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EL ALAMEIN	1.9.42		Normal protective patrols only	
		0553	Shelling opens up	
		0950	Lieut EP Bevan returned from participating in 2/15 Bn raid and reported that it was success-	
			ful at the outset but an enemy attack was anticipated	
		1100	2/15 Bn has completed withdrawal from western point 23	
		1200	There has been shelling over the whole Bn area during the past hour	
		1515	CO went to A Coy to give orders for fighting patrol to Lieut MT Fairbairn and Lieut FS	
			Bissaker	
		1530	Unusual movement of single men between clover leaf (87403044) and the Coast, was observed	
		1730	Two men observed moving amongst derelict carriers forward of C Coy	
		1900	Enemy air activity over the area has been considerable. Over 20 ME 109 having been observed	
			during the day	
		2130	Patrol from C Coy went out to inspect derelict tanks area	
		2145	Fighting patrol of 2 Offrs Lieut MT Fairbairn, Lieut FS Bissaker, Sgt McVicar and 20 ORs	
			moved out from A Coy	
		2325	Carrier Pl reported 4 men (and others behind them) outside their wire	
		2345	CO phoned Comd 4 Pl in ref to observed movement of these men and was informed that Lieut	
			FC Appleton was investigating - CO also warned C Coy	
	2.9.42	0030	Patrol from C Coy reported back from derelict carriers bringing suspected aiming post.	
		0035	A Coy sent up light signal calling for fire support for patrol and confirmed it by LT. MGs	
			and Mortars oprned fire	
		0040	Lieut FC Appleton (4 Pl) reported no men found forward of their wire	
		0055	Lieut FS Bissakers party (part of patrol) reported in to fwd base	
		0130	Lieut MT Fairbairn reported that all his patrol was in. After Moonrise he found that the	
			patrol was too unwieldy so he sent portion of patrol back. While this party was returning	
			an enemy party opened up and our patrol exchanged fire with the enemy firing two to three	
			mags per gun with 2 LMGs and 3 TSMGs it is not known whether casualties was inflicted.	
		0905	C Coy reported seeing 6 men with packs moving towards them in bounds	
		0930	The men disappeared from our view near the coast at about 87543037.	
		1200	Two men seen observing towards C Coy from this area sp arty and MGs were informed shelling	
			and firing	
		1300	44 enemy shells in Bn area	
		1330	18 EA flew over area	
		1800	Patrols tonight from all Coys, strengths 1 Offr and 10 ORs with the object of engaging the	
			enemy wherever encountered. With C Coy patrol Sgt Silk and 6 ORs will go out to 87543037	

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EL ALAMEIN	2.9.42	1800	(ctg) they will take a telephone and remain out until last light 3 Sep 42 to observe and ambush any enemy who may attempt to occupy the same place	
		2100	No 4 Pl reports that they fired on some men near their listening post who failed to answer a challenge. They were sending out a patrol. D Coy then phoned to say that 4 Pl was shooting up their ration party	
			<u>PERSONNEL.</u> <u>OFFICERS</u>	
			Lieut JE Madden transferred to 18 Pl. Lieut FN West becomes Comd to No 2 Pl ex 18 Pl. Capt EA Handley MC and Lieut EFS Norrie marched in ex 20 Recruit Trg Coy.	
	3.9.42	0130	D Coy reported in. No contact was made but they heard noises of a man moaning.	
		0233	A Coy patrol (Sgt Rhodes) reported in and that the enemy post behind the main enemy wire had been engaged with no casualties to the patrol and unknown results to the enemy	
		0405	C Coy reported in and that Sgt Silk was in position	
		0500	Lieut MT Fairbairn and Sgt Slaughter moved out to derelict trailer at 87423016 to observe enemy FDLs forward of A Coy.	
		0900	CO conferred with Comd of C Coy and Lieut Green about tonights patrolling	
		1000	CO conferred with Comd D Coy-Lieut Heslop and Sgt FW Morris in reference to arranging a fighting patrol for tonight	
		1900	Shelling on Southern side of ridge 33. Two casualties suffered by D Coy	
		2115	All patrols have gone out. Lieut MT Fairbairn reported in. Their observations revealed enemy positions to be stronger than was anticipated.	
		2244	Plane observed to crash into sea N.N.E 22	
		2255	Sgt Silk and patrol returned	
		2345	D Coy patrol returned having failed to locate their objective	
			<u>PERSONNEL</u> <u>OFFICERS</u>	
			Capt EA Handley MC appointed Comd BCoy. Capt F. Faulkner becomes 2 I/c B Coy. Lieut GC Clark becomes 2 I/c D Coy. Lieut JE Wood Comd 16 Pl.	
	4.9.42	0150	B Coy observed a burning plane to crash over enemy lines	
		0251	C Coy patrol reported in and that fire had been exchanged with FDLs near Clover Leaf (87423042)	
		0600	Our Mortars engaging an enemy thought to be from South trig 33.	
		1100	Patrolling for tonight will be a recce patrol from C Coy with Lieut SCF North and a fighting patrol from A Coy with Lieut MT Fairbairn.	
		1215	EA appear to have reced this area throughout the morning	
		1725	An ME 109 made a low recce of the area appeared to be carrying a large cigar shaped object under the fusilage too large for a bomb	

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EL ALAMEIN	4.9.42	1830	A line was laid from arty to A Coy HQ and then to an OP in A Coy area from which Lieut MT Fairbairn indicated targets to OPO and fire was directed onto posts observed in daylight yesterday, fired 42 rounds.	
		1920	Fired further 20 rds PERSONNEL. OFFICERS Lieut DE Green evacuated	
	5.9.42	0100	Lieut North reported in. Patrol penetrated mine fields in Clover Leaf area to a depth of 50 yards then returned and followed the minefield South for 400 yds, minefield has a depth of one row only	
		0115	A Coy reported that Lieut MT Fairbairn and patrol are in. No enemy found in occupation of the posn forward of wire.	
		0330	D Coy fighting patrol reported in. Patrol had been prematurely discovered and one engineer had become a casualty.	
		1000	CO conferred with Capt Handley (Comd of B Coy). Two patrols from B Coy will attempt to locate the enemy post North East of Fairbairn post located from trailer by Lieut MT Fairbairn and Sgt Slaughter by sound. If information brought back by first patrol warrants the second will be a fighting patrol.	
		1100	CO conferred with C Coy Comd (Capt OM Walsoe)	
		1200	CO went to Bde.	
		1900	Heavy MT Movement Northwards all day has been reported from OP.	
		2200	CO went to B Coy for night	
	6.9.42	0030	First B Coy patrol have failed to locate the post, second patrol will be a recce patrol only.	
		0145	Lieut SCF North reported in	
		0630	Lieut SCF North reported to Comd Post. Patrol penetrated minefield near coast for 145 yds. numerous enemy seem to be moving about without engaging in any work, both Italian & German speech were heard	
		0800	C Coy reported that enemy is registering his own FDLs	
		0900	CO conferred with Capt OM Walsoe (Comd C Coy) It is decided that a fighting patrol under Comd of Lieut MD Vincent will raid the area where Lieut North observed movement last night	
		1500	Conference attended by B C 57 Bty Comd - .OC 1 Pl B Coy 2/2 MG Bn - Comd C Coy, Lieut MD Vincent, Lieut SCF North, Sgt McDougall; Sgt Ahearn, who arranged details for fighting patrol plan (13 and 15 Pls)	
		1800	The OP has reported that MT movement on skyline track exceeds normal	

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EL ALAMEIN	6.9.42	1915	OP report unusual movement in enemy lines of men converging on a derelict truck (looking west from OP)	
		1920	Op at point 17 report a group of 30 men was seen North of the road at 87133042 .	
		1930	OP at trig 33 reports the converging men near derelict have been shelled.	
		2130	Fighting patrol of 2 pls moved out	
	7.9.42	0140	Patrol from A Coy (Comd Light RJ Barret) reported in and that there had been exchange of fire with an enemy position and probably inflicted casualties. Patrol appeared to have set off an alarm on approaching a post	
		0345	C Coy reported first parties in from patrol.	
		0430	Lieut North reported in to Comd Post.	
		0440	Engineer sgt reported in . A soldier who was escort to the sappers was believed to be enemy and being fired upon was wounded fatally .The patrol penetrated deep behind minefield and swept a very large area bu no contact with enemy made.	
		0445	Lieut Pope and patrol from B Coy reported in and that a gap was found in the enemy wire.	
		1000	A Coy Comd (Capt Sanderson) attended a patrol in policy conference with the CO .C Coy patrol will recover the body of the soldier killed on last nights patrol . A Coy patrol will contact the wire and engage the enemy west of Fairbairn post. B Coy will further investigate the wire seen during last nights patrol.	
		1300	OP report very heavy MT movement further west has caused so much dust that observation on sky-line track is obscured completely	
		1530	Our sp arty fired approx. 20 rds on to suspected Hq area on Clover Leaf where a DR has been observed to call regularly	
	8.9.42	0200	Lieut MD Vincent reported back because of considerable numbers of enemy in the area search for the body had to be given up.	
		0210	CO requested sp arty and MGs to fire in the area.	
		0215	B Coy report having seen 2 figures fwd of their FDLs and that they wre investigating.	
		0245	D Coy fwd LP reported movement of 20 men 40 to 50 yds out from LP	
		0250	Neighbouring Coys informed	
		0310	C Coy stood-to	
		0400	C Coy stood-down	
		0800	OP have reported movement of men in area of post at 87063010 , a DR has called twice in this area	
		1000	Tonight two patrols will go out from A Coy area and one small recce patrol to investigate the wire west of Fairbairn post and one to go deeper into the area between main road and railway	

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ELAMAME IN	8.9.42	1000	<p>(Qtg) B Coy will continue to investigate the wire between the main road and the Palms area and C Coy will again try to recover the C Coy Soldiers body.</p> <p>1500 CO went to Bde.</p> <p>1630 CO went to A Coy</p> <p>1810 OP report one large and several small white flags in enemy territory south of Rly line.</p> <p>1900 EA -JU 52 - has flown very slowly and at a height of about 100 ft over the trig 33 ridge above Bn HQ and towards the enemy lines</p> <p>1905 OP report a truck seen to debus men near white flag.</p> <p>1915 OP report 3 more trucks and a staff car de-bussed men near white flags</p> <p>2100 D Coy commenced relief of C Coy</p> <p>2350 Lieut DS Webb reported in and that patrol could not find the soldier's body.</p>	
	9/9.42	0145	Sgt L Rhodes and 4 ORs returned from a patrol west of Fairbairn post where the wire was examined until the investigations were impeded by enemy fire	
		0315	Relief of C Coy -D Coy completed	
		0340	A Coy deep patrol (Lieut EFC Norrie and 8 ORs) reported in . All members of the patrol have been slightly wounded except one. Patrol penetrated to a depth of about 2500 yds passing through a minefield over 100 yds deep In the engagement with the enemy our patrol replied with heavy automatic fire.	
		0430	B Coy report that Sgt Mair and patrol have returned having further investigated the enemy wire	
		0900	A Cadre on mines of all types under instructions of 2/13 Aust Fd Coy commenced in HQ area. 2nd MG school commenced. Lieut Jory and ORs attend	
		1630	CO visited A Coy and discovered butterfly bombs in the minefield near A Coy	
		1830	Enemy shell trig 33 area	
			<u>PERSONNEL. OFFICERS</u>	
			Lieut PB Martin (LO) broke his leg in a Jeep accident returning to Bde from Bn. Lieut EP Bevan evacuated.	
			<u>VISITORS</u>	
			Comd 20 Bde visited 2/13 Bn	
	10.9.42	0120	D Coy patrol Lieut J.E. Madden and 10 ORs reported in after investigating 2 minefields at approx 87403035 patrol returned via the derelict carriers (87513035) and found enemy approx Coy strength in occupation of area.	
		0130	CO requested arty to engage area but arty refused because guns were not in night firing posn	
		0135	Area of derelict carriers engaged by sp MGs and Mortars	
		0225	Lieut Bissaker and patrol from A Coy reported in Patrol opened fire on enemy party. enemy replied with automatic and mortar fire but without injury to our patrol	

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EL ALAMEIN	10.9.42	0530	Lieut Pope and 8 ORs reported in after lying up near enemy wire to way-lay enemy patrols none were seen			
		1200	A Coy has been shelled consistantly for 2 hrs. Patrols for tonight B Coy will further investigate the wire North of main road. A Coy will attempt to contact enemy between main road and Rly C Coy will send out a standing patrol to the area of the derelict carrier			
		1500	Coy Comd conference			
		1830	During past half hour A and C Coy have heavy bombardment			
		1900	OP report marked decrease of enemy MT movement during the day.			
			PERSONNEL. OFFICERS. Capt OM Walsoe relinquished comd of C Coy to become QM. Capt EA Handley becomes Comd C Coy. Capt DF Faulkner resumes Comd B Coy. Capt KC Wilson becomes 2 i/c B Coy. Capt GE Evans seconded to 9 Aust Div. GSO iii (i). ORs. Four R&F attending Div Sig school.			
		11.9.42	0310	C Coy standing patrol reported in from carriers NTR		
			0330	A Coy reported return of Lieut RJ Barret patrol. No contact was made		
			0550	Lieut AR Roberts and 10 ORs of B Coy reported in. 1 Member of patrol was shot in leg by enemy while he was investigating a minefield		
			0730	Shelling near A Coy. Air bursts towards Tel-el-Eisa.		
			0930	Capt EA Handley (Comd C Coy) confers with CO.		
			1600	QM (Capt OM Walsoe) confers with CO		
			1700	CO went to Bde.		
				PERSONNEL. OFFICERS. Lieut DWB Maughan (Ex IO) succeeds Lieut PB Martin as LO. Lieut MT Fairbairn becomes IO ex 2 i/c A Coy. VISITORS. Col. Melvin CO 64 Brit. Gen. Hosp. visited RAP in Bn area		
12.9.42	0250	D Coy report having observed 2 searchlights on bearing 298 degrees.				
	0355	C Coy reported in and NTR				
	0445	A Coy " " " "				
	0520	B Coy " " " "				
	1920	B Coy reports observation of a large convoy moving North along escarpment on bearing 275 dgs				
	1950	Warning from 20 Bde to lookout for 15 cwt Bedford truck with new yellow hood. It was last seen moving west from El Alamein at 1740 hrs occupied by 2nd Lieut wearing gaiters & forage cap accompanied by driver with red hair and bare headed. These men are under suspicion & if found are to be returned to Bde under escort				
		PERSONNEL. OFFICERS. Lt-Col. RWN Turner goes to Bde Adm. Comd. Lieut BWD Maughan accompanies CO to Bde to assume his duties. Major GE Colvin adm Comd 2/13 Bn. Major CM Daintree A/ 2/ic. Lieut FN West evacuated. Lieut EP Bevan rejoined unit from Xlist.				

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EL ALAMEIN	12.9.42		<u>CTO.</u> <u>NCOs.</u> Cpl Neuss leaves unit to attend A/Tk school.	
	13.9.42	0330	A Coy patrol report in .	
		0415	D Coy report that C Coy patrol are passing through on their way in	
	14.9.42	0355	A Coy report that Lieut HW Pope and patrol are in.	
		0408	D Coy report in	
		1830	D Coy observed a JU 52 seen rising from high ground rear of Sidi Rahman mosque	
		1850	D Coy reported a JU 52 flying in from sea .Landed approx. 12000 yds from pt 17 on bearing of 280 degrees	
		1920	50 shells landed in Bn area. 1 casualty	
		2400	D Coy reports in.	
			On night of 14/15 the three day rations held by Coys will be returned to QM	
			<u>PERSONNEL</u> . R&F .Pte Maitland RR rejoins unit from A/Tk school	
			<u>VISITORS</u> .Pilot Offr A Morgan of 6 Squadron RAF accompanied by LO (Lieut BWD Maughan)	
	15.9.42	0420	Lieut JE Madden reported in with patrol, spoke with CO	
		1005	B.Ech bombed -6 light bombs dropped -one slight casualty	
		1055	4 More bombs dropped on B Ech. No further casualties	
		1138	2 ME 109s bombed area rear of OP then flew west.	
		1245	12 Stukas flew over Bn area out to sea. 1 dropped 4 bombs, another 2 all of which fell in water	
		1400/) 44 shells landed in Bn HQ area (8 were "duds")	
		1915)	
		1926	B Coy report having seen large explosion at rear of Sidi Rahman Rahman mosque	
		2100	Cpl McDonough (D Coy patrol) moved out to strong post	
		2130	A Coy patrol (Lieut EFC Norrie) moved out	
		2130	B " " (Lieut AR Roberts) " "	
		2130	C " " (Cpl AK Kemp) " "	
			<u>PERSONNEL.</u> <u>OFFICERS.</u> Lieut MT Fairbairn (IO) evacuated. Lieut EM Pinkney appointed A/IO. Lieut CA O'Connor rejoins unit from METC, posted to 9 Pl. Lieut SCF North 4 days leave to Alexandria. <u>NCOs.</u> WO ii Furness and Sgt DC Mair marched out to OCTU . <u>VISITORS.</u> Lieut Gen. Sir Oliver Lees comd 30 Corps accompanied by Lieut-Gen Sir Leslie Morshead KBE CMG DSO ED and staffs visited Bn area. Sir Oliver accompanied by Major GE Colvin visited 1 sec OP on ridge 33.	
	16.9.42	0150	Cpl Kemp AK (C Coy patrol) reported in spoke with CO	
		0330	Lieut AR Roberts reported in from patrol	
		0430	Lieut EFC Norrie " " " "	
		0710	OP report EMT movement on skyline track reduced to 10 ph	

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EL ALAMEIN	16.9.42	0759	(Ctd) OP report unusual amount of dispersed EMT from trig 29 to 866297 slight movement of approx 87		
		2200	B Coy patrol (Lieut AR Roberts) and 10 ORs) object to confirm posn of previous reported enemy post at approx 87403030 to report on mines, wires, and posns. 2200 D Coy patrol (Lieut DS Webb and 10 ORs) previous patrol (15/16) revealed presence of wire around post 87333022 and in addition saw numbers of enemy believed to be Germans, object to report on posns of post and wire intercepting enemy and inflicting casualties.		
		2200	D Coy covering party (Sgt JA Kirkham, 3 R&F and 3 Sappers) sappers are to plot enemy mine fields in Bn front.		
		2400	C Coy patrol (Lieut DS Webb and 10 ORs) previous patrol (15/16) revealed presence of wire around post 87333022 and in addition saw numbers of enemy believed to be Germans, object to report on posns of post and wire intercepting enemy and inflicting casualties. VISITORS. Brig. Holdsworth 154 Scottish Bde. Lt-Col BS Handon OBE (CO 8 Aust Fd Amb & A/A DMS) visited RAP in Bn area. Major NR Wilmot 1st Black Watch. Lieut JJS Lunn 51 Regt Recce Corps		
	17.9.42	0347	B Coy patrol returns		
		0435	D Coy " "		
		0530	C Coy " "		
		0810	OP report fewer EMT moving at stationery on skyline track		
		1500	9 JU 87 divebombed area 882298 this is the first time sirens have been used during EA ops in this area. No damage or casualties.		
		1600	1 Cas. from shelling.		
		1940	D Coy standing patrol reports approx 80 men moving on Clover Leaf		
		2140	D Coy report our harrasing fire falling 20 yds in rear of their patrol		
		2220	D Coy report our HF still firing in our lines		
		2350	Arty phones requiring infm removement of our patrols and asking for checking of fresh HF duty offr referred arty to projected patrols for 17/18. D Coy happy. PERSONNEL. OFFICERS. Lieut RW Sampson joined unit ex Reinf. list. Lieut RW Heslop to Alexandria 4 days leave. NCO's. Sgts RD Singleton and AB Carson rejoined unit ex ITB Staff Sgt H Dick returns from MEAS. MARCHED IN. 12 from X list 1 Reinf; Pte McKenzie JJ goes to A/Tk school. L/Sgt Silk goes to METC Junior Leaders Course:, 4 Days leave Alexandria 1 Offr 3 ORs Cairo 10 ORs.		
		18.9.42	0231	B Coy xxxx patrol reports in.	
			0330	C Coy " " "	
			0350	D Coy covering party reports in	
	0602		D Coy patrol reports in		
		1940	D Coy standing patrol reports they can see man moving on Clover Leaf.		

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EL ALAMEIN	18.9.42.	Last	PROJECTED PATROLS. D Coy standing patrol (Cpl McKellan) and 6 R&F move out to old strong post at 87543038 and will occupy a defensive posn.	
		Light	2400 D Coy patrol (Lieut JE Madden and 10 ORs) move out	
		2400	B " " (Lieut HW Pope and 10 ORs) " "	
		2400	A " " (Lieut FS Bissaker" 6 ORs) " "	
		2400	A Coy will also be responsible for protective patrolling of front in change over with C Coy.	
			PERSONNEL. Black Watch affiliation commences. 5 Offrs and 18 ORs march in.	
			OFFORS. Lieut MT Fairbairn returns from MDS resumes duty. ORS. 8 ORs rejoin unit ex 9 Aust Div	
			MG School. 8 ORs joined 9 Aust Div MG School. VISITORS. Squadron Leader R Johnson HQ RAF (ME)	
			Capt G Cubitt Hampshire Regt. GHQ. MEF. Capt D. Monfiet PR (i) MEF. Lt-Col. MacArthur Onslow	
			2/2 Aust MG Bn. and Lieut-Col. NW Simpson CO Capt JR Broadbent, Lieut DJ Cartledge IO all of	
			2/17 Bn., Mr Monson Aust War Corr.	
	19.9.42	0435	D Coy reported in.	
		0500	A Coy " "	
		0505	B " " "	
		2215	Carrier Pl LP reported 6 men moving on his right front. He sent party to investigate.	
		2230	Carrier Pl LP reports that movement came from our own patrols.	
		2345	D Coy report Cpl McKellar and standing patrol in NTR	
			PROJECTED PATROLS for 19/20 all move out after 2400 hrs.	
			PERSONNEL. 2/13 Bn leave. 1 Offr () and 4 ORs to Alexandria, 10 ORs to Cairo.	
			T.O.S. 1 OR marched in from X list and 1 Reinf. 1 OR t'ferred to 2/7 Fd Regt.	
			VISITORS. Capt Dangler Hugentobler & Lieut T Hamilton both of HQ 154 Scottish Bde accompan-	
			ied by Lieut Gemmel-Smith (IO) and Lieut DWB Maughan (IO) both of HQ 20 Bde	
	20.9.42	0130	B Coy patrol (Lieut FS Treweeke) and 10 ORs with 2 engineers att. move out	
		0130	D Coy " (Lieut JE Wood) and 10 ORs move out	
		0200	C Coy " (Lieut RW Sampson) and 10 ORs 2 engineers att. move out	
		0520	B Coy " reported in	
		0540	D Coy " reported in	
		0550	C Coy " "	
		1600	A Coy report seeing enemy light tank moving into dead ground between main rd and railway area engaged by mortar and arty	
		1930	B Coy report observing 5 parties of approx 9 men in each moved out from coast to behind Leg	
			O' mutton at 1910 hrs.	
			PROJECTED PATROLS. 19/20.	

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EL ALAMEIN	20.9.42	2100	Special tank hunting patrol Cpl RV McKellan and 4 R&F move out to investigate area where tank seen during afternoon.	
		2345	patrol in no tank S or H PERSONNEL OFFICERS. Capt PD Deschamps marched out to 20 AITB staff. Lieut AC Fletcher assumes comd A/Tk pl. NCOs. Sgt B Browning and Sgt R Meers marched out to 20 AITB staff. LEAVE. Lieut FS Bissaker and 7 ORs to Alexs. 10 ORs to Cairo. 1 OR to 9 Aust Div MG School rangotakers course.	
	21.9.42	0535	B Coy patrol report in.	
		0552	Lieut JE Madden with patrol (D Coy) report in	
	Last Light		1 Sec of D Coy will move out and occupy defensive posn at post 87533038	
		2100	Advance from 2/23 Bn arrived	
		2115	Advance party 2/13 bn leave Bn area PROTECTED PATROLS. 21/22	
		2130	C Coy patrol (Sgt L. Rhodes and 6 R& F)	
		2130	B Coy " (Lieut AR Roberts and 10 ORs) to recce and locate suitable posn for patrol to lay up during daylight to make observations on Fairbairn post and surrounding area. If suitable posn is found phone will be supplied PERSONNEL. VISITORS. Lieut Col C Oliver CO 7 Black Watch	
	22.9.42	0130	B Coy patrol (Sgt & 6 R&F) move out	
		0134	C Coy patrol report in	
		0200	A Coy patrol report in	
		0445	D Coy standing patrol report in	
		0530	B Coy patrol report in	
		1830	9 Shells in Bn area between Comd Post and 33 ridge Damage. Direct hit on Breda gun, only spring later salvaged. 3 water tins nearby were burst by concussion. 1 Cas.	
		2030	C Coy patrol move out strength 1 NCO 6 R & F) covering relief of 2/13 Bn by 2/23 Bn	
		"	B Coy " " " " " " " ")	
		"	A " " " " " " " ")	
		2100	2/13 Bn relieved by 2/23 Bn	
	2330	Patrols report in. PERSONNEL. VISITORS. Lt-Col B Evans DSO - CO 2/23 Bn LEAVE. Party of 17th returned.		
	23.9.42	0015	C Coy patrol move out strength 1 NCO 6 R&F) Covers relief 2/13 Bn by 2/23 Bn	
		"	B Coy " " " " " " " ")	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL ALAMEIN	23.9. 42.	0300	Relief by 2/23 Bn completed	
		0445	2/13 Bn in occupation of new area. Bn Hq at 43549019,	
		0530	Patrols report in and move out to new Bn area	
			PERSONNEL. Officers. Lieut MT Fairbairn evacuated. Lieut EM Pinkney becomes IO.	
			LEAVE . Lieut EP Evans and 10 ORs to Cairo. 7 ORs to Alexs. <u>ORS.</u> 1 OR marched in from Hygiene school and 1 Reinf.	
	24.9. 42.	1030	2 ME 109s flying East at 12,000ft.	
		1100	2 ME 109s flying West and overhead. These planes being out of range of our weapons no action taken. PERSONNEL. Officers. Lieut-Col RWN Turner (Adm Comd 20 bde) visited Bn. ORS. 3 ORs to 9 Aust Div sig school. 13 marched in from xList and 2 Reinf.	
	25.9. 42	0915	Maj. GE Colvin went to 20 Bde to join recce party for forthcoming Trg syllabus & for recce of 24 Bde area and FDLs.	
		2030	CO conference. present CO . Adj. Capt. Sanderson., Faulkner., Handley., Cooper., Lieut Hughes ., IO., RMO., Sgt McCormack., A/TO., CO advised that he had made recce of 24 Bde area in view of a possible counter attack role. Trg was to commence on following day with lecture by BM to all Offrs at 0845 hrs. Coys were to trg for night exercise on ground bet. main road and Matruh rd with Sydney rd as boundary. A & B Coy on west of rd C and D on east of rd . Trg to be daylight rehearsal of night attack followed by practice of same lessons by night . A/CO advised offrs of Bn night exercise to be held on night 28/29 Sept.PERSONNEL. Officers. Lieut TM Hughes appointed A/Adj. Lieut RW Sampson succeeds as Sig Offr. Lieut AR Roberts goes to METC Weapon school. LEAVE . 1 Offr 10 ORs to Cairo., 7 ORs to Alexs.	
	26.9. 42.	0845	BM(Major Wilson) lectures Bn Offrs on lessons learned from 2/15 Bn raid	
1000		Trg Cadre for guides and markers. 4 Men per Pl, commenced,		
1000		Coy Comds and Coy Offrs taken on recce of trg area		
1500)		B.C.&D Coy exercises watched by Adj. and IO		
1730				
1600		A/CO advised Bn exercise postponed until night 30 Sept/1 Oct.		
1600)		Two performances by 9 Aust Div Concert party.		
1830				
		All Coys are tonight engaged in tactical trg. Night attack. Taping FUPs , Guiding. PERSONNEL. Officers. Lieut Bissaker returns from leave. <u>NCOs.</u> L/Sgt H. Kendrick to METC Gas School No 5 Course. LEAVE . 7 ORs to Alexs. 10 ORs to Cairo. ORs. Pte J Smith NX17952 inflicted wound in his foot with rifle suspected SIW.		

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
EL ALAMEIN.	27.9.42		During this morning B.D and A Coys continue tactical trg, completion of the attack, exploitation and consolidation. A Coy engaged in route march		
		1430	4 Men per pl again trained in duties of guides and markers in night ops. this afternoon A & C Coys work out the abovementioned trg.		
		1500	A/CO and IO visit C Coy trg area.		
		1600	A/CO and IO visit BHQ and 9 Div Cav.		
		2000	A/CO and IO visit B Coy trg area and follow through Coy in exercise. At night all Coys put into practice today's exercises. during night 2 pls of C coy on coast watching duty relieved by 2 pls of A coy. PERSONNEL. Change over of affiliated Black Watch personnel. OFFICERS. Capt HH Cooper marched out to 20 AITB staff. Capt RJ Somerville marched out to 9 Aust Div Spec. gp. The Officers were accompanied by their batmen		
		28.9.42	0315	EA flew NE over Bn area straffing road behind	
			1345	Capt F. Faulkner joins with Capt Combes (9 Aust Div) in recce.	
			1400	CO conference with Bn and supporting arms offrs. preliminary discussion of exercise to be held on night 30 Sep 1 Oct. Those present. A/CO., Adjt., A/Adjt., Major Rogers 13 Bty 2/7 Fd Regt., Maj. Copeland 9 Bty 2/3 A/T. Capt Burston. A Squadron 9 Div Cav., Sgt Lorrie 2/2 MG Bn., Sgt Campbell 2/13 Fd Coy., A Coy Lieut Barrett., B Coy. Capt Wilson., C. Coy Capt Handley. D Coy Capt Cribb., and Lieut Clark., Pioneer Offr., IO., A/TO., Sgt Pye for Sig Offr., A/CO advised that he would be receiving his orders at 1400 hrs 29 Sep and issuing preliminary plan at a time and place to be advised.,	
				PERSONNEL. Officers., Capt BG Cribb appointed comd DCoy ex HQ Coy., Major CM Daintree resumes comd HQ Coy.,	
		29.9.42		This morning the A/CO Adjt and IO., inspected Coy areas and Coy trg.	
1400	A/CO attended road junction 42609024 and received orders from Capt Combes 9 Aust Div				
1445	Returns to Bn HQ formulates plan.				
1630	O gp goes forward to pt 42609024 for issue of preliminary orders. A/CO first takes comds of supporting arms to pt 20 and outlines plan to them while IO acquaints Bn Offrs with topography of country. these are then taken forward and given orders separately, it is considered that this scheme results in far smaller gps on prominent features.				
30.9.42	1800	A/CO and party returns to Bn area.			
	1200	Final issue of orders as per appendix 2/13 Bn tactical exercise with 1 carrier squadron from 9 Aust Div cav and supporting arms.			
	1830	Vehs and personnel of detachment under comd for exercise report into Bn area			
	1945	March out commencement of 2/13 Bn Tactical exercise.			
	2200	Troops rest at pt 42609024 issued with hot tea.			
	2245	Start line established			
	2400	Bn in posn in assembly area. - PERSONNEL. Offrs. Lt-Col RWN Turner ceases to be detached to 20 Bn and returns to Bn			

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT.....

