G.
	L/C. WEBSTER, J.B.		L/C. WHITTLE, L.E.

TRANSPORT - 281 Section F.S.S.

- One 'BEDFORD' 15 cwt. (at present in W/Shops)
- One 'DODGE' 8 cwt.
- Four 'MATCHLESS' M/Cycles.

2 Feb 42.

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B.S.M. Latakia.
255 Sec. F.S.S.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 SECTION F.S.S.

covering the period 10 Feb to 16 Feb 42

To - *WJ*
H.Q. Ninth Aust Div.

30. APR. 1942

(1) MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information. Nil.

(b) Security of Personnel. Nil.

(c) Security of Material.

The Proclamation referred to in last week's report has now been published in the local press, and generally publicised throughout the Alouite State. Cutting attached hereto.

(2) MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops. Good.

(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians. Very good. Café proprietors and civilians generally comment very favourably on the behaviour of troops when in LATAKIA.

A march through the town of three Coys of the 2/13 Bn headed by the Bn band on 12 Feb 42 created a good impression.

(3) RUMOURS

Nil.

(4) OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL SECURITY INTEREST

(a) On 9 Feb 42, FSS at KESSAB learned that GEORGES KARAYACOUBIAN, a native of the village, had received a Postal Order for £ syr.15 from ALEPPO. Our informant had managed to read a note attached, - "Your work so far is very satisfactory; keep it up and I will see that your pay is increased." KARAYACOUBIAN was detained by the Services Speciaux two days later for falsely stating that he was a member of the Sureté Générale. He later stated that he was employed in the Intelligence Service and sent his reports to a man in ALEPPO. He was sent under escort of Sureté Générale, LATAKIA, to ALEPPO, where it was revealed that he had been employed by a member of the Deuxieme Bureau.

(b) MA/6224 L/Cpl CLARKE, H. is still "the guest of a friendly government" at EL ORDOU, Turkey, where he is living with the Captain in charge of the Turkish guards in that area.

(c) Patrols by the Coy of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at KESSAB are being carried out at night in an attempt to intercept letter carriers operating across the frontier.

(d) The question of contraband traffic in arms has been discussed with Lieut. MENECIER, S.S., DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR, and several plans are in operation to catch suspected persons in the act. Those who are receiving most attention are SELIM KAOURMA and his gang at HEGZIN. Associated with this gang and in active co-operation with them is the Greek Orthodox Priest, KHOURI RISK, whom it is hoped to have removed from the frontier. RISK was actively engaged in the sale of the Armenian girl mentioned in para (f).

(e) Road checks are proceeding daily, both at LATAKIA and DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR. A quantity of military stores (clothing and petrol) has been recovered. A car driven by M. VANDLEEN drove through the control on the LATAKIA-TRIPOLI road at 1730 hrs on 14 Feb 42. He was fired upon but did not stop. VANDLEEN is Director of Public Works, DAMASCUS, and the F.S. Section in that town was signalled to interrogate him.

The source of the stolen petrol is being investigated on information passed to F.S.S. ALEPPO.

Several private lorries carry the sign "W.D. Contractors" in large letters on the windscreen, but the drivers have no papers to indicate that they are engaged in Army work. This is a privilege open to abuse.

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(f) Lieut. MENNECIER has written a very strong report regarding the Kaimakan (ABDUL HAMID MOURAYED) as a result of his various fraudulent activities in the Gaza, culminating in the purchase of a Christian Armenian girl for \$ syr.150. The sales contract was drawn up in front of a group of notaries including the Juge de Paix (KADRI EL MUFTI), the father of the girl only receiving \$ syr.50. The Armenian father (PERE TATHIOS MOUHTARIAN) together with Father ANTONIO CALIL-HANNA (Franciscan Monk) made a complaint to Lieut. MENNECIER and the girl, on his instigation, was returned to her father.

The Kaimakan threatened both Fathers and also intimated to the village in general that the French were only here temporarily; that SYRIA was autonomous; and he could therefore, as Kaimakan, do as he pleased. In view of this despotic attitude, and after hearing complaints from persons of different nationalities and religions, Lieut. MENNECIER judged advisable to recommend the removal of the Kaimakan. He also expressed a desire that the Juge de Paix be relieved of his duties.

An informant states that the Juge de Paix and the Kaimakan are with the group headed by ABDUL KERIM HADZ YEFYA (wanted by us), who are reported to be pro-Nazi. Lieut. MENNECIER is aware of this.

(g) Frontier crossings at KESSAB for the period 6 Feb - 12 Feb 42 (2 arrivals, two departures) :-

ARRIVALS

Date Feb	Name	From	Destination	Passport No.	Nationality & Occupation
6	Mme KARINYE BENT EL BARAKAT	ALEXANDRETTA	KESSAB	5508	Syrian. Mil.
11	WILLIAM ALEXANDER ROGERS	ALEXANDRETTA	BEIRUT	G.127673	British Shipping Consular Adv.

DEPARTURES

8	Mme MERYANA KAYYUKA	LATAKIA	ANTIIOGH	154995/163	Turkish. Mil
12	WILLIAM LYTLE and AGNES LYTLE (wife)	LATAKIA	ANTIIOGH	52	British Missionaries.

(h) Frontier violations. Several cases of civilians crossing the frontier north of DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR have been detected. For the most part, they were of the unimaginative type who had crossed to see friends or relatives. No useful information could be gleaned from them.

Seven Turks of the peasant type and of varying ages up to 40 were apprehended by gendarmes at BRAMA (Ref 196429 Levant Grid 1:200,000). They were civilians endeavouring to escape mobilization. Lieut. MENNECIER, S.S. officer, DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR has received orders to repatriate any such Turks.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL - 281 Section F.S.S. As last week's report.

TRANSPORT - 281 Section F.S.S. As last week's report.

16 Feb 42

Copies to :- G.S.I.(b) HQ Ninth Army (3)
 HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
 G.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 Commandant, I.C.(F.S.W.) GHQ MEF
 B.S.M. Latakia
 255 Sec FSS.

J. J. Simpson Lieut.
 O. i/c 281 Sec. F.S.S.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 SECTION F.S.S.

covering the period 5 Feb to 9 Feb 42 .

30 APR. 1942

To :- G.S.I.
H.Q. Ninth Aust Div.

(1) MILITARY SECURITY(a) Security of Information.

On three separate occasions, the orderly at KESSAB telephone exchange has picked up the receiver and heard two Turkish exchanges calling one another (e.g. EL ORDOU CALLING ADANA). This, perhaps, can be attributed to the violent weather conditions in which a branch of a tree falling across the wires would connect the local line with the international line.

A F.S. N.C.O. of this Section reports that a French Officer's uniform, rank Lieut., hangs in the wardrobe in the room of BENVENIDA ESTAR ISAAC YAABIS ("Henrietta"), the woman in charge of the girls in the military brothel in LATAKIA. The woman claims that the uniform belongs to her lover, who -she says- is at present serving in the F.P.L. in the W.Desert. Investigations are proceeding.

(b) Security of Personnel.

The matter of the illegal sale of spirits (particularly the locally produced "Arak") to the troops in this area is receiving the attention of F.S. personnel, and it is expected that a satisfactory solution of this problem will be reached shortly.

(c) Security of Material.

Ref (1) (c) Weekly Report W/2/1 dated 2 Feb 42, - the Proclamation mentioned therein has now been published in Arabic and French. Full distribution has been arranged. Copy attached hereto.

(2) MORALE

- (a) Morale of Troops. Good.
(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians. Good.
(c) Civilian Morale. In the DJISE BCH CHOUGHOUR district,

continued references are being made by Christian villagers regarding their position in North Syria in the event of invasion. They are well aware of our lack of material on the frontier. Most appear to be of the opinion that they would be left to their fate. They have no illusions regarding the Moslem's attitude towards the Christians, and regard the Allies as their protectors.

The Arabs view with concern the rumour that SYRIA is to have mobilization; they say that well-paid volunteers would be more desirable.

(3) RUMOURS

It is rumoured amongst troops that the "MAURETANIA" has been lost with 4,000 Australians on board.

In civilian circles, it is rumoured that Canadians and Greeks are to relieve Australian troops in North Syria.

(4) PORT CONTROL

Material for the construction of a wire perimeter for the Port of LATAKIA has been promised by the Naval authorities in BEIRUT.

Schooner R232 (Capt. FAYCAL ISMAIL) is suspected by the Customs of running contraband, possibly other things. R232 left LATAKIA 2 Feb 42 bound for MERSINE and ALEXANDRETTA. Due to return with cargo probably direct for HAIFA. Following the suggestion of F.S.S., the Cdt de la Marine, LATAKIA, agreed to have R232 intercepted at sea in addition to the usual check on arrival at port.

(5) OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL SECURITY INTEREST

(a) Frontier crossing. On 8 Feb 42, MA/6224 L/Cpl CLARKE, H. of this Section inadvertently crossed the frontier into Turkish territory near KESSAB, while making a daylight reconnaissance preparatory to a night patrol of the frontier area. L/Cpl CLARKE was detained by Turkish frontier guards and taken to EL ORDOU (Ref 184440 Levant Grid 1:200,000). The Inspector of Services Speciaux LATAKIA was approached with a view to his making the necessary representations to the corresponding authorities on the Turkish side of the frontier for L/Cpl CLARKE's release and return. The two parties met on 9 Feb 42, and as a result the Turkish authorities promised to return L/Cpl CLARKE "in a very short time"; in the meanwhile, we were to consider him the guest of a friendly government.

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WEEKLY REPORT 281 Sec F.S.S. (contin.)

(b) Propaganda. In DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR, F.S.S. reports that the KAIMAKAN, ABDUL HAMID MOUKAYED, has been contacted and has suggested a mobile cinema for the Casa. This matter has been raised at the Etat Major, ALEPPO, but it is felt that a little pressure from the British may expedite it.

The whole question of propaganda, in the form of literature, for the DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR district is being reviewed. Such propaganda material must apparently pass through the KAIMAKAN, and as very little is to be seen in the villages, it would seem that there is a hold up in this quarter. A few British security posters are on the Café walls in KENAYE (FSS has had captions in Arabic arranged for these) and it is suggested that posters be made available for generous distribution. Large wall posters would be desirable, especially for DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR on market day.

(c) Gardes Mobiles. Some 120 Syrian Cavalry, under Lieut. GEORGE MAHOUT, have arrived recently in DJISR ECH CHOCHOUR, where some 80 will be stationed, the remaining 40 being distributed in the frontier villages.

(d) Road Checks. These are being continued in the LATANIA area, on the ALEPPO, TRIPOLI and KESSAB roads. The fact that a number of civilians show concern as to when and where these checks are to take place is evidence in support of the belief that such checks are a necessary Security measure.

(e) Frontier crossings at KESSAB. There were no arrivals or departures at the frontier post of MAPRAK during the period 31 Jan - 5 Feb 42.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL - 281 Section F.S.S.

<u>Latakia.</u>	Lieut. T.F. TIMSON	<u>Kessab.</u>	Cpl. BAUMANN, J.H.
	Sgt. SWEETEN, A.W.		L/C. CLARKE, H.
	Sgt. NEILL, H.		
	Cpl. BROOKING, L.J.	<u>Djisar ech Choghour.</u>	L/C. WHITTLE, K.E.
	L/C. BLYTHMAN, R.M.		
	L/C. WEBSTER, J.B.	<u>Kenaye.</u>	Sgt. GAPP, K.C.
			L/C. DRUCE, C.

TRANSPORT - 281 Section F.S.S.

One 'BEDFORD' 15 cwt. (at present in W/Shops)
 One 'DODGE' 8 cwt.
 Four 'MATCHLESS' M/Cycles.

9 Feb 42.

F. J. Timson Lieut.
 O. i/c 281 Sec FSS.

Copies to :- G.S.I. (b) HQ NINTH ARMY
 HQ 20 Aust Inf Brigade
 C.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 Commandant, I.C. (F.S.W.) GHQ ME
 B.S.M. Latakia
 255 Sec FSS.

30. APR. 1942

To :- Officer i/c 281 Sec F.S.S.

Sir,

I have to report that on 6 Feb 42, at 1200 hrs, accompanied by a senior F.S. N.C.O., I started from the village of KESSAB and began to climb Mount CASSIUS in order to determine the position of the Syrian-Turkish frontier between the villages of KESSAB and KARADURAN, as a preparation for a night patrol arranged with the O.C. the local Australian garrison.

When we reached the top of the first range, my senior N.C.O. left me and returned to KESSAB, after having told me to carry on, meet the actual frontier, which we judged was running along the second range, in front of us, somewhere under the Turkish posts, and follow it in the direction of KARADURAN.

I began to carry out this detail, under bad weather conditions, with heavy mist, when, reaching a steep corner, I met abruptly two Turkish soldiers, who immediately throwing themselves flat on the ground, pointed their rifles towards me. We shouted at each other incomprehensively, then they threatened to shoot, making in the meantime signs to me as to throw my pistol away. I did not think I was in Turkish territory, but not knowing exactly my position and uncertain as to the direction to be taken if I had better walk away, and fearing to cause an unnecessary accident while, after all, I could have been in Turkish territory, I thought better to surrender and follow them to the first Turkish post, in the hope of being able to explain myself there. They took my pistol, my ammunition and my pocket knife.

I was treated brutally by my two captors and by the other soldiers I met at the Turkish post, after some twenty minutes' walk. Their behaviour changed remarkably when I could eventually make them understand I was a British soldier. Nevertheless, on impracticable tracks, they took me down to the nearest village, namely YAYLADAGI, always treating me as a prisoner of war.

In the garrison of YAYLADAGI, I was received by Capt. TALAT OZTOZUN, in a very kind and official manner, and with the help of Mr. REFIK KOLTAN, of the "Customs Control", who spoke good Greek, I could explain my position. I identified myself with my A.B.64, which satisfied them. I was NOT searched and I did NOT produce my Security Pass, nor any other document or paper in my possession. I did NOT say I was a F.S. N.C.O. I said, nevertheless, that I was stationed in KESSAB and I was a member of a Section which I defined rather vaguely (we were speaking in Greek) as "POLICE", stationed in LATAKIA. I thought these explanations necessary to render things easier on both sides of the frontier and speed up further proceedings. On this basis, a declaration was typed in the Turkish language, translated to me in French, and eventually signed by my two captors and myself.

The Captain having left us, Mr. REFIK KOLTAN tried to begin to question me, more particularly asking me :-

1. Number of troops in KESSAB, their units, their armament and M.T.
2. Same, in LATAKIA.
3. Same, in ALEPPO.
4. My unit, its location, its C.O.

I pretended that I did not understand my interrogators well enough, and DID NOT ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE.

Eventually I was left alone. Later, I was promised by Capt. TALAT to be sent back to KESSAB the following morning. This promise was repeated regularly, day by day, always a "not yet received answer from ANKARA" being adduced as an excuse. I was not troubled with questions any more, nor in any other way of any importance under a Military point of view. I was treated decently owing to the continued interest of Capt. TALAT, receiving two meals a day from the local little 'restaurant'; also cigarettes and wine.

Some 40 soldiers are the strength of the garrison of YAYLADAGI. Their behaviour towards me more or less can be defined as friendly, except five or six exceptions with possible anti-British feelings. On the whole, as far as feeling goes, for the local population, I think their incredible ignorance

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does not allow them to have distinct ideas about the international situation. I found them anyhow more curious than friendly. I am sure their level of intelligence is, on the whole, far lower than that of the Armenians of KESSAB. More educated men, many H.C.O.'s in the Army, all the officers I met (four) I found definitely pro-British. Generally, among these classes, war is expected against Germany for about May or June this year. H.C.O.'s whose Military Service is about to expire, are worrying, expecting to be kept with the Colours because of an eventual German invasion.

Conditions of life are very low and poor. Shortage of bread. Soldiers receive two loaves per day each. They have two meals a day, each meal consisting of a single dish, of soup, or rice, or such things. A very light breakfast in the morning. - bread and olives. Armaments: I did not see anything else but old German rifles 'DRESDEN' 1899. I saw only one 'MAUSER' automatic pistol. - No motor vehicles of any kind, except one old German motor cycle. 20 horses. Discipline is very good. *

The fall of SINGAPORE caused great unfavourable impression among these soldiers. Their faith in AMERICA's strength is not great. They think AMERICA will be ready all too late.

Communications with ANTAKIA : once a day with the "post-omnibus". No newspapers. One wireless set. Practically no news except verbally from ANTAKIA.

I was asked by Mr. REFİK KOLTAN and later even by Sgt. SHABAN BALKIR to provide them, once free and back in SYRIA, with English stuff of various kinds, - Tea, military boots, Army overcoats. They suggested a meeting place somewhere over the "canyon" which lies north of KESSAB, towards the top of Mount CASSIUS. I could not understand exactly. I let them speak before refusing. I think, from what I could gather, that this place is used already as a meeting place, though I cannot say for what.

Ferry Clarke

1 March 1942.

MA/6224 L/Cpl. CLARKE, H.
261 Sec F.S.Wing, I.C.

30. APR. 1942

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 SECTION F.S.S.

covering the period 3 Mar to 9 Mar 42.

To :- G.S.
HQ Ninth Aust Div.

(1) MILITARY SECURITY(a) Security of Information.

Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's intended visit to LATAKIA was known to the local Administration well in advance, and the Municipality was charged by General Monclar to decorate the town with flags. Supplies for the reception were ordered on 3 Mar 42 on the understanding that Gen. Catroux was arriving. It is thought that the source of the leakage was BEIRUT.

(b) Security of Personnel.

A circular letter has now been sent to the proprietors of licensed premises in LATAKIA forbidding the sale of wines and spirits to Imperial Forces. It is hoped that this will combat the harmful effects of locally distilled concoctions.

Further anti-malaria precautions have been carried out by the 2/8 A.I.F. Field Ambulance on 28 Feb 42 in the DJISR BSH CHOCHOOR / KENAYE area.

The following extract from a F.S. N.C.O.'s report is quoted as evidence of increased Security mindedness of troops. -

"On 3 Mar 42, whilst in the ANZAC BAR in LATAKIA, four Australian R.E.'s on leave suspected me of being an enemy agent because I was speaking in Greek with the owner of the bar. They interrogated me and ordered me to identify myself, which I did. Even then, they reported my name to B.S.M."

This is a good indication that troops off duty are on the alert and aware of the possibility of agents mixing with them.

(c) Security of Material.

Results of a snap road control of vehicles and civilians on 7 Mar 42 revealed a definite improvement in the matter of selling of W.D. equipment following the Proclamation in the local Press. No clothing or stores were found.

Barbed wire and posts have now been received for fencing the Port area. Work is proceeding in this respect and there appears to be no shortage of material.

(2) MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops. Continues to be good. Any decline in morale due to reverses in the Far East are reported to have been balanced by recent Russian successes. The parachute raid on the French Coast is reported to have had a particularly good effect on the morale of the Australian troops.

(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians. Reported from all areas to be cordial.

(c) Civilian Morale. Is reported to be deteriorating owing to the increased cost of living and lack of price controls. LATAKIA witnessed its first protest demonstration this week; it dispersed quietly after being addressed by the Principal. It was composed mainly of women.

Investigations are now completed into the case of YASIN BEN HASSIN YASIN (Weekly Report W/2/5 para 2(c)). It has now been definitely established that a misunderstanding arose as the result of language difficulties, and that YASIN did NOT deliberately try to spread sedition, as previously reported, although he did remark that the wages were low. He has been warned against further disorders and is being kept under surveillance. His previous record is without stain.

(3) RUMOURS

1. When Gen. SPEARS returns from LONDON, he will bring authority for the British to take stronger administrative action. This is supported by the appearance of fresh troops locally and rumours of the expected arrival of a Brigade.

2. From two sources, that Australian troops are shortly to march from IDLIB to LATAKIA.

3. That JAVA has been evacuated by all Allied troops.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 SEC.F.S.S. (contin.)RESOURCES (contin.)

4. Between 60,000 and 70,000 tons of wheat were delivered to SYRIA last week.
5. Advance troops of the following British regiments have arrived in ALEPPO, - The Welch, the Lincolns and the Coventry's.
6. That 6 Aust Div has been re-equipped and sent as reinforcements to LIBYA.

(4) PROPAGANDA

A good supply of excellent material is reported to have arrived in DJISR BAH CHOCHOUR. Several civilians have expressed the desire for photographs of DE GAULLE, CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT. It is suggested that a photograph of all three together with a suitable caption would be very acceptable in this area.

(5) GENERAL

It has been noticed that employees of the REGIE TABACS SYRIENNE are provided with a uniform which is practically indistinguishable from that of the local gendarmerie. It is suggested in this respect that the wearing of uniforms similar to those of military and police officials be forbidden.

A tactical exercise by C. Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn was attended by a P.S. N.C.O. at KESSAB. The scheme consisted of a withdrawal from KESSAB to take up a favourable position to resist an imaginary enemy advancing from the north. After the scheme, the P.S. N.C.O. lectured the Coy on Security precautions to be taken in such an eventuality, which included "Do's and Don't's" if taken prisoner of war. A high degree of co-operation has been given P.S. by the Company Commander.

The Armenian Orthodox Community of KESSAB are reported to have a majority of pro-Axis sympathisers who are in favour of a German invasion of TURKEY to enable them to return to the SANDJAK. This, however, is unconfirmed.

Australian guards reported a light which was seen flashing on and off on 28 Feb 42 at 2000 hrs. from the direction of KAFER DIBINE (210442). Observation is being maintained and any further suspicious activities of this description will be investigated.

(6) PERSONALITIES

(a) GEORGES VITALE. Local chemist and bacteriologist of LATAKIA has expressed a desire to offer his services to the British Military. Claims that he can procure an hotel in LATAKIA which could easily be converted into a hospital. He has a large and well-equipped laboratory. Has expressed himself willing to work under a British H.O.

(b) OIKIM MORGOS. LATAKIA wheat and olive oil merchant. President of the "Club des Jeunes", a Christian Arab organisation organized to uplift the moral life of the young. It is apparently non-political and its members are reported to be pro-British in sympathy. Its activities, however, will be kept under observation.

(c) KARIM ARTIN. Youth of some 16 years of age reported to be of Italian origin, is now employed at KEMAYE as assistant to the Platoon cook. Recently spread the rumour that English troops are expected to arrive shortly in SYRIA "in great numbers" with the intention of invading TURKEY. He is considered to be more of "an incurable liar" than a malicious rumour-monger. He will probably be dismissed shortly.

(7) FRONTIER SITUATION

(a) A new building is now visible at the Turkish Frontier Post at HATIA (205444).

(b) Capt. TALAAT of the Turkish Frontier Control has stated in conversation that he has recently received instructions from the Turkish Authorities to co-operate fully with the P.F.L. on the frontier.

(c) Reported from KESSAB that on 5 March a Cpl. and three men of the Turkish Customs crossed the Frontier at point 178437 where the Frontier almost touches the road. The Cpl. entered the house of NICHAN LIGIAN and was seen by three gardes mobiles who attempted to apprehend him. The three other Turks, although on Syrian soil, opened fire and shots were exchanged between the two parties. No injuries were sustained and the four Turks escaped across the Frontier. An inquiry has now been ordered.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF 281 SEC. P.S.S. (contin.)