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

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SUB : Map ref of 2/13 **INF BN** Grid bearing : TIME : AREA SHELLED: DAMAGE DONE: NATURE: **70BEP 42** No of: Cali: No of: Time
 UNIT : location from : of flash or : FROM : TO : : FIRE : rds : bre : guns : betwe
 : which reported : groove made by : : : : (Registration) : : : : : flash
 : : shell : : : : : (Bombardment) : : : : : report
 : : : : : : : (Area shoot) : : : : :

UNIT	Map ref	Grid bearing	TIME FROM	TIME TO	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE	No of rds	Cali	No of guns	Time between flash reports
<u>B Coy</u>	87533018	294° sound	1010	1100	87513017	N I L	Bombardment of 3" Mortar	28	75mm	4	-
	"	"	1820	1840	87523017 to 87533017	N I L	Area shoot	18	75mm	3	-
	"	"	1850		87543018	1 sig wire cut	Area shoot	3	25 FT	3	-
	"	"	1855		87513018	N I L	"	3	"	3	-
	"	"	1900		87513018	N I L	"	3	"	3	-
	"	"	1905		87513018	N I L	"	3	"	3	-
	"	"	1910		87513018	N I L	"	3	"	3	-
<u>C Coy</u>	87683024	-	1600	1800	C Coy Area	N I L	Area shoot	5	75mm	1	-
<u>D Coy</u>	87633013	285° sound	1820		87633009	N I L	Area shoot	6	75mm	3	-
	"	"	1825	1845	87603013	N I L	"	27	"	3	-
	"	"	1900	1905	87553015	N I L	"	9	"	3	-

D.W.B. MUGHAN Lieut,
 I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 (D.W.B. MUGHAN)

HOSTILE SPILLING REPORT.

UNIT... 2/13 AUST INF BN.....

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 8 Sep , 42 .

SUB UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME FROM TO	AREA SHIELDED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Cali bre	No of guns	Time bet fla rep
A Coy	87593007	276 degrees	1820 1830	new sec posn at 87523006	NIL	area shoot	7 incl 2 duds	75mm	2	-

DWB Maughan
 Lieut.
 IO., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
 (DWB MAUGHAN)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT 2/13 AUST. INF. BN

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 9 SEP 42. , 4 .

SUB UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME FROM TO	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Calibre	No of guns	Time betw flas reports
<u>A Coy</u>	87593007	270-280 degrees	1125 1155	9 Pl area) 8558008)	N I L	Bombardment	12 3	105mm 75 mm	4	-
"	"	"	1125 1155	8 Pl area) 87543013)	N I L	"	30	75 mm	4	-
"	"	"	1125 1155	7 Pl area) 87583009)	N I L	"	18	75 mm	4	-
<u>B Coy</u>	8753301 8		1040	87543017	N I L	"	4	75 mm	4	-
"	"	299-301 degrees (flash)	1050 1120	87533017	N I L	"	16	105mm	6-8	-
"	"	319 degrees	1140	87513016	N I L	"	4	105mm	4	-
"	"	299-301 degrees	1150	87533018 and 87553017	N I L	"	16	105mm	6-8	-
"	"		1156	87503017	N I L		1	150mm larger	1	-
"	"	Z	1830 1845	87503017 to 87553016	N I L	Area shoot	5	105mm	1	-
<u>C Coy</u>	87633013	-	1100 1200	WEST part sq 876301	N I L	Bombardment	125 approx	25 Pr	8	-
"	"	-	1200 1245	"	N I L	"	75 approx	"	8	-

W. B. Mauchan
Lieut
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(W. B. MAUCHAN)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 AUST INF BN

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 10 SEP 42, 42.

UNIT	Map ref of location	Grid bearing of flash or grooves made by shell	TIME FROM	TIME TO	AREA SHELLIED	DAMAGE	DONE	NATURE OF FIRE	No of rds	Calibre	No of guns	Time between flash & report
A Coy	87593007	276degrees	1810	1820	No. 8 Pl (87593007)	Nil		Area Shoot	3	105mm	2	-
"	"	"	1810	1820	No. 7 Pl (87573009)	Nil		"	4	105mm	2	-
"	"	"	1810	1820	No. 9 Pl (87543013)	Nil		"	4	105mm	2	-
"	"	"	1810	1820	Coy HQ (87543008)	Slight damage to Coy truck		"	4	105mm	-	-
"	"	"						"	3	75mm	2	-
B Coy	87533018	-	1645	1730	87543016	Nil		Harassing	27	105mm	4	-
C Coy	876303013 5	226° (sound)	1830	1900	87623014	Nil		Bombardment	4 0	105mm	4	-

REMARKS: Guns that were shelling (CUTTING) were firing from 273.5° to 274.5°
 Guns that were shelling arty in rear of us were firing from 305° (sound bearing).

D.W.B. Maughan Lieut, (flash) from 8763030135
 I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 (D.W.B. MAUGHAN)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

UNIT: 2/13 AUST INF BN

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 11 SEP, 42.

SUB:Map ref of:Grid bear- UNIT:location :ing of fla- :from which:sh or groo- :reported :ve made by :shell	TIME PRO : TO	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	DONE	NATURE OF: FIRE Registrath: Bombardment Area Shoot	No of rds	Cali: -bre:	No of guns	Time between flash & report
A Coy 87593007 260-278 degrees	1050 1100	2 Fl. 87573009		N I L	Registration	9	105mm	4	1 min.
" " " " " "	" "	9 Fl. 87543008		"	"	3	75mm	1	1 min
" " " " " "	1208 1210	Coy HQ 87593007		"	"	6	75mm	2	1/2 min
" " " " " "	1815 1825	"		"	Bombardment	15	105mm	4	1/2 min
" " " " " "	" "	7 Fl. 87573009		"	"	7	105mm	4	1/2 min
" " " " " "	" "	9 Fl 87543008		"	Registration	4	75mm	2	1 min
C Coy 8763530130 270° sound	1800 1830	87643013		"	Area shoot	30	25 Pr	4	-
" " " " " "	" "	87613012		"	"	15	25 Pr	4	-

(1800-1830 hrs)

REMARKS. Many more shell fired by the same gun d and at the same time, fell outside and to EAST of this Coy's area.

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

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

UNIT: 2/13 AUST INF BN. For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 12 Sep , 42.

SUB: Map ref of: Grid bear- UNIT: location : from which: reported	ing of fla- sh or groo- ve made by shell	TIME		AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF: FIRE Registrath: Bombardment Area Shoot	No of rds	Cali: -bre:	No of guns	Time between flash & report
		FROM	TO							

A Coy	87593007	270 degrees	1830	1840	87543006	NIL	Area	1	105mm	1	-
"	"	" "	1830	1840	8757030095	NIL		Area	2	105mm	1

Registration

NOTE : 0730 hrs - 6 shrapnel shells burst over CUTTING area 8751300L

M.D. Dumbain Lieut.
IO., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(MT FAIRBAIRN).

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 15 Sep, 42.

UNIT: 2/13 AUST INF BN

SUB: Map ref of: Grid bear- : TIME : AREA : DAMAGE : DONE : NATURE OF: No : Cali: No : Time
 UNIT: location : ing of fla- : FROM : TO : SHELLS : : FIRE : of : -bre: of : between
 : from which: sh or groo- : : : : : Registratr: rds : : guns: flash &
 : reported : ve made by : : : : : Bombardm: : : : report
 : : shell..... : : : : : Area. Shoot..... : : : : :

UNIT	Map ref	Grid bearing	TIME FROM	TIME TO	AREA SHELLS	DAMAGE	DONE	NATURE OF FIRE	No of rds	Calibre	No of guns	Time between flash & report
Bn Hq	87663018	-	1900	1910	Bn Hq. 87663018		Nil	Bombardment	44 (8 rds)	25Pr	?	-
A Coy	87593007	274°	1220	1240	87613007		"	"	70	75mm	6	-
"	87593007	274°	1230		87543013		"	"	1	"	1	-
"	87593007	274°	1830	1940	87613007		"	"	30	"	4	-

for [Signature]
 I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut.

HOSTILE SELLING REPORT

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

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UNIT: 2/13 AUST INF BN.

SUB-UNIT	Map ref of location	Grid bearing of flash or grooves reported	Grid bearing of shell	TIME FROM	TO	AREA SHELLIED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE	No of rounds	Calibre	No of guns	Time between flash & report
B Coy 87533018	-	-	-	1730	1800	Pt33 area 87523018	1 OR wounded	registration	5	105mm	1	-
B Coy 87533018	-	-	-	1830	-	Pt33 area 87523018	NIL	registration	4	105mm	1	-

E.M. Pinkney
 Lieut.
 10., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
 (E.M. PINKNEY)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 17 SEP 42, 42.

UNIT: 2/13 AUST INF BN.

SUB-UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME		AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE	No of rounds	Cali: -bre:	No of guns	Time between flash & report
			FROM	TO							
A Coy	8793007	308 degrees	1220	1240	87613007	N I L	Bombardment	21	75mm	4	-
B Coy	87533018	-	1230	1250	PT 33 - 87523017	N I L	"	43	25pr	5	-
"	"	"	1730	"	"	N I L	"	3	25 pr (duds)		
"	"	"	1800	1810	"	N I L	Harassin	5	149mm	1	-
"	"	"	1910	1920	"	N I L	"	5	149mm	1	-
	8763030185		1730		PT 33	N I L.		3	.25 pr.		Smoke.

E. M. Pinkney Lieut.
 I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 (E. M. PINKNEY)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 19 Sep , 42.

UNIT: 2/13 AUST. INF BN . .

SUB: Map ref of Grid bear- UNIT: location : : from which: sh or groo- : reported : ve made by : shell.....	TIME		AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE	No of Registrath: Bombardment Area Shoot	Cali: -bre: rds :	No of guns:	Time between flash report
	FROM	TO							
HQ 87763018 -	1830	1845	87563018	7 x 2 gall water containers 4 mess tins 1 ground sheet 1 Lt Breda dama ged - all US.	-	6	105 mm	-	-

M. D. Fairbairn Lieut
IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
(MT FAIRBAIRN)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

for hours ending 0600 hrs 22 sep , 42.

UNIT: 2/ 13 AUST INF BN.

UNIT	ap ref of	Grid bear-	TIME	AREA	DAMAGE	DONE	NATURE OF	No	Cali	No	Time
location	ing of fla-	PRO		SHELLS			TYPE	of	-bre	of	between
from which	sh or groo-						Registratn	rds		guns	flash
reported	ve made by						Bombardment				report
	shell						Area Shoot				
B Coy 87533018	-	1200	1220	87503017		NIL	Harassing	10	25pr	1	-

M. T. Fairbairn Lieut.
 10., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
 (M.T. FAIRBAIRN)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

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UNIT.....

SUB UNIT	: Map ref of : location from : which reported	: Grid bearing : of flash or : groove made by : shell	: TIME		: AREA SHIELDED	: DAMAGE DONE	: NATURE OF : FIRE : (Registration) : (Bombardment) : (Area shoot)	: No of: : rds	: Cali: : bre	: No of: : guns	: Times : betw : fle : rep
			: FROM	: TO							
B Coy	8753530170		1700	1730	87533015	M I L	Area shoot	8	75mm	2	
"	"	-	1800	1830	87533019	M I L	Mortar fire	18	81mm	1	

John Thompson Lieut,
 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 (C. 2. 2. 1000)

UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME	AREA SIGHTED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Calibre	No of guns	Time between flashes reported
Bn HQ	87673017	-	1100	1120	87673018	Nil	6	?75mm	1	-
	87673017	-	1140		87673018	Nil	1	83mm	1	-
	87673017	-	1140	1210	87673018	Nil	7	83mm	1	-
	87673017	-	1213	1214	87673018	Nil	6	8105mm	6	-
A Coy	"	-	1700	1800	"	"	"	88mm	2	-
	87593007	approx 280°	0800		87543008	Nil	2	105mm	1	-
	87593007	grid approx 312°	1100	1105	87483014	Nx -	4			-
	87593007	approx 280°	0040	0045	87603007	Nil	20/25	75mm		-
								(many duds)		-
B Coy	87533018	300 degrees	0630	0700	87533016	Nil	4	105mm	2	16secs
	87533018	grid 310° (sound)	1100	1200	87533016	Nil	5	105mm	2	-
C Coy	87533043	-	0600	0602	87653027	Nil	10	?25pdr	3	-
D Coy	87623012	-	1100	1130	87593011	Nil	5	?75mm	1	-
	87623012	289°	0100	0115	87683012	Nil	20	75mm	4	20secs

Dwight Maughan
 Lieut.
 IO., 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (DWB MAUGHAN)

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT. 2/13 AUST INF BN.....

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

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SUB UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME FROM TO	AREA SHELLIED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Calibre	No of guns	Time betw flas reports
Bn HQ	87673017	-	1200 1400	87673017 to 87653022	N I L	AREA SHOOT	19	? 75mm	5	-
C Coy	87663025	-	1200 1400	87653026 to 87673026	N I L	HARASSING Mortar & Arty	15-10-	75mm 81mm (Mortar)	-	-
D Coy	87623012	283 degrees (sound bearing)	1900 1930	87633013 to 87643011	N I L	AREA SHOOT	30	75mm	2	-

NOTE: During this shoot shells also landed in vacant ground EAST of Bn HQ area along the ridge.

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Gordon Laughlan
 I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (DWB LAUGHLAN)

Lieut,

Shell. Reps.
September

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12 SEP 42.

2/13 AUST INF BN - ADM INSTN NO. 18.

LEAVE.

1. It has been decided to grant leave to commence on 14 Sep 42 to be spent in ALEXANDRIA or CAIRO. This is subject to cancellation at any time.
2. Period of Leave. Leave will be of 4 clear days in the Leave Centre. To attain this, personnel will be absent 6 days from the Unit - one day being taken to proceed to leave camp and one to return to the Unit.
3. Allotment. Allotment for the period 14-20 Sep 42 is as follows. Future allotments will be made on advice from Higher Authority:-

<u>COY</u>	<u>CAIRO</u>		<u>ALEXANDRIA.</u>	
	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>
Bn HQ	-	1	-	-
HQ Coy	-	2	-	1
A Coy	-	2	-	1
B Coy	-	2	-	1
C Coy	-	2	1	-
D Coy	-	2	-	1

4. Selection. Selection within coys will be made with the view to resting men who have done a "good job". Outstanding cases may be selected by the Comd.

5. Paybooks. Coys will ensure that personnel selected for leave are in possession of paybooks and have sufficient credit therein (at least £A.10:0:0 will be required).

Paybooks will also be required while on leave for identification purposes. Personnel will ensure that all safety precautions are taken with their paybooks.

6. Movement. Selected personnel will move to B Ech 2 nights prior to the first day of leave i.e. if leave starts on 14 Sep 42 they will report to B Ech on night 11/12 Sep.

TO will arrange to transport personnel to HQ, 10 Coy AASC, ⁴2609026, by 0800 hrs on the day of commencement of leave. If personnel of 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT are also to be transported, TO will be notified.

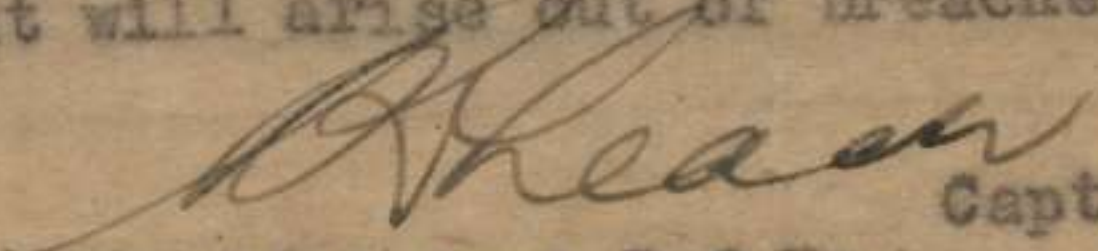
7. Pay. Pay will be available at B Ech on day prior to commencement of leave.

Paybooks - Pay Sgt will make up all paybooks before personnel leave B Ech.

8. Dress

- (a) Shirt, Shorts, Hat (turned up), Boots, short puttees, belt (web).
- (b) Pullovers may be worn.
- (c) As kits at Kit Store will NOT be available, coy comds must ensure that personnel are as fully equipped in accordance with sub-para (a) as possible.
- (d) Arrangements will be made at B Ech for personnel to wash and iron clothing.
- (e) A pool of shirts and shorts will be maintained at B Ech and an issue of one each of the above will be made, on loan, for the period of leave. These will be handed to QM on arrival back at unit

9. Equipment.
(a) ALL eqpt and gear will be taken to B Ech.
(b) Personnel will take with them on leave, personal gear incl, knife fork, spoon and mug, eqpt, rifle and 50 rounds SAA. All other gear will be left at B Ech. Mess tins and bedding will NOT be required.
10. Rifles and Amp. will be handed in immediately on arrival at leave camp. Receipt will be obtained.
11. Accommodation. All details will be accommodated as follows:-
(a) In ALEXANDRIA - at EIGHTH ARMY Leave Camp at AGAMI.
(b) In CAIRO - at LEAVE & TRANSIT CAMP, ABBASSIA.
(c) No restriction will be taken on local movement of personnel from these camps.
12. Offrs' Addresses. Offrs who desire to live elsewhere than in camp will notify their address or any change therein immediately:-
For ALEXANDRIA to:- Adv LO, MUSTANPA Hqs, Phone Ext. 126.
For CAIRO to:- Aust LO, GHQ, MEF, Phone Ext. 387.
13. Offr i/c Leave Parties. Senior Offr proceeding on leave to either centre will be in charge party for that centre for fwd and return journey.
If senior, the offr will receive instns on day prior to leave commencing.
14. Leave Passes. will be issued by this HQ ONLY. Personnel will ensure that leave pass is well preserved. Failure to present leave pass when called upon to do so will result in immediate return to unit.
15. Rations. Haversack lunch will be carried on first day of leave.
16. Discipline. Personnel will be reminded by coy comds that this leave is a privilege and the continuance of which depends upon their behaviour while on leave.
Offrs and NCOs are responsible for taking disciplinary action against any breach of discipline by ANY Australian soldier while on leave.
17. Warning: QM will personally warn ALL personnel of the necessity:-
i. For the maintenance of good discipline
ii. To be correctly dressed at all times.
iii. To pay strict attention to notices, etc, limiting area which may be visited.
iv. For the correct use of prophylactics and PAC by those whose indulgence makes it necessary.
And of the consequences that will arise out of breaches of discipline.


Adit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(S. R. LEACH)

Capt,

DISTRIBUTION

HQ COY

A "

B "

C "

D "

WAR DIARY (2)

FILE

QM - for information of TO and Pay Sgt.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 442

IN THE FIELD
2 Sep 42.

1. FIELD CENSORSHIP - CASUALTIES.

(a) AIF(ME) Order No 625 of 20 Sep 41 is rptd.

625 - Field Censorship - Casualties.

Particulars of casualties will only be conveyed by private correspondence to next of kin of the individual concerned by the unit to which the individual belonged or was attached, and then only after the expiration of 14 days from the date of notification of such casualty to Officer-In-Charge, 2 Echelon, AIF(ME). The fact that Officer-In-Charge 2 Echelon AIF(ME) has been notified of the casualty must be verified by the unit and advices to next of kin will be subject to censorship. Aif Order (ME) No 235 of 7 Mar 41 is amended accordingly.

(b) This order is intended to avoid the unnecessary suffering that may be caused to relatives through wrong information sent with the best intentions by individuals. The practice of individual personnel notifying or referring to casualties in private correspondence is NOT permitted. (AIF(ME) Order No 1226 of 22 Aug 42).

CANTEENS PROFIT DISTRIBUTION.

(a) Canteen profits amounting to £A 7,763/7/1 have been distributed for the month of May, 1942.

(b) Total amount distributed to 31 May 42 is £A 239,532/8/3.

3. EFM CABLES - STANDARD TEXTS.

EFM Standard Text No 90 which reads "Have not been well" should be amended to read "Have not been ill".

4. PETROL - IMPROPER USE OF.

ARO 341 is republished hereunder.

"It has come to notice that cases of improper use of petrol are continuing, and that a considerable number of accidents result therefrom. Clothes etc., are still being washed in petrol and it is still being used in attempting to clear dug-outs of insects. Immediate orders will be issued to stop these practices.

K. E. Wilson
.....Capt
for Adj 2/13 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FORCE

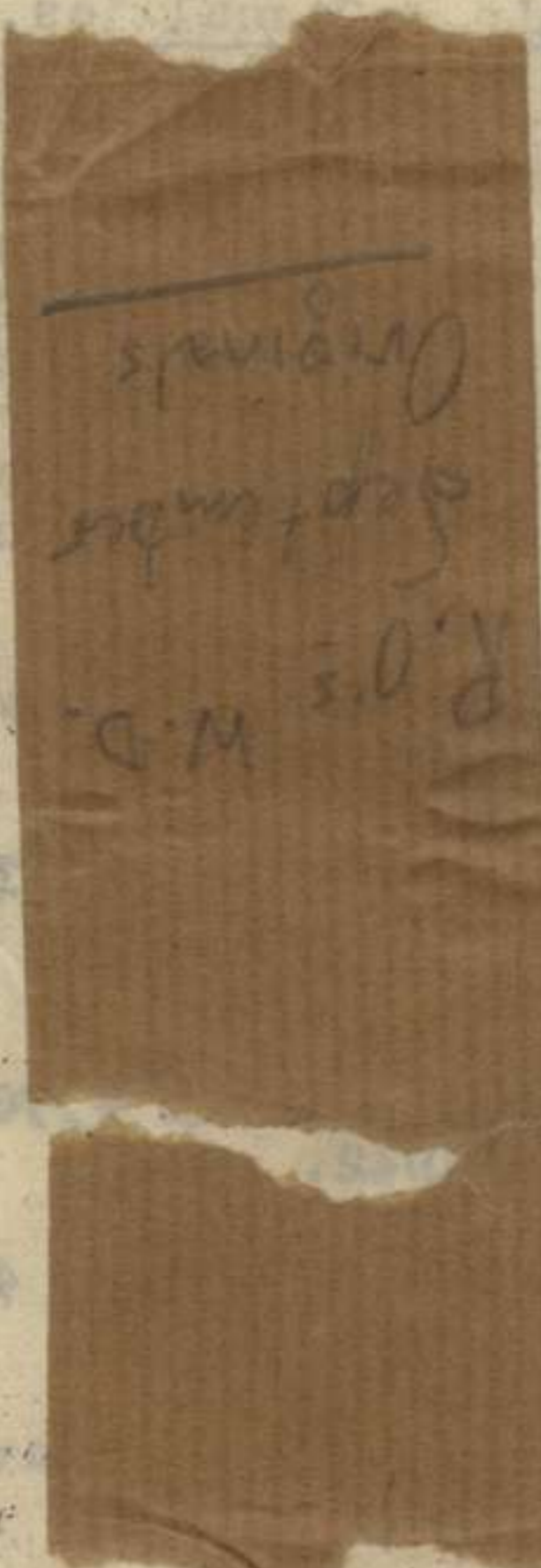
BY

IN THE FIELD

1st-2nd RAN TURNER, Government
No 42

I. FIELD MEMORANDUM - GADSDEN

(a) (1) Order No 22 of 20 Sep 57 is to be



be conveyed by private
mail and not by the
post office, and that
from the date of notification
of E. Kesteven, AIF(M),
has been
by the unit and advice
All Order (M)
necessity arising that
information sent with
of individuals
private
Order No 1226 of 22

Field Memorandum
No 22 of 20 Sep 57
The fact that Office
of such activity to
only after the
unit to which the
correspondence to be
paperwork of cases
625 - Field Memorandum
(a) (1) Order No 22 of 20 Sep 57 is to be
(b) This order is to be
may be sent to the
the best individuals
personnel notifying
correspondence in
and 42.

has been distributed

(a) General profit
for the month of

is 22, 22, 22

(b) Total amount

should be

has been well

4. PETROL - INTERIOR USE OF.
AND 021 is recommended for use under
"It has come to notice that cases of petrol are
continuing, and that a considerable number of accidents result
therefrom. Closing etc., are still being used in petrol and it
is still being used in attempt to stop the use of petrol.
Immediate orders will be issued to stop the use of petrol.

Handwritten signature
1st-2nd RAN TURNER, Government
No 42

War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

Lt-Col. R.W.N. TURNER, Commanding
Part 1. Number 443.

In the Field
3 Sep 42.

1. FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

NX56181 Lieutenant Frederick Swift TREWEEKE.

UNIT: 2/13 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

NATURE OF COURT MARTIAL: F.G.C.M.

PLACE AND DATE OF TRIAL: In the Field on 24th August, 1942.

CHARGES. 1. When on active service striking a soldier.
Army Act Section 37(1)

2. When on active service conduct to the prejudice of
good order and military discipline.
ARMY Act Section 40.


FINDING: 1st. CHARGE. - GUILTY.
2nd. CHARGE - GUILTY.

SENTENCE: To be dismissed from His Majesty's Service, 24th
August, 1942.

CONFIRMED BY: Lieutenant-General L.J. MORSHEAD, Commanding 9 AUSTRALIA
DIVISION, 28th August, 1942.

DATE OF PROMULGATION BY UNIT: 3rd September, 1942.

REMARKS: Sentence mitigated by Commander, 9 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
to that it shall read - to be severely reprimanded and
to take rank and precedence in his corps and in the
Military Forces of the COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA as if
his appointment as Lieutenant bore date 30th day of
MARCH, 1942.


Capt,
Adit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(S. R. LEACH)

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

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 444

IN THE FIELD
7 Sep 42.

1. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The following members of this unit have been Mentioned in Despatches during the period Jul 41 to Oct 41:

Lieut JB MARTIN
Lieut LM PINKNEY
NX 14765 Sgt APPLETON F
NX 17324 Cpl SILK RJ

2. AMENITIES.

(a) i. The following purchases have been made from Regtl Trust A/C during the period 9/31 Aug 42:

900 Watermelons	£ 48.000
1750 lb pumpkin	10.500
850 lb tomatoes	7.200
200 lb onions	1.500
250 lb cucumbers	2.000
600 cabbages	33.000
2000 eggs	9.000
504 cakes Velvet soap	10.080
	£ 121.280

All the above items have been distributed to Coye.

ii. Sundry articles purchased from Regtl Trust A/C during period 9/31 Aug 42:

6 reels khaki thread	£ .360) for use of
6 Needles	.150) tailor
8 alarm clocks	8.000)
25 fly sprays	2.000) for use in
150 Spare parts for Primus	.200) Battalion
1 kg paint	.340)
Barber equipment	3.000)
	£ 14.050		

(b) The following commodities have been purchased from Supplementary Ration A/C at a cost of £ 164.530 for period 9/31 Aug 42 and have been distributed:

514 pkts biscuits
600 tins fruit salad
360 " pineapple
252 " spaghetti
212 lb flour
448 lb custard powder
236 lb raisins
42 lb baking powder
224 lb cornflour
336 bottles tomato sauce
36 pkts bicarb of soda.

(c) The following articles have been received from ACF and have been distributed:

100 writing pads	24 pkts playing cards
3000 envelopes	100 toothbrushes
20 lb coffee	
70 lb sugar	
60 pkts biscuits	

3. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS MAILS.

(a) Ordinary letters and parcels addressed to the undermentioned places for delivery by Christmas Day must be posted at Army Post Offices in the Middle East not later than the dates shown:

United Kingdom and Eire	15 Sep 42
Australia	1 Nov 42
India	14 Nov 42
New Zealand	30 Sep 42
South Africa	1 Nov 42.
N & S Rhodesia	1 Nov 42
East Africa	14 Nov 42
Sudan	4 Dec 42

(b) Latest dates of posting for Christmas parcels by air mail, letter cards and airgraphs will be announced later.

(c) Parcels and packets posted by the forces are not exempt from Customs Charges. The Army Post Office is not in a position to give any advice regarding the amount of customs duty likely to be raised on the contents of particular parcels.

(d) MEGO 774 is rptd for infm, in respect of parcels being sent to the U.K.

" The limit of weight accepted by the Army Post Office is 22 lb. Gift parcels for U.K. over 5 lb in weight and all non-gift parcels up to the weight limit can be posted only under import licence.

Import licences can be obtained only by the addressee in U.K. from the Ministry of Food, and intending senders of parcels of the categories described above must ensure that the addressee has obtained the necessary licence before presenting the parcel at the Army Post Office.

The concession has been obtained whereby USED personal articles will be admitted into U.K. without import licence provided they are made up into parcels not exceeding 22 lb and inscribed "Personal Effects".

Senders of parcels are warned that contravention of these regulations will render the parcel liable to confiscation by Customs in U.K.

(e) Parcels may be sent to AUSTRALIA subject to the conditions set out in AIF(ME) Order 604, paras 1, 2 and 3, which is rptd:

604. Presents sent to and brought back to Australia by members of the AIF and others serving abroad - Remission of customs duty and sales tax.

1. Presents and other dutiable goods may, subject to the conditions enumerated hereunder, be admitted without payment of Customs Duty and Sales Tax when forwarded to Australia or brought back to Australia by the following:

- (a) Members of the Australian Imperial Force.
- (b) Members of the Royal Australian Navy on service outside Australian waters.
- (c) Nurses serving with the Australian Imperial Force.
- (d) Imperial Reservists who have been recalled from Australia by the Imperial Government for military service.
- (e) Representatives of the Australian Red Cross Society.
- (f) YMCA secretaries serving overseas with the AIF.
- (g) Detective officers serving overseas with the AIF.
- (h) Australians who have left Australia since the outbreak of war and serving with the Imperial Forces.
- (i) Members of the Royal Australian Air Force and members of the Royal Australian Air Force serving with the Royal Air Force.
- (j) Representatives of the Australian Comforts Fund serving overseas.
- (k) Representatives of the Salvation Army serving overseas.
- (l) Australian soldiers serving in Papua and New Guinea.

2. The conditions governing relief from the payment of Customs Duty and Sales Tax are:

- (a) The concession is limited to the admission of dutiable goods to the value of £10 from any one individual in any twelve months and payment of duty is required in respect of any amount over £10.
- (b) The word "presents" or the term "other dutiable goods" is to be taken as including articles of adornment, curios, jewellery and other such articles which would ordinarily be brought back to Australia by persons returning from overseas.

3. Apparel sent to or brought back to Australia as a present by any of the abovementioned persons is subject to the above conditions, but apparel which is the personal property of any of those persons and is brought back to Australia by them for their own use is regarded as personal effects and, irrespective of value, is admitted free of all duties".

Ern Pinkney
.....Lieut
for Capt
Adj 2/13 AUST INF BN

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

Lt-Col RWN TURNER, Commanding
Part I No 445

IN THE FIELD
10 Sep 42.

I. DISCIPLINE.

(a) EOCM - NX 24195 Pte RITSON, Albert James, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

(b) Charges:

1st Charge Sheet.

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he at DEIR AMAR absented himself without leave from 2200 hrs on 7 Jun 42 until apprehended in TRIPOLI by 9 AUST DIV PRO COY at about 2250 hrs 7 Jun 42. Total absence 50 mins. AA Sec 15 (1).
2. WOAS when in lawful custody escaping in that he, at DEIR AMAR on 8 Jun 42 when under open arrest at 1000 hrs did escape. AA Sec 22.
3. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he at DEIR AMAR CAMP, whilst in lawful custody absented himself without leave from 1730 hrs on 8 Jun 42 until 1900 hrs on 12 Jun 42. Total absence 4 days 1 hr 30 mins. AA Sec 15 (1).

2nd Charge Sheet.

1. WOAS, when in confinement escaping in that he at DEIR AMAR CAMP on 17 Jun 42 when in confinement, that is to say, under charge of a picquet at DEIR AMAR CAMP, escaped. AA Sec 22.
2. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he at DEIR AMAR CAMP, whilst under arrest, absented himself without leave from 1330 hrs on 17 Jun 42 until 0550 hrs on 18 Jun 42. Total absence of 15 hrs 15 mins. AA Sec 15 (1).

(c) The finding of the Court was: NX 24195 Pte RITSON, Albert James, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

1st Charge Sheet: Guilty on all charges.

2nd Charge Sheet: Guilty on all charges.

(d) The sentence of the Court was: NX 24195 Pte RITSON, Albert James, 2/13 AUST INF BN - Sixty days Field punishment with forfeiture of 60 days pay on 1st, 2nd and 3rd charges on 1st Charge Sheet and on 1st and 2nd charges on 2nd Charge Sheet conjointly.

(e) Date of trial: 2 Sep 42.

(f) Confirmation: Lt-Gen Sir L.J. FORSMAN, GOC, 9 AUST DIV, on 5 Sep 42, confirmed the finding of the Court on 1st, 2nd and 3rd charges of 1st Charge Sheet and on 1st charge on 2nd Charge Sheet. Finding of the court on 2nd charge, 2nd Charge Sheet not confirmed. Sentence of the Court confirmed but remit seven (7) days.

2. AMENITIES.

The following comforts were received from ACP on 6 Sep 42 and have been distributed:

857 cakes soap

857 handkerchiefs

643 shaving sticks.

857 (643 - cigarette) pkts
(214 - pipe) tobacco
214 tubes toothpaste

G. H. Watson
..... Capt
for Adj 2/13 AUST INF BN

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST IIF BN

ROTTEN ORD 83

BY

Maj GE COLVIN, Adm Cond
Part I No 446

IN THE FIELD
14 Sep 42.

1. DISCIPLINE.

The following punishments imposed by Courts Martial recently held in this area are published for info:

- (i) A private soldier convicted of stealing property belonging to person subject to military law SS 35 was sentenced to 120 days detention.
- (ii) A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful command was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with hard labour and to be discharged with ignominy.
- (iii) A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful command was sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour and to be discharged.
- (iv) A lieutenant convicted of striking a soldier and conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (using obscene language to the soldier) was sentenced to be severely reprimanded and to lose 12 months seniority.
- (v) A private soldier convicted of one charge of desertion and two of AWL was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 18 months and to be discharged.
- (vi) A private soldier convicted of three charges of AWL was sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour.
- (vii) A Staff Sergeant convicted of neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (negligently leaving a military vehicle unattended in ALEXANDRIA) was sentenced to be severely reprimanded and to forfeit 28 days pay.
- (viii) A private soldier convicted of failing to appear at a place of parade and disobeying a lawful command was sentenced to 90 day Field Punishment with forfeiture of pay for that period.
- (ix) A private soldier convicted of two offences of disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer, was sentenced to 60 days Field Punishment and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of 60 days.
- (x) A private soldier convicted of two offences of obtaining rations by false pretences and of an offence of fraudulently misapplying rations was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for 23 months.

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP - GREEN ENVELOPES.

Attention is directed to the certificate on Green Envelopes, which the writer is required to sign, that the contents of the envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters. Reference to other matters, even though not otherwise censorable is not permitted.

W. G. Colvin
.....Capt
for Adjt 2/13 AUST IIF BN

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Maj GE COLVIN Adm Comd
Part 1. No 447

In the Field.
20 sep 42.

1. DISCIPLINE.

FGCM. NX 23266 Pte HARPER John Thomas. 2/13 AUST INF BN

CHARGES:-

- (a) 1. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at DEIR AMAR camp at 2145 hrs on 7 Jun 42 created a disturbance in the Transport Office of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn AA Sec 40.
2. WOAS striking his superior officer in that he at DEIR AMAR camp at 2145 hrs on 7 Jun 42 struck with his fist L/Sgt William James McCORMACK of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. AA Sec 8 (2).
3. WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer in that he at DEIR AMAR Camp at 2145 hrs on 7 Jun 42 did say to L/Sgt William James McCORMACK of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, his superior officer, "You are a yellow cunt and a fucking bastard" or words to that effect. AA Sec 8 (2)

(b) The finding of the Court was:- GUILTY on charges 1 and 3, NOT GUILTY on charge 2.

(c) The sentence of the Court was:- Sentenced on 1st and 3rd charges conjointly to 28 days field punishment with forfeiture of 28 days pay.

(d) Date of trial 3 Sep 42.

(e) Confirmation. Finding on all charges confirmed by Lt-Gen Sir L.J. Morshead but the sentence was suspended under the provisions of AA 57A.

2. KITS OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED BEYOND MDS. Bro 440, Para 1 is rptd:-

- (a) All ranks will be warned that if they find themselves without kit in any non-Australian medical installation in which they are certain of remaining for not less than 7 days, they should write to AIF Kit Store, RUE EL ABADI, ALEXANDRIA, and request that kit be fwded to them.
- (b) All ranks will similarly be warned that if their kits have not reached them before they arrive at Aust Staging Camp, Sidi BISHR for return to unit, they should arrange to have enquiries made at Kit Store ALEXANDRIA.
- (c) Arrangements are being made for Aust Medical Installations and personnel depots to notify AIF Kit Store, ALEXANDRIA, of kits required for personnel in their charge.

3. POSTAL- CHRISTMAS MAILS.

Further to BRO 444, para 3 (b) dated 7 Sep 42. It is advised that ordinary air mail letters and packets addressed to the undermentioned places intended for delivery by Christmas Day, must be posted at any Post Office in the Middle East not later than the dates shown:-

UK and EIRE.	(Air/sea route)	19 Oct 42.
INDIA	(All air route)	10 Dec 42.
SOUTH AFRICA	(do)	7 Dec 42.
N & S RHODESIA	(do)	10 Dec 42.
EAST AFRICA	(do)	10 Dec 42.
SUDAN	(do)	15 Dec 42.

The air mail service to Australia & New Zealand is still suspended.

Richard
.....Capt.
for Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Maj GE COLVIN Adm Comd
Part 1. No 448

In the Field.
27 Sep 42.

1. DISCIPLINE.

FGCM-NX 17353 Pte GREEN S.A.

Charges:-

(1) WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he at DEIR AMAR Camp on 6 Jun 42 absented himself without leave from 2200 hrs until he reported to QUARTIER VINC barracks at ALEPPO at 1000 hrs on 25 Jun 42, total absence of 13 days 12 hrs. GA Sec 15 (1)

(2) WOAS when in arrest escaping; in that he at DEIR AMAR Camp on 6 Jun 42 whilst under open arrest did escape. AA Sec 22.

FINDING. GUILTY on first charge, NOT GUILTY on second charge.

SENTENCE. Sixty days field punishment with forfeiture of pay for sixty days.

CONFIRMATION. Finding on both charges confirmed. Confirmation signed by Brig A. Ramsay Adm Comd 9 Aust Div on 24 Sep 42.

DATE OF PROMULGATION. 26 Sep 42.

PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT AWAITING TRIAL. NIL.

TOTAL FORFEITURE. 79 days.

2. TELEGRAPH LINES. Telegraph poles, insulators and telephone lines whether in use or not, will on no account be removed or converted to uses other than those for which they were designed. All ranks will be impressed with the necessity for maintaining signal equipment intact at all times.

3. POSTAL. EFM Standard Texts. In accordance with AIF Order No 625 EFM Standard Text No 141 reading " Sorry to tell you.....died" cannot be used by members of the AIF.

4. PAYBOOKS- LOSS OF.

(a) Attention is directed to AIF (ME) Order No 503 and 876 and in particular to para (b) of 503 which states:-

" Cases of loss occasioned by negligence or carelessness of the soldier are to be severely dealt with as breaches of military discipline."

(b) Infm received indicates that thieving of paybooks by pickpockets in Cairo and Alexandria is still prevalent.

(c) All ranks will be reminded that every soldier is responsible for the safe custody of his paybook and that AIF (ME) Order No 503 (b) will be enforced in every case of loss of a paybook

5. ACF COMFORTS. The following items have been received from the ACF and distributed to Coys:-

Tooth Brushes	200	Playing Cards	16 packs.
Writing pads	80	Envelopes	2000
Pencils	24	Housewives.	80
Pens & Nibs	6	Socks	40 prs.
Boxing Gloves.	1 Set.		

6. JERRICANS.

Attention is drawn to instns previously issued with reference to Jerricans. Any further Jerricans found will be returned to the Q.M.

7. POLICE DOGS. Bde RO No 72, Para 9 is rptd:- Police dogs are now operating in the Middle East for the purpose of guarding dumps etc. These dogs consist of armantis, boxers and alsations. All members of HM Forces and civilians employed by HM Govt are warned not to touch or interfere with these dogs for the following reasons:-

(i) These dogs are in the charge of MILITARY POLICEMEN and are trained to attack anyone other than their trainer.

(ii) It will interfere with the training and usefulness of the dogs.

.....Capt
for Adjnt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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

Maj GE COLVIN Adm Comd
Part 1, No 449.

In the Field.
28 Sep 42.

1. CORRIGENDA.

Ref RO No 448 of 27 Sep 42, for Para 1, DISCIPLINE. substitute the following:-

FGCM- NX 17353 Pte GREEN S.A.

Charges:-

(1) WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he at DEIR AMAR camp on 6 Jun 42 absented himself without leave from 2200 hrs until he reported to QUARTIER VINC barracks at ALEPPO at 1000 hrs on 25 Jun 42, total absence of 18 days 12 hrs. AA Sec 15 (1).

(2) WOAS when in arrest escaping; in that he at DEIR AMAR Camp on 6 Jun 42 whilst under open arrest did escape. AA Sec 22.

FINDING. GUILTY on Charge 1, NOT GUILTY on charge 2.
Revised finding and sentence on First charge.

SPECIAL FINDING.

Guilty of absenting himself without leave from 2200 hrs on 6 Jun 42 until 0630 hrs on 24 Jun 42.

SENTENCE. Sixty days' field punishment with forfeiture of pay for sixty days.

CONFIRMATION. Finding on both charges confirmed. Confirmation signed by Brig A. Ramsay Adm Comd 9 Aust Div on 24 Sep 42.


DATE OF PROMULGATION. 26 Sep 42.

PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT AWAITING TRIAL. NIL.

TOTAL FORFEITURE. 78 days.

2. ACF COMFORTS. The following items have been received from the ACF and distributed to Coys.

604 oz Cigarette tobacco.
203 oz pipe "
812 pkts cigarette papers.
406 tins boot polish.
1624 pkts chewing gum.
812 pkts razor blades.
24 tins foot powder.
50 writing pads.
1250 Envelopes.
25 housewives.
34 pkts playing cards.
50 prs socks.


..... Capt.
for Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

Advice has been received that mails posted in the Middle East between 8 July and 17 July 42 were received in Melbourne on 1 Sep 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 2/13 1942

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	11		
	Lieutenants	24	3	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	38	3	1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	SL JURY	2/13 BN	31.8.42	From 9 AUST DIV HQ SCHOOL
Capt	RA HANLEY	"	1.9.42	Rejoined unit from 20 AIB
Lieut	WFO BOWEN	"	"	Rejoined, returned in from 10(10) AIB HQ

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	SL GIBSON	2/13 BN	4.9.42	Evac to 2/8 AIB for Sigmoidoscopy.

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).

W. J. Scurry

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1								
2		LT-COL		WAS TUNNICLIFFE	2/13 INF	Yes		Comd
3		Maj		CS O'NEILL	"	"		2/13
4		Maj		CE DAUGHTON	"	"		OC Coy
5		Capt		BA SANDLEY	"	"		OC B Coy
6		Capt		BO CRINE	"	"		OC H Coy
7		Capt		BS COOPER	"	"		OC D Coy
8		Capt		BS BARNETT	"	"		OC A Coy
9		Capt		CH BAIN	"	"		OC S Coy
10		Capt		DF PAULNER	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy
11		Capt		F DISCHAMPS	"	"		OC A Yk Pl
12		Capt		GD EVANS	"	No		Det 9 AUST DIV
13		Capt		SR LANGE	"	Yes		Majt
14		Capt		RJ BARNETT	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy
15		Capt		VC STONE	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy
16		Lieut		AG FLETCHER	"	"		Pl OPUD
17		Lieut		ND VICKERT	"	"		2 1/2 C Coy
18		Lieut		GC CLARK	"	"		2 1/2 D Coy
19		Lieut		DWE BARRON	"	"		To
20		Lieut		WC PATRICKSON	"	"		Pl Comd
21		Lieut		EM FINNERY	"	"		To
22		Lieut		RJ BARNETT	"	"		Pl Comd
23		Lieut		JR BARNETT	"	"		"
24		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
25		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
26		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
27		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
28		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
29		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
30		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
31		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
32		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
33		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"
34		Lieut		JA BARNETT	"	"		"

(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		RCR BARNETT	2/13 INF	17.3.42	Comd
Chaplain		AJ ROBJOHN	4th Ch B	19.11.41	Comd

2/13 AUST INF BR (Unit.)
5 Sep 42 (Date of Despatch.)

R. Scurry (Signature of Commander.)
Comd 2/13 AUST INF BR (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.) For Week Ending

12 Sep 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*				
*				
*				
*				
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		1
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	10		1
	Lieutenants	34	3	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	37	3	2

* 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	EP BEVAN	2/13 BN	11.9.42	Rejoined unit from X List

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	EP BEVAN	2/13 BN	9.9.42	Evacuated 2/8 ADS NYD/Abdominal
Capt	GD EVANS	"	10.9.42	Ceases to be detached and seconded to 9 AUST DIV.
Lieut	EL JORY	"	9.9.42	9 DIV MMG SCHOOL

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt-Col		REN TURNER	2/13 BN	Yes		Comd
2		Maj		GR COLVIN	"	"		2 1/2
3		Maj		CM DAINTRIE	"	"		OC COY
4		Capt		EA HANDLEY	"	"		OC C COY
5		Capt		EG CRIBB	"	"		OC HQ COY
6		Capt		EH COOPER	"	"		OC D COY
7		Capt		EG SANDERSON	"	"		OC A COY
8		Capt		OM WALSOE	"	"		QM
9		Capt		DF PAULKNER	"	"		OC B COY
10		Capt		F DESCHAMPS	"	"		OC A TR PL
11		Capt		SR LEACH	"	"		Adjt
12		Capt		RJ SOMERVILLE	"	"		PL COMD
13		Capt		KC WILSON	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy
14		Lieut		AC FLETCHER	"	"		PL COMD
15		Lieut		MD VINCENT	"	"		2 1/2 C Coy
16		Lieut		GC CLARK	"	"		2 1/2 D Coy
17		Lieut		DMB MAUGHAN	"	"		IO
18		Lieut		MT FAIRBAIRN	"	"		PL COMD
19		Lieut		EM PINKNEY	"	"		TO
20		Lieut		RJ BARNETT	"	"		PL COMD
21		Lieut		JE MADDEN	"	"		"
22		Lieut		TH INCHIE	"	"		"
23		Lieut		JE WOOD	"	"		"
24		Lieut		AR ROBERTS	"	"		"
25		Lieut		FC APPLETON	"	"		2 1/2 No 4 Pl
26		Lieut		EP DEVAN	"	"		PL COMD
27		Lieut		FS BISSARD	"	"		"
28		Lieut		DA WEBB	"	"		"
29		Lieut		RW NESLOP	"	"		"
30		Lieut		EL JORY	"	No	9 Aust Dr MMS School	
31		Lieut		CA O'CONNOR	"	No	No 2 SUB-UNIT	
32		Lieut		SGF NICHOL	"	Yes	COMDS COURSE	
33		Lieut		IN WEST	"	"		PL COMD
34		Lieut		MW POPE	"	"		"
35		Lieut		NW SIMMONS	"	"		"
36		Lieut		RFC NORRIS	"	"		"
37		Lieut	Insert	FS TREWEEK	"	"		"

(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		PCR GOODE	RMC	27.3.41	HMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBJOINS	AA Ch D	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN

12 Sep 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 19 Sep 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	Lieut Col. *	1		
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels			
	Majors... ..	2	2	1
	Captains	10	8	1
	Lieutenants	24	23	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	37	3	2

* 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	CA. O'Connor	2/13 Bn	25.9.42	From 2nd Trg Centre.
"	AW. Simpson	"	17.9.42	From ADP (AW) Staging Holding Camp.
"	WT. Fairbairn	"	18.9.42	From X List.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	PH. West	2/13 Bn	12.9.42	Evac 2/8 ADS 2nd degree wounds.
Lt Col	W.N. Turner	"	12.9.42	Det to 20 Aust Inf Bde.
Lieut	W.B. Naughton	"	12.9.42	do do.
Lieut	WT. Fairbairn	"	15.9.42	Evac 2/8 ADS- P.O.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		W.M. Turner	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	No		Detached. 28 Bl
2		Maj		G.S. Colvin	"	Yes		Adj. Comd.
3				G.H. Daintree	"	"		Actg 2 1/2
4		Capt		R.A. Handley	"	"		OC. C Coy.
5				B.C. Cribb	"	"		OC. B Coy.
6				R.H. Cooper	"	"		OC. B Coy.
7				R. Sanderson	"	"		OC. A Coy
8				G.H. Walsoe	"	"		OC.
9				D.V. Paulmier	"	"		OC. B Coy.
10				P. Deschamps	"	"		OC. 4/1st Pl.
11				S.H. Leach	"	"		Adj.
12				R.J. Somerville	"	"		Pl Comd.
13				K.G. Wilson	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy.
14		Lieut		A.C. Fletcher	"	"		Pl Comd.
15				M.D. Vincent	"	"		2 1/2 C Coy.
16				G.C. Clarke	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy.
17				M.B. Haughan	"	No		Det 20 Bde.
18				M.T. Fairbairn	"	Yes		I.C.
19				M.H. Pinkney	"	"		PO.
20				R.J. Barrett	"	"		2 1/2 A Coy
21				J.L. Madson	"	"		Pl Comd.
22				M.H. Hughes	"	"		do
23				J.H. Wood	"	"		do
24				A.H. Roberts	"	"		do
25				E.C. Appleton	"	"		2 1/2 A Pl.
26				E.P. Ryan	"	"		Pl Comd.
27				E.S. Hissink	"	"		do
28				E.S. Trumbull	"	"		do
29				M.S. Webb	"	"		do
30				M.H. Haslop	"	"		do
31				E.L. Jery	"	No		2nd Aust Inf Bn School.
32								
33				G.A. O'Connor	"	Yes		Pl Comd.
34				S.P. North	"	"		do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		R.W. Simpson			
Chaplain		P.C. Cook	AASC	27.3.41	MC.
		A.J. Robinson	AASC	10.11.41	padre.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

19 sep 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

Adj Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 2/13 MUST INF BN 23.9.42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	1	1
	Majors... ..	2	2	2
	Captains	3	3	3
	Lieutenants	23	23	23
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	35	2	3

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT. LIUT	R. MURCHAMPS	2/13 BN	23.9.42	RECORDED TO 9 AFB

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		1st Col		TURPIN	2/13 INF	No	21.10.41	20 BDE
2		Major		COLVIN	"	Yes	21.10.41	20 BDE
3		Major		DAVIES	"	"	1/2 1/0	
4		Captain		HARRIS	"	"	06	6 Coy
5		Captain		CRISP	"	"	06	14 Coy
6		Captain		COOPER	"	"	06	3 Coy
7		Captain		SANDERSON	"	"	06	1 Coy
8		Captain		NALSON	"	"	01	
9		Captain		LEACH	"	"	ADJT	
10		Captain		SOMERVILLE	"	"	PL	COND
11		Captain		WILSON	"	"	2	1/0 3 Coy
12		Captain		FRITH	"	"	06	2 Coy
13		Lieut.		FRITH	"	"	PL	COND
14		"		VINCIGRE	"	"	2	1/0 6 Coy
15		"		CLARK	"	"	2	1/0 3 Coy
16		"		MAGUIRE	"	No	20	20 BDE
17		"		PERKINS	"	"	20	
18		"		BARRETT	"	"	2	1/0 4 Coy
19		"		MADON	"	"	PL	COND
20		"		HUGHES	"	"	Asst ADJT	
21		"		WOOD	"	"	PL	COND
22		"		ROBERTS	"	No	20	20 BDE
23		"		APPELTON	"	Yes	2	1/0 4 PL
24		"		EVAN	"	"	PL	COND
25		"		WILSON	"	"	"	
26		"		FRITH	"	"	"	
27		"		HEALOP	"	"	"	
28		"		JOYE	"	No	9	AUST DIV HQ
29		"		COOK	"	Yes	SCHOOL	
30		"		COOK	"	"	PL	COND
31		"		WILSON	"	"	"	
32		"		WILSON	"	"	"	
33		"		STRAUGH	"	"	"	
34		"		HORNBY	"	"	"	
		"		SIMPSON	"	"	"	

(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		PER COOK	AUSC	27.3.41	HQ
CHAPLAIN		AJ ROBERTS	AA GEN D	19.11.41	PAID

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

26 Sep 42

(Date of Despatch.)

2/13 AUST INF BN (Signature of Commander.)

20 AUST INF BDE

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

W.H. Dunny

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders.																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnors																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .	1		1						2					2		3	19	24		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1		1						2					2		3	19	24		

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS			
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders.																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry																				
(other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .		1		1					2						3		6	29	33	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		1		1					2					3		6	29	33		

2/13 AUST INF BN Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 30 42

2/13 AUST INF BN

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 10 Sep 42. 194 (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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	"	"
W.Os Class II.	2	2	"
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	"
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	30	2	"
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	66	"	5
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	630		34
TOTALS.	801	* 5	* 39

* 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.
SX 7183 Sgt Bell J.H.	AAMC	HX 16001 Cpl Bownds RS	AA Post G
HX 17358 Cpl West G.T.	"	HX 4303 Pte Hayward RV	20 Bds.
HX 21151 Pte Fraser R	"		
HX 36646 L/Sgt Drabler A.J.	AAMC		
HX 60042 Cpl Larkin D.	"		
HX 59532 Pte Woods AC.	"		
HX 16669 Pte Evans J	"		
HX 57535 Pte Smith S.	"		
HX 32268 Sgt Cox H.	AAPC		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S, C.Q.M.S, or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
> > (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .	2	1	2						5						5	34	30			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2	1	2						5						5	34	30			

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Adm Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 Sep 42.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BR (Unit). 23 Sep 42 194 (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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	9	9	
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	37		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	60		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	600		58
TOTALS.	781	* 5	* 58

* 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.
SX 7195 Sgt HILL	23 AASC		
RA 17858 Cpl WOOD	62 " "		
RA 21151 Pte WALKER	2 " "		
RA 36648 1/sgt BRAZIER	AJ AASC		
RA 32048 Cpl LARKIN	B " "		
RA 50592 Pte WOODS	AC " "		
RA 16880 Pte EVANS	J " "		
RA 57535 Pte SMITH	S " "		
RA 55138 Pte HORNWOOD	HA " "		
RA 32266 Sgt COX	DK AASC		
RA 16001 Cpl DOWNES	RS AA Post G		
RA 4503 Pte BAYROD	NV 20 RR.		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUGUST 1943 (Unit) 26 SEP 43 194 (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 authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os Class II.	0	2	-
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	30	-	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	69	-	2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	574	-	40
TOTALS.	795	* 3	* 43

* 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.
SX 7133 SGT	HILL JR	AASD	
HX 17338 CPL	HEST	"	
HX 21151 PTE	FRANER	"	
HX 36646 L/SGT	BRAZIER	AADC	
HX 60042 CPL	LARKIN	"	
HX 59392 PTE	WOODS	"	
HX 16669 PTE	EVANS	"	
HX 57335 PTE	SMITH	"	
HX 58489 PTE	MCERWOOD	"	
HX 36666 SGT	COX	AAPC	
HX 16001 CPL	BOWEN	AA POST C	
HX 4303 PTE	HAYWOOD	20 BIE	

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

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

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Unit.

W. Os. Class I

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W. Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W. Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Unit.

Bob Colvin

Signature of Commander.

MAJ.

Date of Despatch

25 Sep 42

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS					
	W. Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W. Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S, C.Q.M.S, or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Unit.

COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN
20 AUST INF BDE

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

30 Sep 42

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

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P A T R O L R E P O R T

2/23 AUST INF BN, Night 22/23

No	Coy	Type	Strength	Times		Route	Object	REPORT
				Out	In			
1	C	Cov- er- ing	1 NCO 6 ORG	2030	2330	87513009 - 87423007 - 87463015 - 87513009	Covering relief of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	NIS/H C O 486 Adpt 4
2	C	"	1 NCO 6 ORG	0015	0530	87513009 - 87453015 - 87423007 - 87513009	do	NIS/H
3	B	"	1 NCO 6 ORG	2030	2330	87513017 - 87463019 - 87513027 - 87583021	do	NIS/H
4	B	"	1 NCO 6 ORG	0015	0530	87583021 - 87503026 - 87453020 - 87513017	do	NIS/H
5	A	"	1 NCO 6 ORG	2030	2330	87583021 - 87523027 - 87493038 - 87613029	do	NIS/H
6	A	"	1 NCO 6 ORG	0015	0530	87613029 - 87503032 - 87533023 - 87583021	do	NIS/H

Patrol personnel supplied by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

J V Dunham
 (J V DUNHAM) Lieut
 IC 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
1 SEP 42.

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORTS.- ADDITIONAL
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 31 Aug 42)

SERIAL NO. 4

COMD : WO(11) H W RICE
SUB UNIT : C Coy
STRENGTH : 1 WO(11), 2 ORs & 1 Offr & 2 NCOs (learners)
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs
TIME IN : 0300 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87613029 to 87513035 and return direct to SP.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP on 300 degrees to five carriers at 87513035, which are "bellied" on fairly soft fairly firm surface but 50 yds SOUTH there is good ground from which another tracked veh could attempt salvage ops. They appear to be new and in good condition incl the engines. Each veh was closely examined. There are eight spare bogies distributed among the five vehs, also plenty of tools were noticed. Of the two Vickers one was brought back, which is a shoulder control tank/type, while the other is the same type but is bolted down on the mounting and could easily be removed with a shifting wrench. A Bren LMG, in bad condition, was also brought in, also a spare parts wallet. Eight BRITISH rifles (SMLE Mk 111) are in the carriers. Approx 18 boxes of Vickers belted amm are there and about 4000 rounds SAA .303, and at least 500 .45 SAA. At least 50 Bren mags and six greatcoast. At 2345 hrs enemy fire from 87403044 and 87513044 put the patrol to ground, but spandau fire from derelict vehicle 300 yds NW aimed towards Pt 17 forced patrol and covering party to take cover inside the carriers where they remained until 0200 hrs and returned to our lines.

WO(11) RICE reports that the second carrier from the right had been used as an OP as the earth had been scooped away from underneath and a BRITISH blanket laid out as though for the use of an observer.

SERIAL NO. 5.

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Sgt LR. McDOUGAL
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 5 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0245 hrs
TIME IN : 0315 hrs
ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED: From 87633029 to 87563023 in front of FDLs of B Coy right flank.

REPORT Patrol moved out through minefield and turned left towards tk at 87563023 which is GERMAN Mk IV. Tk was un-occupied but ground on NORTH side showed marks were a MG had been fired by a man in a prone posn. No enemy cartridge cases were found but two unused spandau rounds were picked up. On the return journey another derelict Mk IV tk was examined 50 yds SOUTH of coastal track at 87583031.

Both tks have their twin links MMGs intact, also the large gun but the patrol leader considers these guns were NOT fired on night 30-31 Aug 42 as he ran his hand across the muzzles of all the guns and there was no trace of carbon.

Patrol returned to our lines without further incident.

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

HQ., 20 AUGUST INF BR.

PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0000 hrs 23rd 42)

SERIAL NO. 1 - SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY PATROL

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : WO(11) H W Rice.
STRENGTH : 1 WO(11) & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0400 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87633028 to 87523036 to 87523037
Return to 87633028.

REPORT : The object of this patrol was to discover, if possible, the reason and the results of enemy activity observed in the neighbourhood of the deserter carriers fwd of C Coy during the afternoon. Patrol moved out from Coy HQs on a bearing of 300 degrees until carriers were encountered at 87523036, and searched the area for booby traps etc but nothing unusual was found. 150 yds to the NORTH of the second carrier (at approx 87523037) a large conical white stone, presumably an aiming mark was found. This was removed and brought in. 150 yds of BRITISH sig wire was found running from the area of the carrier to the enemy lines. This wire was cut and at about 150 yds from the carriers. The patrol laid up in the area until after moonrise and then returned.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY PATROL No. 2

SUB UNIT : No. 4 Pl
COMD : Lieut WO APPLSTON
STRENGTH : 1 Ofcr, 3 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2325 hrs
TIME IN : 0040 hrs

*in front of the carrier
AL P.D.S.*

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. Area of sq 875302 was fully investigated.
REPORT. The object of this patrol was to intercept and capture or inflict casualties on enemy in the area, following a report by the listening post of No. 4 Pl that 4 men had been seen, with what appeared to be other men, behind them. The patrol thoroughly searched the area but no men were seen. Patrol made a test of visibility. Maximum distance at which a man could be seen in the moonlight when standing was 75 yds.