FRONTIER SITUATION (contin.)

(d) The number of Turkish deserters appears to be decreasing; possibly the knowledge of repatriation is acting as deterrent.

(e) The following persons crossed the frontier at MAFFRAK during the period 27 Feb to 5 Mar 42 (incl.) : -

<u>ARRIVALS</u>					
Date Mar	Name	From	Destination	Passport No.	Nationality & Occupation
3	ROLLESTON, C.H.	ALEXANDRETTA	BEIRUT	C.127670	British Consular Shipping Actv
	ALI SAICH HADJI with wife ANILE and 6 children.	SOUEDIE	LATAKIA	641	Alacuite refugee. Farmer.
	SULEYMAN MEHMOUD with wife HAZIFI and 6 children.	SOUEDIE	LATAKIA	640	As above.
4	BAY GELAL KARASAPAN	ALEXANDRETTA	PALESTINE	128/58	Turkish Consul-Gen. Jerusalem.
	MUSTUFA HULUSI TURGAY	ALEXANDRETTA	PALESTINE	1088/64	Turkish Dr.
	ADMAN EFF. HUSHI ABU SEUD	ALEXANDRETTA	PALESTINE	98486	Palestinian chauffeur

DEPARTURES

3	ADMAN EFF. HUSHI ABU SEUD	BEIRUT	ALEXANDRETTA	98486	Palestinian chauffeur
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DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL * 281 SECTION P.S.S.

Lieut. G.R. WILLSON
(Latakia)

Cpl. BAUMANN (Kessab)	Sgt. SWESTEN (Latakia)	Sgt. HILL (Latakia)	Sgt. GAPP (Djisar)
L/Cpl. DRUCE (Kessab)	Cpl. BROOKING (Latakia)		L/Cpl. WHITTLE (Kenayo)
L/Cpl. WEBSTER (Latakia)	L/Cpl. CLARKE (Latakia)	L/Cpl. BLYTIBERN (Latakia)	

DISTRIBUTION OF TRANSPORT * 281 SECTION P.S.S.

One 'BEDFORD' 15 cwt Truck (at present in W/shops)
 One 'DODGE' 8 cwt Truck at LATAKIA
 Four 'MATCHLESS' M/cycles (one at LATAKIA, one at KESSAB, one at
 DJISR BCH GHOGHOUR, one at KEMAYE).

9 Mar 42.

Copies to :- G.S.I. (b) HQ Ninth Army
 HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
 C.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 Commandant, I.C. (P.S.W.) GHQ MEF
 B.S.H. Latakia.

G.R. Willson Lieut.
 O. 1/c 281 Sec PSS.

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Army Form O 1810 a.
All Arms. (Adapted)

Unit 2ND/13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

DAILY ORDERS. PART II.
(OFFICERS ONLY).

No. 05Station DIMRADate 14TH FEB 42

G.P.A.—120—40000—23.9.41—G.C.P.—Pal.

SUB. No.	RANK AND NAME	PARTICULARS OF CASUALTIES, ETC., AND DATE
<u>APPOINTMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND PROMOTIONS</u>		
(vide AIF (ME) List No. 65 of 26.1.42.)		
45	NX 12373 Lieut Couch, J.J.	To be Captain and remains Seconded. 15.1.42.
(vide AIF (ME) List No. 66 of 2.2.42.)		
46	NX 47083 Lieut Wood, J.E.	The Regimental Seniority of this Officer is next after Lieut H.D. Green.
47	NX 13645 Lieut Leach, S.R.	To be Temporary Captain. 23.1.42.
<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>		
48	SX 1481 Maj Maiden, L.C.	From No. 5 Aust. Dental Unit. 23.1.42.
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DIAGNOSES OF DISEASES</u>		
49	NX 13864 Lieut Fairbairn, M.T.	Evacuated 2/11 Aust. Fd. Amb. (2nd degree Burns both Hands) and transferred to "X" List. 23.1.42.
<u>MARCHED IN</u>		
50	NX 12221 Maj Simpson, N.W.	From HQ 7 Aust. Div. 27.1.42.
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>		
51	NX 13863 Lieut Martin, P.B.	From AIF (ME) SME. 27.1.42.
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>		
52	NX 34786 Lieut Clark, G.C.	Attending ME Gas Sch. 26.1.42.
53	NX 27934 Lieut Pinkney, E.M.	Attending 9 Aust. Div. Mortar Demonstration Course. 28.1.42.
54	NX 13863 Lieut Martin, P.B.	Qualified No. 5 Fd. Works Course AIF (ME) SME from 29.12.41. to 19.1.42.
<u>SECONDMENTS</u>		
(vide AIF (ME) List No. 66 of 2.2.42.)		
55	NX 26645 Lieut Edwards, I.M.	Seconded for Duty. 24.1.42.
<u>STRENGTH-TAKEN ON</u>		
56	NX 70729 Lieut Barrett, R.J.	From 20 Aust. Inf. Tng. Bn. 12.1.42.
<u>TRANSFERS</u>		
(vide AIF (ME) List No. 66 of 2.2.42.)		
57	NX 23541 Lieut Hearn, R.W. (2/13 Bn Reinfs)	To the Permanent Supernumerary List. 10.1.42.
(Sgd.) J. F. McCARTHY Capt. for Officer i/c 2nd Echelon. A. I. F.		
<u>DISTRIBUTION</u> 2nd Echelon (Aust.) Registry. D. A. G. Chief Paymaster. <u>C. O. Unit.</u>		
NOTE.—Other Ranks casualties will be reported on Army Form O. 1810.		

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Date) 8 Feb 42

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	3		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.		1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6	1	
Serjeants	29	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	60		1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	617		5
TOTALS	748	3	7

*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.
SX7813 Sgt BELL BJ	AASC	HK3 6646/Cpl MASTON AJ	AASC
HX7053 " HOER AJ	AASC	HX57535 Pte SMITH S	AASC
HX17358 Cpl. WALKER G.	AASC	HX16001 Cpl. BOWEN RB	9 Div Post.
SX6406 Pte BAXTER A	AASC	HX4323 Pte NEWARD NV	20 Aust Inf Bde
HX21151 " FRASER JC	AASC		
HX60042 Cpl. LANKIN D	AASC		

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)
HX59592	Pte	WOODS AA	AASC att 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	9 Div spec Op.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit)..... 19..... (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.	8		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	26		1
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	60		1
	641		11
TOTALS		1	14

*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.
AX 7813 Sgt BULL RJ	AANC	AX 38648 A/Cpl BULL RJ	AANC
AX 7853 Sgt HOLF AS	AANC	AX 57535 Pte SMITH	AANC
AX 17358 Cpl WEST G	AANC	AX 16001 Cpl BOWEN RS 9 AUST DIV POST	
AX 6158 Pte BAKER H	AANC	AX 4323 Pte HAYWARD BV 20 AUST INF BDE	
AX 21151 Pte FRASER HC	AANC		
AX 39448 Cpl LARKIN D	AANC		

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)
AX 39332	Cpl	BULL RJ	AANC APT	2/13 AUST INF 9 AUST DIV SPEC OP.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUGT INF BN (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)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	5		4
Lieutenants	22	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	31	3	4

*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.	EM PINKNEY	2/13 Bn	1/2/42	Rejoined Unit from School
"	JB MARTIN	"	31/1/42	" " " det. duty 20 Aust Inf Bde.
"	MT FA IRBAIRN	"	6/2/42	Rejoined Unit from X Li (from 2/3 CCS)
"	GC CLARK	"	7/2/42	Rejoined Unit from School

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.)
Lieut	TM HUGHES	2/13 Bn	20 Aust ITB.
"	AJ RACKHAM	"	" (Ex School)

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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.
T/Lt-Col	NX 12213	RWN TURNER	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd. Offr
Major	12021	NW SIMPSON	"	"	Bn 2 i/c
"	12217	GE COLVIN	"	"	OC Hq Coy
"	12384	GM DAINTREE	"	"	OC A Coy
Capt	12443	BG CRIBB	"	"	OC B Coy
"	12383	HH COOPER	"	"	OC D Coy
"	70221	GM WALSON	"	"	OC C Coy
"	34860	DF FAULKNER	"	"	OC
"	12375	HT GRAHAM	"	"	2 i/c B Coy
Lieut	12223	P DESCHAMPS	"	"	2 i/c C Coy
"	34891	GD EVANS	"	No	Det. 20 Bde.
"	12452	HJ WALKER	"	Yes	2 i/c A Coy
"	13645	SR LEACH	"	"	Adjt
"	14772	RJ SOMERVILLE	"	"	Pl. Comd
"	15031	KC WILSON	"	"	2 i/c D Coy
"	15678	RJ BURRELL	"	"	Pl. Comd.
"	56181	FB TREWENKE	"	"	"
"	34786	GC CLARK	"	"	"
"	13888	JB MARTIN	"	"	"
"	21195	DWB MAUGHAN	"	"	I.O.
"	32220	WCJ HEDDER	"	"	Pl. Comd.
"	13864	HT FAIRBAIRN	"	"	"
"	13863	FB MARTIN	"	"	"
"	27934	EM FINKNEY	"	"	"
"	70729	RJ BARRITT	"	"	"
"	15077	JE MADDEN	"	"	"
"	36162	AJ RACKHAM	"	No	AIF. ES. Regtl. Offr. Course.
"	58329	DE GREEN	"	Yes	No. 3 Pl. Comd.
"	47083	JE WOOD	"	"	"
"	35980	AR ROBERTS	"	"	"
"	56579	IG EDMUNDS	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

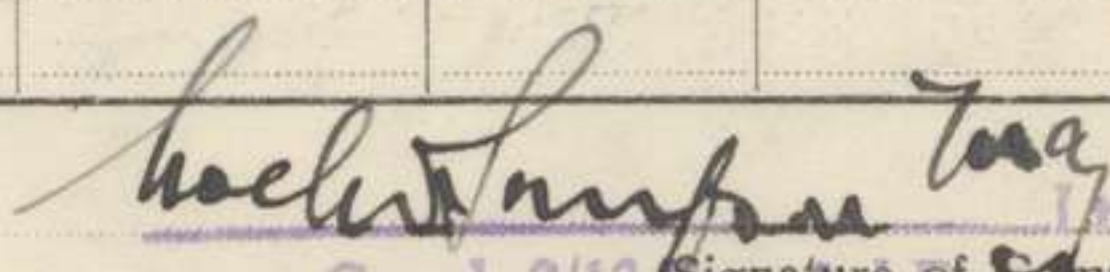
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 9183	PCR GOODE	AAMC	27/3/41	REO
Chaplain	SX 12188	AJ ROBJOHNS	AA	Cl.D. 19/11/41	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

8 Feb 42

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)


 Noel Simpson
 Comd. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 20 Aust Inf Bde
 (Signature of Commander.)
 (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 authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	5		4
Lieutenants ...	23	4	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	32	4	4

*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	Hughes T M	2/13 Aust Inf	20/2/42	Rejoined from 20 AITB X List
Lieut	Rackha m A J	Bn	"	Rejoined from AIF(ME)Regtl Offrs School
Lieut	Bevan E P	"	"	Marched in from 20 AITB (Reinftr Offr)
Lieut	Bissaker F S	"	"	" " " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt Col	Turner R W N	2/13 Aust Inf	19/2/42	Attend METS Senior Offr Course

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.
T/LtCol	NX12213	RWN TURNER	2/13 Bn	No	METS Senior Off Course
Major	12012	NW SIMPSON	"	Yes	Bn 2 i/c
"	12217	GE COLVIN	"	"	OC HQ Coy
"	12384	CM DAINTREE	"	"	OC A Coy
Capt	12443	BG CRIBB	"	"	OC B Coy
"	12383	HH COOPER	"	"	OC D Coy
"	70221	OM WALSOE	"	"	ME school of AA & CD
"	34860	DF FAULKNER	"	"	QM
T/Capt	13645	SR LEACH	"	"	Adj
Lieut.	12223	P DESCHAMPS	"	"	2 i/c C Coy
"	34891	GD EVANS	"	No	Det 20 Aust Bde
"	12452	MJ WALKER	"	Yes	2 i/c A Coy
"	14772	RJ SOMERVILLE	"	"	Pl Comd
"	15031	KC WILSON	"	"	2 i/c D Coy
"	15678	RJ BURRELL	"	"	Pl Comd
"	56181	FS TREWEEKE	"	"	Pl Comd
"	34786	GC CLARK	"	"	Pl Comd
"	21898	DWB MAUGHAN	"	"	IO
"	32220	WCJ HEDGER	"	"	Pl Comd
"	13864	MT FAIRBAIRN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	13863	PB MARTIN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	27934	EM PINKNEY	"	"	Pl Comd
"	70729	RJ BARRETT	"	"	Pl Comd
"	15077	JE MADDEN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	36162	AJ RACKHAM	"	"	Pl Comd
"	70673	TM HUGHES	"	"	Pl Comd
"	58329	DH GREEN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	47083	JE WOOD	"	"	Pl Comd
"	53980	AR ROBERTS	"	"	TO
"	56579	IG EDMUNDS	"	"	Pl Comd
"	59136	EP BEVAN	"	"	Pl Comd
"	57392	FS BISSAKER	"	"	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.
Capt	SX 9183	PCR GOODE	AAMC	27/3/41	RMO
Chaplain	12188 NX	AJ ROBJOHNS	AA Cl D	19/11/41	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

21 Feb 42

(Date of Despatch.)

R. Leach Lt. Col.

Comd. 2/13 Bn., (Signature of Commander.)

20 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

2/13 AUST INF BN

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)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		4
Lieutenants ...	5	4	
2nd Lieutenants ...	23		
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	38	4	4

*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	ON WALSON	2/13 AUST INF BN	25/2/42	Rejoined unit from THE SCHOOL OF AA & CD

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	DWD MCGHEE	2/13 AUST INF BN	26/2/42	Attend INTERPRETATION OF AIR PHOTOGRAPHY NO 16 COURSE.
Maj	ON COLVIN	"	27/2/42	Attend THE COMBAT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NO 2 SENIOR OFFICER COURSE.

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.
Maj	R/Lt-Col	RAN TURNER	2/13 INF	No	NOTS SEN OFFRS
Maj	/	HW SIMPSON	"	Yes	COURSE
"	/	GE COLVIN	"	No	IN 2 1/c Camouflage
"	/	CH DAYNBER	2/13 INF	Yes	ING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Capt	/	BO CRIBB	"	"	CC A COY
"	/	HE COOPER	"	"	CC B COY
"	/	OH WALSON	"	"	CC C COY
"	/	DF PAULNER	"	"	CC D COY
Lieut	/	P DESCHAMPS	"	"	2 1/c Coy
"	/	GD EVANS	"	No Det	29 AUST BDE
"	/	HJ WALKER	"	Yes	21/c coy
"	R/Capt	SR LEACH	"	"	ADJT
"	/	RJ SOMERVILLE	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	KC WILSON	"	"	2 1/c coy
"	/	RJ BURRELL	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	MS THRESEER	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	GC CLARK	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	DWB MAUGHAN	"	No	INTERPRETATION
"	/	WCF HEDDER	2/13 INF	Yes	OF AIR PHOTOGRAPHS COURSE
"	/	MT FAIRDAIRN	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	FB MARTIN	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	EM FINKLEY	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	RJ BARSTT	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	JS HADWIN	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	AJ RACKHAM	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	TM HUGHES	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	EH GREEN	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	JS WOOD	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	AK ROBERTS	"	"	TO
"	/	IG BEMUNDS	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	EP BEVAN	"	"	PL COMD
"	/	PS BISSAKER	"	"	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.
Capt SX 9183		FOR CO DE	AMC	27/3/41	REG
Chaplain SX 12183		AJ ROBJOHN	AMC	19/11/41	Regre

2/13 AUST INF BN (Unit.)
28 Feb 42. (Date of Despatch.)

Walter Simpson
Comd. 2/13 Bn., A.I.F. (Signature of Commander.)
29 AUST INF BDE (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 295

FIELD
2 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 3/4 Feb 42-----C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr -----Lieut J.B. MARTIN.
" " Sgt-----Sgt McDOUGALL, L.K.
" " Col-----L/Cpl FITZJOHN, C.E.

NF Duty Coy 4/5 Feb 42-----B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut D.E. GREEN.
" " Sgt-----L/Sgt McVICAR, M.
" " Cpl-----Cpl MURRAY, J.

2. ROUTE MARCHES.

Coys will NOT march through the town of LATTAKIA unless all ranks are correctly and completely dressed in SD uniform.

3. LIQUOR WHILST ON LEAVE.

All ranks are warned that it is an offence to carry liquor away from any bar or shop whilst on leave. Personnel offending will be charged accordingly.

4. USE OF BARBERS SHOPS.

All ranks are warned against using barbers shops in LATTAKIA for the purpose of shaving. There has already been one bad case of rash reported.

5. DECORATIONS.

The following decorations are notified by immediate awards:

NX 21876 Sgt SEARLE, J.E. - - - - - "D.C.M."

NX 17484 Pte FERRIS, H. - - - - - "M.M."

6. RETURNS - SECURITY.

Coys will submit by 1800 hrs, 4 Feb 42 the following information:

- (a) Number of chains security.
- (b) Number of padlocks.
- (c) Number of bolt boxes.

held by coys.

7. DISCIPLINE - BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS ON LEAVE.

(a) The following extract from a letter from Ninth Army is promulgated for the information of all ranks:

"It has been reported to the GOC in C that Commanding Officers are not always giving adequate punishment to men of their Unit who are charged by the Military Police - and are to this extent abetting the laxity of behaviour and indiscipline of their men. This applies particularly to cases of rowdyism and drunkenness in leave centres which are an abuse of leave privileges and cause the imposition of restrictions which inevitably hit the majority of well behaved men because of the selfish and unsoldierly behaviour of the few."

- (b) Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases where drunkenness or disorderly conduct is proved.

8. PHOTOGRAPHY IN FRONTIER AREAS.

The use of cameras in Frontier Areas, and particularly the photographing of Turkish Frontier Posts and garrisons is likely to arouse the suspicions of the Turks. The carrying or use of cameras within sight of the Frontier is therefore prohibited.

9. LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS.

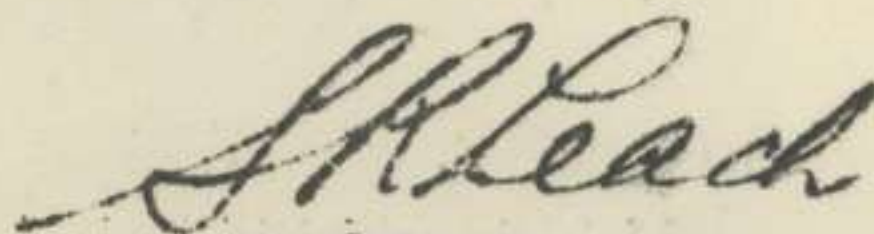
Civilians are evading frontier and control posts by obtaining lifts on Army vehicles. Dvrs are forbidden to offer lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

Stickers for use on windscreens of vehicles and containing notice repeated in several languages are to be issued shortly. These notices will be used on all Army vehicles within this area.

The purport of the notice is that the driver is not permitted to carry unauthorised passengers and if any person asks a driver for a lift, his request can be refused by drawing attention to the notice.

10. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS.

The AIR MAIL LETTER CARD service to INDIA is available to all ranks in the MEF.



.....Lieut
Adjt 2/13 AUST INF BN
(S R LEACH)

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

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 296

FIELD
3 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 4/5 Feb 42-----B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut D.E. GREEN,
" " Sgt-----L/Sgt McVICAR, M.
" " Cpl-----Cpl MURRAY, J.

NF Duty Coy 5/6 Feb 42-----C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut E.M. PINKNEY.
" " Sgt-----Sgt BLOWES, C.
" " Cpl-----Cpl SOUTHALL, I.P.

2. DISCIPLINE.

NO	RANK	NAME	OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
NX				
53326	Pte	CHIGNELL, F.V.	AWL 6½ hrs	Fined £1.
4448	"	WHARTON, K.	AWL 7 hrs	" £1.
16688	"	BELL, L.E.	Failing to appear at a place of pde appointed by his CO after having been warned for duty	Fined £5.
22905	"	ABBOTT, A.H.	Neglected to use a sheath or to have PAC treatment when using a brothel frequented by other British troops after having been warned so to do.	28 days Field Punishment and forfeiture of pay for that period.
15694	Cpl	BOWEN, R.E.	Failing to appear at a place of pde appointed by his CO. He failed to appear for tour of duty as NCO i/c Coy Picquet after having been warned so to do.	Severe reprimand.
15824	Pte	BOOTH, L.B.	Neglect in losing two blankets	Admonished and to pay value of blankets £19.0.
17575	"	EVANS, T.J.	AWL 11 hrs	Fined £1.

R. J. Duenerville
for Adj 2/13 AUST INF BN

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2/15 AUSTR INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding.
Part I No 298

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4 Feb 42.

I. DUTIES

Duty Coy 6/7 Feb 42-----B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut F.B. MARTIN.
" " Sgt-----Sgt BROWNING, V.T.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl WATKINS, L.

NF Duty Coy 7/8 Feb 42-----C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut I.G. EDMUNDS.
" " Sgt-----Sgt SEARLE, J.E.
" " Cpl-----Cpl REEDY, J.A.

2. TRANSPORT.

- (a) All reqns for tpt by coys will be submitted through this HQ.
(b) No tpt will be supplied to Coys without written approval of the Adjt.
(c) Reqns for tpt will be fwded to reach this HQ 24 hrs prior to the time tot is reqd.

3. WORKING PARTY.

Duty Coy will detail a working party of 1 NCO and 10 ORs to report to NCO i/c RE at BN HQ at 0830 hrs daily.
Tour of duty - until dismissed by NCO i/c RE.

4. SALVAGE.

The attention of Coys is directed to the instructions issued on SALVAGE on 14 Nov 41 and 21 Jan 42.
HQ Coy will detail one member of Pnr P1 to supervise salvage. He will visit Coys in HQ area daily and pick up salvage. He will be responsible for the sorting and delivery of salvage to the QM.

5. 9 DIV CONCERT PARTY.

Vacancies exist in the concert party for the following:
Violinist
Comedian
Tap Dancer.

Coys will submit applications from personnel qualified accordingly to this HQ not later than 1800 hrs 8 Feb 42.

6. CENSORSHIP.

It is reported by the Base Censor that Franking Officers are not effectively discharging their duties, that unit correspondence of the AIF in general is at present containing much censorable matter.
The GOC, AIF has therefore directed that all Offrs familiarise themselves immediately with censorship regulations and making franking effective.

7. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.

Commencing Sat 6 Feb 42 and each alternate Saturday thereafter all ranks will wear respirators from 0900 hrs to 0930 hrs whilst performing normal duties.

8. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

AIF(ME) INF SCHOOL - NO 9 MORTAR COURSE.

The undermentioned NCO obtained a "DISTINGUISHED" pass at the above school:

NX 14956 Sgt McLAUGHLIN, R.B.

The Bde Comd extends his personal congratulations.

VEHICLE DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS
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LT-COL R.W.H. LEACH, Commanding Officer
2/13 AUST INF BN

2/13 AUST INF BN NO 208 Contd.

9. DRIVING - TECHNIQUE OF CHANGE DOWN.

(a) It has been noted that many drivers change to a lower gear just before entering a corner and use the engine as a brake while cornering. Cases also occur where rapid deceleration is obtained on the straight by changing down. This practice will be discontinued as it is dangerous and harmful to the vehicle for the following reasons:

- (i) The vehicle is decelerated through the friction of only two tyres on the road instead of four. If the road is wet, this friction (or coefficient of adhesion) as it is called, may fall to only one tenth of the value that applies if the road is dry. If the braking force exceeds the friction a skid occurs perhaps with fatal results. A skid is almost ALWAYS the result of bad driving. In an emergency had driving may be excused, but only if the driver has been forced into a position from which he lacks the skill to extricate the car.
- (ii) Rapid deceleration causes much more strain on the engine and transmission than rapid acceleration.
- (iii) The clutch does not permit as "gentle" an application of the braking effort as does the foot pedal.
- (iv) A vehicle reaches its maximum stability, and is most controllable only when power driven.

(b) Changing down should be done:

- (i) Only at slow speeds except in an emergency.
(below 20 Mph for cars and vans,
below 15 mph for lorries).
- (ii) To gain acceleration or power on hills.
- (iii) To enable engine to be used as a brake on steep or long grades.

(c) In turning corners the vehicle should be slowed down by taking the foot gradually off the accelerator and allowing the engine to slow the vehicle down. Brakes should only be used to assist if distance is misjudged or in an emergency. Vehicle should reach its slow speed before reaching the corner then if necessary changed down to a lower gear, steadily power-driven or accelerated around corner according to condition of road. Normal driving speeds will then be restored.

(d) Quick acceleration and sudden braking are wasteful and expensive and are usually signs of bad driving. STOP WASTE.

.....Leut
Adjt 2/13 AUST INF BN
(S R LEACH)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part 1 No 299

FIELD
6 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 7/8 Feb 42-----	C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----	Lieut I.G. EDWARDS.
" " Sgt-----	Sgt SEARLE, J.R.
" " Cpl-----	Cpl RENNIX, J.A.
 NF Duty Coy 8/9 Feb 42-----	 B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----	Lieut R.J. BURNETT.
" " Sgt-----	Sgt BROWNING, V.F.
" " Cpl-----	Cpl WALSH, H.K.

2. CHURCH PARADE - 8 Feb 42.

(a) Protestant parade.

Bn Parade - - - - - 0610 hrs.
 Markers (one from HQ, 240 Coys)
 report to RSM at BN HQ at - - - - - 0610 hrs.
 BN will form up in a hollow square, B Coy on right,
 C Coy plus one PI D Coy on left.
 RSM will arrange for position of Band and for table to
 be in position by 0610 hrs, Sun 8 Feb 42.

Communion.

Holy Communion will be held in Unit Centre at 0730 hrs.

(b) RC Parade.

BN Parade at rear of BN HQ at 0630 hrs. Lieut F. DESCHAMPS
will command.

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S. R. Leach
 Lieut
 Adjt 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (S R LEACH)

NOTICES.

LCST: Wallet containing photos, stamps and letters, property of
 NX 1643 Pte ANDERSON, L.C. Finder please return to BN HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2713 APT INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col R.W.H. TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 300

FIRID
7 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 8/9 Feb 42-----	B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----	Lieut R.J. BURRILL.
" " Sgt-----	Sgt BROWNING, V.T.
" " Cpl-----	Lpl WALSH, E.K.
NF Duty Coy 9/10 Feb 42-----	G Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----	Lieut A.H. ROBERTS.
" " Sgt-----	Sgt McDUGALL, L.K.
" " Cpl-----	L/Cpl FITZJOHN, G.E.

2. BOUNDS.

(a) The following cafés and bars in TRIPOLI have been placed in bounds:

FLORIDA CAFE AND BAR	STAR BAR
BABY TEA ROOM	REFUGE BAR
THE DIGGERS HOME BAR	RESTAURANT NEW PATISSERIE
AMOXHIE AND HADIZ	KOOKABURRA BAR
CASINO TRIPOLI	ANTONIS KAYROUZ
HAKIMS BAR AND RESTAURANT	PANAME RESTAURANT
ORIENTAL PATISSERIE	MIDDLE EAST ALLIES BAR
AUSTRALIANS BAR	AUSSIE BAR AND CAFE
KARDOUS BRCS	PATISSERIE MODERNE
JALLAD BAR	AJAMIS TEA ROOM
EGYPTIAN BAR	GOLDEN COP

(b) All other cafés and bars are placed out of bounds.

(c) The area immediately surrounding LEGOULT and DE GAULLE Barracks known as QUOBBE is placed out of bounds.

(d) The Buffet at TRIPOLI Station is out of bounds except to tps travelling and under control of RTO.

3. BOTTLED LIQUOR.

Soldiers are forbidden to carry bottled liquor.

4. TYPHOID.

Typhoid is very common in SYRIA- probably more so than would be expected from the number of cases reported.

It is imperative that all tps fully understand the danger and the way to avoid it.

(a) No water will be drunk from other than authorised water points unless it is:

i Boiled.

ii Adequately chlorinated in a water cart.

(b) No salads or uncooked vegetables will be eaten unless first soaked in permanganate soln for $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

(c) Flies must rigidly be prevented from having access to eating utensils.

(d) It should be clearly understood that Typhoid inoculation is NOT a complete protection, though it is of good value in reducing the number attacked, and also in lessening the severity of the disease.

5. AMENDMENTS AMR&O 409 - LIMITS OF POWER OF CO.

AMR&O 409 (R243) is amended by omitting from para (a) of sub-regulation (1):

- (a) The words " and except on active service". and
- (b) The words "(except on active service)" (second occurring).

(Amendments AMRO Serial No 26 dated 30 Apr 41).

The effect of this amendment is to enable COs to deal summarily on active service with charges under AA 8(2) (Threatening or insubordinate language only) and AA 9(2) without reference to superior authority.

6. SCHOOLS AND COURSES - RESULTS.

The following results of schools and courses are published for information:

- 1. AIF(ME) SIGNAL SCHOOL - No 9 Sec - INF SIGS - REFRESHER COURSE
NX 23483 L/Cpl HENDERSON, J. - - - - - -qualified.
- 2. AIF(ME) SME - No 5 FD WKS COURSE.
NX 13863 Lieut P.B. MARTIN. - - - - - -qualified.
- 3. AIF(ME) INF SCHOOL - No 5 PL WEAPONS.
NX 21046 Pte STEPHENS, E.J. - - - - - -qualified.
- 4. AIF(ME) INF SCHOOL - NO 9 MORTAR COURSE.
NX 17371 Pte LEMERTON, A.L. - - - - - -qualified.
NX 21458 Pte WILLIAMSON, R.M. - - - - - -qualified.
- 5. MEWTS - No 8 GRENADE COURSE.
NX 16855 Cpl SHAMBIER, L.E. - - - - - -qualified.
NX 15985 Cpl CHELLEW, D.M. - - - - - -qualified.

7. TRANSFERS - INTER COY.

- 1. NX 16867 A/Cpl KERR, D. ceases to be detached to BN HQ and rejoins D Coy w e f 7 Feb 42. Tpt by ration truck 7 Feb 42.
- 2. NX 16040 A/Cpl THOMPSON, A.W. ceases to be detached to BN HQ and rejoins B Coy w e f 7 Feb 42., and is transferred to HQ Coy (No 4 Pl) w e f 7 Feb 42.
- 3. NX 44336 Pte PARETS, W.H. is transferred from B Coy to BN HQ as batman to Maj H.W. SIMPSON w e f 7 Feb 42.

8. COMFORTS.

The following issue of comforts is acknowledged from ACF and has been distributed:

- Tomato juice - - - - - 31 tins.
- Soap - - - - - 72 cakes.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
2/15 AUST INT BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding (1) C.O.S. FIELD
Part I No 301 8 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 9/10 Feb 42 ----- C Coy
Bn Orderly Offr ----- Lieut A.R. ROBERTS.
" " Sgt ----- Sgt McDUGALL, L.R.
" " Cpl ----- L/Cpl FITZJOHN, C.E.

NF Duty Coy 10/11 Feb 42 ----- B Coy
Bn Orderly Offr ----- Lieut G.C. CLARK.
" " Sgt ----- L/Sgt McVICAR, N.M.
" " Cpl ----- Cpl ERICSON, N.R.

2. TRANSFERS - WINTER COY.

NX 5707 Pte GUNST V. is transferred from HQ Coy (MT Sec)
to D Coy w.e.f 9 Feb 42. HQ Coy will arrange movement.

3. DISCIPLINE.

No	Rank	Name	Offence	Punishment
NX 32574	Pte	HANLON, W.R.	Neglect to prejudice of good order and discipline - neglect in losing his paybook	Fined £1.
17825	L/Cpl	TUCKER, P.M.	AWL ½ hr. (1) Found in a place prohibited by Coy Standing Orders in that he was found in the village of ZEINIYE. (2)	Reprimanded.
32913	Pte	OLIVE, B.S.	(1) AWL ½ hr. (2) Found in a place prohibited by Coy standing orders in that he was found in the village of ZEINIYE.	Admonished.
30776	"	EVERETT, L. E.G.	(1) AWL ½ hr. (2) Found in a place prohibited by Coy SO in that he was found in the village of ZEINIYE	Admonished.
45300	"	BRACKLEY, W.R.	(1) AWL ½ hr. (2) Found in a place prohibited by Coy SOs in that he was found in the village of ZEINIYE.	Admonished.
46289	"	AMOS, C.	(1) AWL ½ hr. (2) Found in a place prohibited by Coy SOs in that he was found in the village of ZEINIYE.	Admonished.
36110	"	BILLINGHAM, N.C.	(1) Found in a place prohibited by Coy SOs in that he was, on his own admission, in the village of BDAMA.	Admonished.

No	Rank	Name	Offence	Punishment
NX 46950	Pte	COOMBES, R.C.	(1) AWL 1/2 hr. (2) Found in a place prohibited by Coy SOs in that he was found in the village of ZEINIYE.	Admonished.
20663	"	RITCHIE, A.F.	Found in a place prohibited by Coy SOs in that he was, on his own admission, found in the village of BDAMA.	Fined £1.
36138	"	MURRAY, J.W.	Found in a place prohibited by Coy SOs in that he was, on his own admission, in the village of ZEINIYE.	Fined £1.

4. EVACUATIONS & DISCHARGES.

(a) EVACUATIONS:

The undermentioned personnel have been evacuated from RAP to 2/11 Fd Amb w e f 7 Feb 42 and will, until further notice, be shown on daily Parade State as "Hospital":

- HQ Coy - - - NX 68282 Cpl DON, J.
- A Coy - - - NX 36553 Pte NICOLL, L.
- C Coy - - - NX 46253 " DAVIDSON, G.J.

The following members have been evacuated from 2/11 Fd Amb to 2/3 AUST CCS w e f 6 Feb 42 and will be struck off strength to "X" List:

- HQ Coy - - - NX 16830 Pte MOULDER, M.J.
- " " - - - NX 17400 " BETTS, L.

NX 36568 Pte COOPER, E.R. (HQ Coy) was evacuated to Hospital whilst on leave and will be struck off strength to "X" List w e f 10 Jan 42.

(b) DISCHARGES:

NX 22193 Pte HALLIBURTON, G.W. (B Coy) rejoined Unit from 2/11 Fd Amb on 7 Feb 42.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 302

PERIOD 1 Feb 42.
9 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy 10/11 Feb 42-----B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut G.C. CLARK.
" " Sgt-----L/Sgt McVICAR, N.M.
" " Cpl-----Cpl ERICSON, N.R.

NF Duty Coy 11/12 Feb 42-----Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut D.E. GREEN.
" " Sgt-----Cpl TUTTLEBEE, R.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl GAVIN, P.

2. EVACUATIONS AND DISCHARGES - HOSPITAL.

(a) Evacuations - NIL.

(b) Discharges:

The following personnel rejoined Unit from 2/11 FD:
AMB on the dated shown:
C Coy - NX 13861 L/Sgt MEMERS, J.F. - 7 Feb 42.
B " - NX 34150 Pte ARTHUR, R.L. - 8 Feb 42.

3. STRENGTH - ATTACHMENTS.

Marched in on attachment from 5 AUST DENTAL UNIT:
SX 916 Pte BRENNAN, J.L.
and is attached to HQ Coy.

4. LEAVE.

Leave passes for night leave to LATTAKIA will terminate at 2300 hrs.
Coys will check all leave passes at Coy Ord Rooms and personnel who have not handed in passes by 2300 hrs will be considered AWL.
Cafés and all places of amusement other than the Cinema will be OUT OF BOUNDS after 2300 hrs.
All personnel will be warned that NO persons other than the Picquet will be carried on the Picquet truck.
The above order will be read out on THURSDAY parades and a certificate rendered to this HQ by 1800 hrs, 13 Feb 42 that this has been complied with.

5. TRANSFERS - INTER COY.

The undermentioned transfers will take effect from 10 Feb 42:
NX 17435 Pte McDONALD, J.F. from C Coy to A Coy.
C Coy will arrange movement, by A Coys ration truck.
NX 21946 Pte BEATTIE, G. from B Coy to HQ Coy (MT Sec). as batman to Lieut A.R. ROB RTS.
B Coy will arrange movement.

6. SALVAGE.

Lieut G.C. CLARK is appointed SALVAGE OFFICER for 2/13 AUST INF BN.
He will be responsible for the return of salvage to QM in accordance with instructions issued by this HQ.

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*****NOTICES*****

2/13 AUST INF BN SPORTS MEETING:

A BN Athletic Meeting will be held on Sun 15 Feb 42.

Venue: Battalion Sports Ground.

Events: Flat races: 100 yds.
 220 yds
 440 yds.
 1 Mile.

Jumping events: Broad jump.
 High jump.
 Hop step and jump.

Team events: Relay race - 8 men x 100 yds.

Novelty event: Grenade throwing.

Nominations: Two entries from each Coy for each event, with the exception of the relay race for which each Coy will submit one team.

Entries must reach BN Sports Offr by 1800 hrs, Thurs, 12 Feb 42.

Dress: All competitors must be uniformly clothed in white singlets, khaki shorts and sandshoes.

Transport: Tpt to and from A Coy will be arranged.

SPORTS PROGRAMME:

Thursday 12 Feb 42 - Rugby Union.

B Coy V HQ Coy
(1400 hrs)

C Coy V D Coy.
(1530 hrs)

Soccer.

D Coy V B Coy
(1400 hrs)

C Coy V HQ Coy
(1530 hrs)

Saturday 14 Feb 42: Rugby Union - F I N A L.

1530 hrs - Two winning teams play off.

Soccer

1400 hrs - BOUKA Monastery V 2/13 BN light weight team.

Sunday 15 Feb 42: BN SPORTS MEETING.

Wednesday 18 Feb 42: Rugby League

B Coy V D Coy
(1400 hrs)

C Coy V HQ Coy
(1530 hrs)

Saturday 21 Feb 42: Rugby League - F I N A L.

Two winning teams from Wed's game play off.
Two losing " " " " " "

C Coy will be responsible for drawing the boots and equipment for Thursday's games.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 303

FIELD
10 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 11/12 Feb 42-----D Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut D.E. GREEN.
" " Sgt-----Cpl TUTTLEBEE, R.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl GAVIN, P.

NF Duty Coy 12/13 Feb 42-----C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut J.B. MARTIN.
" " Sgt-----L/Sgt MEERS, J.F.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl FITZJOHN, C.

2. PAY.

- (a) Coys will submit by 1600 hrs, Wed, 11 Feb 42, requisitions for pay for the current fortnight.
(b) Pay will be available to Coys at BN HQ at 0900 hrs, Thursday, 12 Feb 42.

3. ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES - HOSPITAL.

(a) Admissions:

The following personnel were evacuated to 2/11 FD AMB on 9 Feb 42, and until further notice will be shown on Daily Pde States as "Hospital":
HQ Coy NX 36055 Pte TUCKETT, M.L.
A " NX 15669 " KENDRICK, H.J.
A " NX 42923 " LOTHERINGTON, E.T.
B " NX 24385 " FRANCES, A.W.G.

NX 15505 Cpl SINGLETON, G.D. (HQ Coy) was admitted to No 12 GENERAL HOSPITAL (MEF) on 3 Feb 42 and will be struck off strength to "X" List.

(b) Discharges:

The following members rejoined Unit from 2/11 FD AMB on 9 Feb 42:
B Coy NX 15033 Sgt FEARNSIDE, G.H.
HQ " NX 13303 Pte TURNER, A.F.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part 1
No 304

FIELD
11 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy 12/13 Feb 42-----C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut J.B. MARTIN,
" " Sgt-----L/Sgt MEERS, J.F.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl FITZJOHN, C.

NP Duty Coy 13/14 Feb 42-----B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut F.S. TREWENKE.
" " Sgt-----Sgt FEARNSIDE, G.H.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl DONOGHUE, R.W.

2. MOVEMENT: (a) ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES - HOSPITAL.

(i) Admissions: The undermentioned personnel were evacuated from
RAP to 2/11 FD AMB on 10 Feb 42 and until further notice
will be shown on daily Pde State as "Hospital".

HQ Coy NX 36646 Cpl BRAZIER, A.J.

D Coy NX 36371 Pte BROWN, V.S.

The following members were evacuated from 2/11 FD AMB to
2/3 AUST CCS on 10 Feb 42 and will be struck off strength to
"X" List:

A Coy NX 35942 Pte BUECKNER, A.F.

B Coy NX 24335 Pte FRANCES, A.W.G.

(ii) Discharges: The undermentioned personnel rejoined Unit on
10 Feb 42 from 2/11 FD AMB:

HQ Coy NX 14882 Cpl STAGGS, T.O.

" " NX 36005 Pte TUCKETT, M.L.

A Coy NX 15669 Pte KENDRICK, H.T.

B Coy NX 26279 Pte BELSHOVE, K.L.

(b) SCHOOLS: (i) SX 9183 Capt P.O.R. GOODE rejoined Unit from Malaria
School on 10 Feb 42.

(ii) NX 70221 Capt O.M. WALSON marched out on 10 Feb 42 to
attend ME School of AA & CD (13/19 Feb 42).

3. MAISON DORÉE PICQUET - DUTIES OF:

The following instructions regarding supervision of Maison Dorée
will be implemented forthwith:

(a) All personnel entering brothel will have their particulars
entered in nominal roll kept for the purpose.

(b) Sgt i/c Picquet will inform Medical Orderly of particulars of
personnel entering brothel.

(c) Medical orderly will give prophylactic treatment to each soldier
and will enter soldier's name in medical records.

(d) Disciplinary action will be taken against any individual
entering the brothel other than on duty, who does not receive
prophylactic treatment.

(e) Nominal Roll will be in possession of Sgt i/c Picquet and will
be distinct from medical record kept by Medical Orderly. These
records will be checked after closing time and this HQ will be
notified of the name of any member offending as in (e) above.

(f) NCO i/c Maison Dorée Picquet will collect from BN HQ "Maison
Dorée Register" before mounting duty. This order will be read out
on THREE parades and certificate rendered to these HQ before 1400
hrs on 15 Feb 42 to that effect.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTE 100

Lt-Col R.W.N. FERRIS, Commanding
Part I No 305

FIELD
12 Feb 42

1. DUTIES:

Duty Coy 13/14 Feb 42-----B Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr -----Lieut F.S. BREWERKE.
" " Sgt-----Sgt FEARNSIDE, G.H.
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl MONOGHUE, R.W.

NF Duty Coy 14/15 Feb 42-----C Coy.
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut J.B. MARTIN.
" " Sgt-----Sgt McDOUGALL, L.R.
" " Cpl-----McKELLAR, R.V.

2. DRESS:

The practice of wearing working dress trousers with SD jackets and other forms of mixed dress is incorrect and is to cease. Coy Comds will take steps to impress this fact on all ranks.

3. MOVEMENT:

(a) Evacuations and discharges - Hospital:

(i) Evacuations: NIL.
(ii) Discharges: The following personnel rejoined Unit on 11 Feb 42 from 2/11 FD AMB:
HQ Coy NX 48923 Cpl. DON, J.
A Coy NX 68282 Pte LOWERINGTON, W.J.

(b) Schools: The following NCOs marched out on 11 Feb 42 to attend NCOs No 7 JEM Leaders Wing (NCOs) to commence 16 Feb 42:
HQ Coy NX 16040, Cpl. THOMPSON, A.W.
D Coy NX 13367 Cpl. MERKEL, D.

The undermentioned members marched out on 11 Feb 42 to attend Anti-Gas Course NCOs, 12-15 Feb 42:
HQ Coy NX 15860 Cpl BEACH, V.L.
A Coy NX 15028 L/Sgt HEARN, R.E.
B Coy NX 21583 Cpl WALSH, E.K.
C Coy NX 14394 Cpl NEUSS, W.G.
D Coy NX 23250 Cpl HUMPHRIES, W.

(c) Attachments:

NX 17919 Pte N.W. INCE, (B Coy) is attached to HQ Coy as canteen assistant w e f 10 Feb 42.

(d) General: Instructions for evacuating personnel to Hospital apply equally to officers.

Special attention will be paid by Coys to withdrawing all pistols, binoculars and compasses from officers evacuated. Officers transferred or seconded will return pistols, binoculars and compasses.

4. BOUNDS:

It is again repeated that all native villages are OUT OF BOUNDS, whether specifically nominated or not. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders. This order will be read out on three parades and a certificate rendered to this HQ by 1300 hrs on 15 Feb 42 that this has been complied with.

2/13 AUST INF BN RO NO 305 Contd.

5. SECURITY:

The importance of checking identities of personnel must be impressed on all guards. Cases have occurred where guards have been satisfied with verbal recognitions and even the sight of military uniforms.

Identities must be checked as follows:

- (a) Civilian employees: Unit pass complete with photograph, stamp of Unit and offrs signature.
- (b) Offrs: Identity cards or paybooks.
- (c) ORs: Paybooks.

6. AIRMAIL:

- (a) The temporary suspension of the AIRMAIL service to tps abroad has been announced in AUSTRALIA.
- (b) As the AIRMAIL service still operates for a considerable part of the distance to AUSTRALIA, AIRMAIL will still be accepted for transmission to AUSTRALIA.

7. ACCIDENTS TO ANIMALS:

- (a) It is reported that accidents have been sustained by animals of Mule Coys through lack of care on the part of MF Dvrs.
- (b) When passing animals dvrs must reduce the speed of their vehs and pass very slowly, keeping as far from the animals as circumstances will permit.