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : Lieut BT FAIRBAIRN. Patrol was in 3 special Assault Gps.
STRENGTH : 1 Covering Party. Comd of Assault Gps - Lieut FAIRBAIRN and Sgt NEVICAR. Comd of Covering Party - Lieut W. BISSAKER.
STRENGTH : Assault Gps. 1 Sgt and 13 ORs.
Covering Party. 1 Ofcr, 7 ORs.
Fwd Base - Sgt SLAUGHTER, 1 sec inf, 1 sign, 2 SBs, L/T Comd
TIME OUT : 2145 hrs
TIME IN : 0130 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. From SQs 87515009 to 87423015, to 87443015 to 87435015 to 87443017 to 87433015 to 87413016 to 87473011. Return to 87513009.

REPORT. The object of this patrol was to locate a strong post previously encountered at the end of a long patrol by an earlier patrol, and to assault the post and inflict casualties and the occupants thereof. The patrol did not encounter any occupied posts before moonrise and after moonrise the size of the patrol being considered too great, the portion of the patrol commanded by Lieut BISSAKER was sent back. Almost immediately afterwards an engagement ensued with an enemy protective party. Patrol moved out from 87513009 on a bearing of 300 degrees to 87423015 and then turned on a bearing of 80 degrees and moved to 87443015 where patrol was put to ground. Lieut FAIRBAIRN and Sgt NEVICAR went fwd to observe. Diggings were encountered 50 yds away but were unoccupied. They returned and moved the patrol fwd for a further 200 yds but still failed to locate any enemy posts; at this pt dead bodies were observed.

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SERIAL NO. 1 (Cont)

Patrol was put to ground and Patrol Leader went up to crest of ridge to observe, finding nothing patrol was rejoined and moved back to trailer (at 87433015). Patrol moved out on fresh bearing of 30 degrees to 87443017 where old diggings were found and patrol was put to ground.

Lieut FAIRBAIRN and Sgt McVICAR went fwd to observe. Wire was found running down the slope and round posts which were found to be unoccupied. Wire was single barbed, laid in trip fashion 18" high fixed by short angle iron pickets. They moved along ridge for 70 yds and finding nothing returned. Patrol was again moved back to trailer and then out to 87413016. At this stage the moon began to rise. There appeared to be enemy posns approx 100 yds in front so patrol was put to ground in fire posns. After patrol had observed for 15-20 mins a working party was heard about 70 yds to the left; and as the patrol had not located any occupied posts it was decided to shoot up the working party. The patrol leader decided that patrol was too large to handle in the circumstances with such an indefinite objective and therefore sent Lieut BISSAKER and 10 ORs back to report the patrol's intentions. As this section withdrew it was fired upon by 4 MGs from an enemy party which appeared to be the covering party for the enemy working party, 15 yards behind. The patrol engaged the covering party with 2 Brens, 3 TSMGs and 3 rifles, and fired from 2 to 3 mags per gun. Owing to the apparent strength of covering party and the loss of surprise the patrol leader withdrew his patrol, the withdrawal being effected without casualties or loss. During the withdrawal it was noticed that our own arty struck and enemy amn dump whilst providing covering fire on Pt 25. Covering fire was also provided by 2 dets of mortars and one sec MGs firing on 87343024. The enemy placed down defensive fire in front of No.8 Pl and along the ridge. It is not possible to estimate the exact strength of enemy encountered nor to ascertain any casualties that may have been inflicted. The entire patrol was checked in after the engagement by Lieut FAIRBAIRN

DWB Maughan Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(DWB MAUGHAN)

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORTS.
(FOR 24 HOURS ENDED 0600 HRS 3 SEP 42)

SERIAL No. 1

SUB UNIT - A Coy
COMD - Sgt. L. RHODES.
STRENGTH - 1 Sgt, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0145 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED.

From 87523010 to 87323019 to 8728030275 to 87343021
thence to 87523010.

REPORT. Patrol moved out from SP on bearing of 295 degrees to 87323019. N.M.S. or H. Patrol then took fresh leg on bearing of 335 degrees. At 87293026 sounds of digging and talking could be heard immediately to patrol's front. Numerous voices were heard indicating enemy in large numbers. Patrol moved on towards the sounds and after going for 200 yds came to a single row of dannert wire. As soon as patrol reached this wire all noise occasioned by working party immediately ceased and then a click could be heard which was thought to be the cocking of a gun. A sentry was seen near an old truck approx 150 yds to the right, but this man withdrew in towards the post. Patrol leader went over wire and walked 30 yds inside to a fence consisting of long angle iron pickets and two strands of barbed wire, one high and the other low. Approx 80 yds further in could be observed the diggings of a post. Patrol leader rejoined patrol and after positioning his men, 4 Bren Mags and one Mags each TSMGs were fired into the post. Immediately 2 spandaus opened up and a WHITE flare was fired. Moon was now up and patrol withdrew for 100 yds and then patrol moved on a bearing of 135 degrees 87343021 where patrol turned for own lines on approx 115 degrees and during remainder of last leg N.M.S. or H.

SERIAL No. 2.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Lieut. D.H. Green
STRENGTH - 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2030 hrs
TIME IN - 0345 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED = From 87613029 to 87543038 thence to 87513035 to 87423039. Return via 87513035 and then by coasta l track to 87613029.

REPORT - Left 87613029 with Sgt Silk and 6 ORs and placed them and phone at 87543038 thence to 5 carriers at 87513035 - NTR. From centre carrier patrol moved on 300 degrees to second rd (at 87472036) which shows no sign of recent use at all. Patrol moved on and two white flares were fired from behind CLOVER LEAF but patrol continued on the same bearing to enemy minefield at 87423039 which is marked by furrow running NE-SW, this was examined for 100 yds in both directions, after which the patrol laid up on the home side of the wire hoping to ambush any enemy coming fwd, NMS or H. On its return patrol laid up for an hour at the rd at 87472036 - NMS or H. Patrol returned to five carriers and waited there until 0300 hrs- NMS or H.

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SERIAL NO. 2 (Continued)

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NOTE: - This report must be read in conjunction with report of observed enemy activity at S7543038, [vide INTELLIGENCE REPORT.] Enemy had been seen in the area S7543039 and the ~~object~~ object of the patrol was to clear this area of the enemy. This the patrol did at the outset, finding no enemy in occupation. Sgt SILK and 6CRs were then left in occupation with the object of remaining in that area during daylight and ambushing any enemy parties who might attempt to re-occupy it. Sgt SILK and party remained in the area and are in I/T comm with the Bn.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
COMD - Lieut RW HASLOP
STRENGTH - 1 Ofpr, 2 Sgts, 8 CRs.
TIME OUT - 2115 hrs
TIME IN - 0115 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED.

From S7503018 on bearing of 321 degrees for 670 yds thence due NORTH to approx S7463030, thence in SW direction to S7443026.

OBJECT REPORT. - Object of patrol was to enable patrol comd to recon the PALMS area as a prelude to taking a fighting patrol in on night 3/4 Sep 42.

Patrol moved out from S7503018 on bearing of 321 degrees for 670 yds to S7463023 where sounds of a picket being driven were heard on the bearing of the patrol.

To avoid the high and stony ground the patrol moved due NORTH onto the salt pan and then came in from another angle towards where the sound had been to S7463030, but nothing further was seen or heard by the patrol, which then laid up in this position at approx 2230 hrs. At this stage a sound similar to a man moaning was heard. The sound seemed to come from at right angles across the route taken by the patrol at approx 350 yds behind patrol. There was nothing else to indicate what it was. This moaning faded out in a SW direction, and the patrol was then moved in the same direction to S7443026. Shortly afterwards sounds of a long picket being driven were heard slightly right of direction of patrol but almost immediately a flash was seen and an explosion heard and a flare was fired from the direction of CLOVER LEAF, after which not the slightest sound was heard again. The patrol laid up approx 70 yds WEST of S7443026 where patrol comd and 1 Sgt moved to a point 50 yds to a point of observation over the ridge. The enemy position known as THE PALMS was observed but not seen or heard.

SERIAL NO. 4

SUB UNIT - A Coy
COMD - Lieut RT FAIRBAIRN
STRENGTH - 1 Ofpr (Lieut FAIRBAIRN) 1 Sgt. (Sgt. SALUGHTER)
TIME OUT - 0530 hrs
TIME IN -

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From S7513009 to S7423015.

REPORT. This patrol moved out to the derelict trailer where it will remain in observation during the day.

Chas. Maughan Lieut,
I.C. 211 4th INF Bn.
(DWS. MAUGHAN)

HQ., 20 AUS T INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 5 Sep)

SERIAL NO.1.

COMD : Lieut. R.W. Heslop.
STRENGTH : L Offr, 2 Sgts, 20 ORs, plus 2 Sprs.
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs.
TIME IN : 0330 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87503018 to 87443026 and return to 87503018.

REPORT : The patrol moved out from the SP for 1400 yds on a bearing of 338 degrees to the two derelict trucks which had been chosen as the fwd base of the patrol. A covering party (Sgt R L Earl and 6 ORs) then moved in on a bearing of 230 degrees towards the left (as from the base) of the post nr a path along which movement into and out of the post had been observed on previous patrols. It was thought that this party would be able to ambush any party which the enemy might send out from the post to catch our party in the rear.

The assault party and 2 ORs with 1 LMG of a second covering party then moved in on a bearing of 285 degrees for about 400 yds, then turned left on 225 degrees and moved in for a further 150 yds approx where a furrow was crossed, and shortly afterwards laid up.

Lieut Heslop and Sgt Morris went fwd to recon. After about 40 yds the patrol leader thought he saw some movement nr a truck on the left. It was from this truck, on a previous night, that a challenge had been heard to be given to an enemy soldier by a previous patrol (see patrol report of 29 Aug). Lieut Heslop did not think the patrol had been observed but asked Sgt Morris to keep an eye on the truck. Later, while he was separated from Lieut Heslop, Sgt Morris observed a figure here.

Just after this, Lieut Heslop and Sgt Morris came upon a single dannert fence just at the apex of two bends in the wire. Here Lieut Heslop left Sgt Morris and followed the wire for 20/30 yds to the left, but, finding that the wire was leading away from the post up a slope, returned and followed the wire to the right for 50 yds where he recognised inside the wire two rows of long pickets, which he had on previous patrols seen in front of the post which was to be assaulted. On previous patrols, however, dannert had not been outside the pickets. At this point movement was heard coming from the direction of the pickets.

Lieut Heslop moved back and brought up the patrol, including the engrs, and put it to ground outside the wire while the engrs proceeded to make a gap in the wire. The gap had been made about 4 ft wide when the patrol was challenged. The patrol laid still. Then the dragman of the assault party stated that figures had moved across to the rear of the patrol. (Previously patrol leader had seen one figure and thought it was the dragman). Just at this moment the patrol was again challenged, distinctly in German, and two grenades were thrown which fell about 4 yds in front of the patrol on the enemy side of the wire, and immediately a spandau opened up, wounding one of the engrs. One or two rifle shots were also fired at the patrol. Our patrol fired back and the enemy replied with further fire, but in view of the fact that the element of surprise had been lost and that there were obviously enemy behind the patrol, Lieut Heslop decided to withdraw. The patrol pulled out to the right rear towards the PALMS, and after it had gone a further 100 yds a Verey Light was fired and fire was again brought down on the patrol.

The Patrol however withdrew and was moved back about a further 100 yds where a check was made. No further casualties were received.

Patrol then waited but as no more movement was observed at the post, Sgt EARL's covering party was withdrawn by a prearranged signal of 2 rifle shots. The patrol reported in at 0330 hrs.

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SERIAL NO. 2 (a)

SUB UNIT - A Coy
COMD - Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN.
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0115 hrs
ROUTE and AREA. - Out from 87513009 to 87423015, thence to 87403017, back to 87433015, thence to 87403014, thence 87373015.

REPORT.

The plan of this patrol was to set alight the trailer previously used as a daylight OP and then assisted by its light to assault the dug positions fwd of the main enemy wired post, which had previously been observed to be occupied at night and evacuated before first light. If this posn were not occupied patrol leaders's intention was then to work round the two knolls SOUTH of the main enemy posns to look for any fwd posts therein or lying behind them and use light from burning trailer to silhouette anything in this area to him.

Patrol moved out from 87513009 at 2100 hrs on 290 degrees and passed through old minefield and in to the vicinity of trailer. Patrol waited while Sgt RS SLAUGHTER and Pte CORR went fwd to examine trailer and surrounding area, on their "all clear report, main body moved up to trailer and thence fwd on bearing of 316 degrees towards vicinity of sec posts seen in daylight recce and on that occasion obscured by night. These were met after going for 100 yds, investigated and found to be empty. Patrol moved on to 87403017 which brought it in close proximity to main coy area - NMS, ~~or~~ but movement could be heard from within strongpost. Patrol moved back to trailer where incendiary bomb was ~~xxxx~~ set up. Patrol then moved in the direction of the ry line to 87403014 thence to 87373015 where a pit was found, ~~and~~ spandau amn boxes (unopened) were in this pit, which was freshly dug and appeared only a few days old. Patrol continued by bounds a further 400 yds to 87333019 - NMS or H. Fresh bearing of 40 degrees was taken and patrol moved for 250 yds to 87353020, at this point loud explosion occurred and trailer was set alight. Patrol then moved in and out between knolls and broken ground but no enemy could be seen and only sounds heard were of digging from coy area. Area was completely examined and then patrol moved back to vicinity of trailer 87423015, which was still burning - NMS or H. Patrol moved back to SP reporting into coy HQ at 0115 hrs.

SERIAL NO. 2 (b)

(Normal Protective Patrol)

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 NCO and 5 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2000 hrs
TIME IN - 0545 hrs
ROUTE and AREA. - To minefield at 87463012 (approx)

REPORT.

This patrol was the normal standing protective patrol in this area. *omit*
 NMS or H until one hour after main fighting patrol had returned through old GERMAN minefield to S.P. Trailer was by this time just a small glow of light, it was noticed that in addition two bright lights were showing from area beyond trailer. These lights appeared to be from flash lights and moved steadily left to right, after a while 9 lights were seen and also pieces of glowing ember from trailer appeared to be thrown or kicked about. Two members of protective patrol moved up to within 200 yds of trailer to observe but ~~nothing~~ now nothing could be seen of enemy near trailer, though further back from main coy area some lights shone for a little while. A decoy was suspected and firther fwd movement was not attempted.

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SERIAL NO. 3
SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Lieut SCF NORTH.
STRENGTH - 1 Ofpr, 3 ORs (incl 1 Sapper)
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0100 hrs
ROUTE and AREA From Pt 17 to 87513035 to 87473042, then
SOUTHWARDS for 400 yds. Return to Pt. 17.

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REPORT. - The object of this patrol was to ascertain the depth and extent of the enemy minefield from 87473042 SOUTHWARD. From Pt 17 to derelict carriers at 87513035, WTR. From 87513035 to 87473042 voices and occasional hammering of pickets further WEST were heard. At 87473042. The minefield was encountered without the patrol having previously seen a furrow across it's path. Here the depth of the minefield was investigated. It was found to be of a depth of only one line of mines. The patrol leader searched behind the first line of mines for other mines to a depth of 50 yds without result. Patrol then moved along the edge of the minefield for 400 yds in a SOUTHERLY direction, mines being observed the whole length of this leg. Patrol then turned for home on a bearing of 120 degrees, the arty sp plan for D Coy patrol rendering further progress SOUTH dangerous. On the homeward leg some old diggings, consisting of 12 well-concealed weapons pits protected by a semicircle of single dannerit was searched but no signs of recent occupation were seen.

At the first point of contact with the minefield three ITALIAN B.4 mines were disarmed by the sapper and these were brought in. [Otherwise nothing to report.] *omit*

No gaps were found in the field

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INFORMATION FOR B COY'S PATROLS NIGHT 5-6 SEP 42

From Patrol Report of 4 Sep 42. Distance (from trailer at 8742530155) could not be accurately estimated to position which was behind ridge but thought to be approx 400 yds. Appeared to contain three SPANDAU MGs and one medium BREDA and it is thought that this was the post Sgt McVICAR encountered on night 27-28 Aug 42.

From Patrol Report of Sgt MN. McVICAR's patrol of 28 Aug 42. A single row of dannert wire was met (patrol was on the home leg). Patrol went to ground while the patrol leader moved forward and around the wire to a point where triple dannert ran off at right angles to the single row. Immediately beyond, patrol leader saw a gap leading to the right through which he entered. EP mines were seen stacked in a heap near the entrance on his right and on the left BRITISH Mk. IV mines were laid on top of the ground. On opposite side of triple dannert wire mines were seen laid on top of ground.

This detail is thought to refer to the NORTHERN side of the post.

NOTE. The object of having two patrols is to obtain a double check on the location on the post and to familiarise a larger number of persons with the topography.

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PATROL REPORT.
(FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 0600 HRS 6 SEP 42)

SERIAL NO. 1

UNIT - B Coy
COMMAND - Lieut F. S. TANSKILL.
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 1 Sgt, 2 GRs.
TIME OUT - 2030 hrs.
TIME IN - 0015 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED.

From 87513017 on bearing of 282 degrees for approx 630 yds, then SOUTH for 100 yds, NORTH 100 yds. Return to S.P.

REPORT. - After 300 yds on 282 degrees three GERMAN corpses were found. They appeared to have been dead for only a few days. After 200 yds the patrol passed a derelict tk at 87463018 which was approx 50 yds NORTH of them. At approx 550 yds from S.P. old german minefield, 30 yds wide, was encountered, marked by a single strand of wire attached to short pickets, running NORTH and SOUTH. Mines were SP and biscuit tin type - no booby traps. The patrol moved 30 yds fwd of min-field then SOUTH for 100 yds. Return to S.P. by same route.

No strongpoint found. No movement seen or heard.

SERIAL NO. 2.

UNIT - B Coy
COMMAND - Sgt G. R. CRANFORD.
STRENGTH - 1 Sgt, 4 GRs.
TIME OUT - 0045 hrs.
TIME IN - 0300 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. From 87513017 on a bearing of 282.5 degrees for 950 yds thence on 288 degrees for 100 yds. Return to S.P.

REPORT. - This patrol crossed the same minefield as previous patrol but continued on for 500 yds where a single row of demart running on approx bearing of 288 degrees was encountered which was followed for 100 yds when sounds of one man using a pickaxe were heard. The sound continued for 20 minutes when patrol heard leader heard saw a red light followed by a white one, thought to be from a torch. The sound of pickaxe ceased and the noise of a man moving was heard. Previously a distinct sound of a cough had been heard.

The wire was next followed in the contrary direction at 108 degrees for 50 yds - otherwise no movement seen or heard.

SERIAL NO. 3

UNIT - C Coy
COMMAND - Lieut GUY MORIN.
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 3 GRs, 3 sappers.
TIME OUT - 2030 hrs
TIME IN - 0245 hrs

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87503035 to 87463043 - return on a bearing of 130 degrees to coastal rd and thence to start point.

REPORT. - The object of this patrol was to discover whether the enemy maintains listening posts fwd of his wire and to ascertain the nationality of the garrison in this area. From SP to centre derelict carrier at 87503035, SMS or H.

From carrier on grid bearing 332 degrees to minefield at 920 yds. At 820 yds demart wire was encountered and two men inside the wire. Wire was followed and was found to extend for 60 yds to the right.

The minefield was encountered at approx 87473042 where three M.4 mines were discovered.

From minefield 145 yds towards enemy lines on same bearing. Sounds of digging were heard - men were seen individually and in small parties moving about and voices speaking GERMAN were distinguished. Once a whistle was heard upon which silence ensued.

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SERIAL NO 3 (Cont)

At patrol's furthest point in, small groups of enemy were seen from time to time but not heard. Patrol attempted to crawl close to figures but always seemed to be eluded.

However, after patrol had turned back, about 50 yds from this point, talking was resumed and the word "AMICO" (ITALIAN for "FRIEND") was definitely heard.

Patrol reported in at 0245 hrs.

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AMENDED
PATROL REPORT
(FOR 24 HRS ENDED 0600 HRS 7 SEP 42).

SERIAL NO 2.

~~XXXX~~ Owing to an error of 500 yds in plotting the second leg of this patrol, an erroneous report was previously rendered. Herewith the amended report.

SUB UNIT. - A Coy
COMD - Lieut RJ BARRETT.
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. From SP at 87513009 for 1600 yds at 300 degrees to 87393017, thence to 87393023, thence to 87403022, thence to approx 87413009 to 87513009.

REPORT. - Whilst investigating the enemy defences between ~~XX~~ FAIRBAIRN's POST and Ring Contour, this patrol had an exchange of fire with an enemy wired post.

First Leg. At 1600 yds sounds of digging were heard at approx 600-700 yds on a bearing from the patrol of 330 degrees.

Second Leg. Patrol turned NORTH. At 600 yds a working party was heard 200-300 yds from patrol on a bearing of 335 degrees.

Third Leg. At approx 87393023, as no wire or defences had yet been encountered, patrol turned in towards FAIRBAIRN's POST on a bearing 130 degrees. After patrol had gone about 160 yds a huge explosion had occurred immediately ahead and about 30 yds away. It caused a very bright flash and threw up dirt, but no shrapnel was heard or felt. Immediately a voice called "halt" in GERMAN, and was followed up by the opening up of ~~out~~ machine guns. The patrol replied with automatic and rifle fire. A GERMAN voice called out "Hermann" and appeared to give directions; patrol comd led his patrol fwd and past the post. On the way out he fired a burst of TSMG towards ~~from~~ where enemy fire came from, which thereupon ceased. On the way out, patrol encountered a single row of dannert. No casualties were received by patrol which returned via the ry line, reporting in at 0140 hrs.

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PATROL REPORTS.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 7 Sep 42)

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Lieut. M.D. Vincent,
STRENGTH : 2 Offrs & 2 Pls.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs
TIME IN : 0445 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87613029 to centre carrier
at 87513035 thence on a bearing of 334 degrees until minefd encounter-

REPORT : [Patrol moved out at 2130 hrs. On the way out two consecutive flares were dropped over the area by aircraft, which kept the patrol to ground for some time. The booby trap fd was reached at about 24 hrs.] *booby-trap*

After clearing the fd the patrol divided into two gps, one Pl under Lieut. S.C.F. North moving to the left and the other under Sgt. L. McDougall to the right.

Lieut. North searched the area where he had seen at least 20 men the previous night, but found neither enemy nor signs of occupation. An A Tk minefd of French mines, skilfully concealed in hummocks of ground, was encountered 150 yds in from the AP fd, bordered on the enemy side with a double strand of commercial barb strung on short pickets. Lieut. North heard voices about 200 yds inside the wire, and thereupon communicated with the patrol comd, who ordered him to move back behind the other pl to trap an enemy party that was being stalked. In moving across Lieut North's pl swept a new stretch of ground, but no enemy were seen.

Meantime Sgt McDougall's patrol had made a wide sweep to the right, also seeing no enemy, though sounds of pickets being driven in were heard from the direction of the "EGG" feature (87513044). *Hammering would commence at 10 minute intervals and increase in intensity as picket appeared to be driven right in.* It is thought that the booby trap field was being extended.

Here, what was thought to be an enemy patrol, was seen to move across and was stalked, and the patrol comd also ordered the rt hand pl to move across to cover the suspected patrol. Unfortunately, it was, in fact, a party of sappers and escort who had moved across after laying a tape to the gap in the fd, and the encounter resulted in the fatal shooting of the apr's escort.

As it was now 0330 hrs and in view of the distance at which the sounds of enemy had been heard, the patrol leader decided there was not time to penetrate further and the patrol returned.

The patrol leader decided not to attempt further penetration and the patrol returned.

SERIAL NO. 2

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : R J Barrett
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 8 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs.
TIME IN : 0140 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED : From SP at 87513009 for 1600 yds at 300 degrees to 87433014 thence to 87433021 thence to 87443019 to approx 87463004 to 87513009.

REPORT : Whilst investigating the enemy defences between FAIRBAIRN's POST and ring contour this patrol had an exchange of fire with an enemy wired post. First Leg. At 1600 yds on a bearing of 300 degrees [from 87513009] sounds of digging were heard at approx 600-700 yds on a bearing of 330 degrees. Second Leg. Patrol turned NORTH and at 490 yds found and cut a sig wire alongside a wide dusty track. At 550 yds two sig wires bounding a well worn track were also cut. At 600 yds two empty mine boxes and a few long and short pickets were found in a wadi containing unoccupied shallow trenches. At 600 yds a working party was heard 200-300 yds from patrol on a bearing of 335 degrees. Third Leg. At approx 87433020, as no wire or defences had yet been encountered, patrol turned in towards FAIRBAIRN's POST on a bearing of 130 degrees. After patrol had gone about 160

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and about 30 yds away

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yds a huge explosion occurred immediately ahead. It caused a very bright flash and threw up dirt but no shrapnel was heard or felt. Immediately a voice called ("Halt") in GERMAN followed by the opening up of sub-machine guns. Our patrol replied with automatic and rifle fire. A GERMAN voice called out "Hermann" and appeared to give directions and patrol comd, ~~thinking that enemy plan was to hold up patrol whilst another enemy party got in behind,~~ led his patrol fwd and past the post. On the way out he fired a burst of TSMG towards -s where enemy fire came from, whereupon it ceased. On the way out patrol encountered a single row of dannert, ~~two members falling badly.~~ Patrol received no casualties. Patrol returned via the ry line, reporting in at 0140 hrs.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Lieut HW POPE
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2030 hrs
TIME IN - 0430 hrs

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. From 87503018 to 87373025 to 87383026 thence to 87363027. Return to 87503018

REPORT. The object of this patrol was to investigate enemy wire and posns from near ring contour to ~~RAINE~~ *150 yds west of the main road* ~~at approx 87373025~~ *From 87503018* where a single coil of dannert was met running WESTWARDS. Patrol moved on a grid bearing of 298 degrees, at 1800 yds sounds of a working party were heard. Patrol turned SW to approx 87373025 where a single coil of dannert was met running WESTWARDS. Patrol moved back to within 50 yds of previous turning pt and moved WEST for 150 yds when single dannert was encountered running NE. Two small trees being seen in an apex of the wire, where it turned and ran off NORTH to NW. Here patrol was fired on by rifles from both sides. Patrol withdrew, after lying ^{1/2} for 100 yds NE and after proceeding WEST for 200 yds struck single dannert again, the wire running NE for 10 yds and then NW. Voices were heard inside the wire. ~~From~~ ~~an~~ NCO moved up the wire NW for approx 100 yds (at ?87503028) where a narrow gap was found at a branch in the wire from which the dannert ran NNW and a fence of 3 strands of wire on long pickets continued NW.

Here the NCO was challenged twice and flares were fired which revealed what appeared to be freshly dug posns inside the wire. Patrol did not investigate further owing to the lateness of the hour.

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PATROL REPORTS.
(for 24 hrs ended 8 Sep 42)

SERIAL NO. 1

COMD. : Lieut F.S. Bissaker
SUB UNIT : A Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 8 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2230 hrs.
TIME IN : 0130 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513009 to 87393015 to 87393017.
Return to SP.

REPORT : The object of this patrol was to investigate the enemy wire WEST of FAIRBAIRNS POST.

First Leg : From 87513009 on a bearing of 295 degrees, NMS or H until at approx 87403015 a rifle shot was fired in the direction of the patrol from about 87393015 where on going to ground sounds of digging about 300 yds to the right were heard. Here patrol turned NORTH.

Second Leg : From approx 87393015 due NORTH. After approx 170 yds slight movement was heard in front, and on going to ground single dannert could be discerned 30/40 yds ahead and to right and left, and what may have been another line of dannert behind. On patrol comd attempting to move fwd with 2 ORs to inspect the wire, a flare was shot up from the right and a single shot fired from the left. Being s kylined and under observation, patrol withdrew, and re turned to own lines at 0115 hrs.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : B Coy.
COMD : Lieut A R Roberts.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 8 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0330 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87503018 to 87383025 to 87383027 thence to 87423025 thence to 87423029 and return to 87503018.

REPORT :
First Leg : From 87503018 on a bearing of 304 degrees for 1500 yds. At 1500 yds GERMAN voices and sounds of digging and hammering of pickets were heard. Patrol was put to ground and 1 NCO & 1OR went fwd 20 yds when a single figure jumped up and retired running. All sounds then ceased, but shortly afterwards a single pick was heard tapping stones about 100 yds immediately ahead. A decoy being suspected, patrol withdrew 100 yds and turned NORTH.

Second Leg : From 87383025, 200 yds due NORTH. At approx 87383027 patrol laid up in a small WADI running NW, and heard voices and sounds of digging from two small trees about 200 yds NW.

Third Leg : From 87383027 at 124 degrees for 500 yds. NMS or H.

Fourth Leg : From 87423025 due NORTH for 450 yds. NMS or H.

At two derelict trucks (?87423029) patrol was put to ground on sounds being detected like a tin knocking on wire. Investigation fwd for 250yds revealed nothing.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Lieut. M.D. Vincent.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 10 ORs & 1 Spr.
TIME OUT : 2015 hrs.
TIME IN : 0100 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From Pt 17 to 87533037 to 87503040.

REPORT : Patrol intended to secure the dead body of a soldier killed on the previous night and ascertain if enemy were repairing area cleared in minefd on previous night.

Patrol moved out at last light to second rd at 87503040. Patrol leader sighted approx 20 men through field glasses moving down the beach rd from approx 100 yds NORTH of rd junc (87513041), who halted nr an old truck. Two fwd scouts reported another 10/15 men moving SE of rd junc.

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SERIAL NO 3 (Continued)

REPORT (Cont).

The patrol comd considers that the earlier sounds of hammering and lighting of a cigarette were done so as to attract observation and were part of a decoy.

Patrol then returned on a bearing of 92 degrees, which eventually took the patrol onto the most NORTHERLY of 5 derelict carriers at 87513035. ^{Before} arriving at the carriers a sig wire running to the enemy lines from the direction of the carriers was cut. Patrol was put to ground, and sounds of hammering of pickets were heard between the carriers and the coast.