8. ROADS:

Complaints have been received that stone and chippings stacked at the roadside for the purpose of road maintenance and repair are being removed by Units. This practice will cease forthwith and disciplinary action will be taken in every case against offenders.

9. BAD MONEY - NOTES AND COINS IN SYRIA AND THE LEBANON.

(a) Notes:

There are in circulation many notes made up of two different half notes. The banks will not and Army Cashiers cannot accept these as currency and all ranks are warned to refuse such notes as tender.

(b) Coins:

There is a good deal of counterfeit coin in circulation. This can be detected as follows:

- (i) The detail of the impression is less clear cut.
- (ii) The milling is generally irregular, on the slant instead of being vertical.
- (iii) The thickness and diameter are often slightly smaller than those of genuine pieces.

All ranks should exercise caution in accepting change.

10. SIGNAL ORDERLIES - 20 AUST INF BDE:

CoyS will submit nominations for one OR to be transferred to 20 AUST INF BDE as a signal orderly.

The selected member will be given the opportunity of being trained insignal work.

Coy Comds will ensure that only suitable personnel are nominated.

Nominations to reach these HQ not later than 1200 hrs, 13 Feb 42,

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2/13 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 306

IN THE FIELD
13 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy 14/15 Feb 42-	- - - - -	D Coy.
Bn Ord Offr-	- - - - -	-Lieut PB MARTIN.
" " Sgt-	- - - - -	-Cpl GRAHAM WS.
" " Cpl-	- - - - -	-L/Cpl BROAD A.
NF Duty Coy 15/16 Feb 42	- - - - -	-C Coy.
Bn Ord Offr-	- - - - -	-Lieut IG EDMUNDS.
" " Sgt-	- - - - -	-Sgt McDOUGAL LR.
" " Cpl-	- - - - -	-Cpl McKELLAR RV.

2. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned personnel of this unit have been awarded the punishments stated for the offences committed:

NO	RANK	NAME	OFFENCE	AWARD
NX 5707	Pte	GUNST V	1. Found in a place prohibited by SOs. He was found in a native village 2. Fraternising with natives 3. Drunkenness.	Fined £4. " £1. Admonished.
NX 21483	"	DEVINE- MEERS WJ	1. Found in a place prohibited by SOs. He was found in a native village 2. Fraternising with natives. 3. Drunkenness.	Fined £4. " £1. Admonished
NX 14934	"	DAVIES TEP	1. Found in a place prohibited by SOs. He was found in a native village. 2. Fraternising with natives 3. Drunkenness.	Fined £4. " £1. Admonished.

3. CHURCH PDE-Sun 15 Feb 42. As set out in BR0.199. of 6 Feb 42

4. MOVEMENT

(a) Evacuations and discharges - Hosp.

- (i) Evacuations: NIL.
- (ii) Discharges: NX 34267 Pte WEBSTER WD (A Coy) rejoined unit from 2/11 AUST FD AMB on 12 Feb 42.

(b) Schools.

NX 17469 Cpl BLADWELL R (A Coy) marched out on 12 Feb 42 to attend ME P&RT SCHOOL, No 18 (NCOs) COURSE (16 Feb-12 Mar 42.)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
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ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 307

IN THE FIELD
14 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty coy 15/16 Feb 42- - - - -C Coy.
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut IG EDMUNDS.
" " sgt - - - - - Sgt McDOUGALL LR.
" " cpl - - - - - Cpl McKELIA R RV.

NF Duty coy 16/17 Feb 42- - - B Coy.
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut JR BURRELL.
" " sgt - - - - - L/Sgt CRAWFORD GH.
" " cpl - - - - - L/Cpl KENNEDY RJ.

2. MOVEMENT

(a) Evacuations and discharges - Hosp.

(i) Evacuations: The following personnel were evacuated from RAP to 2/11 AUST FD AMB on 13 Feb 42 and until further notice will be shown on Daily Parade State as "Hospital":
D Coy NX 36368 Pte HERMAN EA.
D " NX 29633 " LINDSAY D.

(ii) Discharges: NIL.

(b) Schools: NX 35163 Pte McVICAR M marched out on 13 Dec 42 to attend ME GAS SCHOOL - NO 18 REGTL INSTRS COURSE (18 Feb/ 6 Mar 42).
The undermentioned soldier rejoined unit from detached duty on 13 Feb 42:
NX 11953 Pte McEWEN R.

3. CIVILIAN TRANSPORT IN CAMP LINES:

All ranks will be warned that gharries are not to proceed past the junction of BN HQ rd and the main camp rd. Main Guard will ensure that no gharry passes the Guard Tent.
C Coy picquets will take the name of any personnel bringing gharries into Coy lines.

4. CORRIGENDUM:

Para 3 BRO 306 - for 199 read 299.

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NOTICES.

LOST: Identity discs with small key attached, property of NX 35233 Pte THORBURN GW. Finder please return to HQ Coy Ord Room.

FOOTBALL: RUGBY UNION.

B coy defeated HQ coy 9 to nil.
C " " D " 15 to 3.

SOCCER

B coy defeated HQ coy 2 to 1.
d " " C " 5 to nil.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 308

IN THE FIELD
15 Feb 42.

1 DUTIES.

Duty coy 16/17 Feb 42 - - - - D coy.
Bn Ord Offr - - - - - Lieut JR BURRELL.
" " Sgt- - - - - L/Sgt CRAWFORD GR.
" " Cpl- - - - - L/Cpl KENNEDY, RJ.

NF Duty coy 17/18 Feb 42- - - B coy.
Bn Ord Offr - - - - - Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN.
" " Sgt- - - - - Sgt BROWNING VT.
" " Cpl- - - - - L/Cpl PLATT WR.

2 MOVEMENT

(a) Evacuations and discharges - Hosp.

(i) Evacuations: The undermentioned NCO was evacuated from RAP to 2/11 AUST FD AMB on 14 Feb 42 and, until further notice will be shown on Daily Pde State as "Hospital".
D coy - NX 36694 Cpl McHUTCHISON AR.

(ii) Discharges:

C coy - NX 46253 Pte DAVISON EL rejoined unit from 2/11 AUST FD AMB on 14 Feb 42.

(b) Transfers - inter coy: The following members of C coy have been transferred to HQ coy w e f 13 Feb 42:

NX 5716 Pte WRIGHT N. - (Tpt Sec).
NX 34544 " KENNEDY L. - (Par pl).

(c) Strength: The following were struck off strength to "X" List w e f 13 Feb 42:

NX 12375 Capt HT GRAHAM.
NX 13888 Lieut JB MARTIN.
NX 13879 WO(II) FYFE JW.
NX 27297 Sgt LEACH HW.
NX 18732 Sgt McLEAN DW.

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LIBRARY: All LIBRARY BOOKS from the Canteen on issue to personnel will be returned to the Canteen by 1800 hrs, 16 Feb 42.

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2/13 AUST INF BDE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding,  
Part 1 No 309

IN THE FIELD  
16 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty coy 17/18 Feb 42- - - - - D COY.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - -Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN.  
" " sgt- - - - - -Sgt STRATFORD A.  
" " cpl- - - - - -L/Cpl TUCKER P.  
  
NF duty coy 18/19 Feb 42- - - - - A coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - -Lieut AR ROBERTS.  
" " sgt- - - - - -Sgt CRAIG CL.  
" " cpl- - - - - -Cpl GOODLET A.

2. LEAVE

It will be impressed upon all ranks that it is necessary to have a leave pass whenever they leave camp lines for ANY purpose of their own, NOT only when they visit the town. Personnel just wishing to go for a walk may do so but must have a leave pass, must indicate the direction of their intended walk to Coy ord rm and must not walk alone. All native villages are OUT OF BOUNDS at all times except on duty.

3. AMENITIES

Receipt is acknowledged of 875 tins tobacco received through 20 AUST INF BDE.

4. MOVEMENT

(a) Evacuations and discharges - hosp.

(i) Evacuations:

The following personnel have been evacuated to 23 Scot Gen Hosp from 2/11 AUST FD AMB w e f 7 Feb 42 and will be struck off strength to "X" List:

A coy - NX 36879 Cpl WHITE WT.  
" - NX 15719 Pte DICKINSON JW.

NX 22648 Pte CARROLL RJ (HQ coy) was evacuated from 2/11 AUST FD AMB to 2/13 AUST CCS on 2 Feb 42 and will be struck off strength to "X" List.

The undermentioned personnel have been evacuated from RAP to 2/11 AUST FD AMB on 15 Feb 42 and until further notice will be shown on Daily Pde State as "Hosp".

C coy - NX 16688 Pte BELL LE.  
D coy - NX 35776 " GRIFITHS AJ.  
D coy - NX 20663 " RITCHIE AF.  
D coy - NX 5707 " GUNST V.

(ii) Discharges: NIL

(b) Inter coy transfers: NX 19190 Pte PERKINS HV (C coy) is transferred to HQ coy w e f 14 Feb 42.

(c) Schools: The following rejoined unit from Anti Gas School ALEPPO, 16 Feb 42:

HQ coy NX 18530 Cpl BEACH VL.  
A coy NX 15027 I/Sgt AHEARN RE.  
B coy NX 21523 Cpl WALSH EK.  
C coy NX 14804 Cpl NEUSS WG.  
D coy NX 23250 Cpl HUMPHRIES W.



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(d) Corrigendum:

Delete para 2 (c) of BRO 308 dated 15 Feb 42 and substitute the following:

The following officers were seconded for special duty w e f 13 Feb 42:

NX 12375 Capt HT GRAHAM.

NX 13888 Lieut JB MARTIN.

The undermentioned personnel have been detached for special duty w e f 13 Feb 42 and will be struck off strength:

NX 13879 WO(II) FIFE JW.

NX 27297 Sgt LEACH HW.

NX 18732 Sgt McLEAN DW.

5. SHOWERS:

The following roster for showers will take effect as from 17 Feb 42:

HQ coy - half coy each morning.

D " - Afternoon 17 Feb 42, then each third afternoon.

A " - Afternoon 18 Feb then each third afternoon.

B " - Afternoon 19 Feb then each third afternoon.

6. LECTURES:

Lectures for ALL offrs in BOEKA area will be held at BN HQ each Monday and Thursday at 2000 hrs. All offrs with the exception of OC Town Picquet will attend.

7. PETROL DRUMS:

Attention is again drawn to instructions issued respecting the prompt return of 44 gal drums.

These drums are needed for decanting 4 gal petrol tins which develop a large percentage of leakage due to the advent of warm weather.

All empty 44 gal drums in coy areas will be returned forthwith to TO who will arrange for their return to FSD or nearest Petrol Depots.

8. ARMY CLOTHING:

It has been brought under notice that in many cases civilian employees are wearing Military Clothing, especially boots and greatcoats. Coys will ensure that civilians employed within their area are NOT in possession of Military Clothing.

9. MALARIA:

(a) The presence of Malaria is NOT yet evident but in some locations there is at present a danger from it, due to the hibernating mosquitoes which began to move with the warm weather.

(b) Mosquito nets, Cream and Flysoak will be issued in certain areas, when supplies are made available and RMO will then arrange for tps to be instructed in their correct use.

(c) It is emphasised that once the necessary appliances have been issued, the control of Malaria depends upon the maintenance of strict discipline in their use.

10. DRESS:

The wearing of British pattern Battle Dress is limited STRICTLY to OR personnel for whom correct sizes of AUSTRALIAN SD uniforms are not obtainable.

Offrs will NOT wear British pattern battle dress.



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**11. ARMY FILM AND PHOTO UNITS:** 9 AUST DIV RO NO 89 of 10 Feb 42; is repeated:-

- (a) A branch of Public Relations called the Army Film and Photo Unit is about to be formed on WE ME/266/1/
- (b) The primary object of this Unit is to obtain records of the battle; material thus produced will be used both for publicity purposes and for War Office use. It is hoped by this means to obtain valuable publicity for the work and daily life of the Army, and to counteract the propaganda of the enemy.
- (c) The unit is composed of sections, each of an officer and 6 Sgt cameramen, with certain controlling staff. Sections will be allotted to HQ of Formations etc. as decided by the controlling staff. In principle, an assistant director and one section will be allotted to a Corps HQ and one section to each Division. Out of the Division section, personnel will be sub-allotted to Brigades as required. The Sections and personnel will be administered by the Formations to which they are attached.
- (d) The HQ Formation etc, to which sections and personnel are attached is not in any way responsible for the subjects photographed or for censorship. The responsibility for submission to censorship authorities lies with AFPU, as does responsibility for submission for delivery and collection of all photographic material.
- (e) It is vital for the success of this scheme that the fullest assistance and cooperation should be given to this Unit by any Formation or Unit with which it is working.
- (f) The photographers are in no sense civilians, but should be regarded as military personnel armed with cameras. They will be trained in the principles of warfare and in the tactics and formations of units in action and in how to use their cameras to the best advantage.
- (g) All ranks in the MEF are directed to give the utmost assistance to this Unit in order to ensure the success of a scheme which can make so great a contribution to the war effort.

**12. RECONDITIONING OF USED COPPER AND ASBESTOS GASKETS:**

1. Facilities are now available for the reconditioning of all types of Gaskets, copper and asbestos in the ME.
2. TO will ensure that all used gaskets are returned to DADOS dumps ALEPPO or TRIPOLI.

**13. MOVEMENT OF TPS BY ROAD AND RAIL TO OPERATIONAL AREAS OR AREAS NOT PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY IMPERIAL TPS:**

Tps moving to theatres of operations, or areas not previously occupied by Imperial tps may find on arrival that EFI or AACS facilities are limited or non-existent. Tps will be warned therefore before moving, to provide themselves with such EFI or AACS stores as they can carry in their pockets or equipment to tide them over the first few weeks. Included in such articles are:

- Cigarettes and tobacco.
- Shaving soap.
- Razor blades.
- Notepaper.
- Chocolate etc.

**14. LUBRICATING OILS FROM USA - ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:**

9 AUST DIV RO 98 of 10 Feb 42 is repeated:

1. The greater part of lubricating oils received from AMERICA are packed in tins marked "5 US gals" which is equivalent to 4 1/6 Imperial Gallons. In order to simplify accounting and to avoid confusion between US and Imperial Gallonage, these containers will be considered to hold 4 Imperial Gallons for all purposes with the exception of Issues on Repayment.
2. All Petrol Depots will record these oils in separate columns in POL Stock States headed for example "M 220, 8 Imp (10 US) Gals. Cased."
3. For repayment purposes only, the 5 US gal tins will be charged as containing 4 1/6 Imperial Gallons.



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15. GRANADES NO 30M:

For information, attention is drawn to the undermentioned markings which may be made on boxes:

- (a) Hand or Rifle: These contain gas check plates and ballistite cartridges and 7 sec igniter sets.
- (b) Rifle: These contain gas check plates and ballistite cartridges and 7 sec igniter sets.
- (c) Hand (only): - 4 sec - 4 sec igniter sets.
- (d) Hand (only): - 7 sec - 7 sec igniter sets.
- (e) Hand (only): - if no other marking, 7 sec igniter sets.

4 sec igniter sets are now available in sufficient quantities and future issues of 30M Grenades HAND ONLY will contain 4 sec igniter sets and boxes will be stencilled as at (c) above. Boxes marked as at (d) and (e) above may all be encountered in the field and steps will be taken by coys coming into possession of arm of this type to ensure that detonated grenades with 4 sec igniter sets are suitably marked after detonating. The safety fuse in the 4 sec igniter set is coloured white and has a rubber band for night identification.

16. SALVAGE OF EMPTY ORDNANCE PACKAGES:

All types of used Ordnance packages are valuable, and most of them can be reconditioned and reused. Coys will ensure that such packages (e.g. SAA, ctn, bdr, SAA boxes with their tinned linings and amm boxes etc) are returned immediately they are no longer required, to RSM. QM will arrange delivery of the abovementioned items, together with chests for small arms and MGs etc. etc. to RSD at Base Ordnance Depot by which they are served.

17. CAR OF 2 GAL WATER CONTAINERS:

- (a) In order to prolong the life of 2 gal water containers, it has been found necessary to protect them when carried in housings on the outside of vohs.
- (b) To this end two prs of rubber bands, cut from unserviceable inner tubes of tyres will be stretched vertically and horizontally around the container.
- (c) It is pointed out that although a rubber band is the most effective means of preventing vibration any material may be utilised so long as it prevents the play between the container and the housing itself.
- (d) As far as possible containers will be despatched from the base with this modification already carried out, but it will be the responsibility of Coys to see that at all times containers have adequate protection.

18. DISCIPLINE: The following personnel of this unit have been awarded the punishments stated for the offences committed:


| No          | Rank | Name         | Offence                                                                                                  | Punishment             |
|-------------|------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| NX<br>18617 | Pte  | WILSON C     | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he told CSM EARL to "get fucked". | Admonished.            |
| NX<br>16768 | "    | CARMODY WJ   | Absent from place of pde appointed by his CO. He was absent from Adm Pde.                                | Admonished.            |
| NX<br>19454 | "    | McLEOD E     | 1. AWL 6 hrs.<br>2. Neglect in losing his paybook.                                                       | Fined £1.<br>Fined £1. |
| NX<br>23462 | "    | GO DWORTH NM | AWL 6 hrs                                                                                                | Fined £1.              |



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19. CANTEEN PROFIT DISTRIBUTION:

1. Canteen profits amounting to £A 17,627/19/0 have been distributed for the month of October 1941.
2. Total amount distributed to 31 October 1941 is £A 140431/2/2.

  
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 Adjnt 2/13 AUST INF BN  
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NOTICES.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH: All members of Christian Science Church in ME can obtain any information from Mr T.E. PRICE, C/- Christian Science Church, 3 Midan Mustapha Kamel, CAIRO.

LOSS OF OFFERS KIT - Lieut WR EASTON - 2/43 AUST INF BN:

- (a) A kerosene case and a trunk marked with the name of Lieut WR EASTON were lost between KHASSA and TRIPOLI.
- (b) Any information concerning these articles should be forwarded to 2/43 AUST INF BN.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
2/13 AUST INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part I No 310

IN THE FIELD  
17 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES:

|                        |           |                    |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Duty coy 18/19 Feb 42- | - - - - - | -A coy.            |
| Bn ord offr-           | - - - - - | -Lieut AR ROBERTS. |
| " " sgt                | - - - - - | -Sgt CRAIG CL.     |
| " " cpl                | - - - - - | -Cpl GOODLET A.    |
| Next for duty-         | - - - - - | -B coy.            |
| Bn ord offr-           | - - - - - | -Lieut JE MADDEN.  |
| " " Sgt                | - - - - - | -Sgt BROWNING VT.  |
| " " cpl                | - - - - - | -L/Cpl PLATT WR.   |

2. MOVEMENT:

The undermentioned personnel marched out on 17 Feb 42 to 1 AUST CORPS SKI SCHOOL:

|          |               |    |       |
|----------|---------------|----|-------|
| NX 17270 | Pte HUTCHISON | WJ | A coy |
| NX 22755 | " WORLEY      | JC | "     |
| NX 36234 | " DEIGHTON    | R  | "     |
| NX 35351 | " HAAR        | GB | "     |
| NX 45285 | " MILLS       | A  | "     |
| NX 15980 | " WOODS       | MB | B coy |
| NX 15032 | " IRELAND     | FC | "     |
| NX 36546 | " STURGESS    | FG | "     |
| NX 36544 | " STURGESS    | CT | "     |
| NX 29330 | " O'KEEFE     | JW | "     |

3. DUTIES - PICQUET:

OC Town Picquet will detail two (2) men to be on permanent duty each night from 1800 hrs to 2230 hrs at the CARLTON BAR CAFE, LATVANIA. This duty will continue for one week from today, 17 Feb 42. Names of any personnel creating a disturbance or misbehaving will be taken and reported to this HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
2713 AUST INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part 1 No 311.

IN THE FIELD  
18 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES.

|                        |           |                     |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Duty coy 19/20 Feb 42- | - - - - - | -B coy.             |
| Bn ord offr-           | - - - - - | -Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN |
| " " sgt                | - - - - - | -Sgt BROWNING VT    |
| " " cpl                | - - - - - | -Cpl PLATT WR       |
|                        |           |                     |
| Next for duty-         | - - - - - | -D coy              |
| Bn ord offr-           | - - - - - | -Lieut JE WOOD      |
| " " sgt                | - - - - - | -Sgt MORRIS FW      |
| " " Cpl                | - - - - - | -L/Cpl GAVIN PF     |

2. SCHOOLS AND COURSES - RESULTS

(a) AIF(ME) REGTL OFFRS SCHOOL  
Lieut AJ RACKHAM - - - - - Qualified.

(b) MEWTS No 8 GRENADE COURSE  
Cpl CHELLEW DM - - - - - "  
Cpl SHAMBLER LE - - - - - "

3. MOVEMENT.

(a) Evacuations and discharges - Hosp.

(i) Evacuations: RAP to 2/11 AUST FD AMB 17 Feb 42:  
HQ coy - NX 65321 Pte WALPOLE BP.  
This soldier will, until further notice, be shown on daily Pde States as "Hosp".

(ii) Discharges: Rejoined unit from 2/11 AUST FD AMB 17 Feb 42:  
A coy - NX 36563 Pte NICOLL L.  
C coy - NX 16698 " BELL LE.  
D coy - NX 36694 Cpl McHUTORISON A.  
NX 35796 Pte GRIFITHS AJ.  
NX 20663 " RITCHEY AF.  
NX 5707 " GUNST V.

(b) Transfers - Inter coy: NX 14992 S/Sgt RAGAN, J.K. ceases to be detached to D coy and is transferred from HQ coy to D coy w e f 18 Feb 42.  
The following personnel are transferred: w e f 18 Feb 42  
NX 36550 Pte DEAN H A coy to HQ coy (Batman to Lieut JE MADDEN)  
NX 16352 " RAYMOND R HQ coy to D coy, w e f 19 Feb 42.

(c) Transfers - Inter Unit: NX 23522 Pte NORTON BN was transferred to 20 AUST INF BDE w e f 17 Feb 42.

4. DISCIPLINE:

The following personnel of this unit were awarded the punishments stated for the offences committed:

| No          | Rank | Name      | Offence                                                                                                                     | Punishment                                                   |
|-------------|------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| NX<br>36413 | Pte  | GRAHAM R  | AWL 11½ hrs                                                                                                                 | 14 days fd punishment with forfeiture of pay for that period |
| NX<br>16523 | "    | KING JE   | AWL 24 hrs                                                                                                                  | Fined £2.                                                    |
| NX<br>16702 | "    | SAVILLE A | 1. AWL 10½ hrs<br>2. Entering brothel not for use of British tps after having been warned to that effect<br>3. AWL 10½ hrs. | 14 days fd punishment with forfeiture of pay for that period |



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5. BRIGADE SPORTS MEETING.

A Bde sports meeting will be held on Sun 1 Mar 42.

The following is the programme in order of events:

- # 100 metres
- # 220 "
- # 440 "
- 880 "
- # Mile
- # Broad jump
- Putting the shot
- # Tug-o-war.
- Three legged race.

This unit has been requested to submit entries for all events in order that the Bn will be well represented, all personnel wishing to submit entries will do so at their Coy HQ and will contact Lieut KC WILSON who will make arrangements for tng etc. The cooperation of all personnel interested in athletics is invited and opportunities will be given for tng. Bn representatives for events marked "#" will be selected at the Bn Sports meeting which will be held on Sun 22 Feb 42.

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2/15 AUSP INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS  
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Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part I No 312

IN THE FIELD  
19 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty coy 20/21 Feb 42 - - - - -d coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - - - - -Lieut JH WOOD.  
" " sgt - - - - - - - - -Sgt MORRIS FW.  
" " cpl - - - - - - - - -L/Cpl HAVEN PF.

Next for duty 21/22 Feb 42 - -A coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - - - - -Lieut FS TRIMBLEKE.  
" " Sgt - - - - - - - - -L/Sgt AHEARN RE.  
" " cpl - - - - - - - - -L/Cpl GRAY JT.

2. DISCIPLINE

The following personnel of this unit were awarded the punishments as stated for offences committed:

| No          | Rank  | Name          | Offence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Punishment                                                  |
|-------------|-------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| NX<br>23022 | L/Cpl | KENNEDY WC    | Threatening and insubordinate language to his superior offr in that he told his CSM to "Get fucked" and called him a "yellow bastard and not a man's arsehole."                                                                                                                                                      | Reverted to the ranks                                       |
| NX<br>18263 | Pte   | GAIE JR       | AWL 3½ hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Fined £2.                                                   |
| NX<br>16666 | "     | DERNEY R      | AWL 12½ hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | " £1.                                                       |
| NX<br>21954 | "     | LAW CE        | 1. Drunkenness.<br>2. Failing to appear at a place of pde appointed by the CO in that he failed to appear at Adm Pde                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7 days Fd punishment with forfeiture of pay for that period |
| NX<br>33243 | "     | BARWELL-GOON  | FGN AWL 17 hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | do do.                                                      |
| NX<br>56619 | "     | SALISBURY EA  | Escaping from arrest whilst undergoing Fd Punishment, did leave precincts of camp lines                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | do do.                                                      |
| NX<br>16352 | "     | RAYMOND R     | AWL 42 hrs 45 mins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | do do.                                                      |
| NX<br>19306 | "     | O'SULLIVAN BO | 1. AWL 9½ hrs<br>2. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was at a brothel NOT for the use of BRITISH tps after having been warned to this effect.<br>3. Breaking arrest in that whilst under arrest he did quit camp without permission.<br>4. AWL further period 1 day 15 hrs. | 21 days Fd Punishment with loss of pay for that period      |



### 3. MOVEMENT

(a) Detachments: Detached to HQ coy for rations whilst und rging  
P2 Punishment:

|          |     |              |      |       |               |            |
|----------|-----|--------------|------|-------|---------------|------------|
| NK 36529 | Pte | MALLYON      | W    | B coy | till 1700 hrs | 19 Feb 42. |
| 36335    | "   | CLIFT        | L    | A "   | " "           | 22 "       |
| 21954    | "   | LAW          | CE   | B "   | " "           | 24 "       |
| 33243    | "   | BARWELL-COOK | FG D | " "   | " "           | 24 "       |
| 56619    | "   | SALISBURY    | EA   | A "   | " "           | 24 "       |

(b) Inter coy transfers: NK 7111 Pte UREN J is transferred from HQ coy to B coy w e f 20 Feb 42. HQ coy will arrange movement.  
NK 21415 Pte O'LEARY EA is transferred from A coy to HQ coy (W & S Sec) w e f 20 Feb 42. A coy will arrange movement.

### 4. DRESS - OFFICERS

Revolvers will be carried by all offrs in MEF, when on duty and when proceeding to and from duty.

### 5. THOMPSON MACHINE CARBINE - MODIFICATION TO

(a) A modification to the Thompson Machine Carbine has been approved for Middle East Forces in order that the carbine sling may be placed on the left shoulder and so provide controlled support during firing when the butt is held under the right armpit. It also enables the carbine to be carried in the alert poen without holding it in the hand.

(b) The modification consists in transferring the sling swivel bracket

(a) (i) On the vertical type fore grip from its present poen on the right side to a corresponding poen on the left side.

(ii) On the horizontal type fore grip from its present poen on the underside to a poen on the left side but further to the rear and

(b) On the butt from its present poen on the underside to a poen on the topline just in front of the butt plate strap.

(c) Modification will be carried out by the Unit Armourer. QM will arrange to have weapons withdrawn from coys and delivered to the armourer as required.

### 6. RUN FLAT TYRES

(a) In instances other than operational, where a spare wheel is available either on the vehicle or on another with it, punctures to RUN FLATS will be treated as if the tyre was an ordinary pneumatic.

(b) When no spare is available the puncture will be treated as a major breakdown and the vehicle remain until a spare is brought out.

(c) In circumstances when this is not practicable the vehicle may be driven home under the following conditions:

(i) Speed will not exceed 25 mph with a fully loaded veh.

(ii) The load will be arranged as far forward as possible, with due regard to the general loading, when a flat occurs to a rear axle tyre.

(d) Drivers will be warned that punctures to Run Flats are less noticeable than with normal pneumatics and they are to be particularly alert as a result. Help in this respect can be given by drivers of other vehs, particularly those overtaking.

### 6. FROST PRECAUTIONS

1. Middle East GO 1195/41 is republished for information and action:

(a) The attention of all Commanding Officers is directed to Chapter IV of the pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" which deals with the precautions to be taken against frost. All units should be conversant with the information, in order to meet any emergency. Constant vigilance is required on the part of all ranks to prevent damage due to frost. All cases brought to notice should be the subject of investigation, and disciplinary action taken when it is shown that the case is due to culpable neglect to comply with instructions and regulations.

(b) Apart from disciplinary measures, financial liability may be incurred by an offr under Section 137 of the Army Act



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7. FROST PRECAUTIONS CONTD

(b) contd:

for any loss damage or destruction caused to Govt vehs occasioned by neglect on his part. Such negligence may be due to failure on the part of the responsible offr to publish to the unit under his command, the frost precautions to be carried out, or failure to ensure by sufficient supervision that such precautions are being observed.

2. TO will ensure that all Transport personnel are instructed in frost precautions and he will be held personally responsible to the Commanding Offr that such precautions are fully observed.

8. MISUSE OF WD TRANSPORT.

1. (a) AGI 649 is republished for urgent compliance by all tps in Middle East.

(a) An increasing number of cases of misuses of WD Transport are being brought to notice. Misuse includes not only the employment of tpt for purposes which have been strictly forbidden, but also flagrant mishandling amounting practically to wilful damage, during authorised journeys.

(b) In view of the imperative need of economy, both in the expenditure of petrol and oil and in reserves of mechanical vehs, offences of this nature are of particular gravity.

(c) It is clear to all units for what journeys WD vehicles are not to be used and that a properly completed Transport Work Ticket (AFG 3518) must be in possession of every driver of a WD veh on an authorised journey.

(d) In addition to any other action which is taken with this object, the fullest use must be made of the Military Police for the purpose of checking up on all WD transport at uncertain intervals. Any break of regulations or of instructions brought to notice as a result of these checks, or in any other manner will be dealt with immediately from a disciplinary point of view.

2. TO will be held personally responsible that all unit tpt is used only for authorised purposes and that the foregoing is brought to the notice of all tpt personnel.

9. LUBRICANTS AND GREASE

These commodities will be issued from Petrol Points on indent. It must be emphasised however, lub oil M200 will be only issued for compression ignition (diesel) engines and other specialised machinery requiring a highly refined lub oil. Internal combustion (electric ignition) motors will be lubricated with lub oil M 160. Heavy duty oil, G 600 will be used in lieu of grease which will only be issued in specialised units such as : RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION GROUP, ENGINEERS etc.

10. CARE OF CONTAINERS

All containers are valuable. 4 gal tins cost 1/6 ea and these are now being returned and refilled. It is therefore most important that they are opened in the correct manner i.e. neat holes punctured in the diagonal corners, on top of the tin away from the soldered cap. All tins must be returned to Petrol Point. Empty drums must be returned to Petrol Points in a clean condition complete with bungs and washers. Unit petrol stacks must be kept away from other stores and under cover. Drums are to be tilted with the bungs free from rain water. Petrol vapour is more dangerous than the liquid. Sun shining on containers causes pressure and consequent 'springing' of seams and drum washers. Oil is very easily contaminated by water which gathers on top of drums. Oil drums must be kept clean so as to ascertain correct grades marked on the drum. Engine oils and gear oils should be kept apart so that no mistake can be made.

11. LEAVE - BEIRUT.

Subsistence is NOT payable in respect of leave spent by AIF personnel in BEIRUT.



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12. BOXING AND ALL IN WRESTLING.

Boxing and all in wrestling competitions between army personnel and local civilians are forbidden owing to the bad effect such "shows" have on relations between the army and local inhabitants and also to the press comments to which they give rise.

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2/13 AUST INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part 1 No 313

IN THE FIELD  
20 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty coy 21/22 Feb 42 - - - - - A coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut FS TREWEEKE.  
" " Sgt - - - - - L/Sgt AHEARN RM.  
" " Cpl - - - - - L/Cpl GRAY JT.  
  
Next for duty 22/23 Feb 42 - - B coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN.  
" " Sgt - - - - - Sgt CRANFORD GR.  
" " Cpl - - - - - Cpl ARTHUR AV.

2. MOVEMENT

(a) Transfers - Inter Unit:

C coy - NX 19276 Pte DESSAIX EFC to 20 AUST INF BDE  
w e f 19 Feb 42.

(b) Transfers - Inter Coy:

NX 52337 Pte EARNSHAW J is transferred from Hq coy to C coy  
w e f 21 Feb 42. Movement by C coy's ration truck, 21 Feb 42.

(c) 1. Attachments:

Marched in from the units stated and attached to Hq coy  
for Adm and rations w e f 19 Feb 42:

NX 7649 Pte EDGLEY C - 9 AUST DIV MBU.  
T.128031 Dvr HUDSON H 345 GT Coy RASC.

ii. Detachments:

Marched out to 20 AUST INF BDE on detached duty w e f  
19 Feb 42: NX 11953 Pte McEWEN R.

(d) Schools and Courses:

METS Senior Officers Course:

NX 12213 Lt-Col RWN TURNER marched out on 19 Feb 42  
to attend the above course.

3. SCHOOLS AND COURSES - RESULTS

At the ME SCHOOL OF COOKERY NO 54 COURSE the undermentioned  
soldier was classified "2nd Class (Non-Tradesman)":  
NX 17949 Pte TURNER D.

4. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - NX 13303 Pte TURNER AF - 2/13 AUST INF BN.

(a) Charge:

"Absenting himself without leave in that he, at TOBRUK  
absented himself from 2/13 AUST INF BN from 9 Apr 41  
till he surrendered himself to the Aust Military Police  
at ALEXANDRIA on 5 Nov 41."

(b) The Finding of the Court was:

"Guilty of the charge with the exception that he was  
absent without leave from 2/13 AUST INF BN from 10 Apr  
41 till he surrendered himself to the Australian Military  
Police at ALEXANDRIA on 5 Oct 41 and not from 9 Apr 41  
till 5 Nov 41 as set out in the particulars of the charge!"

(c) The Sentence of the Court was:

"NX 13303 Pte TURNER AF, 2/13 AUST INF BN to undergo  
forty-five (45) days detention."

(d) Date of Trial: 14 Feb 42.

(e) The sentence of the Court was confirmed by Maj-General  
Sir LJ MORSEHEAD on 16 Feb 42.



2/13 AUST INF BN RO NO 313 contd.

5. MONASTERY ROAD.

Until the culvert over the private road to the orphanage is completed ALL vehs and personnel entering the grounds will use the present road into the RAP. All other tracks and "short-cuts" are OUT OF BOUNDS.

On completion of the culvert only the private road will be used to enter the orphanage grounds and on no account will personnel walk through the vineyard beside the main road. The private road is that leading through the trees on the SOUTHERN side of the orphanage.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
2/15 AUST INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part I No 514

IN THE FIELD  
21 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy 22/23 Feb 42 - - - - B coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN.  
" " sgt - - - - - L/Sgt CRAWFORD GR.  
" " cpl - - - - - Cpl ARTHUR AV.

Next for duty 23/24 Feb 42 - -D coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut WCJ HEDGER.  
" " sgt - - - - - Sgt KIRKHAM JA.  
" " Cpl - - - - - L/Cpl MCKENZIE JJ.

2. MOVEMENT

(a) Evacuations & Discharges:

(1) Evacuations: to 3 AUST CCS: NX 32551 Pte ANIEZARK JJ  
and transferred to X List w e f 8 Feb 42.

(b) Detachments: Rejoined B Coy ex detachment 1 AUST CORPS SKI SCHOOL:  
w e f 20 Feb 42 NX 14776 WO(II) RICE HW.

(c) Transfers inter coy:

NX 14776 WO(II) RICE HW from B coy to C coy w e f 20 Feb 42.  
NX 35749 Pte JESTON TA " C A w e f 21 Feb 42.  
NX 35578 Pte THOMSON HE " D HQ w e f 21 Feb 42.

(d) Strength: Taken on strength from 20 AUST INF TNG BN w e f 20 Feb 42:  
BN HQ or HQ COY:

|          |                              |        |          |                 |        |
|----------|------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| NX 59136 | Lieut EP BEVAN (Reinft Offr) |        |          |                 |        |
| 70673    | " TM HUGHES                  | X List | NX 24367 | Pte McCUSKER H  | X LIST |
| 15875    | Cpl BUDDEN LJ                | "      | 15666    | " O'ROURKE WP   | "      |
| 33615    | Pte CLINTON RE               | "      | 18976    | " O'SULLIVAN JS | "      |
| 17908    | " DIBLEY HA                  | "      | 14834    | Sgt HEWITT AJC  | "      |
| 21879    | " FRANK DC                   | "      | 18429    | Pte PIGGOTT WH  | "      |
| 16833    | " MILLS LJ                   | "      | 23676    | L/Cpl POWER MD  | "      |
| 16631    | " MILTON SM                  | "      | 23423    | Pte ROACHE GSD  | "      |
| 19367    | " KEATING JM                 | "      | 59525    | " DAVIS DR      | "      |

A COY:

|          |                              |        |          |              |        |
|----------|------------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|
| NX 57392 | Lieut BISSAKER (Reinft Offr) |        | NX 36585 | Pte SMITH W  | X List |
| 36325    | Pte BURRELL RJ               | X List | 15677    | " SANDERS AA | "      |
| 19233    | " FROST RE                   | "      | 15022    | Cpl EVANS JR | "      |
| 45415    | " SINCLAIR HD                | "      | 16566    | Pte EVANS JT | "      |

B COY:

|          |                  |        |          |                 |        |
|----------|------------------|--------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| NX 15012 | Cpl BOREHAM FJ   | X List | NX 21015 | Pte O'CONNELL H | X List |
| 30022    | Pte BUDDEN RE    | "      | 14524    | " O'MALEY WJ    | "      |
| 16048    | " JONES IW       | "      | 65299    | " O'SULLIVAN TJ | "      |
| 22812    | " KENNEDY P      | "      | 45672    | " ROGERS FB     | "      |
| 14880    | Sgt MAIR DC      | "      | 17907    | L/Cpl SMITH JO  | "      |
| 13938    | Pte McDougall DH | "      | 24475    | Pte SHUMAKER RL | "      |
|          |                  |        | 14773    | " INGLIS AG     | "      |

C COY:

|          |                    |   |          |                  |   |
|----------|--------------------|---|----------|------------------|---|
| NX 21130 | A/Cpl BLACKWELL EV | " | NX 17824 | Cpl SILK RJ      | " |
| 21889    | Pte BROWN VR       | " | 20975    | Pte PRENTICE FC  | " |
| 47087    | " COX H            | " | 21665    | " NEVILLE-ROSS E | " |
| 24243    | " EARL CJ          | " | 21863    | " JONES AC       | " |
| 22986    | " O'NEILE P        | " |          |                  |   |



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2 (d) Contd.

D COY:

|          |              |    |   |      |          |               |    |   |      |
|----------|--------------|----|---|------|----------|---------------|----|---|------|
| NX 32551 | Pte ANIZARK  | JJ | X | List | NX 36768 | Pte DEAN      | LR | X | List |
| 35184    | L/Cpl BRIDLE | WH | " |      | 36197    | L/Cpl BELLITT | L  | " |      |
| 35573    | Pte BEASLEY  | A  | " |      | 36337    | Pte POWER     | G  | " |      |
| 17713    | " BOURKE     | PH | " |      | 35518    | " THOMPSON    | BH | " |      |
|          |              |    |   |      | 34083    | " WOODS       | RP | " |      |

(e) Schools - Rejoined unit from schools w e f 20 Feb 42:

HQ COY:

|          |             |    |          |                 |    |
|----------|-------------|----|----------|-----------------|----|
| NX 16066 | Pte EMANUEL | NF | NX 23483 | L/Cpl HENDERSON | J  |
| 17371    | " LEMERTON  | LA | 14956    | Sgt McLAUGHLIN  | RB |

A COY: NX 17949 Pte TURNER DW

B COY:

|          |              |     |          |               |    |
|----------|--------------|-----|----------|---------------|----|
| NX 15985 | Cpl CHELLEW  | DM  | NX 18330 | Pte WILT HIRE | ER |
| 24453    | Pte WILLIAMS | RJ. |          |               |    |

C COY:

|          |                  |          |              |     |
|----------|------------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| NX 36162 | Lieut AJ RACKHAM | NX 16855 | Cpl SHAMBLER | LER |
| 36749    | Pte JESTON       | TH.      |              |     |

### 3. CHURCH PARADE

(a) RC Parade: Coy RC pdes will RV at BOUKA Chapel at 0840 hrs.  
Lieut WCF HEDGER will be OC Pde.

(b) Protestant Parade:

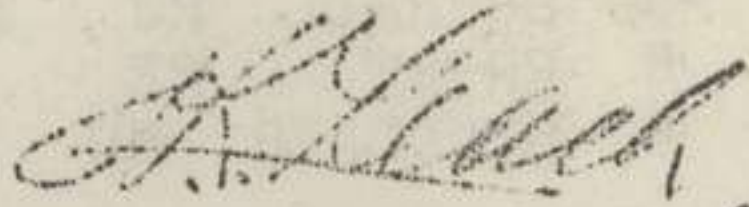
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Coys will be seated as follows:

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| HQ Coy | 0910 hrs. |
| A "    | 0915      |
| B "    | 0920      |
| D "    | 0925      |

Band will be in posn by 0905 hrs.

Coys will ensure that personnel do not interfere with tables etc and it will be brought to their notice that the use of the orphanage is a very much appreciated favour.

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2/13 4001 INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY

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Part I No 314

IN THE FIELD  
21 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy 22/23 Feb 42 - - - - B coy.  
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16833 " MILLS LJ " 23676 L/Cpl POWER MD "  
16631 " MILTON SM " 23423 Pte ROACHE GSD "  
19367 " KEATING JM " 59525 " DAVIS DR "

A COY:

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36325 Pte BURRELL RJ X List 15877 " SANDERS AA "  
19233 " FROST RE " 15022 Cpl EVANS JR "  
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D COY:

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NX 32551 Pte ANENZARK JJ X List | NX 36758 Pte DEAN LR X List |
| 35184 L/Cpl BRIDLE WH "         | 36197 L/Cpl ELLIOTT L "     |
| 35573 Pte BEASLEY A "           | 36387 Pte POWERS G "        |
| 17713 " BOURKE PH "             | 35518 " THOMPSON BH "       |
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|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
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B COY:

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
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| 24453 Pte WILLIAMS RJ.  |                           |

C COY:

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
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Part 1 No 315

IN THE FIELD  
22 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES:

Duty coy 23/24 Feb 42 - - - - - D coy.  
 Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut WCJ HEDGER.  
 " " sgt - - - - - Sgt KIRKHAM JA.  
 " " cpl - - - - - L/Cpl McKENZIE JJ.

Next for duty 24/25 Feb 42 - - - - - A coy.  
 Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut GC CLARK.  
 " " sgt - - - - - Sgt SEDGER RH.  
 " " cpl - - - - - Cpl HUDSON D.

2. MOVEMENT:

(a) Evacuations and discharges:

(1) Discharges: Rejoined unit from 2/11 AUST FD AMB:  
 HQ coy - NX 36646 Cpl BRAZIER AJ (AMOC) 20 Feb 42.  
 NX 36731 Pte BROWN VR 21 Feb 42.

(b) Attachments and detachments:

(1) Detachments: Detached for special duty to 2/23 AUST INF BN  
 w e f 22 Feb 42:

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| NX 58488 Pte NORWOOD R | NX 28198 Pte WHITE KN. |
| 32252 " GIGGINS J      | 17554 " THOMPSON GR.   |
| 23149 " LACEY NJ       | 21890 " HEMING L.      |
| 22411 " GLASGOW J      | 14881 Sgt RYAN JW.     |

NX 26273 Pte SMITH W is detached from BN HQ to B coy  
 (Stretcher bearer)

(11) Att from 2/4 AUST FD HYG SEC w e f 21 Feb 42:  
 DX 17407 Pte JOLLY WW.

(c) Transfers inter coy:

NX 26273 Pte SMITH W from B coy to BN HQ (Stretcher bearer).

(d) Schools: Rejoined unit ex SECURITY COURSE, MENA CAMP:

NX 14774 Pte WAY EH w e f 17 Feb 42.

(e) Transfers inter unit:

NX 14774 Pte WAY EH to "D" Sec FSS, 17 Feb 42.

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7/15 AUST INF BN  
POSTING OFFICER

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part 1 No 315

IN THE FIELD  
22 Feb 42.

**1. DUTIES:**

Duty coy 23/24 Feb 42 - - - - -D coy.  
 Bn ord offr- " " " " " " " " -Lieut WJ HEDGER.  
 " " sgt " " " " " " " " -Sgt KIRKHAM JA.  
 " " cpl " " " " " " " " -L/Cpl MCKENZIE JJ.

Next for duty 24/25 Feb 42 - - -A coy.  
 Bn ord offr- " " " " " " " " -Lieut CO CLARK.  
 " " sgt " " " " " " " " -Sgt SEDGER RH.  
 " " cpl " " " " " " " " -Cpl HUDSON D.

**2. MOVEMENT:**

**(a) Evacuations and discharges:**

(1) Discharges: Rejoined unit from 2/11 AUST PD AMB;  
 HQ coy - NX 36846 Cpl BRAZIER AJ (AMOC) 20 Feb 42.  
 NX 36731 Pte BROWN VR 21 Feb 42.

**(b) Attachments and detachments:**

(1) Detachments: Detached for special duty to 2/23 AUST INF BN  
 w o f 23 Feb 42:  
 NX 58488 Pte NORWOOD R NX 28198 Pte WHITK KN.  
 32252 " GIPINS J 17554 " THOMPSON GR.  
 23149 " LACETT HJ 21390 " HEMING L.  
 22411 " CLARROW J 14861 Sgt RYAN JW.