Patrol comd moved fwd to inspect the carriers. As he approached the first carrier a figure sprang out and scuttled away across the ground making a hysterical gasping sound- panting with the rapidity of a dog- to some other figures. Patrol comd then noticed that there were men all round.

Patrol comd returned to his patrol and withdrew patrol crawling until he considered patrol was out of range. Patrol then stood up and ~~maxim~~ walked out. A gp of 5 of the patrol, which became separated from the main body, also came out walking. This gp passed a truck with enemy sitting on the mudguard.

No fire was encountered by either gp. Patrol then returned and reported the situation, whereupon the area was engaged by our mortars and sp MGs. A fire was caused.

Patrol comd considers that enemy in this area were at least a Coy strong.

SERIAL NO. 2.

<u>SUB UNIT</u>	-	B Coy
<u>COMD</u>	-	Lieut H.W. POPE.
<u>STRENGTH</u>	-	1 Offr, 8 ORs.
<u>TIME OUT</u>	-	2400 hrs
<u>TIME IN</u>	-	0530 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87503018 to 87403024 thence to 8737-3027.

REPORT. First Leg. Patrol moved out on a bearing of 304 degrees. At about 1300 yds men were heard moving about 150 yds to the right. A Scout was sent to locate enemy party but missed them.

Second Leg. From 87403024 on a bearing of 295 degrees. At 500 yds patrol found a strand of barb wire coiled to resemble dannert, standing 8 or 9 inches high and running approx NE-SW. About 10 yds SW of point of contact a gap 3 ft wide was found, and just inside a dirt road running in the same direction as the wire.

Patrol penetrated for 50 yds. Sounds of dropping of pickets and other work were heard ~~at~~ about 150 yds fwd and voices were heard here and in two other localities.

Third Leg. 87383026 to 87383029. NMS or H.

Fourth Leg. From 87383029 on a bearing of 304 degrees. ~~at~~ At 450 yds single dannert wire was met running NE which turned immediately after contact and ran NNW for 100 yds where a gap was found. (this is the gap which was struck by patrol on night 6/7 Sep 42).

Fifth Leg. From gap patrol moved 100 yds (approx) NE and then moved 250 yds NNW parallel to the wire where a trip wire (single strand on short pickets) was encountered running NE-SW and voices were heard about 50 yds inside the trip wire. The trip wire was followed by a scout and was found not to extend as far as the dannert, which was still running NNW.

Patrol laid up in this area from 0400 to 0445 hrs in order to ascertain whether enemy patrol moved out during this time and to engage them.

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PATROL REPORTS
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 9 Sep)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : Sgt L. Rhodes
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 4 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2230 hrs.
TIME IN : 0145 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513009 to 87393011 to 87393017.
Return to SP.

REPORT : The object of the patrol was to trace the enemy wire from FAIRBAIRNS POST (87423018) WEST. From 87513007 on bearing of 295 degrees for 1500 yds - NMS or H. From 87393015 NORTH for 150 yds. At 150 yds patrol heard movement ahead and saw 6 enemy approx 100 yds ahead walk down ridge and out of sight. At 220yds (approx 87393013) a row of single dannert was contacted. This was followed by patrol comd in a westerly direction for 40 yds where it appeared to end (but may have turned sharp right). Here patrol comd was challenged in GERMAN from outside the wire. Immediately fire from 3 spandaus MGs was brought down all round patrol comd from the direction of the challenge, and a 20mm mortar fired from within the wire.

Enemy appears to have been particularly alert, for patrol crawled last 100 yds up to wire, and then patrol comd had crawled very cautiously along it.

Patrol comd managed to rejoin and withdraw his patrol, without casualties.

Return to SP by direct route - NMS or H. *NOTE: Only a small patrol had been sent out as previously patrols of fighting strength had been unable to approach the wire undetected.*

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : Lieut. E.F.C. Norrie.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 8 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0340 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513009 to 87403010 to 87403011 to 87213025. Return to 87513009. Patrol had been told of suspected gun pits at 87213026 visible on air photos and told to investigate.

REPORT : From SP due WEST to ry then NORTH for 150 yds then parallel with ry. At approx 87343016 patrol comd and 1 NCO (having moved fwd from patrol) heard working partyn 500/700 yds to NE. At approx 87263024 a single row of dannert was encountered, behind which was a Teller minefd running NNE, the mines being laid irregularly and at varying intervals. 150 yds in from the dannert the far border of the fd was marked by a single strand of barb wire chest high on long pickets. Patrol comd searched for and found mines in for a depth of 100 yds from dannert, but did not search the last 50 yds. Patrol moved through the minefd and at 100 yds from the far edge, a second strand of single barb on long pickets was encountered. Between these two a sig or alarm or trip wire was struck. Working parties had begun to be heard fwd of patrol but thereupon all sounds ceased. Patrol comd here decided to turn NORTH. On the patrol turning on its fresh leg fire was brought down on patrol from a distance of about 25 yds from 2 or 3 MGs, a 3 mortar and g renades. Patrol replied with 6 TSMGs and grenades. Enemy were heard to give yells. Enemy fire continued and patrol leader finding that some of the members of the patrol were wounded withdrew. During withdrawal ITALIAN voices were heard.

All members of the patrol, except 1 one, were wounded, but none seriously. One TSMG was damaged and mislaid during withdrawal.

Patrol Comd, Lieut NORRIE, was one of the number slightly wounded.

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SERIAL NO. 3

SUB UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Sgt. D.C. MAIR.
STRENGTH - 1 Sgt, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2200 hrs
TIME IN - 0345 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87503018 to 87373027 to 87373028,
 thence to 87373027. Return to S.P.

REPORT. - From 87503018 on 304 degrees (Magnetic): NMS or H
 until at 1800 yds approx sounds of working were heard. At approx
 1820 yds patrol laid up to listen and shortly afterwards sounds of
 working ceased and a clattering as of tools being thrown into a
 heap was heard. Patrol Comd and NCO moved fwd 20 yds and found a
 strand of coiled barb resembling dannert which was followed for
 150 yds on 10 degrees. Wire was seen to continue further. They
 then returned to patrol, then moving out on original bearing pen-
 etrated first row of wire and struck a similar one 12 yards further
 in, which was also crossed. At another 8 yds voices were heard in
 front and on either side, very close, and a rifle bolt was heard to
 click. As he considered himself observed, he returned to patrol.
 From posn of patrol nothing could be seen or heard except distant
 sounds of digging and dogs barking in the direction of CLOVER LEAF.

As scheduled time for patrol had almost expired
 and patrol had been warned that harassing fire might follow, patrol
 then returned to lines.

NOTE - It is thought that this patrol's compass may have
 had an error of 2 degrees and that wire was struck at 87343027.

SERIAL No 4 Report has not yet come to hand but
 will be rendered later.

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PATROL REPORTS
(for 24 hrs end ed 0600 hrs 10 Sep)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - A Coy
COMD - Liut. F.S. BISSAKER.
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0225 hrs
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87513009 to 87343022 (approx) thence to 87343019 to 87513009.

REPORT. Patrol moved out on a bearing of 290 degrees and moved round to a crest of a ridge at approx 87323022 where a single row triple dannert was encountered; sounds of digging and voices were heard.

As patrol commander and one OR moved fwd to examine the wire a cough was heard, followed by complete silence. After 15-20 minutes a command was heard in GERMAN followed by a renewal of digging and low murmur of voices.

Patrol was rejoined and moved towards the sound of digging. After 15 minutes of crawling, silence again ensued and movement was again heard on the right. Patrol was put in a fire posn and opened in direction of movement with 5 TSMGs, whereupon sounds of confused movement and clattering of rocks were heard. Enemy replied with MGs and sub-MG gun fire from left front and our patrol again fired and then moved into low ground. 2" mortar fire commenced to fall approx 100 yds from the patrol. Patrol withdrew without casualties and returned without further incident, reporting in at 0225 hrs.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
COMD - Lieut J.E. MADDEN
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0020 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87403035, thence to 87513035. Return to 87613029.

REPORT. Patrol moved out from S.P. on a magnetic bearing of 285 degrees.

At about 700 yds the derelict tk with aerial was searched. No signs were found of enemy occupation.

At 87463033 a rd was crossed, and shortly afterwards a well-beaten track was crossed running in almost the same direction as patrol's course but slightly more NORTHERLY.

At 2400 yds (approx 87513035) a furrow was encountered running due NORTH. ^{60 yds} ~~300 yds~~ in from the furrow, patrol comd found a series of holes about 9 ins. x 4 1/2 ins and 4 1/2 ins deep, running in a line due NORTH ^{60 yds} in from the furrow mixed AP minefield of ITALIAN B.4 mines and S mines with Z - Z 35 ignitors was found. The B.4 mines were attached to pieces of box wood, and from the mines strings ran out and were attached to bushes. The field was bordered on both sides by wire on short pickets, ^{the rear one being double} between which other ~~wires~~ wires ran diagonally, forming crosses. Strings from ~~the~~ B.4 mines were attached to both border and diagonal wires as well as to the bushes ^{on the rear wire}.

Patrol comd had put patrol to ground at the furrow on heard a cough. This was followed by men coughing and a noise of hammering in the right, where the glow of a cigarette was also seen.

After patrol comd had penetrated to 30 paces beyond the minefield a man suddenly bobbed his head up, whereupon all spund and movement ceased. Patrol comd perceived that he was in a semi-circle of slit trenches.

Patrol comd backed out to his patrol. He then observed, through his binoculars a party of about 8 men movin round on his right, 150 to 200 yds away. Shortly afterwards a party of 12 men was seen moving on patrol's left. Patrol comd attempted to draw both parties towards him and away from their posns by withdrawing in bounds. However, after the first bound, he lost both parties, and although he waited they did not re-appear.

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SERIAL NO. 3 (Continued)

REPORT (Cont).

The patrol commander considers that the earlier sounds of hammering and lighting of a cigarette were done so as to attract observation and were part of a decoy.

Patrol then returned on a bearing of 92 degrees, which eventually took the patrol onto the most NORTHERLY of 5 derelict carriers at 87513035, arriving at the carriers a sig wire running to the enemy lines from the direction of the carriers was cut. Patrol was put to ground, and sounds of hammering of pickets were heard between the carriers and the coast.

Patrol commander moved forward to inspect the carriers. As he approached the first carrier a figure sprang out and scattered away across the ground making a hysterical gasping sound, panting with the rapidity of a dog - to some other figures. Patrol commander then noticed that there were men all round.

Patrol commander returned to his patrol and withdrew patrol crawling until he considered patrol was out of range. Patrol then stood up and smart walked out. A gp of 5 of the patrol, which became separated from the main body, also came out walking. This gp passed a truck with enemy sitting on the midguard.

No fire was encountered by either gp. Patrol then returned and reported the situation, whereupon the area was engaged by our mortars and sp MGs. A fire was caused.

Patrol commander considers that enemy in this area were at least a Coy strong.

SERIAL NO. 2.

- UNIT - B Coy
- LEADER - Lieut H.V. POPE.
- STRENGTH - 1 offcr, 8 ORs.
- TIME OUT - 2400 hrs
- TIME IN - 0530 hrs

AREA & AREA PATROLLED. From 87503023 to 87403024 thence to 8737-1027.

REPORT.

First Leg. Patrol moved out on a bearing of 304 degrees, at about 1300 yds men were heard moving about 150 yds to the right. A scout was sent to locate enemy party but missed them.

Second Leg. From 87403024 on a bearing of 295 degrees. At 500 yds patrol found a strand of barb wire coiled to resemble cannon, standing 8 or 9 inches high and running approx NE-SW. About 10 yds SW of point of contact a gap 3 ft wide was found, and just inside a dirt road running in the same direction as the wire.

Patrol penetrated for 50 yds. Sounds of dropping of pickets and other work were heard at about 150 yds and voices were heard here and in two other localities.

Third Leg. 87353026 to 87353029. NWS or E.

Fourth Leg. From 87353029 on a bearing of 304 degrees, at 450 yds single strand wire was met running NE which turned immediately after contact and ran NWS for 100 yds where a gap was found. (This is the gap which was struck by patrol on night 6/7 Sep 42).

Fifth Leg. From gap patrol moved 100 yds (approx) NE and then moved 250 yds NNE parallel to the wire where a trip wire (single strand on short pickets) was encountered running NE-SW and voices were heard about 50 yds inside the trip wire. The trip wire was followed by a scout and was found not to extend as far as the cannon, which was still running NNE.

Patrol laid up in this area from 0400 to 0445 hrs in order to ascertain whether enemy patrol moved out during this time and to engage them.

Lieut,

L. E. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
(D. F. B. SMITH)

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PATROL REPORTS.

(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 11 Sep)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - A Coy
COMD - Lieut R.J. BARRETT.
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0320 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. From 87513009 to 87433015 thence to 87433016.
Return to S.P.

REPORT. - From SP on a magnetic bearing of 300 degrees. An old GERMAN minefd was crossed, a dog was heard barking from direction of FAIRBAIRN's POST (8423017).

At 87433015 enemy working parties could be heard due NORTH. Patrol had been well opened out, and right hand man reported seeing movement of approx 20 men moving from FAIRBAIRN's POST to a point WEST of it.

Patrol moved 130 yds towards enemy, and then stopped to listen, waiting for 30 minutes, but NMS or H except distant sounds of driving of pickets (bearing 35 degrees).

Patrol remained in area, searching in all directions for some hours but was unable to make contact.

SERIAL NO. 3

SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Lieut D.S. WEBB
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 30 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2000 hrs
TIME IN - 0310 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87513035 and return.

REPORT. - Standing Patrol at derelict carriers (87513035) to intercept and shoot up enemy parties, considerable numbers of enemy having been seen in this area at night.

Patrol took up position from right carrier excl for 100 yds to the right.

NTR except sounds of driving in of steel spickets in the direction and fwd of "EGG" feature 87523044.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Lieut A.R. ROBERTS.
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
TIME IN - 0550 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87503018 to 87403025 to 87373026 to 87373029 to 87393033 to 87353033. Return to 87503018.

REPORT. - First Leg. From 87503018 on mag. bearing of 304 degrees for 1300 yds - NTR.

Second Leg. From 87403025 on bearing of 295 degrees for 425 yds. At end of leg a single strand of commercial barb (not secured to pickets) running NORTH-SOUTH and 10 yds inside, a row of coiled and tangled commercial barb. Sounds of tapping were heard SW.

Third Leg. From 87373026 due NORTH for 300 yds. At 300 yds patrol came to entrance of small wadi where the two trees reported by previous patrols could be dimly seen. Patrol comd left his patrol and moved towards trees, but was halted after 80 yds (at approx 87363029) by single dannert running on a bearing of 40 degrees.

Fourth Leg. From 87373029 35 degrees for 500 yds. NTR. Patrol was now on the marsh, SW of 2 derelict trucks.

Fifth Leg. From 87393033 due WEST for 450 yds. At 450 yds (approx 87353033) a trip wire consisting of one strand of commercial barb on short pickets was encountered. Patrol went to ground whilst one NCO and 1 Pte investigated fwd.

After they had investigated for 15 yds, movement of about 20 men was observed by the patrol further WEST and behind the two scouts. At the same time, the NCO and Pte commenced to crawl back. Two rifle shots were fired by enemy, one of which wounded the Pte in the leg as he was

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SERIAL NO. 2.

REPORT (Contd) - Fifth Leg.

rejoining the patrol.

Patrol took up firing posns but before the scouts were clear of the field of fire enemy had moved out of sight and were not contacted again.

Patrol returned as hour was getting late, reporting in at 0550 hrs.

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

No. 2711 UNIT INF BR.

PATROL REPORTS
(for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 11 Sep)

SERIAL NO. 1.

UNIT - A Coy
LEADER - Lieut R.J. BARNETT.
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0320 hrs.

AREA PATROLLED. From 87513009 to 87433015 thence to 87433016.
Return to S.I.

REPORT. - From SP on a magnetic bearing of 330 degrees. An old
CHRYSLER minefield was crossed, a dog was heard barking from direction of
FAIRBAIRN'S POST (8423017).

At 87433015 enemy working parties could be heard due
NORTH. Patrol had been well opened out, and right hand man reported
seeing movement of approx 20 men moving from FAIRBAIRN'S POST to a
point WEST of it.

Patrol moved 130 yds towards enemy, and then stopped to
listen, waiting for 30 minutes, but HNS or H except distant sounds of
driving of pickets (bearing 35 degrees).

Patrol remained in area, searching in all directions
for some hours but was unable to make contact.

SERIAL NO. 2.

UNIT - C Coy
LEADER - Lieut S.S. WHEAT
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2000 hrs
TIME IN - 0110 hrs

AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87513035 and return.

REPORT. - Standing patrol at demilist carriers (87713035) to inter-
cept and shoot up enemy parties, considerable numbers of enemy having
been seen in this area at night.

Patrol took up gun from right carrier excl for 100 yds
to the right.

HNS except sounds of driving in of steel pickets in
the direction and fed of "HSC" feature 87523044.

SERIAL NO. 3.

UNIT - B Coy
LEADER - Lieut A.S. ROBERTS.
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
TIME IN - 0130 hrs

AREA PATROLLED. From 87503018 to 87403025 to 87373026 to
87373029 to 87393033 to 87353033. Return to 87503018.

REPORT. - First leg. From 87503018 on mag. bearing of 304 degrees
for 1300 yds - HNS.

Second leg. From 87403025 on bearing to 295 degrees for
425 yds. At end of leg a single strand of commercial barb (not secured
to pickets) running NORTH-SOUTH and 10 yds inside, a row of coiled and
tangled commercial barb. Sounds of tapping were heard SW.

Third leg. From 87373026 due NORTH for 300 yds. at 300
yds patrol came to entrance of small well where the two trees reported
by previous patrols could be dimly seen. Patrol could left his patrol
and moved towards trees, but was halted after 60 yds (at approx 87363025)
by single demilist running on a bearing of 40 degrees.

Fourth leg. From 87373029 35 degrees for 500 yds. HNS.
Patrol was now on the marsh, SW of 2 demilist trucks.

Fifth leg. From 87393033 due WEST for 450 yds. at 450
yds (approx 87353033) a trip wire consisting of one strand of commercial
barb on short pickets was encountered. Patrol went to ground whilst one
HCO and 1 Pte investigated fail.

After they had investigated for 15 yds, movement of about
30 men was observed by the patrol further WEST and behind the two scouts.
At the same time, the HCO and Pte commenced to crawl back. Two rifle shots
were fired by enemy, one of which wounded the Pte in the leg as he was

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SERIAL NO. 2.

REPORT (Contd) - Fifth Leg.

rejoining the patrol.

Patrol took up firing posns but before the scouts were clear of the field of fire enemy had moved out of sight and were not contacted again.

Patrol returned as hour was getting late, reporting in at 0550 hrs.

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

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PATROL REPORTS.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 12 Sep)

SERIAL NO.1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : E.F.C. Norrie
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs
TIME OUT : 0030 hrs.
TIME IN : 0445 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87523010 thence to 87413010 thence to 87413016. Return to 87523010.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP (87523010) on a bearing of 270 degrees until ry wa s encountered at 87413010. Then on a bearing of 360 degree s. After moving fwd 500 yds digging could be heard and patrol was put to ground. The patrol leader then crawled fwd for 200 yds, during which time digging stopped. Patrol Comd rejoined patrol and moved fwd. Patrol was again put to ground in vicinity of trailer (87413015). Patrol Comd and one Pte then made sweeps for a radius of 150 yds from this posn - NMS or H. Patrol then lay up hoping to ambush enemy parties but NMS or H during remainder of night. Patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO.2.

SUB UNIT : B Coy.
COMD : Lieut. F.S. Treweeke
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs.
TIME IN : 0445 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA ~~XX~~ PATROLLED : From 87503018 to 87403024 thence to 87383026 to 87383029 thence to 87393029. Return to 87503018.
REPORT : From SP, 87503018, patrol marched on bearing of 304 degrees for 1300 yds to 87403024, nothing seen except unoccupied slit trenches, encountered after moving 1000 yds.
Second Leg : On bearing of 295 degrees for 300 yds to 87383026. Single loose strand of barb wire encountered at 250 yds on this leg.
Third Leg : 300 yds on bearing of 360 degrees to 87383029. NMS or H.
Fourth Leg : 150 yds on a bearing of 85 degrees to 87393029. From this point patrol thoroughly examined area for radius of 300 yds - NMS or H, although several digging s encountered, patrol leader could not say whether these had been recently occupied or not.
Returned along escarpment to SP.
NOTE : Contrary to previous reports patrol leader emphasises complete lack of fd wks in progress in enemy posns. This is probably due to the fact that all previous patrols have been out earlier.

SERIAL NO.3.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.
COMD : Sgt. L. McDougal.
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 24 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2010 hrs
TIME IN : 0400 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. : From 87593022 to 87503028 thence to 87513036 to 87523046 to 87613029.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP at 87593022 on a bearing of 308 degrees for 1100 yds to 87503028 on first rd and then on a bearing of 5 degrees for 900 yds to carriers and continued on past carriers for 100 yds to 87513036. Defensive posn was taken up at this pt at 2200 hrs. At 2255 hrs a picket was heard to be driven in on or about "EGG" feature (87523046). This continued only for a few minutes. There was no sign of recent occupation in this rea are further NMS or H. until 0300 hrs when patrol in an EASTERLY, direction moved to on the coast This post and surrounding area was searched but NMS or H. Patrol returned through 87613029.

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PATROL REPORTS (Continued)

NOTE: - Two men from C Coy moved out to a posn at 8755030445 and took up a posn of observation before first light. During the day 2 men were observed moving around CLOVER LEAF feature (87403044); otherwise NMS or H.

Patrol returned after last night.

M. J. Fairbairn Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(M.T. FAIRBAIRN)

NOTE.

Plottings on enclosed sketch are made on bearings of 1 degrees less than bearings given in the text which are magnetic bearings.

Plottings of route and observations of left pl of patrol of night 6/7 Sep are based on information given by Pl Comd for route from carriers to second minefd, and ~~then~~ from then forward on information given by NCO who acted as a forward scout.

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PATROL REPORT.

(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 13 Sep)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : Sgt. M.N. McVicar
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0400 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513009 to 87323016 to 87363016 and return to 87513009.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP at 87513009 on a bearing of 291 degrees, after covering 1400 yds laughter, voices, and digging could be heard, this appeared to come from rt of patrol 7/800 yds away; digging continued and could be heard by patrol during whole of the first leg. At 2000 yds a voice was heard from southern side of r y line, "Halt who goes there" in AUSTRALIAN. After this incident nothing further was heard, but all enemy working parties ceased work. Patrol continued on and encountered r y line at 2175 yds at 87323016. Patrol comd put patrol to ground and move fwd 200 yds and then rejoined patrol, he again went fwd on a bearing of 80 degrees for 350 yds - NMS or H. On rejoining ~~main~~ main body, patrol waited for 30 mins and then moved on 90 degrees for 400 yds - NMS or H. ~~Patrol~~ Patrol then moved in on 110 degrees and returned through SP.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.
COMD : Sgt. J.F. Meers
STRENGTH. : 1 Sgt & 19 ORs
TIME OUT : 2015 hrs.
TIME IN : 0400 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87613029 to 87513029 to 8751-3036 to 87513037 to 87543036, and return to 87613029.

REPORT. : Patrol left SP at 87613029 on a bearing of 270° for 1120 yds when rd was encountered at 87513029, then on a bearing of 360 degrees. After moving 550 yds an abandoned SPANDAU MG was found which patrol comd salvaged. Patrol continued on for a further 180 yds to carriers at 87513036 and continuing past for 100 yds where patrol took up defensive posn at 2150 hrs. At 0235 hrs 2 shots were heard which appeared to be fired from a TSMG. Patrol remained in posn until 0330 hrs but NMS or H. Patrol then moved out on a bearing of 90 degrees for 400 yds to strongpost at 87543036 which was thoroughly searched; a slit trench which was 50 yds from the strongpost at 87543035 contained a white blanket which patrol brought may have been recently used. Patrol then returned through SP.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
COMD : Lieut RW HESLOP
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs
TIME IN : 0445 hrs
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87473042 to 87463043 thence to 87473029 and return to 87613029.

REPORT. : From SP, 87613029, patrol moved on a bearing of 302 degrees to carriers at 87513036. Then on a bearing of 330 degrees After having moved 400 yds a well defined rd was crossed at a pt where a footpath crossed the rd, obliquely, running approx SW. 25 yds further on a sig wire was found and then a double sig wire running NORTH-SOUTH. On the EASTERN side of the wire were found 2 furrows some 15 ft apart but NO mines could be located in the area. The patrol moved on to a pt 850 yds from the carriers to 87473042, from here 2 members of the patrol pushed fwd to locate booby trap fd; a furrow was found and the area was searched to a depth of 50 yds and a distance of 50 yds to NORTH, no mines or booby traps could be located (the furthest pt of penetration was 1000 yds from carriers at 87513036) The scouts then decided to rejoin the patrol. After moving 50 yds

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SERIAL NO. 3 (Continued)

they stumbled over a single dannert coil but withdrew without incident and failing to find remainder of patrol, returned to our lines.

Patrol commenced return route on a bearing of 180 degrees for 1400 yds - NMS or H to 87473029. Then on 94 degrees after patrol had covered 200 yds a sandy area was located around which were unoccupied slit trenches; patrol on night 5/6 Sep 42 reported a disarmed minefield in this area but this could not be located. During patrol no booby traps either armed or disarmed were located. Patrol returned to SP.

During the pæriod patrol was in area 87473042, while scouts were searching for mines, sounds of pickets being driven at 15 minute intervals approx 250 yds ahead were heard.

M. D. Fairbairn Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(M.T. FAIRBAIRN)

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 14 Sep)

SERIAL NO.1.

SUB UNIT. : A Coy.
COMD : Sgt. L. Rhodes
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0300 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513010 to 87313017 and
return to 87513010.

REPORT : Patrol moved from SP, 87513010 on a bearing of 291 degrees. At 2100 yds six 3" mortar bombs fell approx 400 yds to rt of patrol, these appeared to come from area FAIRBAIRN'S POST, two white flares were fired striking the ground further to rt of patrol; patrol continued on to 87313017, then turned on a bearing of 20 degrees and moved along small WADI. At 300 yds a series of unoccupied slit trenches were seen. Patrol moved on and at 450 yds, which brought patrol to top of wadi, a triple dannert wire was observed. Patrol waited for 30 mins, during which time a voice, which appeared to be GERMAN, could be heard calling out to some other person. Voice came from beyond ridge in front and appeared to be approx 2/300 yds from patrol. Owing to bare and rocky nature of ridge patrol was forced to move slowly; area was extremely quiet; enemy wire was encountered and found to run along crest of ridge. Patrol remained in area for an hour - NMS or H except for barking of dog in area 87423017. Patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO.2.

SUB UNIT. : B Coy.
COMD : Lieut. H.W. Pope
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs.
TIME IN : 0300 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87543019 to 87493027 to 87363038 to 87353032 and return to 87543019.

REPORT : Out from SP at 87543019 to 87493027 then on a bearing of 313 degrees, patrol found derelict trucks at 550 yds. At 800 yds old diggings near track. At 1500 yds patrol encountered minefd consisting of ITALIAN B4 mines. These were attached to iron and wooden pickets by cotton. The fd was two rows in depth, 15 ft between mines and 10 ft between rows. Patrol comd investigated fd for 100 yds NORTH and SOUTH from pt of contact, the fd continued with same type mines ~~throughout~~ throughout. 10 yds in, on enemy side, ~~the~~ fd, was marked by sig or trip wire: patrol continued on to 87363038. Patrol commenced third leg, after moving 600 yds a second minefd was encountered running EAST-WEST, believed to be a continuation of fd crossed on second leg. Patrol crossed minefd and continued to 87353032 - NMS or H. Patrol remained in area for half an hour and then returned to SP.

SERIAL NO.3

SUB UNIT : D Coy
COMD © Cpl McDonough R.
STRENGTH : 1 sec
TIME OUT : 2015 hrs.
TIME IN : 2300 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87613029 to 87543036 and return to 87613029.

REPORT : Out from SP 87613029 to 87543036. The area to be occupied was located and examined but found clear of enemy. Sigs attached to patrol for installing the phone examined line and found it had been tapped in three places and bared for tapping in seven. They moved back along the wire, themselves tapping in, but could not raise D Coy HQ until 200 yds from it. Patrol comd decided to return to SP owing to lack of comn.

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SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
COMD : Lieut J.E. Wood
STRENGTH : 1 offr 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2015 hrs
TIME IN : 0300 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87613029 to 87523039 to 87473036 to 87493029 and return to 87613029.

REPORT : Out from SF at 87613029 on a bearing of 320 degrees to 87523039, when patrol waited but NMS or H. Then on a bearing of 242 degrees, patrol went to ground and listened at 200 yd intervals; at 400 yds tapping of pickets was heard coming from northerly direction, approx 400 yds, this stopped and patrol could not locate spot from which it had come. At 87473036 patrol changed direction and moved on bearing of 161 degrees to 87493029, frequent halts were made but NMS or H. Patrol returned to SF.

M. J. Mubray Lieut.
 IO., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
 (MT FAIRBAIRN)

2/13 ASST INF BN - PATROL REPORTS.
 (for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 15 Sep 42)

SERIAL NO. 1.

UNIT - B Coy
COMP - Sgt. R.L. SMIL
PERSONNEL - 1 Sgt, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2115 hrs
TIME IN - 2400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED From 87613029 to rd junction at 87493027 to 87523031. Return to S.P.

REPORT. - NRS or H. The entire absence of enemy activity or sounds thereof was most marked.

SERIAL NO. 2.

UNIT - B Coy
COMP - Lieut J.R. MADON
PERSONNEL - 1 OR, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 0130 hrs
TIME IN - 0425 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED From 87613029 to rd junction at 87493027, then on a bearing of 31 degrees to rd junction at 87553035. Return to 87613029.

REPORT. - Patrol Command stresses the complete absence of sounds of signs of enemy activity - otherwise NRS.

NOTE: Owing to harassing fire programme other coys sent out protective patrols ONLY to a depth of 500 yds. NRS or H.

for *Brody Whanghan* Lieut,
 I.O. 2/13 Asst Inf Bn

2/13 AUST INF BN - PATROL REPORTS.
(For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 15 Sep 42)

SERIAL NO. 1.

UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Sgt. R.L. EARL
STRENGTH - 1 Sgt, 10 GAs.
TIME OUT - 2115 hrs
TIME IN - 2400 hrs
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to rd junc at 87493027 to 87523031. Return to S.P.
REPORT. - NRS or H. The entire absence of enemy activity or sounds thereof was most marked.

SERIAL NO. 2.

UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Lieut J.R. MADDER
STRENGTH - 1 Oftr, 10 GAs.
TIME OUT - 0130 hrs
TIME IN - 0425 hrs
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to rd junc at 87493027, then on a bearing of 31 degrees to rd junc at 87553035. Return to 87613029.
REPORT. - Patrol Comd stresses the complete absence of sounds or signs of enemy activity - otherwise NTR.

NOTE: Owing to harassing fire programme other coys sent out protective patrols ONLY to a depth of 500 yds. NRS or H.

Robert M. Mangham Lieut,
for L.C. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORTS (CONTINUED)

SERIAL NO. 4.

UNIT - B Coy.
COMD - Cpl. R.J. McDonough.
STRENGTH - 1 NCO & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT - Last light 15/16 Sep 42.
TIME IN - Last light 16/17 Sep 42 or when relieved.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED - Out to old strongpoint at U7543038
 and occupy defensive posn.
REMARKS - Men s till in posn at daybreak, until then
 WWS or H.

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 Lieut.
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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORTS.

(FOR 24 HOURS ENDED - 17 SEP 42.)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Lieut AR ROBERTS
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2200 hrs
TIME IN - 0347 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. Out from 87543019 on a bearing of 321 degrees for 1675 yds to 87443031. Thence on a bearing of 264 degrees for 400 yds to 87413030. Returning by direct route to S.P.

REPORT. - On first leg - NMS or H. On second leg patrol moved 350 yds. Sounds of pickets being tapped and GERMAN voices being heard when patrol had moved 100 yds. Patrol comd with 2 ORs moved fwd a further 50 paces and watched for 30 minutes. Men were seen taking iron off a derelict truck about 100 yds fwd and on one occasion a match was struck. Other men were moving about. Patrol comd went to move fwd but a shot was fired from near the truck and all enemy disappeared and movement ceased.

Patrol comd moved back to patrol and brought all fwd to within 100 yds of truck. After some time enemy moved about once again and patrol opened fire on them, putting the enemy to ground. Following this a further shot was fired by the enemy which appeared to be closer than the first shot but patrol was unable to locate the firer.

As no trace could be seen of enemy, patrol, comd withdrew to S.P.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Lieut DS WEBB
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
TIME IN - 0320 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87513009 on bearing of 301 degrees for 1250 yds then on a bearing of 315 degrees for 100 yds.

REPORT. - Patrol left S.P. at 87513009 and moved for 1250 yds on a bearing of 301 degrees to 87413015. Patrol then started moving on a bearing of 315 degrees. After travelling 100 yds movement was heard on right and left rear of patrol. Patrol continued to move on when all sound ceased. Patrol comd endeavoured to skirt this area but in doing so heard more voices and a shot and decided to investigate, and if possible secure a PW. The area was searched for a radius of about 200 yds without success.

As patrol comd had moved so far and in so many different directions he decided it would be too difficult to find his original bearing so he returned as above.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
COMD - Sgt JA KIRKHAM.
STRENGTH - 1 NCO, 6 ORs, 3 Sprs.
TIME OUT - 2200 hrs
TIME IN - 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From S.P? 87613029 on bearing of 312 degrees

REPORT. - This patrol moved out as covering party to Engrs. No minefds were contacted. Otherwise NTR.

Patrol Reports (Cond)

SERIAL NO. 4
SUB UNIT - D Coy
COMD - Cpl R.J. McDONOUGH
STRENGTH - 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT - Last light 15/16 Sep 42/
TIME IN - Last light 16/17 Sep 42 when relieved.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. To old strong post at 87543038 and occupied defensive posn.

REPORT. - This standing patrol occupied posn night 15/16 Sep 42 as reported yesterday and reported back on being relieved at last light on night 16/17 Sep 42. Observations made by day are given in I Report.

Post is at present occupied by Cpl HR ROTHWELL who has reported nothing unusual during the night and is in posn today.

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(E. M. PINKNEY)

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Patrol Reports (Cont)

SERIAL NO. 4
SUB UNIT - B Coy
COMMAND - Cpl R.J. McDONOUGH
STRENGTH - 1 NCO, 6 GIs.
TIME OUT - Last light 15/16 Sep 42
TIME IN - Last light 16/17 Sep 42 when relieved.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED - To old strong post at 87543038 and occupied defensive posn.

REPORT. - This standing patrol occupied posn night 15/16 Sep 42 as reported yesterday and reported back on being relieved at last light on night 16/17 Sep 42. Observations made by day are given in I Report.

Post is at present occupied by Cpl H. ROHWELL who has reported nothing unusual during the night and is in posn today.

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 Scout,
 Co. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
 (E. H. FINNEY)

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13 Sep 42.

No. 30 1000 INF BN.

PATROL REPORTS.
(For 24 Hours ended 15 Sep. 1942).

SERIAL NO. 2.

UNIT - B Coy
PATROL COMD. - Sgt KIRKMAN J.A.
STRENGTH - 1 NCO, 6 ORs, 3 Sprs.
TIME OUT - 2300 hrs
TIME IN - 0300 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From 87513029 on bearing of 312 degrees until enemy minefield was contacted.

REPORT. - Patrol moved out to pt 87453042 where booby trap ID was located. PW was plotted to satisfaction of SAs NCO and patrol returned to SP at 0300 hrs. During the whole patrol NMS or H.

SERIAL NO. 3.

UNIT - B Coy
PATROL COMD. - Lieut P. TRENKLE
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2400 hrs
TIME IN - 0230 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. First Leg. 87903017 to 87443021

Second Leg. thence to 87543031

Third Leg. thence to 87643023.

REPORT. - This patrol's task was as protective sweep across our front to pick up any enemy patrols close in. The patrol lay up and listened every 200 yds. NMS or H. on any leg.

SERIAL NO. 4.

UNIT - B Coy
PATROL COMD. - Lieut J.B. MANNING
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 0230 hrs
TIME IN - 0500 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. First Leg. From 87643023 to 87543031

Second Leg: thence to 87443021

Third Leg: back to 87903017

REPORT. This patrol's task was as protective sweep across our front to pick any enemy patrol close in. Patrol lay up and listened every 200 yds. No men seen or heard on any leg.

SERIAL NO. 5.

UNIT - C Coy
PATROL COMD. - Lieut D.S. WIND
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2400 hrs
TIME IN - 0300 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From SP, 87513009, to 87413015 thence to 87353016 thence to 87373019. Back to SP 87513009.

REPORT. - Patrol leader hoped to secure a PW in area patrolled by him on previous night when he had heard much enemy movement. Patrol however searched area thoroughly and NMS or H except for movement at FAIRBAIRN'S POST. Higgings which appeared to have been recently occupied were searched at 87373019 where freshly opened food tins were found.

SERIAL NO. 1.

UNIT - B Coy
PATROL COMD. - Cpl NOTHILL J.H.
STRENGTH - 1 NCO and 6 ORs.
TIME OUT - Last light 16/17 Sep 42.
TIME IN - Last light 17/18 Sep 42 when relieved

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. From SP 87413015.

REPORT. - Patrol took over from one in occupation during darkness - as - NMS or H. During daylight observations were made as reported in

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PATROL REPORT.
(For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 19 Sep 42.)

SERIAL NO. 3 .

SUB UNIT: B Coy
COMD: Lieut HW POPE.
STRENGTH: 1 Offr and 10 ORs.
TIME OUT: 2400 hrs .
TIME IN: 0500 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: From 87543019 to 87443031 and return to 87543019.

REPORT: Patrol moved out from 87543019 to 98443031 then on a bearing of 264 degrees, after moving 300 yds sounds of a dog howling were heard, also digging on left of patrol estimated 500 yds away. Patrol moved forward to 87383029. Patrol was put to ground while Comd and 1 OR moved fwd for 20 yds where a single dannert wire was encountered; running off ~~ak~~ on approx bearing of 285 degrees, approx 15 yds inside, on enemy side of wire, appeared to be a double apron fence running in same direction as single dannert. Tapping was heard on left, thought to be a signal. Comd and OR withdrew to patrol men were sent to right and left to trace enemy wire. Right leg ran for 70 yds, turned and ran off at bearing of 81 degrees. At this corner the two men investigating were challenged in GERMAN, they went to ground and were immediately fired on. The remainder of the patrol opened fire on flashes, enemy returned fire with 1 spandau, 1 sub MG and at least 6 rifles; squeals were heard among enemy and it is thought that casualties were inflicted. Patrol withdrew 100 yds, then commenced a further investigation of wire. Wire was contacted approx 30 yds NORTH of where patrol was fired on. Wire ran off on a bearing of 81 degrees about 20 yds to a corner where wire ran on a bearing of 58 degrees, this was followed for 75 yds, wire still continuing. Men on left contacted wire 50 yds from point where patrol was fired on, wire ran for 30 yds turned on a bearing of 22 degrees. (It was noticed that double apron ended here). Dannert was followed for 120 yds where it ended. Time pencil was set 20 yds our side of wire at first point of contact. Patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT : A Coy.
COMD : Lieut. F.S. Bissaker.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0030 hrs.
TIME IN : 0440 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513009 to 87323018.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87513009 to old GERMAN minefield at 87463012 where patrol covered engr who deloused 5 Mk iv mines also one Mk V which had apparently been set as a booby trap. Patrol continued and at 87393015 old empty mine boxes were found. At 87323017 patrol was put to ground, sounds of digging and voices could be heard fwd and to left and right. Comd and engr Cpl moved fwd for 25 yds when triple dannert was encountered running left and right, wire could not be penetrated and patrol withdrew, while returning flares were seen and MG fire heard from FAIRBAIRNS POST at 87423017, this appeared to be directed towards Main Rd. Patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO 2.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
COMD : Lieut JE MADDEN
STRENGTH : 1 Offr and 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs.
TIME IN : 0430 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: From 87613029 to 87533038 to 87463038 to 87523043 to 87513035 and return to 87613029.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87613029 to 87533038 then on a bearing of 271 degrees to 87463038 - NMS or H. Patrol then moved 48 degrees,

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after moving 300 yds tapping was heard, patrol continued to 87523043 where enemy wire was encountered consisting of two rows of angle iron pickets 8 ft apart, between these were two rows of dannert and commercial barb, mines or booby traps were located in front of wire. Twenty paces in front of wire were three rectangular one man pits, with spoil removed, facing SOUTH. A small party was observed at 87523039. Patrol comd decided to move on bearing of 188 degrees and endeavour to locate the party; patrol could not locate them so continued on to carriers at 87513035 - NMS or H. Patrol moved on bearing of 123 degrees, a sig wire was located at 87523034 running NORTH - SOUTH. Patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO 1.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
COMD : Cpl B FORCK.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : Last light 17 Sep 42.
TIME IN : Last light 18 Sep 42 when relieved.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED : Out to Strong post at 87543038 and occupy defensive posn.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87613029 to strong post at 87543038 where it relieved existing patrol. At approx 2130 hrs shouting and the sound of pickets being driven were heard from the direction of "EGG" feature. This ceased when our arty HF came down in the area. No further NMS or H during the night.

DAYLIGHT OBSERVATIONS.

1135 hrs: 4 or 5 guns fired and dust cloud was picked up on bearing of 310 degrees.
1810 hrs: 1 man walked across skyline and disappeared on bearing of 306 degrees. - estimated distance 1500 yds.
1840 hrs: 2 vehs pulled up at about the telephone line (thought to be near railway line) on bearing of 284 degrees.
1905 hrs: 8 to 10 men appeared on EASTERN end of CLOVER LEAF, 87443044 on bearing of 300 degrees.

On the Eastern end of CLOVER LEAF at least 5 rows of single dannert were observed crossing the skyline and running in approx a NORTH-SOUTH direction.

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PATROL REPORTS
(For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 20 Sep 42.)

SERIAL - SPECIAL (TANK HUNTING)

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Cpl. R.V. McKellar
STRENGTH : 1 NCO & 4 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
TIME IN : 2345 hrs
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : To search area 87423015 and to hunt tank seen in this area during afternoon.
REPORT : Out from 87513009 to 87423015. Area thoroughly searched but tank could not be located - NMS or H. Patrol continued to hunt for 30 mins then returned to SP.

SERIAL NO.1.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.
COMD : Lieut. R.W. Sampson.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr 10 ORs (2 Engrs attached).
TIME OUT : 0230 hrs.
TIME IN : 0520 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From SP 87513009 to 87323019 search area and return to SP.
REPORT : Out from 87513009 to 87323019 then left to ry line this area was thoroughly searched but patrol could not locate wire. Patrol continued to move along ry line for 150 yds, thoroughly searching area between ry and a parellel line 300 yds out from line but wire or post could not be located. Patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO.2.

SUB UNIT : B Coy.
COMD : Lieut. F.S. Treweeke.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr 10 ORs (2 engrs attached)
TIME OUT : 0130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0500 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From SP 8758530215 to 8741430351 to 87373032 to 87363031 to 87503032. Return to SP.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from 8758530215 to 8741430351 - NMS or H. After moving 600 yds to 87373032 patrol was put to ground, patrol comd and 1 OR moved fwd 150 yds and encountered single dannert at 87363031 running on approx bearing 267 degrees. Digging and voices could be heard well inside wire and slightly right. Wire was followed to the right for 100 yds on same bearing (267 degrees). Comd returned to pt of contact. The wire was then followed to the left for 75 yds where it changed direction slightly running on bearing of 80 degrees. Comd then contacted patrol and withdrew to 87503032 and returned to SP.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
COMD : Lieut JE WOOD
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0130
TIME IN : 0540 hrs
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED : From SP, 87613029 to 87513035 to 87523042 and return to SP.
REPORT : Out from 87613029 to 87513035 then on a bearing of 8 degrees to 87523042 where a single row of dannert was encountered P atrol was put to ground while Comd and NCO moved through the wire for 50 yds, from here a man was seen to move from a posn 50 yds ahead to the right of EGG feature at 8752030432. At this stage the area was illuminated by flares sent up from this area. ~~owing~~ Owing to the nature of the ground and the enemy being aware of their presence, patrol comd returned to SP.

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SERIAL -STANDING PATROL.

SUBUNIT : D Coy
COMD : Cpl CW CLOSE
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs
TIME OUT : ~~1800 hrs~~ 2000 hrs 18 Sep.
TIME IN : 2115 hrs 19 Sep.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED : From SP 87613029 to strongpost at 87533038
 and took up defensive posn.

REPORT : Out from 87613029 to strongpost at 87533038. NMS or H
 during night.

Observed during daylight:

1900 hrs 8 to 12 men seen at 8741 3048 , one appeared to be
 shaking blankets.

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21 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORTS

(For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 21 Sep)

SERIAL NO 1.

SUBUNIT : A Coy
COMD : Sgt L RHODES
STRENGTH : 1 NCO 10 ORs (incl 1 learner).
TIME OUT : 0210 hrs.
TIME IN : 0545 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: Out from SP 87513009 thence to 87363013 thence to 87323018, ~~xxxxxx~~ to 87303019.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87513009 to 87363013 where ry line was encountered, then moved parallel to line for 600 yds to 87323018, where digging, voices and unloading from truck of engr stores could be heard, these appeared to be 400 yds away. Patrol moved fwd another 300 yds where it was put to ground. Patrol Comd moved fwd another 150 yds to 87303019, but wire could not be encountered, digging could still be heard. Patrol then moved right for 300 yds at 0445 hrs, all sounds of digging ceased; after sweeping area without success for a further half hour patrol returned to SP.

SERIAL NO 3

SUBUNIT : B Coy
Comd : Lieut AR ROBERTS
STRENGTH : 1 Offr 10 ORs (incl 1 learner).
TIME OUT : 0300 hrs.
TIME IN : 0545 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: From SP at 87543021 to ~~8754~~ 87493027 thence to 87443033 and return to SP.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87543021 to 87493027 NMS or H. Patrol then moved to 87443030, during this leg several old slit trenches were encountered, none of which had been recently occupied. At 87443029 a truck could be heard unloading material at 0505 hrs it drove off from posn near patrol but could not be seen. Owing to time factor patrol could not carry out any further investigations and returned to SP.

SERIAL NO 4.

SUBUNIT : D Coy
COMD : Sgt J KIRKHAM
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 10 ORs (incl 1 learner).
TIME OUT : 0300 hrs.
TIME IN : 0540 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: Out from SP 87613029 to 87513040 thence to 87483039 thence to 87483034 return to 87613029.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87613029 to 87513040 NMS or H. Then to 87483039. Patrol then moved to 87483034 NMS or H. Then moving on a bearing of 96 degrees to SP. During last leg TSMG fire could be heard coming from vicinity of CLOVER LEAF feature 87403044

SERIAL NO 5.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
COMD : Cpl. L. Roberts.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2000 hrs 19 Sep 42.
TIME IN : 2115 hrs 20 Sep 42 when relieved.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From SP 87613029 to strong point at 87543036. and took up defensive posn.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP 87613029 to strong point at 87543036 and relieved existing patrol, NMS or H during the hours of darkness except enemy flare from direction of "EGG" feature at approx 0340 hrs.
Daylight observations.
Observed in area 87443045.
0712 hrs. bearing 308 degrees - 4 men moved on skyline carrying boxes. Estimated distance 1200 yds.

PATROL REPORT (CONTINUED)

SERIAL NO 5.

REPORT (CONTINUED) :

Daylight observations

Observed in area 87443045.

0720 hrs. bearing 312 degrees - Same 4 men as above appeared again and disappeared in holes in ground. Estimated distance 1200 yds.

1920 hrs. bearing 312 degrees - 4 men appeared and then disappeared almost immediately. Estimated distance approx 1200 yds.

SERIAL NO 2.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.

COMD : Lieut. S.C.F. North.

STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 5 ORs (incl 1 learner) & Sgt Slaughter att.

TIME OUT : 0245 hrs.

TIME IN : 0545 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87513009 to 87393017 thence to 87463018 and return to 87513009.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87513009 to 87393017 thence to 87463018. FAIRBAIRNS POST could not be located during second leg. At end of leg comd made sweeps without contacting posn. Owing to time factor patrol was forced to return to SP.

SERIAL NO 6.

SUBUNIT : D Coy

COMD : Lieut JE MADDEN

STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 OR.

TIME OUT : 0200

TIME IN : 0600 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: Out from SP 87613029 to ⁸⁵8761530405 thence to ⁸⁵8761530415, return to SP.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP, 87613029 to ⁸⁵8761530405 then to ⁸⁵8761530415, where trip wire was encountered running on bearing of 280 degrees, this was followed for 40 yds, tins~~x~~ were hung on trip wire at 8 ft intervals. Comd searched for AP mines inside wire, finding only one B4 which was opposite pt where wire was encountered. This mine was disarmed. Patrol moved on bearing 100 degrees along wire for 20 yds, 10x B4 mines were encountered. At this pt a recently used weapon pit 7 ft by 3 ft 6 ins was located, a sig wire was observed running from pit to enemy lines; patrol continued for 10 yds to coast rd where trip wire ended and single dannert commenced on same bearing running towards the coast. Patrol moved on bearing 180 degrees, after moving 25 yds a series of weapon pits were encountered the sides of which were revetted. In this area was an A Tk gun pit which appeared to have had spoil recently removed. A box 8 ins x 12 ins x 3 ins was found in this area containing explosive with head of GERMAN stick grenade protruding to which was attached a trip wire running away 25 yds to an iron picket. Comd cut this wire.

Patrol moved across rd to salt marsh at 87513041 and lay up, three enemy seen moving in sandhills. Patrol opened fire, further enemy movement was seen on right flank of patrol, fire was directed where movement was seen; patrol then withdrew and returned to SP.

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22 SEP 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 22 Sep 42)

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : A Coy.
COMD : Cpl CG DAVIDSON.
S TRENGTH : 1 Cpl, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0150 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: From 87613029 to 87513035 to 87493026 to 87473019 to 87513017.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from SP at 87613029 to 87513035 where patrol inspected carriers and then lay up for 30 mins, NMS or H. Then to rd junc at 87493026 then on bearing of 189 degrees for 850 yds to 87473019. Patrol then moved back to own FDLs at 87513017.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUBUNIT : B Coy.
COMD : Sgt GR CRAWFORD.
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0430 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87513017 to 87473019 thence to 87493026 and on to 87513035, returning to 87613029.
REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87513017 on a bearing of 300 degrees for 350 yds to 87473019 then on to rd junc at 87493026. Then to 87513035. Returned to lines through gap at 87613029. NMS or H.

SERIAL NO 4.

SUBUNIT : B Coy
COMD : Lieut HW POPE.
S TRENGTH : 1 Offr, 3 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0130 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: From 87513017 to 87443018 to 87433016 to 87473018 to 87463017 and return to 87513017.
REPORT : Out from SP at 87513017 patrol crossed minefield at 87453017 consisting of Egyptian pattern, field marked on both sides by trip wire on short iron pickets, 20 yds past minefield sig wire was encountered a piece of which was brought back. At 87453017 voices and sounds of iron being moved could be heard and appeared to come from vicinity 87443019. Patrol moved fwd a further 50 yds when voices could be heard and appeared to come from a wadi screened by 6 ft bushes approx 200 yds in front. Patrol moved to 87433016. NMS or H. and was thoroughly searched but suitable OP could not be found. Patrol returned to 87473018 and searched area for 150 yds south west but suitable OP could not be found. Patrol returned to SP 87513017.

SERIAL NO 1.

SUBUNIT : C Coy.
COMD : Cpl IP SOUTHALL.
STRENGTH : 1 Cpl, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0001 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: From 87513009 to 87423009 and returned to 87513009.
REPORT : Out from 87513009 on bearing of 266 degrees for 800 yds, when patrol observed 4 men moving west on south side of ry line; patrol moved on a further

SERIAL NO 1 CONTD

22 Sep

REPORT (continued)

150 yds to 87423009 where comd observed 30 to 40 men on southern side of ry line moving in an easterly direction. Patrol withdrew 100 yds but no further movement seen or heard. Patrol returned by sweeps across the area to SP.

SERIAL NO.5.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.

COMD : Cpl L. Roberts.

STRENGTH : 1 Cpl & 6 ORs.

TIME OUT : 2000 hrs 20 Sep 42.

TIME IN : 2115 hrs 21 Sep 42 when relieved.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87613029 to strong post and took up defensive posn.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87613029 to post to be occupied 87543036. During the night a few shots from a sub MG were heard otherwise NMS or H.

Daylight observations.

0715-0815 hrs. - men seen walking in area sq 874304.

0900-1000 hrs. - men observed working on wire on CLOVER LEAF feature sq 874304.

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LOCATION.

EL ALAMEIN. Near coast, Trig. 33 area. Relieved by 2/23 night of 22 Sep, and go to rest near Main Rd. - Sydney Rd. junction. 20 Bde CO No. 20. Appd. 2/13 AUST INF BN. SEP '42.

INTELLIGENCE.

ALARM EMPLOYED. by enemy, 7 Sep. When Bn patrol approaching post it set off alarm and enemy fired. 2/13 AUST INF BN SEP '42.

2/13 BN I SUMMARIES. for month Appd.

SPECIAL MESSAGES.

MONTGOMERY TO 8 ARMY. No withdrawal - no surrenders. On occasion of attempted enemy break through at beginning of month. Appd. 2/13 AUST INF BN. SEP '42.

TRAINING.

CADRE ON MINES Under instruction of 2/13 FD COY. 2nd MG school commenced. 20 Bde Intrn. No. 20 and 2/13 Bn CO's Nos 25 and 22 attd. 2/13 AUST INF BN SEP '42

NIGHT EXERCISES. Attack at night 30 Sep/1 Oct. See above 00's.

SECURITY

WARNING ABOUT SUSPECTS. 12 Sep. Warning from 20 Bde to look out for truck with yellow hood - moving west from Alamein - occupied by 2nd Lt. and driver red hair and bareheaded. These under suspicion - to be apprehended and sent back to Bde. 2/13 AUST INF BN SEP '42.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMAND.

C.O. TO BDE COMMAND 12 SEP. Lt. Col. Turner goes to Bde Adm, Comd. Major adm. comd. 2/13. 30 Sep. Lt. Col. Turner returns to unit. 2/13 AUST INF BN. SEP '42.

ALLIED TROOPS.

BLACK WATCH AFFILIATED Officer and OR's come to unit 18 Sep. 2/13 AUST INF BN. SEP '42.

AMENITIES.

9 DIVISION CONCERT PARTY. Give two performances 26 Sep. Leave in Alex. & Cairo commenced 14 Sep. 2/13 AUST INF BN SEP '42.

MEDICAL CASE REPORTS & STATISTICS.

RMO's REPORTS. Attd. Total sickness attendance at RAP - 765. Slight increase on previous month. 2/13 AUST INF BN. SEP '42.

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MAPS.

TRACES attd. of Minefd. Qasaba 1: 50,000. Enlargement 2/13 AUST INF BN
 Qasaba 1:25,000 SEP '42.
 SKETCH of Sub sectors A & B. Hammam 1:100,000.
 SKETCH showing assembly areas, attack phases etc.
 SKETCH OF exercise 2/13 Bn 00 No. 25 attd.
 DIV exercises 6 Oct. 2/13 Bm 00 No. 26 attd.

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OFFICER and CO, 8 COY to unit 13 sep.

SEP '45
5/13 AUST INF BN

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C.O. TO BDE

LETTERS to unit
5/13 to sub. Gr. Coy. Hammam
Coy. Hammam
Gr. Coy. Hammam

SEP '45
5/13 AUST INF BN

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EXERCISES
AVAILING UNITS

and unit back to base
These units substitution - to be substituted
and other sub units and references
most from Hammam - occupied by 5th Gr.
one for task after action report - working
15 sep. Availing from 50 BDE to look

SEP '45
5/13 AUST INF BN

RECEIVED

EXERCISES
HIGH

attached to unit 13 sep. see above CO, 8

UNITED
CODE ON

No. 50 and 5/13 BU CO, 8 Nov 52 and 55
and the above mentioned 50 BDE units
under jurisdiction of 5/13 BU CO, 8

SEP '45
5/13 AUST INF BN

UNITED STATES

TO B UNIT
NON-COMMUNAL

attached to unit 13 sep. see above
on occasion of assembly areas
no attached - no reference

SEP '45
5/13 AUST INF BN

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5/13 BU I

for work unit

UNITED STATES
UNIT

and other units
attached to unit 13 sep. see above
for work unit

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5/13 AUST INF BN

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50 BDE CO No. 50. unit
for work unit - Hammam unit
for 5/13 BU CO, 8 and No. 50
for work unit - Hammam unit

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SEP '45

LOCATION

EL ALAMEIN

Near coast, Trig 33 area. Relieved by 2/23 2/13 AUST INF BN
 night of 22/SEP. and go to rest area near SEP42
 Main to-Syney Rd junction. 20 Bde OO No 20. Appd.

OPERATIONS

ACTIVE-PATROLS-----uping-hell-and-on-night-2-SEP.-fighting

INTELLIGENCEALARM
EMPLOYED

by enemy, 7 SEP. When Bn patrol approaching post 2/13 AUST INF BN
 it set off alarm and enemy fired. SEP42

2/13 BN I
SUMMARIES

for month pd.

SPECIAL MESSAGESMONTGOMERY
TO 8 ARMY

to withdrawal -no surrenders. On occasion 2/13 AUST INF
 of attempt enemy breakthrough at begin BN SEP42
 ing of month. Appd.

TRAININGCADRE ON
MINES

under instruction of 2/13 FD COY. 2/13 AUST INF
 2nd MG school commenced. 20 Bde Intrn. BN SEP42
 20. and 2/13 Bn CO's Nos 25 and 22 attd.
 back at night 30 SEP/ 1 OCT. See above OO's.

NIGHT
EXERCISESSECURITYWARNING ABOUT
SUSPECTS

12 S. warning from 20 Bde to look out 2/13 AUST INF
 for tank with yellow hood--moving west BN SEP42
 from Alamein-occupied by 2nd Lt. and
 driver red r & bareheaded. These
 under suspicion--to be apprehended and
 sent back Bde.

APPOINTMENTS & COMMANDC.O TO BDE
COMMAND
12 SEP

Lt Col [unclear] goes to Bde Adm. Comd. 2/13 AUST INF
 Maj. C [unclear] adm. comd. 2/13. 30 SEP. BN SEP42
 Lt Col [unclear] returns to unit.

ALLIED TROOPSBLACK WATCH
AFFILIATED

officer and P.R.'s come to unit 18 SEP. 2/13 AUST INF
 BN SEP42

AMUSEMENTS9 DIV CONCERT
PARTY

Give two performances 26 SEP. 2/13 AUST INF
 Lease in Alex and Cairo commenced 14 SEP. BN SEP42

MEDICAL CASE REPORTS AND STATISTICS

RMO's REPORTS

Att: Total sickness attendance at RAP-765. 2/13 AUST INF
 slight increase on previous month. BN SEP42

MAPS

TRACES attd.of

Minell. Qasaba 1:50,000. Enlargement Qasaba 2/13 AUST INF
 1:25,000. BN SEP42

Sketch of
SKETCH

Sub-Sectors A & B. Hamam 1:100,000.
 showing assembly areas, attack phases etc.
 exercise 2/13 Bn OO No 25. attd.

OF

DIV exercises 6 Oct. 2/13 Bn OO No 26. attd.

2/12 AUST. INF. BN.

WESTERN DESERT

SEP '42

OPERATIONS.

ACTIVE PATROLS. for most of month between 1 SEP and 22 SEP. On 2 SEP fighting patrols from all coys went out. A Sgt. and party took telephone and remained out until last light 3 SEP '42.

ALL BUT ONE
WOUNDED.

On 9 SEP a deep patrol from A Coy (200 yards). Came back at 0340 hrs. All members but one slightly wounded. Patrol reports attached.

HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
2 SEP 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 2/3 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : Sgt L. Rhodes
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 10 ORs
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
TIME IN : 0300 hrs
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : From 87513009 on a bearing of 295 degrees for 2400 yds to 87313019 thence on a bearing of 335 degrees for 800 yds to 87293025 or further until enemy is encountered. Return to 87513009. Bearing for return 123 degrees.

OBJECT : FIGHTING PATROL
1. To inflict casualties on the enemy wherever encountered or observed.
2. To secure a prisoner.

NOTE : Route given only as a guide. The patrol will diverge from the route laid down whenever required to attain the object of the patrol.

SERIAL NO. 2

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Lieut D E Green
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
TIME IN : 0400 hrs
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87623029 to 87543034 thence on a bearing of 325 degrees for 850 yds to 87493041, thence on a bearing of 291 degrees for 450 yds to 87453043. Return to 87623029.