NX 26273 Pte SMITH W is detached from BN HQ to B coy  
 (Stretcher bearer)

(11) Att from 2/4 AUST PD HQ HQ HQ w o f 21 Feb 42:  
 IX 17407 Pte STEAK W.

**(c) Transfers inter unit:**

NX 25273 Pte SMITH W from B coy to HQ HQ (Stretcher bearer).

**(d) Schools: Rejoined unit on SECURITY COURSE, NEMA CAMP:**

NX 14774 Pte WAX HQ HQ w o f 17 Feb 42.

**(e) Transfers - inter unit:**

NX 14774 Pte WAX HQ to "D" See PMS, 17 Feb 42.

*[Signature]*  
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25 Feb 42.  
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8/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 5. - 1942.

(for 7 days ended 2200 hrs 24 Feb 42.)

REF MAP: LATTAQUIE - HAMA 1:200,000.

1. GENERAL: Although the weather has been mainly fine, intermittent torrential rains have prevented minor roads from drying out to become passable. Coy tag progresses and has included night exercises. The BN G (R) Sec has been given intensive tag in the employment of explosives, mines, demolitions and map reading.
2. AIR ACTIVITY: Nil.
3. OTHER ENEMY ACTIVITY: Nothing to report in this area. The following is repeated from NINTH ARMY "I" SUMMARY NO 245:  
"A British offr driving from TOBRUK to BARDIA recently was stopped by a "Maj" wearing an RE cap badge who informed him that the Germans had reached HALFAYA and advised him to get out quickly. The case was reported promptly and investigations are being made. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that the Germans are adept at this type of insidious propaganda, that they have expert English linguists and abundant stocks of British and Imperial uniforms of all types of unit. Any soldier meeting a man who talks in such a manner should demand proof of identity and if it is not forthcoming, the suspect should be placed under arrest, whatever his apparent rank. In ALL cases the matter should be reported as soon as possible to the nearest FSS sec or the nearest competent authority. All ranks should realise moreover, that this type of infm whether meant in good faith or not, is nearly always false."
4. OFFICIAL VISITS: The following visits have been made to this unit on the dates mentioned:  
Wed 18 Feb to Fri 20 Feb: Maj ROGERS and Capt SCHRADER of 2/7 Fd Regt.  
Fri 20 Feb: Maj HODGMAN, Capt CREDLIPP and Capt MCKENZIE from 9 AUST DIV.  
Sun 22 Feb: Brig-Gen MAXWELL (US ARMY) and Lieut GERARD (US NAVY).  
22-24 Feb: Maj ROBERTS and one OR from 4 RTR.  
Mon 23 Feb: Lt-Col WESTICK (2/7 FD REGT).  
23-24 Feb: Maj ROGERS and Lieut CALDWELL (2/7 FD REGT).  
On Thurs 19 Feb Lt-Col TURNER departed to attend METS SENIOR OFFRS COURSE. Lieut GR WILSON has taken over command 281 Sec FSS in place of Lieut TIMSON who departed for ALEPPO on 20 Feb.  
A TEWT held at ALEPPO on 21 Feb was attended by Maj SIMPSON, Maj COLVIN, and Maj DAINTREE.
5. MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE: (a) Rumours: On 22Feb there was a strong rumour in LATTAKIA among civilians that ROMMEL had taken TOBRUK.  
(b) NAHR SENE AREA: Bns shown on map at 172365 and 172363 are down and have been so apparently for some time. Tracks shown leading to ARAB el MOULK from SW are impassable to MT. Two tracks have been constructed to that town from near source of NAHR SENE. Except at the mouth of the river, the NAHR SENE is 8 ft deep throughout its entire length (Infm from 2/7 FD COY).  
(c) Demolitions: at 174434 (No 9a) and 174368 are complete.  
(d) Local magnetic variation: In mountainous country of NORTH ALAOUITE the variation is considerable. In one case a 13° variation in readings of the same bearing from two points along the line of the bearing, only 150 yds apart is reported.  
(e) Routes Nos 163 and 151 have been recessed completely by foot. The road is at present impassable by MT and is cut in several places by landslide.  
UNIT ACTIVITY: Extensive recesses have been made in conjunction with offrs of 2/7 FD REGT of the NAHR SENE area and of posns on rd LATTAKIA-KASSAB. On Sun 22 Feb, a Bn parade was held to welcome Brig-Gen MAXWELL.

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.....Lieut  
8/13 AUST INF BN



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IN THE FIELD

Part 1

No 319

26 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES:

Duty coy 27/28 Feb 42- - - - -A coy.  
 Bn ord offr- - - - -Lieut IG EDWARDS.  
 " " sgt - - - - -Sgt SEDGER RH.  
 " " cpl - - - - -Cpl HUDSON D.  
 Next for duty 28 Feb/1 Mar 42- - - -B coy.  
 Bn ord offr- - - - -Lieut FS BISSAKER.  
 " " sgt - - - - -Sgt MAIR DG.  
 " " cpl - - - - -Cpl PIATT WR.

2. COMMENTS: Receipt is acknowledged of the undermentioned articles from the ACF:

5 prs pyjamas  
 1 doz cakes soap.

3. INOCULATION: Coys will submit to this HQ by 1800 hrs 1 Mar 42 a nominal roll showing all personnel who have not received a TAB Inoculation since NOVEMBER 1941.

4. MOVEMENT: (a) Schools and courses - Marched out:  
 NX 21895 Lieut DWB MAUGHAN to Interpretation of Air Photographs No 16 Course w e f 26 Feb 42.  
 NX 19123 Cpl WHITE RV to RASC Tng School No 14 Unit MT Instrs (NCOs) Course w e f 26 Feb 42.  
 NX 36697 L/Cpl BROAD A to MEWTS No 36 Mortar Course w e f 26 Feb 42.

(b) Evacuations and discharges - hosp: (i) Discharges:  
 NX 29633 Pte LINDSAY D of 2/11 AUST FB AMB w e f 25 Feb 42.

(c) Detachments: The following personnel cease to be detached to HQ coy for rations:

|       |            |               |    |              |
|-------|------------|---------------|----|--------------|
| A coy | - NX 56619 | Pte SALISBURY | TA | - 24 Feb 42. |
| A "   | - NX 36335 | " CLIFF       | R  | - 22 Feb 42. |
| B "   | - NX 36529 | " MALIXON     | W  | - 19 Feb 42. |
| B "   | - NX 21954 | " LAW         | CE | - 24 Feb 42. |

5. TRAINING:

Coy Comds will endeavour as far as possible to avoid using cultivated land for tng purposes.

Coy areas within BOUKA CAMP not being used for crops etc will be allotted to pls for tng purposes by Coy Comds.

6. TOWN PIQUET TRUCK:

Attention is directed to BRO 302 para 4 of 9 Feb.

(a) The practice of personnel returning to camp from leave in LATTAKIA by means of the Piquet Truck will cease forthwith.

(b) Disciplinary action will be taken in ALL cases of non observance of this order.

*R J Somerville*  
 .....Lieut  
 Adjt 2/13 AUST INF BN  
 (R J SOMERVILLE)

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Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part 1 No 320

IN THE FIELD  
27 Feb 42.

**1. DUTIES**

Duty coy 20 Feb/1 Mar 42 - - - - - B coy  
 Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut FS BISSAKER  
 " " sgt - - - - - Sgt MAIR DC.  
 " " cpl - - - - - Cpl PLATT WR.  
 Next for duty 1/2 Mar 42 - - - - - D coy  
 Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut JE MADDEN  
 " " sgt - - - - - Sgt MORRIS FW  
 " " cpl - - - - - Cpl ROBERTS L.

**2. DISCIPLINE - BREACHES OF CENSORSHIP.**

- (a) Many breaches of censorship and cases of abuse of green envelopes privileges have been detected recently.
- (b) Full disciplinary action will be taken in offences of this nature and it is pointed out that heavy fines and periods of detention have already been imposed in this respect.
- (c) All ranks are to be impressed with the prime importance of strictly observing security regulations in correspondence, and informed that the scope of extra-unit censorship has been greatly extended.
- (d) Although considerable time may elapse between the time of writing and the institution of disciplinary action, according to the stage in transmission at which the breach of censorship is detected, this will in no way lessen the severity of the the penalty to be inflicted

**3. MOVEMENT****(a) Schools and courses:**

NX 12217 Maj GE COLVIN (HQ coy) to ME CAMOUFLAGE TNG AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - No 2 Senior Offrs Course w e f 27 Feb 42.

The undermentioned personnel rejoined unit on 26 Feb 42 from 1 AUST CORPS SKI SCHOOL:

A coy: NX 17270 Pte HUGHTON WJ      NX 22755 Pte WORLEY JC  
           NX 36234 " DEIGHTON R        35341 " HAAR GB  
           45285 " MILLS A  
 B coy: NX 15980 " WOODS MB        NX 15032 " IRELAND FC  
           36546 " STURGES FG        29330 " O'KEEFE JW  
 BHQ: NX 36544 Pte STURGES GT

**(b) Evacuations and discharges - hosp:**

(1) Evacuated to 2/11 AUST FD AMB 26 Feb 42:

NX 36387 Pte POWER G      - D coy.  
 NX 35243 " BIRWELL-COOK FGN      - D coy.

**(c) Attachments:**

Attached to HQ coy for rations only:

from A coy: NX 36355 Pte CLIFF L      w e f 27 Feb 42  
           C " - NX 16768 " CARNODY WJ      w e f 26 Feb 42.  
           D " - NX 15666 " O'Rourke WP      w e f 26 Feb 42.  
           NX 16833 Pte McMULLEN JT      w e f 26 Feb 42.

Att to HQ coy from AUST FD WKSHPs w e f 26 Feb 42.

NX 6500 Pte BURGESS M

**(d) Detachments:**

Detached from HQ Coy and rejoins AUST FD WKSHPs w e f 26 Feb 42:  
 NX 14080 Pte WILLIAMS RR.

**4. CHURCH PARADE:**

(a) RC Parade: Coy RC pdes will RV at BOUKA Chapel at 0840 hrs.  
 S/Sgt RAGAN J will be NCO I/C pde.

**(b) Protestant parade:**

Protestant pde will be held at BOUKA Orphanage.

Coys will be seated as follows:

HQ coy - - - - - 0910 hrs

A " - - - - - 0915

B " - - - - - 0920

D " - - - - - 0925

Band will be in posn by 0905 hrs.







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

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part I No 321

IN THE FIELD  
28 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES:

|                          |           |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Duty coy 1/2 Mar 42      | - - - - - | D coy.            |
| Bn ord offr              | - - - - - | Lieut JE MADDEN.  |
| " " sgt                  | - - - - - | Sgt MORRIS FW.    |
| " " cpl                  | - - - - - | Cpl ROBERTS L.    |
|                          |           |                   |
| Next for duty 2/3 Mar 42 | - - - - - | A coy.            |
| Bn ord offr              | - - - - - | Lieut WCJ HEDGER. |
| " " sgt                  | - - - - - | Sgt SEDGER RH.    |
| " " cpl                  | - - - - - | Cpl RUSSELL JG.   |

2. DISCIPLINE:

The following members of this unit were awarded punishments as stated for offences committed:

| No          | Rank | Name          | Offence                                          | Punishment                                                               |
|-------------|------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NX<br>18465 | Pte  | RICE EJ       | 1. AWL 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs<br>2. Breaking arrest | 28 days Fd Punishment in custody with forfeiture of pay for that period. |
| NX<br>5704  | "    | RICHARDSON TS | Do Do                                            | 14 days Fd Punishment in custody with forfeiture of pay for that period. |
| NX<br>14676 | "    | SMITH RJ      | Do Do                                            | 21 days Fd Punishment in custody with forfeiture of pay for that period. |
| NX<br>21503 | "    | GLODE AR      | Do Do                                            | 21 days Fd Punishment in custody with forfeiture of pay for that period. |

3. MOVEMENT:

(a) Attachments and detachments:  
 (1) Detached: to 9 AUST DIV POSTAL UNIT for 3 days duty w e f  
 27 Feb 42:  
 NX 16001 Cpl BOWNS RE (AA POSTAL C).

*S R Leach*  
 .....Capt  
 Adjnt 2/13 AUST INF BN  
 (S R LEACH)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 4-1942

(for 14 days ended 1200 hrs 17 Feb 42)

REF MAP: LATTAQUIE - HAMA 1 : 200,000

1. GENERAL: Tng continues under favourable weather conditions. With the withdrawal of the last detachment of this Unit from the posn on rd LATTAKIA-ALEPPO there are now three rifle coys at BOUKA CAMP. By enabling a wider sharing of the burden of supplying duties, this has increased the number of men available for training.
2. OWN DISPOSITIONS: On 15 Feb 42 the remaining detachment of this Unit near BDAMA (at 198432) was relieved by a detachment from C Coy, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and withdrawn to BOUKA CAMP. On 16 and 17 Feb 42 C Coy relieved A Coy at KASSAB. Our dispositions are now as follow:-

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Bn HQ - 15974001 | HQ Coy - 15953999 |
| A Coy - 15984002 | B Coy - 15973991  |
| C Coy - 17754418 | D Coy - 15973992  |
3. OTHER UNITS: Posns unchanged.
4. AIR ACTIVITY: Nil
5. OTHER ENEMY ACTIVITY: Nothing to report.
6. BORDER ACTIVITY: Patrols have been carried out near the Frontier at KASSAB with the object of intercepting letter carriers. A suspected fifth columnist was arrested at KASSAB on 9 Feb 42 but turned out to be an employee of the DEUXIEME. He is GEORGES KARAYACOUBIAN, a native of KASSAB. BUREAU )
7. OFFICIAL VISITS: On Tue 10 Feb 42; the Bde Comd, Brig WINDEYER, arrived on a visit to this Unit. He was met by the CO at KASSAB and inspected demolitions and proposed demolitions on Rd LATTAKIA-ANTIOCH.

On the morning of Thu 11 Feb 42 the Bde Comd visited the NAHR SEME (174368) and inspected the demolitions there. At 1300 hrs he visited Gen. MONCLAR (FRENCH Delegate General) at his residence. At 1430 hrs he addressed the Bn (less out-lying detachments) at BOUKA CAMP. At 1500 hrs the Bde Comd took the salute at a march past of this Unit in LATTAKIA. At the Saluting Base with Brig. WINDEYER were Gen. MONCLAR and Lt-Col. TURNER.

On 11 Feb 42, Capt. ALLAWAY (LSO att 9 Aust Div) and Capt F.S. WALSH (GSO 111 CW, 9 Aust Div) visited this Unit enroute to ALEPPO.

On 12 Feb 42, IO of RAE, OC 2/7 Aust Fd Coy and Lieuts E.D. MURRAY and AH MURRAY (6 Sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy) were shown posn of proposed demolitions on rd LATTAKIA-KASSAB by the CO.

On Fri 13 Feb 42, Maj NORMAN (LO 9 Aust Div), Maj J. PETERS (DADMS), Capt. LIPSCOMBE (2/11 Aust Fd Amb) visited the Unit.

On the morning of Sat 14 Feb 42 Capt EVANS PRICHARD (SPEAR'S MISSION) and Capt. MORGAN (BSM) called on the CO at BOUKA CAMP. In the afternoon the IO attended a Sand Table Exercise conducted by Gen. MONCLAR and the senior offrs of the FFL Garrison at LATTAKIA. The Exercise envisaged a beach landing by a raiding party of 200 GERMANS at SLAYEB (160416), and was conducted very realistically. A similar Exercise will be done by the FFL on the ground at SLAYEB on Thu 19 Feb 42.

On Mon 16 Feb 42 Lieuts J.W. CALDER and V.D. PADMAN (2/7 Aust Fd Regt) reported to make a recce of the Bn area, which they reced on 17 Feb 42. They will leave tomorrow for ALEPPO.



Sheet 2.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Road Recce. Recces of the following rds have been made:

KASSAB-BARNTCHE RHAZ (173438).  
BDAMA-SLENFE-LATTAKIA (189422 - 163396)  
177435 - TCHAR DAKA (178430)

These reports are being collated.

BRITISH Ambassador to TURKEY: On Sat 14 Feb 42,  
Sir Hugh KNATCHBULL HUGESSEN passed through  
LATTAKIA on his way from TURKEY.

Comms.- Coastal Gd. W/T and L/T Comms is being installed  
between the FP Navy at LATTAKIA and their Posts on  
the Coast NORTH of LATTAKIA.

9. UNIT ACTIVITY. On 11 Feb 42 the 'Bn' (less dets at BEDRIYE  
and KASSAB) marched through LATTAKIA, and the salute was  
taken by Brig. WINDEYER.

On Sat 12 Feb 42 the Unit band played at KASSAB.  
A C cadre on the SPIGOT Mortar for offrs and NCOs  
was conducted during the week by Lieut. E.M. PINKNEY.

*D.W.B. Maughan* Lieut.  
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn  
(D.W.B. MAUGHAN).

Distribution.

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*Max Deary*

**SECRET.**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**  
**2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**  
**NO 2 - 1942.**

for 7 days ending 1200 hrs 10 Feb 42.  
Ref map LATTAKIA - HAMA 1:200,000.

1. **GENERAL.**  
With the cessation of wet weather Coy training is now in full progress.
2. **OWN DISPOSITIONS:**  
On Sat, 7 Feb, 13 Pl moved back to new D Coy posn adjacent to B Coy  
Only 1 Pl (17 Pl) now remains at BERRIYE (198432).  
Otherwise no change in dispositions.
3. **OTHER UNITS:**  
No change except for the involuntary transfer of one member of  
281 Sec FSS from KASSAB to EL OURDU (TURKEY).
4. **AIR ACTIVITY:**  
On the morning of 8 Feb Posts L3 (163418) and L4 (158416)  
reported 5 planes out to sea and sounds of firing from the same  
direction. It is believed that they were our own planes taking  
part from TRIPOLI in naval exercises. Otherwise activity NIL.
5. **OTHER ENEMY ACTIVITY:**  
Nothing to report in this area. The following extract is taken from  
9 AUST DIV I SUMMARY No 199 reptg Hq NINTH ARMY Intelligence Summary  
No 235:  
**SYRIA:** A report has been received that ITALIAN officers in GRE CE  
recently mentioned the intention of staging small scale raids on the  
SYRIAN Coast.  
Comment: This report, together with rumours of an imminent GERMAN  
attack on TURKEY, TURKISH concentrations in the HATAY and GERMAN  
preparations in the BALKANS, is quite probably part of the war of  
nerves designed by the enemy to divert our attention to this front  
from his intentions in LIBYA. The possibility of such raids from  
small craft or submarines cannot, however be ruled out altogether.  
They would probably be based on the DODECANESE and possibly on the  
outlying island of CASTELLORIZZO. In PALESTINE, HAIFA Refinery  
would be an obvious target for a sabotage raid. The use of para-  
chutists for sabotage also can not be excluded. It is known that  
Syrian and Iraqi rebels are receiving parachute tng in ATHENS.
6. **BORDER ACTIVITY:**  
On night 6/7 Feb 42 a patrol from A Coy of 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 6 ORs  
(1 Cpl FSS attd) took up position on path near TURKISH border at  
KASSAB with the object of waylaying and holding for the FSS any  
persons using path or acting in an unusual manner. No persons were  
intercepted but torches were seen to flash at frequent intervals  
in the town and once a powerful light (probably torch) flashed on the  
path. On the same night L/Cpl CLARKE (FSS) accidentally crossed into  
TURKISH territory and was apprehended. He is reported to be well  
and to be held at EL OURDU "as the guest of a friendly govt". The  
TURKISH frontier authorities have stated that he will be returned  
shortly. FSS report one instance of an attempt by a TURKISH border  
official to obtain through the Sureté information as to the  
disposition of forces in this area.
7. **OFFICIAL VISITS**  
ON Wednesday 4 Feb GOC 9 AUST DIV paid a visit to this unit and  
inspected the outlying posns and BN HQ. During the week visits to  
the Unit have been paid by the undermentioned Offrs:  
Lieut PICKERING (BDE TO) and Lieut MORRISBY (58 LAD) - 4 Feb.  
Capt BENJAMIN (LSO 9 AUST DIV) - 5 Feb.  
Lieut BROWN (Bde LO) - 7 Feb.  
Capt McDONALD (ROYAL CORPS OF SIGS - 9th ARMY) - 7 Feb.  
On Sunday, 8 Feb the Comd Offr was invited to a lunch given in  
LATTAKIA by EL SHARIF ABDALLA. The lunch was attended by Gqn  
MONCLAR (French Delegate) the MOHAMED OF DJIBEL ALAOUITE,  
SULEIMAN MURSEED, (ALAOUITE religious leader) the principal  
officials and representatives of the leading families of ALAOUITE,  
the Comds of the FRENCH battalions and of the Service Spéciale  
at LATTAKIA and the Officers of the BSM and the SPEARS MISSION.  
The Comd Offr was represented by Maj SIMPSON (2 i/c). The Bde  
Comd is visiting this Unit today.



2/13 AUST INF BN I SUMMARY NO 2 Contd.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE:

Road Recce: On Sat 7 Feb 42, IO and TO, 2/48 BN reported to this HQ that they were making a recce of secondary rds branching from rd TRIPLOI - LITAKIA. On Mon, 9 Feb, CO, 2 i/c and IO of this Unit reced Rd BANIAS-MASSIAP. It is an AI all weather stone and rubble road. From BANIAS the rd rises steeply for about 1000 ft then follows close to the watershed until (between 202351 and 206351) it descends steeply and with many bends down a valley towards the Orontes. From Rd junc at 206350 to MASSIAP the rd keeps close to the mountains on the WEST with fairly level rolling country to the EAST.

Although shown on the LATTAQUIE-HAMA map as only a track, the road between QADMOUS and MASSIAP is not inferior to the stretch BANIAS-QADMOUS, except where it descends the valley as mentioned above: there the road is banked considerably with loose stone and would probably deteriorate with very heavy traffic.

Between BANIAS and 206350 are several good holding posns, commanding long stretches of road from which enemy advancing from EAST to WEST by this road could be delayed. - particularly at approx 1856356 and 186355 (where the rd traverses two narrow cols), at 189352 and near the head of the valley at 202351. On this stretch of the road there are no bridges, but at almost every turn there are vantage points for an enthusiastic A/Tk gunner; and places where demolitions of nuisance value could be made are numerous. Except in small stretches the gradient of the rd where it climbs does not exceed 1:8.

From Rd junc at 206350 to MASSIAP rd is in excellent condition; but at 207348 is not in appearance very substantial.

SNAP CONTROL: Measures are being continued.

SECURITY OF MATERIAL: A notice in both FRENCH and ARABIC has been issued and circulated through the Service Spéciale in which civilian population is informed that it will have 7 days in which to return WD property after which the possession thereof will be treated as a punishable offence.

FRONTIER CONTROL:

It is under consideration to place an Australian guard on the frontier post at 178439.