OBJECT : FIGHTING PATROL
1. To attack the enemy where ever encountered, ~~to~~ ~~to~~ inflict casualties whenever opportunity offers.
2. To investigate the area fwd of enemy strongpt at CLOVERLEAF (87403041) in view of movement observed in that area during daylight.
3. To search the said area for enemy and when enemy is discovered to engage the enemy.
4. To secure a PW if possible.
5. The patrol MUST engage the enemy and MUST search for him until found. Routes given will be taken as a guide only and the patrol leader will deviate as necessary to ensure engagement with the enemy.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
COMD : Lieut RW HESLOP
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
TIME IN : 0300 hrs
ROUTE and AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87503018 on a bearing of 321 degrees for 1100 yds to 87443026 and thence to investigate and observe WEST and NORTH in front of enemy FDLs.

OBJECT : 1. To attack the enemy wherever encountered.
2. To recce area in vicinity THE PALMS (87393031) with a view to obtaining information for a larger raid in the future.

OBJECT : I. To attack the enemy wherever encountered.
 II. To rescue areas in vicinity THE PALMS (82323031)
 and NORTH in front of enemy BDLs.
 III. To attack the enemy wherever encountered.
 IV. To investigate and observe WEST
 for 1100 Yds to 82443052 and thence to investigate and observe WEST
 ROUTE and AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 82503018 on a bearing of 351 degrees
 TIME IN : 0300 hrs
 TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
 STRENGTH : 1 Officer, 10 ORs.
 COMMAND : Lieut RW HESTON
 SUB UNIT : D Coy
 SERIAL NO. 3.

to be used in the future.
 with a view to obtaining information for a large-
 scale attack on the future.
 the enemy.
 devise as necessary to ensure engagement with
 as a guide only and the patrol leader will
 for him until found. Routes given will be taken
 The patrol MUST engage the enemy and MUST search
 to secure a PW if possible.
 is discovered to engage the enemy.
 To search the said area for enemy and when enemy
 observed in that area during daylight.
 at CUMBERBATCH (82403041) in view of movement
 to investigate the area fwd of enemy strength
 offer
 to investigate casualties whenever opportunity
 to attack the enemy where ever encountered,
 to attack the enemy where ever encountered,
 to attack the enemy where ever encountered,

OBJECT : FIGHTING PATROL
 82653052.
 on a bearing of 351 degrees
 fence on a bearing of 352
 ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 82653052 to 82543034
 TIME IN : 0400 hrs
 TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
 STRENGTH : 1 Officer & 10 ORs.
 COMMAND : Lieut D E Green
 SUB UNIT : C Coy
 SERIAL NO. 5

OBJECT : FIGHTING PATROL
 Return to 82213000.
 for 800 Yds to 82523052 or further until enemy is encountered.
 degrees for 5400 Yds to 82313010. From 82213000 on a bearing of 352
 ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : From 82213000 on a bearing of 352
 TIME IN : 0300 hrs
 TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
 STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 10 ORs
 COMMAND : Sgt L. Rhodes
 SUB UNIT : A Coy
 SERIAL NO. 1

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 5/3 SEP 45.

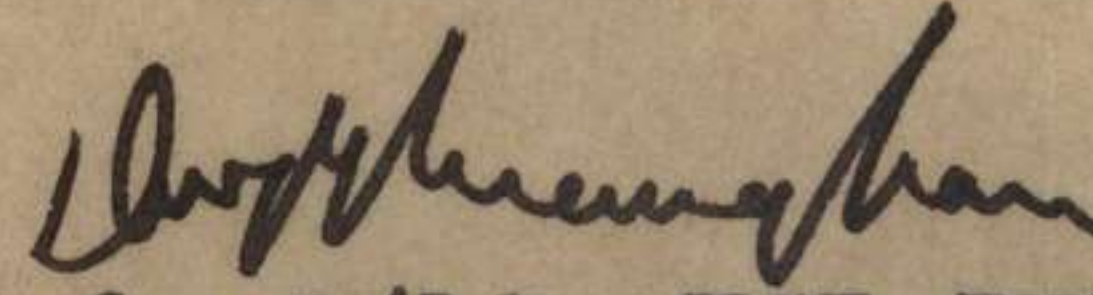
HQ. SO VAST INF BDE.

5 SEP 45.
 HQ. 5/13 VAST INF BN.

SERIAL NO. 4 :
SUB UNIT - A Coy
COMD - Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN
STRENGTH - 1 Offr (Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN) 1 Sgt (Sgt. RS. SLAUGHTER)
TIME OUT - Before first light
TIME IN - Last light
ROUTE and AREA TO BE PATROLLED.
Out from 87513009 to 87423015. Return to 87513009.
OBJECT. - To observe enemy disposns and habits WEST of the
posn of observation at 87423015.

ARTY. NO harassing fire is requested in sqs 874304,
874303, 874302, 874301, 872302, 873302, 873301.

MOONRISE - Night 2/3 SEP 42 - 0015 hrs.

 Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN
(D.W.B. MAUGHAN)

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 3-4 SEP 42.

SERIAL No. 1

SUB UNIT - B Coy
COMD - Lieut R.W.HASLOP

INTENTION.

1. B Coy fighting patrol will raid enemy strong post at 87453025, inflict casualties and secure prisoners.

METHOD.

2. Composition.

(a) Assault Party

Comd - Lieut R.W.HASLOP

1 Sgt

9 ORs

2 Mappers (attached from 2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN COY RAN)

(b) Covering Party.

1 Sgt and 8 ORs.

(c) Evac Base.

2 ORs

2 Stretcher Bearers.

3. Route. At discretion of Patrol Commander

4. S.P. 87513 020.

5. Timing. Out from S.P. (87513020) at 2100 hrs.

6. Disposals.

(a) Assault Party.

i. Patrol Comd will select pt from which to assault.

ii. Two of Assault Party will be told off to secure PW.

iii. Engrs will move with Assault Party but will NOT participate in actual assault.

(b) Covering Party will be divided into 2 parties:-

i. Sgt R.L. SARR and 6 ORs - 1 Bren LMG - left flank protection to cover known track in and out of enemy posn.

ii. Two ORs - 1 Bren LMG - right flank protection.

Posns of Covering Party to be indicated by Patrol Commander.

(c) Evac Base. will be established at derelict veh at 87473025.

Two Stretcher Bearers with one stretcher.

Two ORs - one with a TSMG.

7. ARTY.

One tp concentration - ring contour 25

One tp concentration - 87403042.

Rate: 5 minutes RAPID

5 minutes NORMAL

To be fired on S.O.S.

8. MMG.

Tasks:(a) Ring contour 25 - one sec

(b) 87403042 - one sec.

Rate: NORMAL - to be fired on SOS for 10 minutes.

SERIAL No. 1 (Contd)

INTENTION.

9. A.O.S. - TWO GREEN fired simultaneously by dragoon of patrol.

ZERO. Approx MOCHISS or earlier if opportunity offers.

SERIAL No. 2.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMP - Lieut W GREEN
ARMAMENT - 1 rifle, 10 GAs (incl 2 Mags attached from 2/13 1ST FC COY RAN)
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs
ROUTE and AREA to be PATROLLED. Out from S7623029 to sq S74304.
 Patrol will search on a bearing of 312 degrees until one is located.

OBJECT. FIGHTING PATROL

1. To seek attack the enemy wherever encountered and inflict casualties whenever opportunity offers.
2. To investigate the area of enemy strong point at CLOVER LEAF.
3. To search the said area for enemy and when enemy is discovered to engage the enemy.
4. To secure a PW if possible.

NOTE: Patrol will deviate from route in order to engage the enemy as is found necessary in order to ensure engagement.

SERIAL No. 3.

SUB UNIT - A Coy

NOTE In consultation with left flanking unit. No offensive patrolling in this area tonight.

MOCHISS. Night 3 - 4 Sep 42 - 0100 hrs.

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L.C. 2/13 ANSB INF BR.
 (W. W. HAUGHAN)

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PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 4/5 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.

As per Serial No.1 of Projected Patrols 3/4 Sep 42, except that patrol will move from SP at 87503018 to 87453025 by a route already known to patrol leader from above SP.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : A Coy

COMP : Lieut. M.T. Fairbairn.

STRENGTH : 1 offr & 7 ORs.

TIME OUT : 2100 hrs.

TIME IN : 0300 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87513009 to vicinity of trailer, 87433017, Return to 87513009.

OBJECT : To locate and engage the enemy in listening posts fwd of trailer at 87423015 and SOUTH of strongpost at 87423017, located by daylight observation from trailer on 3 Sep 42 or in other places in same general area at discretion of patrol leader.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.

COMP : Lieut. S.C.F. North.

STRENGTH : 1 offr & 3 ORs.

TIME OUT : 2000 hrs.

TIME IN : 0400 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : From 87613029 to 87513035 thence on a bearing of 335 degrees from centre carrier until minefield encountered thence southwards along minefield. Return to 87613029.

OBJECT : To investigate and ascertain the limits and depth of booby minefield located during patrol on night 3/4 Sep 42 and in particular to locate any gaps therein.

NOTE : Patrol leader to ensure that he is NOT SOUTH of 304 grid line after 0100 hrs.

MOONRISE : Night 4/5 Sep 42 - 0154 hrs.

ARTY : No harassing fire requested in squares 874304, 874302, 874301.

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IO., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(DWB MAUGHAN)

4. PATROLS (Continued)

(c)(Continued)

in order to attack this party from the rear, but the sappers reported that it would require two hours work to clear a sufficient passage through the minefield to permit the passage of the patrol.

No further examination of the minefield was made, as the patrol leader moved off to engage the enemy party in accordance with his instructions. The patrol was moved back towards the furrow and then NE until it was opposite the working party. Movement was slow, partly because crawling was necessary and partly because the sounds of working were only heard intermittently after long intervals. The patrol leader thinks that the working party was tapping short pickets, probably to extend the minefield.

The patrol was manoeuvred in two parties up to the minefield opposite to where the work was proceeding, one party slightly to the left and one slightly to the right of where enemy was taken to be. The party on the left opened up with automatic and rifle fire onto the working party. The party on the right did NOT open fire as it was the patrol comd's plan not to withdraw after fire had been exchanged, and to use the party on the right to bring surprise fire on any enemy who might subsequently investigate. On fire opening sounds from the working party ceased and it was not heard again. Spandau fire five minutes later opened from CLOVER LEAF towards the patrol after it's fire had stopped. The patrol waited for half an hour. The other party then opened fire with a few shots after which the patrol waited for another hour but NMS or H.

Patrol then returned.

(d) Yesterday a patrol (Cpl H. GENNER) which was sent out from 1 C Coy to check whether any mines had been lifted or disarmed in our minefield near the coast by our recent raiding party reported no evidence of either form of interference.

REPORT. Patrol examined our minefield and found 12 rows of EP mines each 10 yds apart, staggered. After 100 yds mines were found to be rusted and effectivity doubtful.

Marks of bodies being dragged (heel marks) could be seen where the enemy approached our wire on night 30 Aug-1 Sep. The dannert is too tightly stretched for 100 yds on the left of the Carrier Pl Gap. Foot tracks from pl areas through wire to listening posts are very clearly visible and could very easily be picked out at night or shown in aerial photographs.

5. MOONRISE. Night 4/5 Sep 42 -- 0154 hrs.

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I.C. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(DWB MAUGHAN)

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5 SEP 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BN.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 5/6 SEP 42.

SERIAL NOS. 1 & 2.

<u>SUB UNIT</u>	:	B Coy.	
<u>STRENGTH</u>	:	(1) 10 offr, 6 ORs.	(2) 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.
<u>TIME OUT</u>	:	(1) 2030 hrs	(2) 0100 hrs.
<u>TIME IN</u>	:	(1) 1230 hrs 0030 hrs	(2) 0500 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED.
Out from 87503018 to area of 87453018 and return to S.P.

- OBJECT.
1. With a view to operating a fighting patrol in the future to locate exactly and ascertain details of enemy post suspected to be located at or near 87453018 following daylight observation on 3 Sep 42.
 2. If a listening post or isolated enemy individual is encountered to secure a prisoner.
 3. To engage and inflict casualties on enemy patrols, if encountered.

SERIAL NO. 3.

<u>SUB UNIT</u>	:	C Coy
<u>STRENGTH</u>	:	1 Offr and 6 ORs. (incl 2 sappers)
<u>TIME OUT</u>	:	2030 hrs
<u>TIME IN</u>	:	0400 hrs

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED
333 From 87623029 to 87503035, thence on a bearing of ~~330~~ degrees until minefield is encountered and then to penetrate through the enemy FDLs as required to attain the object of the patrol. Return to 87623029.

- OBJECT.
1. To ascertain whether the enemy maintains listening posts or small detachments forward of his main wire and if so to engage and inflict casualties thereon.
 2. To penetrate the enemy's main line of wire and ascertain the nationality of the garrison and the nature of the defences.

MOONRISE Night 5-6 Sep 42 - - 0234 hrs.

ARTY. NO harassing fire between CLOVER LEAF (87403042) and the coast before 0300 hrs.

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I.C. 2/13 Aust. Inf B.N.
(D.W.B. MAUGHAN)

SECRET.

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN.
6 SEP 42

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 6-7 SEP 42.

SERIAL No. 1 - FIGHTING PATROL
SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Lieut M.D. VINCENT.
STRENGTH - Two pls, and 4 sappers.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - ~~BE~~ 0330 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA TO PATROLLED. Out from 87613029 to 87463043.
In at 87613029. ^

OBJECT. - ~~QMKXRKMM~~
1. To raid the enemy posn at 87463043 and inflict maximum casualties on the enemy.
2. To capture PW.

METHOD. One pl - Assaulting Party
One pl - Covering party.

ARTY AND MG. Covering on CLOVER LEAF (87403044) and leg of mutton feature (87523045).

Details to be arranged at a co-ordinating conferehce at 1400 hrs.

SERIAL NO. 2
SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2030 hrs
TIME IN - 0200 hrs
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87513009 on a bearing of 300 degrees for 1600 yds, thence due NORTH until enemy defences or main rd encountered. Thence to investigate between 8730 and 8742 NORTHINGS grid lines.

OBJECT. 1. To inflict casualties on the enemy wherever encountered or located.
2. To investigate enemy defences from FAIRBAIRN'S POST (8742530178) WESTWARDS.
3. To obtain full particulars of:-
(a) Enemy wire.
(b) ~~Enemy~~ minefields between FAIRBAIRN'S POST and ring contour and to search for and determine the exact location of any gaps.

NOTE. Attention is drawn to route, area and object of SERIAL NO. 3.

SERIAL NO. 3.
SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
TIME IN - 0430 hrs
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87513017 in a WESTERLY direction parallel to and 150 yds NORTH of the main rd to enemy posn when encountered and thence along them WESTWARD. Return NW to low ground and thence to 87503018.

SERIAL NO 3 (Continued)

- OBJECT. -
1. To inflict casualties whenever opportunity occurs.
 2. To contact the enemy FDLs near ring contour and trace to PALMS area (87423026).
 3. To obtain information as to the nature, size and methods of the garrison and particulars of wiring and minefields.

ARTY. NO harassing fire sqs 873302, 874302, ~~874~~ 873301, 874301.

MOONRISE. Night 6-7 Sep 42 -- 0325 hrs.
874304.

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I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(D?W.B. MAUGHAN)

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2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 7-8 SEP 42.SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - A Coy
 STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
 TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
 TIME IN - 0430 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87513009 to trailer at 87423015, thence to trace the enemy's wire from FAIRBAIRN's POST (8743018) WESTWARD.

- OBJECT.
1. To inflict casualties on the enemy if encountered.
 2. To ascertain the nature of the enemy defences and wire with a view to a raid.
 3. To follow back and trace the wire from FAIRBAIRN's POST WESTWARD.
 4. To discover a way in to the said post from the rear and to locate exactly all gaps in the said wire.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
 STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
 TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
 TIME IN - 0430 hrs
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87503018 to gap located at approx 87353028.

- OBJECT.
1. To inflict casualties on the enemy whenever opportunity offers.
 2. To endeavour to obtain information with a view to a raid in the future.
 3. To trace the enemy wire from the gap located in the wire last night to the PALMS area.

A Full report is required.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
 STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs,
 TIME OUT - Last light
 TIME IN - ?-
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87613029 to 87483044.
 Return to 87613029.

- OBJECT.
1. To secure the dead body of soldier who was killed in last night's patrol.
 2. To engage the enemy if encountered and inflict maximum casualties.

MODNRISE.

Night 8 Aug 42. 0419 hrs.

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

Lieut,

8 SEP 42.

2/13 AUST INF BN-PROJECTED PATROLS-NIGHT 8/9 SEP 42.SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 8 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0430 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87513009 WEST to vicinity ry line then 150 yds NORTH and parallel to ry in NW direction, until enemy is encountered or for 2500 yds, then due NORTH for 200 yds, thence to search the area within 100 yds radius for A Tk gun posns located by Air Photos at 87243027. If not found to continue EASTWARD between rd and ry until enemy defences are encountered. Return to 87513009.

OBJECT: (a) To inflict casualties on the enemy whenever encountered or heard.
 (b) To test and ascertain the strength of enemy defences behind Ring Contour between rd and ry.

SERIAL NO. 2

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH 1 Sgt, 4 ORs.
TIME OUT 2230 hrs
TIME IN 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87513009 to trailer at 87423015 thence to FAIRBAIRN'S POST (87423018) and to manoeuvre as required Return to 87513009.

OBJECT. RECCO. This patrol will make a full recco of FAIRBAIRN'S POST, ascertain its limits, trace its wire and locate any gaps therein. A full report is required.

any isolated enemy individual discovered will be taken prisoner or eliminated.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 10 ORs, plus 2 SBs and escort of 2 ORs. (Patrol to include 1 NCO and 2 ORs from D Coy).
TIME OUT - Last Light
TIME IN -

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87613029 to 87543038 thence to area of rd 87503040 and rd junc at 87523040, thence through suspected location of body to vicinity gap made in AP minefield.

OBJECT. (a) To recover the body of a soldier known to be in the area
 (b) To engage and inflict casualties on enemy patrols.
 (c) To ascertain whether enemy has any covering force in front of or is attempting to repair gap in minefield made night 5/6 Sep 42.

SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Sgt, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2200 hrs
TIME IN - 0430 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87503018 on a bearing of 304 degrees to the enemy wire and thence to follow the wire to the PALMS at 87343032. Return to SP (bearing from PALMS approx 130°).

OBJECT: (a) To engage and inflict casualties on any enemy parties encountered and take PW. If no enemy parties are encountered patrol will contact the enemy wire from pt of contact to PALMS area.

NOTE: Patrol last night put up a single man listening post. a repetition of this incident must be anticipated and the individual or individuals secured.

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ARTY. No harassing fire in the following squares 872302,
873301, 873302, 873303, 874304.

MOONRISE - 9 Sep 42 - - 0514 hrs.

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

9 SEP 42.

2/13 AUST. INF. BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 9-10 SEP 42.SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87513009 to area SOUTH and SW of Ring Contour 25 between main rd and ry. Return to S.P.

OBJECT. 1. To inflict casualties on the enemy.
 2. To obtain information as to:-
 (a) Nationality.
 (b) The habits of the enemy in the area patrolled.
 3. To locate and ascertain the limits of the enemy wire and minefields in the said area.

SERIAL NO. 2

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2400 hrs
TIME IN - 0530 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87503018 to wire encountered on last night's patrol (thought to be at 87353027) and then to trace the wire further towards the PALMS area.

OBJECT. 1. To inflict casualties on the enemy.
 2. To waylay enemy patrols.
 3. To trace the enemy wire further towards the PALMS area from point where investigation of first row of wire was left off last night.

NOTE:-

1. An ITALIAN PW in another sector ^{stated} that it was customary for GERMAN patrols to come fwd from the wire and through the listening posts after 0400 hrs and stay out till 0600 hrs.

The patrol will remain in the area of the enemy FDLs until 0445 hrs in order to lay an ambush.

2. It is thought that the wire between where it was encountered last night and the PALMS area runs EAST for from 400-500 yds before turning NORTH. If he follows wire EASTWARDS, patrol leader is NOT to be misled into thinking that wire runs away from the PALMS.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87613029 on a bearing of 285 degrees to area 87293037 continuing until enemy posns or wire are encountered. Return on a bearing of 92 degrees until coastal rd is encountered, in to 87613029.

OBJECT. 1. To engage the enemy and inflict casualties whenever encountered.
 2. To ascertain to what extent (if at all) the enemy is in occupation of or has defences in area between palm trees (87333032) and CLOVER LEAF.
 3. To ascertain the nature of any wired defences in the area and to search for gaps.
 4. To ascertain the nature and depth of any minefields encountered and the direction in which mines are laid.

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

S E C R E T

HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
10 Sep. 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 10/11 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From 87513009 on a bearing of 300 degrees for 2850 yds, then on a bearing of 38 degrees till enemy posns or main rd are encountered. When encountered enemy posns will be investigated and penetrated. If nothing be encountered before main rd is reached, patrol will turn at rd into bearing of 150 degrees. Return to S.P.

OBJECT. 1. To inflict casualties on the enemy.
2. To ascertain the nationality of the garrison.
3. Patrol will draw the fire of the enemy wherever located and then engage.

NOTE: 1. First Leg. Trailer will be passed at 1150 yds. At end of leg ry should be about 200 yds distant.
2. After encounter patrol is advised to withdraw on a bearing of 220 degrees to vicinity of ry before returning in order to avoid being cut off by enemy posts EAST of area to be patrolled.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2200 hrs.
TIME IN - 0430 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out on a bearing of 304 degrees for 1300 yds, then on a bearing of 295 degrees for 300 yds, then due NORTH for 300 yds, then on 35 degrees until enemy post is encountered or for 500 yds. If no enemy posns are discovered patrol will turn WEST at 500 yds, and continue until enemy posns are encountered. Return to S.P. by low ground.

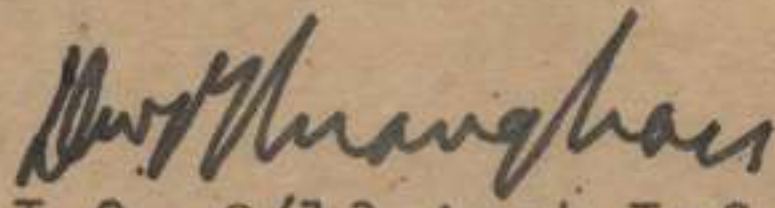
OBJECT. 1. To inflict casualties and take prisoners.
2. To draw fire and then engage and silence enemy posts between Ring Contour and PALMS area (87403032).
3. To ascertain whether the area in vicinity 87403030 is wired, mined or occupied.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Lieut D.S. WEBB
STRENGTH - One Platoon
TIME OUT - Last light
TIME IN - 0430 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From PT 17 to area derelict carriers (87513035). Standing Patrol. Return via S.P.

OBJECT. 1. To intercept and shoot up enemy patrols or other parties in the area and force them to withdraw.
2. To obtain PW.

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

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN.

2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 11/12 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 0030 hrs
TIME IN - 0445 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87513009 due EAST until
 ry is encountered, then due NORTH for 725 yds to area 87413016.
 Return to 87513009.

OBJECT. - To lie up in the general area, 87413016, inter-
 cept enemy patrols, inflict casualties and obtain PW.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2400 hrs
TIME IN - 0530 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. To area 87393029.

Route: From 87503018 on a bearing of 304 degrees for
 1300 yds, then on a bearing of 295 degrees for
 300 yds, then due NORTH for 300 yds, then on
 a bearing of 68 degrees for 150 yds, *then search*
area for radius of 300 yds with particular reference to

OBJECT. 1. To contact the enemy and inflict casualties. *North and NE.*
 2. To obtain PW.
 3. To gain all information about enemy disposns in
 the area to be searched.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
COMD - Sgt. L.R.McDOUGAL.
STRENGTH - One Platoon
TIME OUT - Last Light
TIME IN - First light.

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from No.4 Pl wire at 87593021,
 then on a bearing of 308 degrees until rd is encountered (approx
 1120 yds) at 87503037, then on a bearing of 5 degrees to bogged
 carriers (87513035). Return to 87613029.

OBJECT. 1. To intercept and shoot up any enemy patrols or
 other parties in the area and, force them to
 withdraw.
 2. To obtain PW.

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

ARTY. NOTE: There will be harassing fire generally in
 the sector patrolled up to 0100 hrs.
 No harassing fire is requested in sq 875303.

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2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 12/13 SEP 42.SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0530 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87513009 on a bearing of 291 degrees for 2400 yds. Ry is encountered at 87313018 and then on a bearing of 18 degrees for 400 yds to enemy post at 87333021. Return to 87513009.

INFORMATION. 1. Aerial photographs show posts as being wired but information from previous patrols show it as NOT continuous; patrol strikes post at WESTERN most point.

OBJECT. 1. To intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
 2. To gain information as to nationality of garrison.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
STRENGTH - One platoon
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from S.P. (87613029) on a bearing of 270 degrees for 1120 yds and then on a bearing of 360 degrees for 730 yds to carriers (87513036), remaining in post at carriers until 0330 hrs. Return to 87613029.

OBJECT. 1. To intercept and to shoot up any enemy patrols or other parties in the area and inflict casualties
 2. To obtain PW and/or information.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs (incl one guide from C Coy).
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87613029 on a bearing of 302 degrees for 1350 yds to carriers and then on a bearing of 330 degrees for 900 yds to gap made in enemy booby trap minefd by patrol night 6/7 Sep 42. Guide for patrol will be supplied by C Coy. Return on bearing of 180 degrees for 1400 yds then on bearing of 94 degrees to SP.

OBJECT. 1. To intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
 2. To gain information as to action taken by enemy to close gap in booby trap field made by previous patrol.
 3. To obtain PW and gain information.

ARTY. NOTE: NO harassing fire is requested in following sqs:-
 875303, 873301, 873302, 874304.

MOONSET. Night 12 Sep 42 - 2033 hrs.

M. T. Fairbairn Lieut,
 I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 (M.T. FAIRBAIRN)

NO 20 AUST INF BDE.

2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 13/14 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT - A Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Oftr and 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2130 hrs
TIME IN - 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

out from 87513009 on a bearing of 291 degrees for 2400 yds. By 1s encountered at 87313018 and then on a bearing of 18 degrees for 400 yds to enemy post (87313021). Return to 87513009.

INFORMATION: 1. Aerial photographs show post as being wired but infm from previous patrols show it as not continuous; patrol strikes post at western most pt.

OBJECT. 1. To intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
 2. To gain infm as to nationality of garrison.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Oftr and 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2030 hrs
TIME IN - 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

out from 87543019 on a bearing of 330 degrees for 1000 yds to rd junc. Then on 313 degrees for 1900 yds, then on 196 degrees for 550 yds. Return on bearing of 129 degrees to S.P.

INFORMATION: 1. First Leg. has not been previously patrolled and therefore little infm of value is available.
 2. Second Leg: at 500 yds patrol should pass derelict trucks on their right and at 700 yds two more will be encountered; approx 80 yds beyond these trucks is a well defined track running NE-SW. Mines may be encountered at 1450 yds, probably marked by furrow. Single damert shown at 1600 yds by air photograph but not confirmed.
 3. Third Leg. Single Damert at 500 yds. At 550 yds previous patrols had encountered working parties and voices have been frequently heard.

OBJECT. 1. To engage the enemy and inflict casualties.
 2. To recce area in vicinity of 87353033 and gain full infm of the area.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 sec
TIME OUT - Last light (13 Sep 42)
TIME IN - Last light (14 Sep 42)

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

out from 87613029 on a bearing of 320 degrees for 1100 yds to strongpost where sec will thoroughly search area and then take up defensive posn. Return last light 14 Sep 42 to S.P.

OBJECT: 1. Stading patrol to prevent enemy from occupying strong post and to inflict casualties or take PW if possible.

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SERIAL NO. 3

OBJECT (contd)

2. To observe enemy movements and gain infm.

NOTE:

Telephone will be taken by sec and connected to D Coy 'phone.

SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Officer and 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - Last light (with SERIAL NO. 3)
TIME IN - 0330 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87613029 with standing patrol on a bearing of 320 degrees for 1100 yds to strongpost where patrol will continue on same bearing for a further 400 yds to junc of track and rd. Then on bearing of 242 degrees for 700 yds. Then on a bearing of 161 degrees for 800 yds when unoccupied slit trenches will be encountered. Return on bearing of 93 degrees to S.P.

- OBJECT:
1. To intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
 2. To obtain PW and/or infm.

MOONSET. Night 13 Sep 42 - - 2112 hrs.

ARTY.

NOTE

NO harassing fire is requested in the following sqs, 875303, 873303, 873301, 873302.

NOTE:

Coy comds will advise this Hq by 1800 hrs daily name of patrol comd.

M. J. Dumbauld Lieut,
I.C. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(M.Y. FAIRDAIRN)

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SECRET.

14 SEP 42.

2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 14/15 SEP 42.

Owing to harassing fire, unit patrols will be
limited to protective patrols ONLY.

M. S. Fairbairn Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(M.T. FAIRBAIRN)

SECRET

HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
14 SEP 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 14/15 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2100 hrs.
TIME IN : 0030 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from SP at 87613029 on a bearing of 260 degrees for 1300 yds to rd June 87493027, then on a bearing of 31 degrees for 525 yds to 87523031 and then on a bearing of 102 degrees to SP.
OBJECT : 1. To engage and shoot up enemy parties and to inflict casualties.
2. Gain info.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0100 hrs (or when Serial No. 1 returns)
TIME IN : 0430 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from SP at 87613029 on a bearing of 260 degrees for 1300 yds to rd June 87493027, then on a bearing of 31 degrees for 1100 yds to rd June 87553035 and then on a bearing of 134 degrees to SP.
OBJECT : 1. To engage enemy patrols and inflict casualties.
2. Gain info.
3. Investigate effects of HF.

ARTY

: NOTE : Harassing fire in area :-

87543036

from 2100-0130 hrs.

87513040

from 2100-0130 hrs.

B Coy NOTE

: Patrols from D Coy will be in vicinity of 87493027 at approx 2200 hrs and 0130 hrs..

M. J. Mubau Lieut.
HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(M. T. FAIRBAIRN)

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HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
15 SEP 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 15/16 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO.1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0330 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87513009 on a bearing of 291 degrees for 2400 yds. Ry is encountered at 87313018 and then on a bearing of 18 degrees for 400 yds to enemy post (87323021).
Return to 87513009.

INFORMATION : 1. Aerial photographs show post as being wired but infm from previous patrols show it as NOT continuous; patrol strikes post at westernmost pt.

OBJECT : 1. To intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
2. To gain infm as to nationality of garrison.

SERIAL NO.2.

SUB UNIT : B Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0400 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from SP (87543019) on bearing of 320 degrees for 1675 yds to derelict truck (87443031); thence on bearing of 265 degrees for 500 yds to suspected enemy post at 87403030. Search area f or a radius of 300 yds; then back to SP on bearing of 128 degrees.

INFORMATION : A previous patrol (Lieut Heslop) was engaged by enemy post at approx 87403030. Other patrols have failed to confirm the posn at this post.

OBJECT : 1. To locate post and obtain all possible infm.
2. To engage enemy and inflict casualties.
3. To secure PW.

NOTE : Twin signal flares, RED and WHITE, will be taken and placed in wire of post, if found; B and D Coys will watch for flares and report bearings of same.

SERIAL NO.3.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs & 3 Sprs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0400 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED :
1st. Leg : Out from gap in minefd at 87623029 on bearing of 298 degrees until contact is made with minefd.
2nd. Leg : On bearing of 208 degrees for 400 yds.
3rd. Leg : On bearing of 110 degrees to SP.

OBJECT : (a) Act as covering party for sprs, who are to plot minefds on Bn front.

(b) Sprs will plot minefds as encountered.

NOTE : (a) Sprs will be responsible for direction.
(b) Covering party will keep check of distances etc.

(c) Patrol will not engage enemy unless forced to.

SERIAL NO.4.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : Last light 15/16 Sep 42.
TIME IN : Last light 16/17 Sep 42, or when relieved.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out to old strong post at 87543038 and occupy defensive posn.

PROJECTED PATROLS - 15/16 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO.4. (CONTINUED)

- OBJECT : 1. To deny posn to the enemy.
 2. To observe enemy posns between CLOVER LEAF and "EGG" feature.
- NOTE : Old telephone line has nbeen cut and intercepted. New line will be laid by Sig Sec and standing patrol will remain in comn with Pt 17 OP. Test appara tus No.2 will be used at Pt17 OP to intercept any attempt at interference on line.
- MOONSET : Night 15/16 Sep 42 - 2338 hrs.

S.R. Leach
 Adj., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
 (S.R. LEACH) ^{for Capt.}

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2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 16/17 SEP 42.SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 OFFR, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from SP (87543019) on a bearing of 320 degrees for 1675 yds to derelict truck (87443031); thence on bearing of 265 degrees until enemy is contacted. Thence back on approx bearing of 125 degrees.

INFORMATION A previous patrol (Lieut RW HESLOP) was engaged by enemy post at approx 87403030. Other patrols have failed to confirm the posn of this post.

OBJECT

1. To locate enemy and report on mines, wire and posns.
2. To engage enemy and inflict casualties.
3. To secure PW.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2230 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

First Leg. - Out from SP, 87513009, on bearing of 301 degrees for 1250 yds.

Second Leg - On bearing of 315 degrees for 1200 yds, or until enemy wire contacted.

Third Leg - On bearing of 50 degrees for 200 yds.

Fourth Leg - On bearing of 144 degrees for 1200 yds.

Fifth Leg. - On bearing of 121 degrees for 1250 yds to SP.

INFORMATION Enemy occupied posns have been located at 87333022 and 87353024 from air photographs, which show the posts as being wired. Infm from previous patrols leads to the belief that the wire is not continuous, but a patrol last night (Lieut EFC NORRIE) revealed the presence of wire round post 87333022. In addition he saw numbers of enemy believed to be GERMANS.

OBJECT.

1. To ascertain if wire is continuous between posts.
2. To investigate suspected enemy post at 87353024.
3. To intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
4. To secure PW.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 NCO, 6 ORs and 3 Sprs.
TIME OUT - 2200 hrs
TIME IN - 0400 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

First Leg. - Out from gap in minefd at 87613029 on bearing of 312 degrees until contact is made with enemy minefd which should be contacted at 2600 yds.

Second Leg - On bearing of 222 degrees for 200 yds.

Third Leg - On bearing of 128 degrees to S.P.

OBJECT.

1. Act as covering party for Sprs who are to plot enemy minefds on Bn front.
2. Sprs will plot minefds as encountered.

NOTE:-

- (a) Sprs will be responsible for direction.
- (b) Covering party will keep check of distances etc.
- (c) Patrol will NOT engage enemy unless forced to.

Projected Patrols - Night 16/17 Sep 42.

SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT - D Coy

STRENGTH - 1 NCO and 6 ORs.

TIME OUT - Last Light 16/17 Sep 42

TIME IN - Last Light 17/18 Sep 42 or when relieved.

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out to old strong post at 87543038 and occupy defensive posn.

OBJECT. 1. To deny posn to the enemy
2. To observe enemy posns between CLOVER LEAF and "EGG" feature.

NOTE: Old telephone line has been cut and intercepted. New line has been laid and test apparatus No.2 will be used at Pt. 17 OP, to intercept any attempt at interference on line.

MOONSET: Night 16/17 Sep 42 - 2327 hrs.

E.M. Pinkney
Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(E.M. PINKNEY)

2/13 AUST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 17/18 SEP 42.

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 NCO 6 ORs.
TIME OUT - Last light 17/18 Sep 42
TIME IN - Last light 18/19 Sep 42 or when relieved.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out to old strong post at 87543038 and occupy defensive posn.
OBJECT. 1. To deny posn to the enemy.
 2. To observe enemy posns between CLOVER LEAF and "EGG" feature.

NOTE: Telephone. A new line has been laid and test apparatus No 2 will be used at PT 17 OP to intercept any attempt at interference on line.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 NCO, 6 ORs, 3 Sprs.
TIME OUT - 2300 hrs
TIME IN - On completion of sappers' task.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.
First Leg. - Out from gap in minefd at 87613029 on bearing of 312 degrees until contact is made with enemy minefd which should be contacted at about 2600 yds.
Second Leg. - On bearing of 222 degrees for 200 yds.
Third Leg. - On bearing of 128 degrees to S.P.
OBJECT. 1. Act as covering party for sappers who are to plot enemy minefds on Bn front.

NOTE: X 2. Sappers will plot minefds as encountered.
 (a) Bn patrol is provided as a covering party and will move on the orders of the RAE, NCO. It will NOT leave area laid down nor depart from task as ordered by RAE unless forced to by enemy.
 (b) Sappers will be responsible for direction.
 (c) Covering party will keep check of distances etc.
 (d) Patrol will NOT engage enemy unless forced to.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 2400 hrs
TIME IN - 0220 hrs
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.
First Leg. - From SP 87503017 on a bearing of 302 degrees for 760 yds.
Second Leg - On bearing of 46 degrees for 1550 yds.
Third Leg - On bearing of 127 degrees for 1350 yds.

INFORMATION It is known that enemy patrols have reached our wire in the past without being discovered.

OBJECT 1. To locate enemy patrols on Bn front and engage them.
 2. To inflict casualties on the enemy.
 3. To secure PW.

NOTE; At end of each leg patrol will lie up and listen for 15 minutes.
 On the second leg patrol, will in addition, lie up for 5 minutes after each 200 yds has been travelled. In view of patrols which are being put out by D Coy, particular care is to be taken by patrol comd that the correct distance is travelled on the second leg.

Projected Patrols, Night 17/18 Sep 42 (Continued)

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SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT - D Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT - 0230 hrs if B Coy patrol has reported in. D Coy will NOT move out until B Coy's patrol has reported in.

TIME IN - 0515 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

First Leg. - From SP, 87643023, on bearing of 307 degrees for 1350 yds.

Second Leg - On bearing of 226 degrees for 1550 yds.

Third Leg. - On bearing of 122 degrees for 760 yds.

INFORMATION It is known that enemy patrols have reached our wire in the past without being discovered.

OBJECT. 1. To locate enemy patrols on Bn front and engage them.
2. To inflict casualties on the enemy.
3. To secure PW.

NOTE: At end of each leg patrol will lie up and listen for 15 minutes.

On the second leg patrol will, in addition, lie up for 5 minutes after each 200 yds has been travelled.

SERIAL NO. 5.

SUB UNIT - C Coy
STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 10 ORs (incl 1 OR from A Coy who has been out in area to assist as guide).

TIME OUT - 2400 hrs

TIME IN - 0530 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

First Leg - Out from SP, 87513009, on bearing of 301 degrees for 1250 yds.

Second Leg. - On bearing of ~~345~~²⁸⁴ degrees for ~~1200~~⁴⁰⁰ yds, or until enemy wire contacted.

Third Leg. - On bearing of ~~50~~³⁴⁶ degrees for ~~200~~³⁵⁰ yds.

Fourth Leg. - On bearing of 144 degrees for 1200 yds.

Fifth Leg - On bearing of 121 degrees for 1250 yds, to S.P.

INFORMATION Enemy occupied posns have been located at 87333022 and 87353024 from air photographs, which show the posts as being wired. Infm from previous patrols leads to the belief that the wire is NOT continuous, but a patrol (night 15/16 Sep 42 - Lieut EFC NORRIE) revealed the presence of wire round post 87333022. In addition he saw numbers of enemy believed to be GERMANS.

OBJECT. 1. To ascertain if wire is continuous between posts.
2. To investigate suspected enemy post at 87353024.
3. Intercept enemy and inflict casualties.
4. To secure PW.

NOTE: C Coy Comd to liaise with A Coy Comd re guide.

ARTY. NO harassing fire in sqs:- 873301, 873302, 874301, 874302, 874303, 874304, 875302, 875303.

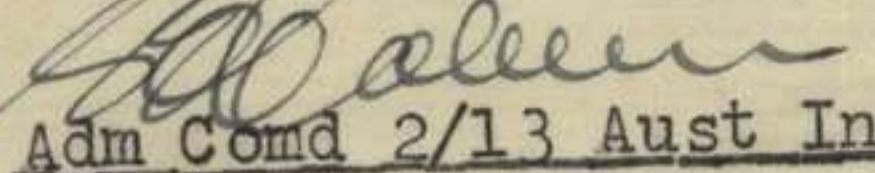
PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGNS. 20 AUST INF BDE for 17/18 Sep 42 -

PASSWORD - I (NK)
COUNTERSIGN - O (RANGE)

MOONSET. Night 17/18 Sep 42 - 0021 hrs.

LISTENING POSTS. Listening posts to be particularly warned of patrols crossing Bn front.

NOTE: Coy Comds MUST impress on all patrol leaders that no matter how active our patrolling is it is rendered ineffective in its object unless the enemy know of our presence each night. Therefore every opportunity to shoot the enemy up must be grasped. If this is done he may be induced to send protective screens out on his own front giving us the chance we need - i.e. a prisoner.


Major,
Adm Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

18 SEP 42.

P/1 3 AUGST INF BN - PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 18/19 SEP 42.SERIAL No. 1.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : Last light 18/19 Sep 42.
TIME IN : Last light 19/20 Sep 42 or when relieved.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. : Out to old strong post at 87543038 and occupy defensive posn.
OBJECTS : 1. To deny posn to the enemy.
 2. To observe enemy posns between CLOVER LEAF and EGG feature.

NOTE : Telephones. - A new line has been laid and test apparatus No.2 will be used at Pt 17 OP to intercept any attempt at interference on line.

SERIAL No. 2.

SUB UNIT : D Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 offr (Lieut J.S.Madden) & 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs.
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. :

First Leg - From SP 87613029 to old strong post, 320 degrees for 1330 yds.
Second Leg - On bearing of ~~271~~²⁷¹ degrees for 750 yds.
Third Leg - To SOUTHWEST tip of EGG feature on bearing of 48 degrees for 830 yds.
Fourth Leg - To 5 carriers on bearing of 188 degrees for 850 yds.
Fifth Leg. - On bearing of 123 degrees for 1350 yds.
INFORMATION : Nothing is known of area between 2nd and 3rd leg. EGG feature has been reported as a strong post. A trip wire has been reported on 3rd leg 87513042. Single danner is reported crossing rd on 4th leg 8751630415.

OBJECTS. 1. To gain information
 2. To contact the enemy
 3. Take prisoners.

NOTE : (a) If patrol could fires on EGG feature he is particularly warned against possibility of defensive fire on to his patrol from CLOVER LEAF.
 (b) standing patrol in old strong post shall be warned to watch for patrol returning on 2nd last leg between 0300 and 0400 hrs.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : B Coy
STRENGTH : 1 offr (Lieut HW POPS) and 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs
TIME IN : 0500 hrs

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED. From SP 87543019 on bearing of 321 degrees for 1675 yds to derelict truck 87443031, thence on bearing of 267 degrees until enemy is contacted. Approx bearing for return journey 123 degrees.

INFORMATION : Previous patrols (Lieut HW HESLOP and AR ROBERTS) have reported presence of enemy at approx 87403030. Lieut HESLOP report the posn as a post but this has not been confirmed. Lieut ROBERTS saw odd personnel moving about and working.

OBJECTS 1. To locate enemy post and posns and report on mines, wire etc.
 2. Engage enemy and inflict casualties.
 3. To secure PW.

SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
STRENGTH : 1 offr, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs
TIME IN : 0500 hrs or on completion of Engrs' task.

18 Sep
Projected Patrols (Contd)

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SERIAL NO. 4. (Contd)

ROUTE & AREA TO BE PATROLLED.

First Leg. - From 87513009 on a bearing of 295 degrees for 2450 yds.

Second Leg - On bearing 314 degrees for 1250 yds or until minefd is contacted. Return by most suitable route.

OBJECT - Patrol is to move as protection for 3 Sappers from RAE whose orders, issued by RAE, are to plot minefds as encountered.

INFORMATION.- An A Tk Minefd running NNE was located at 86263023 by Lieut EFC NORRIE on 8/9 Sep 42. Minefd consisted of TELLER mines in depth of at least 150 yds. It was marked on our side by a row of dannert and a trip wire. Mines were laid irregularly and at varying intervals.

NOTE: (a) Bn patrol is provided as covering party and will move on orders of NCO RAE. It will NOT leave area laid down nor depart from task as ordered by RAE unless forced to do so by enemy.
(b) Sappers will be responsible for direction.
(c) Covering party will keep check of distances etc.
(d) Patrol will NOT engage enemy unless forced to.

PROTECTIVE PATROLS, ON CHANGE OVER

A Coy will be responsible for protective patrolling of front in change over tonight with C Coy.

MOONSET. Night 18/19 Sep 42 - -0118 hrs.

E.M. Pinkney
Lieut.
IO., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(E.M. PINKNEY)

2/13 AUST INF BN PROJECTED PATROLS 19/20 Sep 42.SERIAL NO 1.

SUBUNIT : C Coy. *ORS*
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 *ORs*, (2 engineers attached).
TIME OUT : 0200 hrs.
TIME IN : 0500 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513009 on a bearing of 298 degrees for 2300 yds to 87323019, then move left towards Ry line where post was located night 18/19 Sep at 87323018; thoroughly plot posn of post, if mines encountered these will be plotted by engr, trace wire away from line, then move on bearing of 15 degrees for 400 yds to post at 87333021 and thoroughly plot this area. Return to SP on bearing of 123 degrees.

INFM: Patrol 18/19 Sep located an enemy post at 87323018 wired with triple dannert, it is thought that this wire may connect up with wire around post at 87333021.

OBJECT: 1. To thoroughly investigate post at 87323018, plot its posn and trace wire; to find out if wire is connected to wire around post at 87333021.
 2. Engage enemy and inflict casualties.
 3. Gain infm and to take PW.

SERIAL NO 2.

SUBUNIT : B Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 ORs (2 Engrs att).
TIME OUT : 0130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from SP, gap on Carriers' front 8758530215, on bearing 310 degrees for 2400 yds to 8741430351, then 235 degrees for 700 yds to 8736030314. Patrol will locate post found in this area, sweeps to right and left will be made until post is contacted, patrol will then plot posn of post and trace wire, taking bearings on all legs. Engrs will plot posn of any mines. Return on 90 degrees for 1400 yds, then on 137 degrees to SP.

INFM : Patrol on night 18/19 Sep encountered this post at 87373029, post was wired with single dannert and a double apron fence 15-20 yds inside.

OBJECT: 1. To plot posn of post and trace wire.
 2. Engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
 3. Gain further infm and to take PW.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUBUNIT : D Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87613029 on a bearing of 303 degrees for 1350 yds, then 8 degrees for 850 yds to 87523043 where patrol will endeavour to locate enemy. Parties were observed moving in this area by patrol night 18/19 Sep. Patrol will then move on bearing of 228 degrees for 825 yds.

19 Sept

SERIAL NO 3 Contd.

Return on bearing of 123 degrees for 1920 yds to SP.

- OBJECT:
1. To shoot up enemy parties and inflict casualties.
 2. Gain further infm of post and/or take PW.

M. J. Sambourne.....Lieut
IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
(MT FAIRBAIRN)

SECRET.

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
20 Sep 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS - NIGHT 20/21 Sep 42.

SERIAL NO 1.

SUBUNIT : A Coy

STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 10 ORs (incl 1 learner).

TIME OUT : 0230 hrs.

TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87513009 on bearing of 288 degrees for 2000 yds until railway line contacted, then parallel with line at 50 yds interval for 900 yds to 87283021. Then return on bearing of 115 Degrees to SP.

INFORMATION: Previous patrol reports show that patrol should encounter enemy wire between pts of contact with the ry and 87283021; approx 300 yds on second leg.

OBJECT : 1. Locate and thoroughly recce wire, plot posn if located.
2. Engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or PW.

SERIAL NO 2.

SUBUNIT : C Coy.

STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 4 ORs. (plus 1 learner) and Sgt SLAUGHTER att.

TIME OUT : Comds discretion.

TIME IN : 0500 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513009 on bearing of 300 degrees for 1600 yds then on bearing of 81 degrees for 350 yds to FAIRBAIRNS POST, 87423018. Comd and Sgt SLAUGHTER to recce post, remainder of patrol to act as covering party. Return to SP on 125 degrees bearing.

OBJECT: 1. To thoroughly recce and gain further infm of FAIRBAIRNS POST for future ops.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Secure PW.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUBUNIT : B Coy

STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 8 ORs (incl 1 learner) (2 engrs att).

TIME OUT : 0300 hrs.

TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out by sweeps across front in sq 874302 to 87423027. Route to be decided by Coy Comd.

OBJECT : 1. To thoroughly recce area around "SMALL PALMS" at 87423027 and other suspected localities and plot posns.
2. Engage enemy and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and /or take PW.

SERIAL NO 4.

SUBUNIT : D Coy

STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 10 ORs.

TIME OUT : 0300 hrs.

TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87613029 on bearing of 317 degrees for 1120 yds, then on bearing 256 degrees for 400 yds then 174 degrees for 600 yds then on bearing 96 degrees to SP.

OBJECT : 1. Protective patrol to stop enemy parties operating in area.
2. Engage enemy and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or PW.

SERIAL NO 5.

SUBUNIT : D COY
STRENGTH : 1 Sec
TIME OUT : Last light 20 Sep.
TIME IN : Last light 21 Sep. or when relieved.
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87613029 to posn occupied by standing patrol at 87543036.
OBJECT : 1. To occupy posn and deny it to the enemy.
2. Observe enemy movement and gain infm.
3. To improve posn and provide additional accommodation for 2 ORs.

SERIAL NO 6.

SUBUNIT : D Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 OR.
TIME OUT : Comds discretion. 0200
TIME IN : 0530.
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87613029 to EGG feature at 87523044. Route at Comds discretion.
OBJECT : To make thorough independent recce of EGG feature and gain full infm. Plot posns.
MOONSET : night 20/21 Sep 0319 hrs.
ARTY : Tasks 1, ~~6~~, ~~7~~, 8 & 9 NOT to be fired.

H. J. Naumbauer...Lieut
IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
(MT FAIRBAIRN).

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

2/13 AUST INF BN PROJECTED PATROLS NIGHT 21/22 Sep 42.

SERIAL NO 1.

SUBUNIT : C Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0130 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513009 on bearing of 266 degrees for 1150 yds to 87413009, then on bearing of 22 degrees for 800 yds to 87443016, then on bearing of 107 degrees for 600 yds. Return to SP on bearing of 155 degrees.

OBJECTS : 1. To engage enemy parties and effect casualties.
2. Gain infm and/or take PW.

SERIAL NO 2.

SUBUNIT : A Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0130 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED; Out from SP (at D Coy) 87613029 on bearing 302 degrees for 1350 yds to 5 carriers at 87513035, then on 189 degrees for 1000 yds to rd junc at 87493026, then on ¹⁹⁰~~190~~ degrees for 8⁵⁰~~50~~ yds, then on 120 degrees for ³⁵⁰~~350~~ yds to gap at 87513017 (B Coy).

OBJECTS : 1. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
2. Gain infm and/or take PW.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUBUNIT : B Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt and 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0130 hrs. (Or later of A Coy patrol not in).
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87513017 (B Coy) on bearing of 300 degrees for ~~350~~ yds then on ¹¹⁰~~110~~ degrees for 8⁵⁰~~50~~ yds to rd junc at 87493026, then on 9 degrees for 1000 yds to 87513035, then on 122 degrees for 1350 yds to gap in wire at 87613029 (D Coy).

OBJECTS : 1. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
2. Gain infm and/or take PW.

SERIAL NO 4.

SUBUNIT : B Coy.
STRENGTH : Coy Comds discretion.
TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
TIME IN : 0200 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513017 to locate a posn in area 87463019 suitable for a patrol to lay up in during daylight to make observation on FAIRBAIRNS POST and surrounding area.
Route out : Comds discretion.

OBJECTS : 1. To make observation of area 87463019 to gain required infm
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.

NOTE: If suitable posn is located phone will be supplied.

PROJECTED PATROLS CONTD.

21 Sep

SERIAL NO 5.

SUBUNIT : D Coy
STRENGTH : 1 Sec.
TIME OUT : Last light 21 Sep.
TIME IN : Last light 22 Sep (or until relieved).
ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87613029 to post to be occupied at 87533038 when patrol will remain in defensive posn until last light 22 Sep.
OBJECTS : 1. To occupy and deny posn to the enemy.
2. To observe enemy movements and gain infm.
3. To take PW.

MOONSET : Night 21/22 Sep42 - 0425 hrs.

M. J. Muirhead Lieut
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IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
(MT FAIRBAIRN)

22 Sep 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PROJECTED PATROLS NIGHT 22/23 Sep 42.SERIAL NO 1.

SUBUNIT : C Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs.
TIME IN : 2330 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513009 on bearing of 258 degrees for 850 yds, then on 18 degrees for 850 yds, then 139 degrees for 850 yds.

OBJECT : 1. Protective patrolling.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or take PW.

SERIAL NO 2.

SUBUNIT : C Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0015 hrs.
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513009 on bearing of 319 degrees for 850 yds then on 198 degrees for 850 yds. Return on 79 degrees for 850 yds to 87513009.

OBJECT : 1. Protective patrolling.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or take PW,

SERIAL NO 3.

SUBUNIT : B Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs.
TIME IN : 2330 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED: Out from 87513017 for 500 yds on 300 degrees then on 38 degrees for 900 yds. Then on 121 degrees for 920 yds to gap on Carriers' front 87583021.

OBJECT : 1. Protective patrolling.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or take PW.

SERIAL NO 4.

SUBUNIT : B Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0015 hrs.
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from SP Carriers' front at 87583021 on 301 degrees for 920 yds then on 218 degrees for 900 yds. Then in on 120 degrees for 500 yds to gap at 87513017.

OBJECT : 1. Protective patrolling.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflist casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or take PW.

SERIAL NO 5.

SUBUNIT : A Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs.
TIME IN : 2330 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED. Out from 87583021 (Carriers' front) on 322 degrees for 950 yds, then on 323 degrees for 825 yds, back on 123 degrees for 1350 yds to 87613029. (D Coy).

OBJECT : 1. Protective patrolling.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Gain infm and/or take PW.

22 Sep.

SERIAL NO 6.

SUBUNIT : A Coy
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 0015 hrs.
TIME IN : 0530 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA TO BE PATROLLED : Out from 87613029 (D Coy front) on bearing of 303 degrees for 1350 yds to carriers, then on 163 degrees for 825 yds. Then 142 degrees for 950 yds to gap on Carriers' front, 87583021.

OBJECT :
1. Protective patrolling.
2. To engage enemy parties and inflict casualties.
3. Gain imfm and/or take PW.

MOONSET: Night 22/23 Sep 42. -- 0527 hrs.

W. D. Fairbairn.....Lieut
IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
(MT FAIRBAIRN)

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
18 Oct 42.

I. Sect. War Diary

~~AMLS~~,
9 AUST DIV.

MEDICAL REPORT. FROM 1 SEP to 30 SEP 42.

From 1 Sep 42 to 22 Sep 42 the Bn was in the line in the Coastal Sector in the region of TRIG 33. On 22 Sep 42 the Bn was relieved and moved back to a rest area on the coast near the main rd - SYDNEY rd junc.

1. SICKNESS. The total attendance at RAP was 765, a slight increase on the previous month.
 - (a) Enteritis. There were 23 new cases of enteritis, a decline of 34% and 8 new cases of clinical dysentery, the same as August.
 - (b) ~~xxx~~ Infective Hepatitis. There were 6 cases - the commencement of the annual epidemic. These cases presented the same clinical features as ~~xxx~~ those seen last year.
 - (c) P.U.O. There were 31 new cases, a considerable increase on the previous months figure of 12.
 - (d) V.D. There were 3 cases of urethritis. Of 150 men who have been on leave to ALEXANDRIA or CAIRO up to 9 Oct 42, there has been no case of V.D. These men were all lectured, and issued with condoms and ET Packets. The 5 cases of V.D. evacuated in this period have all been men returning from Staging Camp or Convalescent Camp.
 - (e) Desert Sores. There have been 62 new cases treated a considerable decline from the previous months figure of 114.

2. CASUALTIES. There were 4 killed and 23 wounded, with 2 DOW in MDS. Of these 19 were SW.

3. EVACUATIONS. There were 104 evacuations. Nearly twice the August total.

4. SANITATION. As usual sanitary arrangements in the two new areas occupied were inadequate and Pnr Pl had to construct new latrines. In the last 8 weeks the Bn has made 92 latrines, which have been supplemented with 18 from 2/4 Aust Ia Hyg Sec. It is most disheartening after leaving an area fully equipped with latrine accommodation, to come to a new area and find that another 30 require construction.

5. STRETCHER-BEARERS. I consider that in the type of offensive warfare we are likely to be engaged in, 20 SBs are quite inadequate.

In previous operations of this nature 10-15 SBs (the other having been wounded) have tried to cope with over 100 casualties, a hopeless task.

Since SBs in Field Ambulances are not utilised in the task they are trained for, it should be possible to detach 4 squads just before an operation to assist Regtl SBs.

6. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM BATTLE FIELD.

- (a) Experiments have been conducted using carriers, universal for the tpt of stretcher cases. Two stretchers fit securely on either side of the tray in a longitudinal direction. A third stretcher can be accommodated between these, if a rectangular frame is fitted to raise the stretcher above the gun-mounting and shield in the centre. Thus, either 3 stretcher cases can be carried or stretcher cases and 3 sitting wounded, or one or case and 6 sitting wounded. It is con necessary to make fittings to carry

6. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM BATTLE FIELD. (Contd)

three stretchers since the usual proportion of lying to sitting wounded is 1 to 4.

(b) Casualties are marked in the usual way on the Field by driving the rifle and bayonet in perpendicular to the ground. If the man is dead his steel helmet is placed over the butt of the rifle.

(c) Each A Ech Vehicle should carry a stretcher during an attack. As the WE only allows for 12 stretchers which are carried by Pl SBs, another 10 stretchers are required.

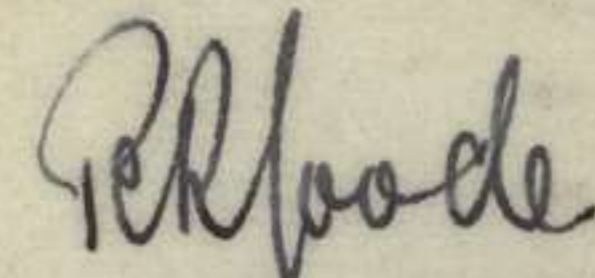
(d) Preparatory to an attack it is considered wise to issue every fourth man with a shell dressing, those not used to be collected again subsequently.

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1 Sep 42 - 30 Sep 42.

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 RMO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
 (P.C.R. GOODE)

Capt, AAM

Montgomery
To Officers and Men of Eighth Army

SPECIAL MESSAGE

1. The enemy is now attempting to break through our positions in order to reach CAIRO, SUEZ, and ALEXANDRIA, and to drive us from EGYPT.

2. The Eighth Army bars the way. It carries a great responsibility, and the whole future of the war will depend on how we carry out our task.

3. We will fight the enemy where we now stand; there will be **NO WITHDRAWAL** and **NO SURRENDER**.

Every officer and man must continue to do his duty as long as he has breath in his body.

If each one of us does his duty, we cannot fail; the opportunity will then occur to take the offensive ourselves and to destroy once and for all the enemy forces now in EGYPT.

4. Into battle then, with stout hearts and with the determination to do our duty.

And may God give us the victory.

B. L. Montgomery,

Lieutenant-General.

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FROM

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

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Following message has been received to all ranks beginning The battle of HAMEIN has now started lasted for 6 days. The enemy has slowly but surely been driven from 8th Army area @ Tonight 5th Sgt his rear guards are being driven west through the minefields area with HIMEIMAT @ all formations and un

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both armoured and unarmoured have contributed towards this striking victory and have been magnificently supported by the R.A.F. I congratulate all ranks of 8th Army on devotion to duty and good fighting qualities which have resulted in such a heavy defeat of the enemy and which will have far reaching results.

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

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desert expressing our thanks to the R.A.
their splendid support.

[all info]

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(PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM)

TO: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 AUST INF BNS

FROM: HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

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Following message from army comd for promulgation to all ranks begins (.) The battle of ALAMEIN has now lasted for six days and the enemy has slowly but surely been driven from eighth army area (.) tonight 5 sep his rear gds are being driven west through the minefields area north of HIMEIMAT (.) all formations and units both armd and unarmoured have contributed towards this striking victory and have been magnificently supported by the RAF (.) I congratulate all ranks of eighth army on devotion to duty and good fighting qualities which have resulted in such a hy defeat of the enemy and which will have far reaching results (.) I have sent a message to the AOC western desert expressing our thanks to the RAF for their splendid sp (.) ALL INFORMED

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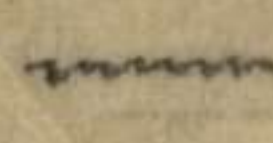
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POSITION OF CARRIER
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