9. UNIT ACTIVITY:

On Wednesday, 11 Feb the BN (Less detach at KASSAB and BEDRIYE) will march through LITAKIA.

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20 AUST INF BDE (2)

2/15 AUST INF BN

2/17 AUST INF BN

Spare (3).

HQ Coy (2)

A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

D Coy

War Diary (2)

File

*D W B Maughan*  
.....Liout  
IO 2/13 AUST INF BN  
(D W B MAUGHAN)

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2/13 AUST INF BN - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NUMBER 2 - 1942  
 (For 7 days ending 1200 hrs 3 Feb 42.)

REF MAP: LATTAKIE - HAMA 1 : 200,000.

1. GENERAL. The continuance of very heavy rain, especially during last week, seriously curtailed unit activity; but despite this continuous loss of important tactical areas being made by

ERRATUM. 281 Sec FSS - Location should read  
 2 at KASSAB.  
 3 at DJISR-EL-CHIGOUR.  
 Remainder at LATTAKIA.

stated that  
 could read

3. OTHER UNITS. Below is a table showing location of personnel of other Units known to be in our area, but it does not include personnel of the BSM or the SPEAR'S MISSION.

| <u>UNIT</u>      | <u>NO OF PERSONNEL</u> | <u>STATIONED AT</u>                                        | <u>REMARKS.</u>      |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 9 Aust Div Sigs  | 8                      | HQ Coy                                                     | W/T Duties           |
| 2/7 Aust Fd Coy  | 1 Off. 36 ORs          | 2 at 174433 )<br>3 " Bn HQ )<br>remainder at )<br>174368 ) | Chiefly Demolitions  |
| AACS             | 6                      | LATTAKIA                                                   | Bulk Store           |
| 2/11 Aust Fd Amb | 3                      | Bn HQ                                                      | Amb duties           |
| RASC             | 2                      | LATTAKIA                                                   | Movement Control.    |
| 281 Sec FSS      | 1 Off. 10 ORs          | 2 KASSAB )<br>8 DJISR-EL-CHIGOUR )                         |                      |
| 42 Fd Coy RE     | 1 L/Cpl. 6 ORs         | Bn HQ                                                      | Hutment Construction |

On afternoon 27 Jan 42 Lieut. BAKER of ~~255~~ Sec FSS sustained serious injuries in a motor accident. Lieut. TIMSON of "B" Sec Aust FSS, who was proceeding to ALEPPO returned on took over duties temporarily as OC ~~255~~ Sec. Ninth Army has since instructed Lieut. TIMSON to remain at LATTAKIA in such capacity.

On Sunday 1 Feb 42 three ORs of 2/7 Aust Fd Coy were stationed with this Bn HQ for the purpose of supervising road construction in the area, and were attached to B Coy for administration.

A convoy of 9 vehs from "C" Sec 53 General Tpt Coy RASC, enroute for ALEPPO, staged the night 1-2 Feb 42 at BOUKA CAMP.

On Monday 2 Feb 42 one L/Cpl and 6 ORs of 42 Fd Coy RE reported to Bn for Engr duty in this area.

- 4. AIR ACTIVITY. NIL.
- 5. OTHER ENEMY ACTIVITY. Nothing to report.
- 6. BORDER ACTIVITY. Nothing to report in this Unit's area.
- 7. OFFICIAL VISITS Etc.

On 28 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs Lt-Col. NOTON (DADOS) visited the unit.

On the evening of 28 Jan 42 General MONCLAR (FRENCH Delegate General at LATTAKIA), Lt-Col. ABDUL WAHAB (Comd. "AUTOCHTONE" Bn at LATTAKIA), Major BAVIERE (Comd. TCHAD Bn), Capt. FRANCHOT (Comd. Naval Base TRPOLI), Capt LANGLOIS (Comd. FREE FRENCH Navy at LATTAKIA), Major MITCHELL (SPEAR'S MISSION) and Capt. MORGAN, BSM, were among the guests who attended an AT HOME at the COs residence.

On Sat 31 Jan 42 and Sun 1 Feb 42 the Commanding Officer paid a visit to HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.



At 1600 hrs 31 Jan 42 Lieut. BROWN (L0, 20 Aust Inf Bde) arrived on a visit to the unit. He visited KASSAB on 1 Feb 42 and returned to ALEPPO on 2 Feb 42.

On Mon 2 Feb 42 Major STATHAM, SOME 9 Aust Div, visited this unit.

GOC, 9 Aust Div will visit this Unit tomorrow.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

- (a) BROTHELS. Two members of Brothel Piquet are stationed at the entrance of brothel which is out-of-bounds to Australian troops.
- (b) SHIPWRECKS. SS AMATHUS. Naval personnel despite heavy seas carried out diving and other operations, and this wreck, which threatened to obstruct the entrance to the harbour, was demolished by HE. As a result the inhabitants of LATTAKIA enjoyed a "fish" day on Friday.
- (c) An inspection was carried by 2<sup>nd</sup> Sec FSS of this Unit on 29 Jan 42. Report is not yet to hand.
- (d) PROPAGANDA. A report that anti-BRITISH proaganda was being circulated by influential people in DJEBLE was investigated by the BSM and the FSS on Saturday 31 Jan 42.
- (e) SNAP CONTROL. The FSS have instituted a system of Snap Control in conjunction with the FRENCH authorities on roads leading out of LATTAKIA and also at KASSAB and DJIR EL CHICOUR.
- (f) SECURITY OF MATERIAL. During the week a number of civilians have been apprehended both by this Unit and by the FSS for being in possession of WD property. A Proclamation to the civilian population on this subject, is being drawn up by the FSS and will be issued in due course.
- (g) LAND SLIDE. The Village of KARA DURAN (141441) has been practically destroyed by a land slide caused by the recent heavy rains. The subsidence commenced on 23 Jan 42 but the damage occurred on 27 Jan 42. Tinned milk and biscuits were made available from the Canteen through this Unit for the children involved.

9. UNIT ACTIVITY. Extensive recon has been made by all Coy and Pl Comds of this Unit of the Coy area at KASSAB and the DJIR EL DANIEL Valley (1641). Plans are being worked out in detail for the occupation by one Coy of the latter area as a delaying position.

*D. W. B. Mauchian*  
Lieut.  
I.O. 2.13 Aust Inf Bn  
(D.W.B. MAUCHIAN)

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ALL COYS.  
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN  
3 Feb 42.

2/13 AUST INF BN ADM CIRC.

"CASUALTIES"

1. BURIALS.

Anyone in charge of a burial party will require ration bags to contain red identity discs and effects of each man and sandbags for holding a suitable number of filled ration bags.

Stretchers where available and additional sandbags will be found of use.

Before burial remove:

Red identity disc and leave green identity disc. If only one identity disc is found it will NOT be removed. The paybook.

All other personal property found on the body.

In the case of a civilian the pass book, paybook together with all personal property found on the body.

Effects so collected will be handed in to the HQ of the Unit to which the individual collecting them belongs.

The collection and disposal of the personal effects of British personnel and enemy dead will be carried out in a similar manner.

Failing other identification, cap badge, collar badge, shoulder title or number marked on eqpt should be carefully noted as well as the exact spot on which the body was found and the apparent cause of death.

Nothing on any account must be removed by carrying squads.

The person in charge of burials will have all bodies searched and all eqpt and effects removed and all bodies identified before burial.

For better identification bodies of our own forces, of our allies, of the enemy and of civilians will be buried in separate localities.

Where practicable, bodies will be buried in separate graves; bodies of offrs should be buried with their men.

On filling in graves a sufficient mark should be left on the ground to identify the body. This will be done either on a peg or the infm placed in a container.

If possible, before the burial of enemy dead, a staff offr should be afforded the opportunity of examining uniforms etc.

The bodies of deceased personnel will NOT be sent to CCS or fd amb unless in the opinion of a HQ it is considered necessary to do so. Motor amb will NOT be used as conveyances for personnel killed during active ops.

A form of service for the burial of the dead is given in FSPB para 11 appx 1.

In the case of RCs the form of service prescribed in the RC prayer book should be used.

it is the responsibility of the Unit that the following information is shown on AFW 3314



- (a) Serial No of grave.
- (b) Regtl No, Rank, (Name and initials in block letters).
- (c) Unit.
- (d) Date of death, if known.
- (e) Map ref.
- (f) Any useful infm.

## 2. AFW 3314 (BURIAL RETURN)

AFW 3314 (Burial return) will be fwded direct by Unit to O2E, AIF, MEF, failure to include AIF may result in return being sent to O2E (British) causing delay in advice being sent to next of kin. AFW 3314 will be rendered in quadruplicate, one copy to O2E, AIF, One copy to this HQ and two copied to Bde HQ.

This army form will also be used in the case of burial of the enemy's dead but should be clearly marked "ENEMY'S DEAD".

## 3. DISPOSAL OF EFFECTS BY UNIT HQ.

### DEAD MISSING AND PW - ORs.

On receipt at Unit HQ, an inventory of the effects will be made and checked by an Offr who will dispose of them in the case of ORs as follows:

- (a) Paybook will be handed immediately to the Pay Sgt of the Unit, or if the Unit has no Pay Sgt, to the nearest Australian Pmr.
- (b) All monies will be forwarded by the Unit to the nearest Aus t Pmr who will issue an official receipt to the CO.
- (c) Any diaries found will be forwarded under separate package to O2E, AIF, ME.
- (d) Articles belonging to the Government will be dealt with as salvage.
- (e) Personal belongings other than clothing will be examined by an Offr. Red identity disc or a copy of what is on it, if not removed from the body, articles of intimate or sentimental value found on the body or in the deceased man's kit, will be made up in a package together with a certificate on original AFW 3109 and endorsed inventory completed and forwarded by registered post to AIF KIT STORE ALEXANDRIA. Effects found in the kit of a missing man or reported PW will be dealt with in a similar manner. Duplicate AFW 3109 will be retained by the Unit for ref.

## 4. LABELLING.

Each package will be securely fastened and sealed and labelled with the special (AFW 3043).

Each label will bear the censor stamp before despatch and will be inscribed with regtl number and rank, name, and Unit.

In the event of the despatch by a Unit of more than one package of effects at a time, each package will be made and labelled separately, the whole being then enclosed in a sack securely sealed and despatched as a registered package. A list of the various packages will be enclosed in the sack.

Personal clothing will be dealt with as salvage, unless for sanitary reasons it has been necessary to destroy it.

In case of individuals known to have died of an infectious disease, all effects will be thoroughly disinfected before despatch and a certificate enclosed in the package of effects to say that this has been done.

All effects will be dealt with in accordance with the above para and will on no account be sent direct to the next of kin.



**5. ENEMY DEAD.**

The collection and disposal of the personal effects of the enemy's dead will be carried out in a manner similar to that laid down for own except that money and pay book will be treated in the same way as identity disc and articles of intrinsic value.

Arrangements for burial will be made if possible so as to allow a rep of the GS the opportunity to gain info regarding the units engaged, by examination of the uniforms etc.

If an identity disc be found, it, together with all papers etc will be taken from the body by the Offr i/c burial party.

Particulars will be entered on AFB 1035 regarding the inscriptions on the identity disc, the nature of papers and effects found on the body and the place of burial.

The discs, effects (including money and paybook) and AFBs B103b will then be forwarded to the AG Branch of this HQ accompanied by a statement giving the place and date at which they were collected.

**6. OFFRS AND NURSES.**

Effects of offrs and nurses reported dead, missing or PW collected and handed in to HQ of a Unit, will be dealt with in the same way as effects of ORs.

No article will be sold.

Money owing on a mess A/c is chargeable against the deceased Offrs or Nurses Pay A/c and may be recovered by submission to the Chief Pmr, AIF of a claim certified to by CO, Unit and President of the Mess.

Effects will be labelled with AFW 3301.

**7. EFFECTS OF SICK AND WOUNDED.**

Personal effects of sick or wounded will normally accompany them to dressing station or hosp.

When this is not possible they will be sent duly labelled with AFW 3042 for ORs to AIF KIT STORE in the manner prescribed for the personal effects of deceased offrs, nurses and ORs.

In the case of PW, personal effects of sick and wounded will be collected on arrival in an amb and fwded to the G Branch of Div HQ for examination for handing over to O2E, AIF, ME, through the AQ Branch of Div HQ. O2E, AIF, ME will hold them for safe custody until further disposal can be made.

In the case of sick and wounded of our own forces, personal effects will in principle accompany the individual throughout his or her evacuation and will be restored to him or her in the general hosp or hosp outside the theatre of ops to which he or she is admitted for treatment.

**8. REF.**

In setting out the above procedure ref has been made to SOs AIF 1940 in addition to FSR Vol 1 1930 Appx VI. It will be appreciated that where these authorities are in conflict the former applies. Rules and procedure AIF KIT STORE ALEXANDRIA Issue No 1 of 21 Feb 41 have also been consulted.

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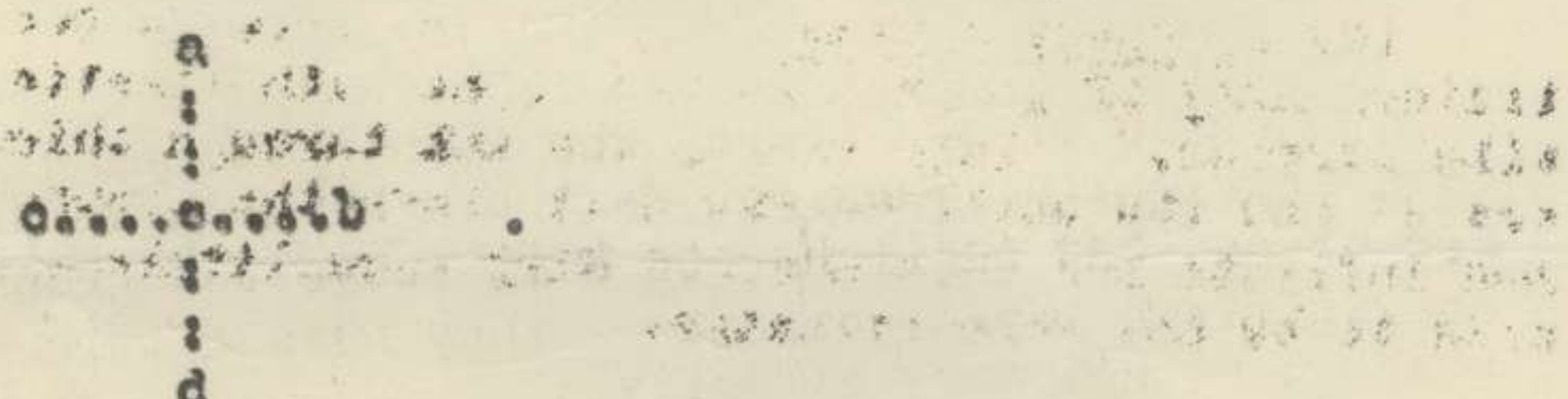
German note on Patrols (from a captured document).

The following observations are based upon experiences gained during the patrol activities on 14 Sep 41.

Every unit must make it a rule always to be ready to carry out all kinds of patrols in its sector, with varying strengths and objects. Preparations must be most carefully made and kept continually up to date. This is only possible by regular patrol activity forward, even when the situation is quiet, and without special orders. Patrol activities on a larger scale, especially any into the enemy positions, are dependent on previous approval from the division. The following points are particularly important:-

Knowledge of important objectives, the routes leading to them, knowledge of the ground on the part of the patrol commander, fire-protection (by infantry as well) signal communication, and complete equipment of the patrol. It is almost invariably necessary to include one light mortar; in all cases where there is the slightest possibility of meeting enemy AFVs an Anti-tank rifle and mines should be added. Definite arrangements must be made for the reinforcement of patrols, their reception on return, and medical arrangements (ambulance).

The cross formation similar to that in the following sketch has proved its value in all cases as the basis formation for an advancing patrol:-



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It is best suited to all cases and obviates the most dangerous error - bunching. Naturally the cross formation has to adapt itself to the ground. In open country with a strong patrol it will be relatively large. In some circumstances it is even necessary to detail connecting files to the centre of the cross. In country with cover and in the case of a weaker patrol the cross will be smaller. It will have to adapt itself to broken country by adopting a less regular form.

Taking as a basis a patrol with a strength of 1 officer, 1 second-in-command, and 16 men, and given the possibility of meeting enemy AFVs, the patrol would be organised and equipped as follows:-

- a - forward party - commander with Machine Pistol  
2 scouts  
2 men with a LMG.
- b - right flank protection - 2 men with Machine Pistols.
- c - left flank protection - 2 men with Machine Pistols.
- d - support group - Second-in-command with Machine Pistol.  
2 men with light mortar.  
2 men with LMG  
2 W/T operators.
- e - connecting files - 2 men with Anti-tank rifle.

The size of the cross changes with the country. In open flat country it should be at least 150 x 100 metres, and even in covered broken country should never be smaller than is necessary for maintaining visual communication.

If the above rules are properly adapted to suit situation, task, and ground the danger of a patrol being surprised and surrounded, as well as excessive bunching leading to unnecessary casualties, will certainly be avoided.

The patrol may have to choose a different route back either because this will frequently be found most suitable for the task in hand, or because of enemy activity.

(From NINTH Army Intelligence Summary No. 220).



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
2/13 AUST INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS

Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding  
Part I. No 294

FIELD  
1 Feb 42.

I. DUTIES:

Duty Coy 2/3 Feb 42-----B Coy.  
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut P.B. MARTIN.  
" " Sgt-----Sgt BROWNING, V.T.  
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl DONOGHUE, R.W.

NF Duty Coy 3/4 Feb 42-----C Coy.  
Bn Orderly Offr-----Lieut J.B. MARTIN.  
" " Sgt-----McDOUGAL, L.R.  
" " Cpl-----L/Cpl FITZJOHN, C.E.

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NOTICES.

A Bazaar will be held in LATTAKIA at the AMERICAN MISSION and will be open to members of this Unit as under:

Tues, 3 Feb 42 - 1930-2130 hrs - Offrs, WOs and Sgts.

Wed, 4 Feb 42 - 1830-2130 hrs - ORs.

The articles for sale will include examples of local needlework and souvenirs.

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Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding  
Part I No 317

IN THE FIELD  
24 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES:

Duty coy 25/26 Feb 42 - - - - - B coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut RJ BARRETT  
" " sgt - - - - - Sgt MAIR DC  
" " cpl - - - - - Cpl BORBHAM PJ

Next for duty 26/27 Feb 42 - - - - - D coy.  
Bn ord offr - - - - - Lieut RJ BURRELL  
" " sgt - - - - - Sgt STRATFORD A  
" " cpl - - - - - L/Cpl TUCKER PM.

2. DUTIES - MAIN GUARD.

In future the sgt of the guard will provide himself with a Bren gun and a TSMG on which he can instruct members of the guard not actually on duty.

Weapons will be drawn from CQMS, HQ coy..

A syllabus will be prepared on the day preceeding the duty, a copy of same to be submitted to BN HQ after mounting.

3. LECTURE - OFFERS.

A lecture for offr will be given at BN HQ at 2000 hrs on 26 Feb 42. ALL offr will attend. Subject ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

4. EVACUATIONS TO RAP.

Personnel evacuated to RAP will return all blankets on charge to CQMS. Blankets are available at RAP for patients.

5. CHEMICAL WARFARE INSTRUCTION - ALARMS

GHQ MRF Chemical Warfare Instruction No 13 of 21 Jan 42 is repeated:

1. As some confusion appears to exist as to the correct gas alarms and resultant upon minor amendments in the UK, para 8 of Chemical Warfare Instruction No 8 dated 5 Dec 40 (not to all addressees) is cancelled.

2. The following system of alarms will be adopted in the ME theatre of operations:

RATTLE: The ONLY alarm for gas other than aircraft spray.

SPRAY: This verbal warning is shouted to indicate that aircraft spray has fallen.

3. Notes: (a) A succession of short blasts on the whistle is the normal signal for enemy aircraft in sight and will always be taken to indicate a potential spray danger.

(b) The hand operated syren may be used as an air raid warning

(c) "All clear signal" There is no whistle signal to indicate "gas clear". When the local commander is satisfied that there is no longer any necessity to continue wearing the facepiece he will cause the word "gas clear" to be passed by word of mouth. All ranks will then test for gas before removing their facepieces.

6. PAY

Pay will be available to coys at BN HQ at 0900 hrs Wed 25 Feb 42  
Coys will ensure that personnel are warned to draw sufficient money to enable them to proceed on leave up to and including 5 Mar 42. Pay will NOT be available in ALEPPO nor will pay be obtainable from this HQ before 5 Mar 42.

7. MOVEMENT:

(a) Evacuations and discharges - hosp - 2/11 AUST PD AMB.

HQ coy NX 36174 Pte MCKENZIE JJ w e f 23 Feb 42.

NX 16514 " ALLEN WJ "

D NX 20180 " LONSDALE R "

The above members will, until further notice, be shown on Daily Pde Status as "Hosp".



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## (b) Transfers inter coy.

Ref RO No 312 para 2 (c) of 22 Feb 42:

Transfer NX 26273 Pte SMITH W is revoked. Pte SMITH W ceases to be a stretcher bearer and remains on B coy strength. NX 35564 Pte GRINTALL VT ceases to be detached to B HQ ~~coy~~ and is transferred from C coy to B HQ ("I" Sec) w e f 21 Feb 42.

|          |     |            |    |          |                 |        |
|----------|-----|------------|----|----------|-----------------|--------|
| NX 15669 | Pte | KENDRICK   | HJ | A coy to | HQ coy (pnr pl) | 24 Feb |
| 19524    | "   | MILLS      | VF | D        | "               | "      |
| 23684    | "   | MILLWARD   | T  | D        | "               | "      |
| 35323    | "   | McKENNA    | PJ | D        | "               | "      |
| 16700    | "   | SING       | C  | D        | "               | "      |
| 40795    | "   | HIGGINS    | JE | D        | " (AA pl)       | "      |
| 46289    | "   | AMOS       | C  | D        | "               | "      |
| 59795    | "   | SMITH      | L  | D        | "               | "      |
| 36008    | "   | TREWEEK    | HJ | D        | "               | "      |
| 18422    | "   | HOWE       | LF | D        | "               | "      |
| 36697L   | Cpl | BROAD      | A  | D        | "               | "      |
| 36737    | Pte | HOURIGAN   | WP | D        | " (Sig pl)      | "      |
| 29333    | "   | ASSER      | J  | C        | " (Pnr Pl)      | "      |
| 54513    | "   | KELLY      | PR | C        | "               | "      |
| 18976    | "   | O'SULLIVAN | JS | BN HQ    | C               | 25 Feb |
| 15666    | "   | O'ROURKE   | WP | "        | D               | "      |

## (c) Detachments:

Rejoined Bn HQ from detached duty w e f 23 Feb 42 (batman to Capt SR LEACH)

NX 16683 Pte STEVENARD OHL

## (d) Schools and courses:

Rejoined unit ex ME SCHOOL OF AA & CD w e f 23 Feb 42:

NX 70221 Capt OM WALSOE.

## 8. MONASTERY RD.

Attention is drawn to BRO 313 para 5. It has been noticed that this order is not being complied with.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Coys will ensure that this ~~order~~ <sup>order</sup> is brought to the notice of all ranks.

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2713 AUST INF BN  
ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding,  
Part I No 318

IN THE FIELD  
25 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES:

Duty coy 26/27 Feb 42-- -- -- -- --D coy.  
Bn ord offr-- -- -- -- --Lieut RJ BURPELL.  
" " sgt -- -- -- -- --Sgt STRATFORD A.  
" " cpl -- -- -- -- --L/Cpl TUCKER PM.  
Next for duty 27/28 Feb 42 -- -- -- -- --A coy.  
Bn ord offr-- -- -- -- --Lieut IG EDMUNDS.  
" " sgt -- -- -- -- --Sgt SEDGER RH.  
" " cpl -- -- -- -- --Cpl HUDSON D.

2. MOVEMENT: (a) Detachments:

Rejoined unit from detached duty with 2/23 AUST INF BN  
w e f 24 Feb 42: HQ Coy:

|                                                                      |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| NX 14981 Sgt RYAN JW                                                 | NX 58488 Pte NORWOOD RA |
| 28198 Pte WHITE KN                                                   | 32252 " GIGGINS JE      |
| 17554 " THOMPSON GR                                                  | 23149 " LACKY AJ        |
| 21890 " HEMING TF                                                    | 22411 " GLASGOW SJ.     |
| NX 27934 Lieut EM PINKNEY - from 2/15 AUST INF BN - 24 Feb 42. B coy |                         |
| NX 21473 L/Cpl BENTLEY AR " " " " " " HQ coy                         |                         |

(b) Attachments: Rejoined unit from 1 AUST GEN HOSP w e f 23 Feb 42:  
SX 1481 Maj LC MAIDEN (No 5 AUST DENTAL UNIT).

(c) Strength: Taken on strength from 9 AUST DIV SEC GP (ex "X" List)  
w e f 24 Feb 42 - HQ coy:  
NX 59592 Pte WOOD AG (AACC).

3. DRESS - MESS PARADES:

Coy Comds will ensure that al men are dressed uniformly for all mess  
parades.  
At evening meal all men will be correctly dressed in SD uniform,  
without hats.

4. LEAVE - Amendment to ADM INSTM NO 7.

(a) Leave Periods: Commencing Mon 2 Mar 42 leave periods will commence  
on Mondays and Thursdays.

(b) Rations: No rations will be carried.

(c) Piquet: Duty coy on each Monday and Thursday will supply a piquet  
for ALEPPO to proceed with leave party.

STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 5 ORs.

OC Piquet will act as OC Leave Party.

OC Piquet will report to DAPM, ALEPPO and to HQ 20 AUST INF BDE  
on arrival.

(d) Report: A written report will be submitted to BN HQ by OC Piquet  
on return from ALEPPO.

(e) Dress for Piquet: SD uniform, greatcoat, Boots, gaiters, belts and  
sidearms, hats KF (turned up).

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2/13 AUST INF BN NEW INSTN NO 7.

LEAVE - - - - -ALEPPO.

1. The following allotment of leave to ALEPPO has been made to Coys. Coys will ensure that only selected personnel are granted leave.

Tuesday 24 Feb 42.

Hq Coy - 24 hrs.  
 A " - 12  
 B " - 12  
 D " - 12

Thursday 26 Feb 42.

Hq Coy - 24 hrs  
 A " - 12  
 B " - 12  
 D " - 12

2. Offrs and NCOs:  
 D Coy will detail one of r as OC leave party.  
 Each Coy will send on leave one senior NCO who will be responsible to the OC party for the discipline of his coy party.  
 Nominal rolls will be submitted to HQ by 1800 hrs on Monday 23 Feb 42.
3. Rations and Quarters:  
 Leave party will report to and be quartered at 2/15 AUST INF BN, German Barracks, ALEPPO.  
 Each coy party will carry two days rations in bulk which will be handed to 2/15 AUST INF BN on arrival.
4. Bathing:  
 Hot baths will be ready when the party arrives at ALEPPO.
5. Road discipline:  
 OC leave party and senior NCOs will travel in cabins of vehs.  
 Vtn - 40                      mih - 27.  
 Halts will be made at the completion of first two hours of journey and at 15 minutes to each hour thereafter.  
 Convoy will depart from HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN at 0800 hrs on Tuesday 24 Feb 42 and Thursday 26 Feb and from 2/15 AUST INF BN for return journeys at 1400 hrs on Wednesday 25 Feb and Friday 27 Feb 42.
6. Amenities:  
 OC leave party will inform personnel of amenities in ALEPPO before dispersal of party from GERMAN BARRACKS.
7. Pay:  
 Pay will not be available in ALEPPO.  
 Coy Comds will ensure that personnel proceeding on leave have adequate funds.
8. Discipline:  
 Continuation of ALEPPO leave for this unit is contingent on the maintenance of good discipline. Strict attention will be paid to dress, bearing and general conduct.
9. Blankets:  
 Each man will carry five blankets and ground sheet.
10. Dress:  
 3D uniform, hats turned up, gaiters, web belt.

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Acc: Insta No 7 and Appendix A and amendments thereto are cancelled and the following instructions substituted:

1. Leave periods:  
Leave parties will depart at 0800 hrs each Monday and Wednesday and return from ALEPPO at 1300 hrs each Tuesday and Thursday.
2. Allotment of leave:

|        |          |       |           |
|--------|----------|-------|-----------|
| HQ Coy | - 24 ORs | A Coy | - 12 ORs. |
| B "    | - 12 ORs | D "   | - 12 ORs. |

Each coy will send on leave one Senior NCO who will be responsible to the CO Leave Party for the discipline of his coy party. Nominal rolls of personnel nominated for leave will be submitted to BN HQ by 1200 hrs on the day prior to proceeding on leave. Officers leave will be notified by BN HQ.
3. Rations and quarters:  
Leave party will report to and be rationed and quartered at 2/15 AUST INF BN, GERMAN BARRACKS, ALEPPO. No rations will be carried by leave party but mess gear will be taken.
4. Bathing:  
Hot baths will be ready when the party arrives at ALEPPO.
5. Road discipline:  
CO leave party and Officers or senior NCOs will travel in cabins of vehs  
VTM - 40                      MIM - 25.  
Halts will be made at the completion of first two hours of journey and at ten minutes to each hour thereafter. Convoy will depart from HQ 2/15 AUST INF BN at 0800 hrs on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 2/15 AUST INF BN for return journeys at 1300 hrs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
6. Assaults:  
CO leave party will inform personnel of assaults in ALEPPO before dispersal of party from GERMAN BARRACKS.
7. Pay:  
Pay will NOT be available in ALEPPO. Coy Comd will ensure that personnel proceeding on leave have adequate funds.
8. Discipline:  
Continuation of ALEPPO leave for this unit is contingent on the maintenance of good discipline. Strict attention will be paid to dress bearing and general conduct.
9. Blankets:  
Each man will carry five blankets and ground sheet.
10. Dress:  
BD uniform, hats UP turned up, gaiters, boots, web belt.
11. Bounds:
  - (a) IN BOUNDS:
    - (i) All tps will be warned that they are not to visit cafes unless the "IN BOUNDS" sign is displayed.
    - (ii) Main cafes in bounds to tps:  
Parisien cafe; Hits cafe; Dixie cafe; Al-Chab cafe; Parc Palace cafe; Sachour cafe; Pierre Cafe; Maroccan cafe; Cafe du Brazil; Oxford Bar; Victoria cafe; Novelty cafe; Popadopolis Buffet; Palengian cafe; Parisiana cafe.
    - (iii) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Officers only:  
Lewis Tavern. Circle Orient.
  - (b) OUT OF BOUNDS:
    - (i) The Aerodrome at ALEPPO is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except on duty.
    - (ii) The streets named below are "OUT OF BOUNDS":  
SHARIA HANNAH el TALL.  
SHARIA BABITA.  
These streets are situated East of Bab el Faraj Square.



12. Canteen: - BOULEVARD DE FRANCE - ALEPPO.

Hours: Dry canteen: 1000 to 2145 hrs daily.

Hot canteen: 1700 to 2145 " "

Lunch is served between 1200 and 1400 hrs daily.

13. Piquets:

(a) Duty Coy on each Monday and Wednesday will supply a piquet for ALEPPO to proceed with leave party.

STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 5 ORs.

OC Piquet will act as OC Leave Party.

OC Piquet will report to DAPS, ALEPPO and to HQ 20 AUST INF BN on arrival.

(b) Report: A written report will be submitted to HQ by OC Piquet on return from ALEPPO.

(c) Dress for Piquet: SB uniform, greatcoat, boots, gaiters, belts and sidearms, hats KP (turned up).

14. The above instructions will be promulgated to all ranks before they proceed on leave.

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**2/13 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS - PERIOD 9/23 Feb 42.**

| DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0900-0945                                       | 0945-1030                                                                                                                                    | 1045-1130                                                                                                                  | 1130-1215                          | 1400-1445                                                                                                                            | 1445-1530                                                                       | 1530-1630                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | Seln of fire posns and targt. ISL Sec 37/38                                                                                                  | See formations ISL Sec 52.                                                                                                 | Field signals ISL Sec 45.          | Indcn of targ- etc. ISL Sec 29                                                                                                       | R'cgtn of targ- etc. ISL Sec 39                                                 | Cover from view How to use cover ISL Sec 47. MT Pam 33 Sec 8 |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | Judging dist- ances. ISL Sec 40                                                                                                              | Range cards. ISL Sec 40                                                                                                    | Fire control orders. ISL Sec 41-43 | Field signals Chng direction of a pl deploy- ed. IT& War Ch VI.                                                                      | Use of cover from view and Keeping disce- tion ISL Sec 47 -48. MT Pam 33 Sec 8. | Fire control ord- ers. ISL 41-43. Repetition.                |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | Range cards ISL Sec 40                                                                                                                       | <b>SECTION STALKS</b><br>MT Pam No 33 Sec 27.<br>Demonstration Practices.<br>To be practised over same area as range cards |                                    | <b>OCCUPATION OF SECTION POSITION IN DEFENCE IN STEEP COUNTRY USING NATURAL COVER</b><br>Demonstration<br>ISL Sec 70. MT Pam Sec 31. |                                                                                 | Practice                                                     |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | Range cards ISL Sec 40                                                                                                                       | <b>SECTION IN THE ATTACK</b><br>ISL Secs 61-64                                                                             |                                    | <b>SECTION IN THE ATTACK AND CONSOLIDATION ON HIGH GROUND</b><br>Demonstration<br>ISL Sec 65-68                                      |                                                                                 | Practice                                                     |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>BATTALION DUTIES</b>                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>KIT INSPECTION MEDICAL INSPECTION SPORTS</b> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| Note: Each Coy will prepare one night exercise - "A Pl deployed moving across country with a change of direction." Time of exercise and area will be notified to BN HQ by 0900 hrs on Mon, 9 Feb 42. |                                                 |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | Platoon in attack and consolidation in steep country. Dem by selected platoons.<br>FSR Vol II Sec 97.<br>IT& War Sec 67. MT Pam No 33 Sec 37 |                                                                                                                            |                                    | PLATOON IN ATTACK - Practice by platoons                                                                                             |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | PLATOON IN DEFENCE. OCCUPATION OF A PL DEFENSIVE POSN IN STEEP COUNTRY.<br>Dem by selected Pl. IT and War Sec 77                             |                                                                                                                            |                                    | PLATOON IN DEFENCE - Practice by platoons                                                                                            |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                    | March to tng area. March discipline             | BATTLE PROCEDURE - COY DEMONSTRATION<br>IT& War Ch 8 - FSR Vol II Sec 13-15                                                                  |                                                                                                                            |                                    | COY AS ADVANCE GUARD FOLLOWED BY COY IN ATTACK<br>IT & War Ch XI - FSR Vol II Secs 41-43.                                            |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                   | March to tng area. March discipline             | COY IN DEFENCE - OCCUPATION OF A DEF POSN IN STEEP COUNTRY- SIGHTING AND COVERING A/TK OBSTACLES. IT & War Sec 76 & 73.                      |                                                                                                                            |                                    | ORGANISED REST                                                                                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>BATTALION DUTIES</b>                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                              |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>KIT INSPECTION MEDICAL INSPECTION SPORTS</b> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                              |

**Night exercises:** 1. Night 7. Night attack and consolidation in steep country.  
2. Night 10. Def posn to be occupied at last light. Patrolling on rough country will be practised during hours of darkness. Coy schemes to be submitted to BN HQ by 0900 hrs 14 Feb 42.

**Note:** Midday meal to be eaten in field during fortnight's training.



HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN  
14 Feb 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

WEEKLY REPORT ON TRAINING.

The following report is submitted on the tng of this unit for the week ending 14 Feb 42:

1. Weapon tng:

Weapon tng has been carried out as smartening exercises at the end of each period. The standard of weapon tng is satisfactory and up to TOET standard.

2. Tactical tng:

Tactical tng continued as per syllabus. Some periods were missed through (a) Issue of new clothing.  
(b) March through LATTAKIA.

but most of the syllabus was completed and the BN is now ready to go on with coy tng in accordance with syllabus submitted.

TEWT for all offrns was held 8 Feb 42 covering two problems:

- (a) The role of mobile coy in the event of a beach landing.
- (b) Defensive coy posn astride rd ANTIOCH - LATTAKIA at the NAH - el - KANDIL.

3. Specialist tng:

- (a) "I" Sec employed on Int work.
- (b) Signals - most of sigs employed on BN signals, remainder attending sig school.
- (c) AA pl - training consistently with LMG - standard good.
- (d) Mortars - this pl has had 8 new men transferred and is training consistently to bring them up to standard. Progress made is satisfactory.
- (e) Carriers - as for mortar pl, 3 new men transferred. Tng in maintenance and recce has been carried out, also LMG tng.
- (f) Pioneer pl - mostly employed on camp duties.
- (g) Transport section - Tng in maintenance and weapons is being carried out by personnel not employed in driving. 15 new men transferred in.

4. Training in special weapons etc.

- (a) Spiggot mortar:  
BN cadre of all offrns and NCOs on 13/14 Feb. Not sufficient time for completing but all offrns and NCOs have a good working knowledge of the weapon.
- (b) Anti-gas tng:  
Respirators were worn for 30 mins on 7 Feb 42. Normal duties and tng were carried out during this period.
- (c) Coy lectures on Field Security given by OC, FSS were completed.

5. General:

The weather has been mostly fine during the week and thus allowed tng to continue according to syllabus.

Coys in fwd areas have been tng on same syllabus as remainder of BN. It is considered that, after the period ending 23 Feb 42, the BN will be ready to commence BN tng.

The BN marched through the town of LATTAKIA on Wed 11 Feb 42 and the salute was taken by the Bde Comd. The march was considered successful:

- (a) For local political reasons, and
- (b) Acted as a stimulant to the tps and "keyed" them up quite a lot.

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Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN  
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APPENDIX

IN 2/13 AUST INF BR  
4 Feb 48.

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FRANCE FORCES IN LATTAKIA AREA.

INFANTRY: - PFL.

GRAND BR (BR.3)

consisting of BR

3 Rifle Coys (Weapons similar to British establishment)

- 1 Sq Coy (4 - 75 mm guns.
- (4 - 85 mm A/TX guns.
- (4 - 81 mm mortars.

Local PFL.

2 Levant BR

consisting of BR

4 Rifle coys (One Pl at )

ARTILLERY:

Special sq 1 - 4 - 65 mm guns

COASTAL DEFENCE: one Coy with BR at LATTAKIA.

MISC LEVANT COYS: 3 Arm'd Cs.

..... Lieut  
IC 2/13 AUST INF BR  
(D W S SAUGHAN)

Distribution:

- CO
- 2 1/c
- Adj't
- Ssg (2)
- IC
- War Diary (2)
- File



*W/O*  
SECRET

Hq 2/13 Aust Inf Bn  
5 Feb 42.

REFERENCE FREE FRENCH FORCES-ORGANISATION  
OF COASTAL DEFENCES

In further reference to the above document  
recently despatched to you, which document forms portion  
of Appendix "C" of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Situation Report, the FREE  
FRENCH NAVY have advised the designation of some of the Posts  
therein mentioned have been changed.

The second page of the document should therefore be  
amended to read as follows:-

PAGE 1: POST L7 (HAMEMINE)

PAGE 2: Post L.8  
(DREBLE)

Patrol Post L.9  
(a) on NAHR-SKHE Rd,

(b) Post L.9.

Post L.10 & D.8  
(MARKAB)

(otherwise correct for remaining Posts)

*D.W.B. Naughan* Lieut.  
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn  
(D.W.B. NAUGHAN)

Distribution.

20 Aust Inf Bde  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
HQ Coy  
A Coy  
B Coy  
C Coy  
D Coy  
War Diary  
File  
Spare.



TAPE WORM INFECTION.

The following instruction is to be brought to the notice of all ranks. A copy will be displayed in each coy kitchen, and one copy will be given to each cook.

Cases of infection with tape worm among soldiers have occurred both in LATAKIA and ALEPPO recently, and the disease is known to exist elsewhere in SYRIA. The two types recognised here are the pork tape worm - Taenia solium and the beef tape worm - Taenia saginata. The tape worm requires two hosts to complete its life cycle. The adult worm lives and grows in the intestines of man; mature segments containing thousands of eggs are passed in the faeces. These eggs are ingested by cattle and pigs when feeding; in the gut of the animal they undergo certain changes and after penetrating the gut wall are carried by the blood stream to the muscles where they become encysted. These cysts can be seen in the meat of the killed animal - 'measly pork'; they are often calcified or chalky. If infected meat is eaten raw or only partially cooked, the cysts develop within the human intestine into adult worms - thus completing the cycle. It is possible for the cyst stage of the pork tape worm to occur in man due to auto infection i.e. due to lack of cleanliness the man may swallow some of the eggs which he has passed in his excreta. This condition is called cysticercosis. After a quiescent period of several years it may give rise to serious brain disease - the commonest being epilepsy.

METHODS OF PREVENTION.

1. The meat must be carefully examined before cooking for the presence of cysts which are pale in colour and vary in size from a pin to a marble. They may be calcified or chalky.
2. All meat must be thoroughly cooked, since, if infected meat escapes detection the process of cooking will destroy the cysts.
3. On no account must raw meat be eaten e.g. ham. The meat must be well cooked and not underdone.
4. On no account must men defecate in the open since an infected man can spread the infection in this manner.

RECOGNITION.

Symptoms of infection are often very slight. The man may suffer from general malaise - feels off colour, with disturbance of appetite and irregularity of bowels. Diagnosis is obvious when the fleshy segments which are full of eggs are found in the stools.

*S R Leach*  
.....Capt  
Adjt 2/15 AUST I.F BN  
(S R LEACH  
17 Feb 42.

| <u>DISTRIBUTION:</u> | <u>Copies</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|
| COs Residence        | 2             |
| HQ Coy               | 4             |
| A "                  | 4             |
| B "                  | 4             |
| C "                  | 4             |
| D "                  | 4             |
| File                 | 1             |
| War Diary            | 2             |
| 20 AUST INF BDE      | 1             |











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"X" List

Each issue of Orders will be numbered consecutively throughout the year.  
A fresh series to be commenced with the first issue in each year.

Army Form O. 1810 a.  
All Arms. (Adapted)

"X" LIST: Unit 2ND/13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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**DAILY ORDERS. PART II.**  
(OFFICERS ONLY).

No. 05

Station DIMRA Date 14TH FEB. 42

G.P.A.—120—40000—23.9.41—G.C.P.—Pal.

| SUB. No.                                                                         | RANK AND NAME                         | PARTICULARS OF CASUALTIES, ETC., AND DATE                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DIAGNOSES OF DISEASES</u>                 |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| 12                                                                               | NX 13864 Lieut Fairbairn, M.F.        | Evacuated 2/11 Aust. Fd. Amb. (Burns both Hands) to 2/3 CCS 24.1.42.                                    |
| 13                                                                               | NX 383 Lt-Col Burrows, F.A. (MM., ED) | Discharged 15 Scottish Gen. Hosp. for return to Australia. 25.1.42.                                     |
| 14                                                                               | VX 2191 Lieut Taylor, C.S.            | Discharged 1 Aust. Gen. Hosp. struck off "X" List and marched out to 9 Aust. Inf. Spec. Group. 25.1.42. |
| <u>MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION</u>                                                    |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| 15                                                                               | NX 383 Lt-Col Burrows, F.A. (MM., ED) | Medical Classification assessed as "Temporarily Unfit for Service" by Medical Board. 23.1.42.           |
| <p>(Sgt.) J. F. McCARTHY Capt.<br/>for Officer i/c 2nd Echelon.<br/>A. I. F.</p> |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| <u>DISTRIBUTION</u>                                                              |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| 2nd Echelon (Aust.)                                                              |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| Registry.                                                                        |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| D. A. G.                                                                         |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| Chief Paymaster.                                                                 |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| <u>C. O. UNIT</u>                                                                |                                       |                                                                                                         |
| NOTE.—Other Ranks casualties will be reported on Army Form O. 1810.              |                                       |                                                                                                         |



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 21 Feb 42 19 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

| 1                                                               | 2                                                                               | 3                           | 4                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Detail.                                                         | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment.   | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I.                                                  | 1                                                                               |                             |                                                            |
| W.Os. Class II.                                                 | 6                                                                               |                             |                                                            |
| W.Os. Class III.                                                |                                                                                 |                             |                                                            |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants | 5                                                                               |                             |                                                            |
| Staff Serjeants                                                 |                                                                                 |                             |                                                            |
| Serjeants                                                       | 31                                                                              | 4(3 detach can be replaced) |                                                            |
| Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.                                       |                                                                                 |                             |                                                            |
| Corporals                                                       | 62                                                                              | 1                           |                                                            |
| Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.                  | 679                                                                             | 27                          |                                                            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                                   | <b>784</b>                                                                      | <b>32</b>                   |                                                            |

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

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

| Detail                 | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| NX17358Cpl West G T    | AANC                                 |         |                                      |
| SX 6406Pte Baxter H C  | "                                    |         |                                      |
| SX 7813Sgt Bell J R    | "                                    |         |                                      |
| NX21151Pte Fraser R    | "                                    |         |                                      |
| NX16001Cpl Bownds R E  | AA Postal C                          |         |                                      |
| VX 7503Sgt Holt A E    | AAPC                                 |         |                                      |
| WX 4323Pte Haywood E V | 20 Aust Inf Bde                      |         |                                      |
| NX60042Cpl Larkin D    | AAOC                                 |         |                                      |
| NX16660Pte Evans J     | "                                    |         |                                      |
| NX36646Cpl Brazier A J | "                                    |         |                                      |
| NX57535Pte Smith 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) |
|----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| NX59592  | Pte   | Wood A G           | AAOC<br>a tt 2/13 Aust Inf<br>Bn. | 9 Aust Div Spec Gp                          |
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