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**16 Infantry Brigade**

**August 1941**

WAR DIARY

16. Bde

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JULY

1 Aug 41.

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THE EXPECTED REINFORCEMENTS for the Brigadē have arrived at the Training Battalion . They will be there for about two months .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

2 Aug 41.

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DIVISIONAL L.O. called at this HQ today.

BRIGADE STRENGTH is 71 officers, 1139 other ranks . This excludes 2/3 Bn., who are at present in Tripoli in Syria, garrisoning and collecting arms .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

3 Aug 41.

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AFTER CHURCH PARADE at Julis Cinema this morning, troops of Julis Camp marched past the GOC .

THAT HOPEFUL BAND , the members of Brigade Headquarters cricket team, had their first victory today in the Julis Camp cricket competition . Against HQ 6 Aust Div, to make it better still . The resulting enthusiasm has been amazing - someone even promised to oil the bats during the week . We're looking forward to further victories in the near future .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

4 Aug 41.

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2/1 BN, in accordance with the "Live out and train" policy of the Brigade, left this morning for an exercise in the Hebron Hills . They are to return on Friday, after a week in the open, during which time they will do night exercises, exercise in bayonet training and fire control, section and platoon tactics.

WAR DIARY

JULIS

5 Aug 41.

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THE GOC IS TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA in the near future . This news was received here today . His new appointment is that of Commander in Chief of the home defences of Australia . So, tomorrow, 6 Aust Div will be on parade for General Mackays farewell .

2/1 Bn. were immediately recalled from the Hebron Hills, where they were on exercises . 2/6 Bn. is to assemble with units of this Brigade .

DISCUSSION ON REINFORCEMENTS with Lt. Col. England of 6 Aust Training Brigade was attended at HQ 6 Aust Div by commanders .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

6 Aug 41.

6 AUST DIV WERE ON PARADE this morning to say farewell to Major - General Sir Iven Giffard Mackay K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. He had commanded the Division through Greece and Libya, and had earned the respect and devotion of all ranks under his command.

2/6 Bn., under command of Lt. Col H. Wrigley, assembled with 2/1 Bn. and 2/2 Bn.

In his farewell address, Maj.-Gen. Mackay said that his new appointment could be only as a 6 Aust Div appointment, and as much a tribute to the work of the Division as to him. Without the troops doing as well as they did, the accomplishments of the Division would not have been so great as they had been. He thanked the troops for their sterling work, and asked them to carry on as they had done.

"You are steady on parade," he said. "Steadiness on parade is an essential of a good soldier".

The GOC then drove off in a Bren carrier, and took the salute as the Division marched past.

There were ~~2~~ 286 officers on parade and just over 4'000 other ranks.

AFTER THE REVIEW AND THE MARCH PAST, Maj.-Gen. Mackay addressed officers of 6 Aust Div in Julis Cinema. There were approximately 250 officers present.

The GOC expressed his regret at not being able to know all his officers better; the majority he had only met once or twice, but although he did not know all his officers personally, he had taken a keen interest in their work.

The work, General Mackay said, had been fairly strenuous, but he did not think it had been too hard, and asked everybody to continue to put all their efforts into the future training of the Division, so that it might live up to the name it had made for itself in the past.

The GOC stated that he felt ~~extreme~~ extremely honoured by his appointment to his new command, and expressed his desire to shake hands with all officers as they departed from the theatre.

The GOC then moved to the exit, where he exchanged a word of farewell with each officer.

WAR DIARY

JULIS

7 Aug 41.

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INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS of 2/1 and 2/2 Bns exercised at night in cooperation with companies of 2/1 Bn who were on manoeuvres in the Hebron hills . Brigade I. Section also functioned .



WAR DIARY

JULIS

8 Aug 41.

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THIS MORNING, all I. sections again exercised in cooperation with 2/1 Bn. The improvement in procedure and recording and reporting of information was most marked during this exercise .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

9 Aug 41.

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STRENGTH of this HQ and 2/1 and 2/2 Bns is 73 officers, 1140 ORs.

WAR DIARY

JULIS

10 Aug 41.

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SECOND WIN for Brigade Headquarters in the Julis Camp Cricket Competition was recorded today at the expense of the Pay and Postal Unit . V. Davis scored 101 .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

11 Aug 41.

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY by Maj.-Gen. Sir Iven Mackay was promulgated through unit orders today . The GOC said goodbye to the Division, thanked them for their fine work and their spirit, and wished them good health and good luck for the future .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

12 Aug 41.

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MOVE TO HILL 69 will be carried out by this HQ at 0900 hrs on Saturday, 16 Aug. HQ Lines, Julis, will be taken over by HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.

This HQ will leave Julis with feelings of regret, for the camp represented the nearest thing to home that we have found in the Middle East. We were at Julis from February, 1940 to the end of August, 1940, and again from May 1, 1941 until the present time. At least half our time in this part of the world has been spent in and around the Julis camp area.

MAJOR GENERAL ALLEN, GOC 7 Aust Div and ex-Brigadier of this Brigade, called in this evening with his ~~ixixix~~ A.D.C., Lieut Swinton, also once of this HQ. He looked happy and fit, and everyone was very glad to see him.

JULIS BOXING TOURNAMENT began tonight, and there were some fine contests, every fight being a hard one, and most of the contestants were very evenly matched.

WAR DIARY

JULIS

13 Aug 41.

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2/3 BN CASUALTIES in the Syrian campaign were 5 officers and 93 other ranks, of which only 12 other ranks were killed. Full details are appended to this month's diary, together with report on operations.

MOVE TO EL ARISH by 2/2 Bn., relieving 2/8 Bn., was notified to this HQ today. 2/2 Bn. will move on 18 Aug to El Arish.

Operation Instruction No. 2, covering the move of 2/2 Bn., and Administrative Instruction No. 3, covering the move of this HQ to KHASSA on 16 Aug, were issued today. Copies are appended to the diary.

BRIGADE COMMANDER, Lt.-Col. K.W. Eather, D.S.O., left Julis today for No. 6 Course, Combined Training Centre.

WAR DIARY.

JULIS

14 Aug 41.

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FIRST SCHOOL that has originated within this Brigade is 16 Aust Inf Bde Drivers and Maintenance MT course, which will be located at Brigade HQ lines, KHASSA . The school is to handle Drivers with limited experience in army MT, with the object of increasing their driving ability, general maintenance and mechanical knowledge . Twelve students from 2/1 and 2/2 Aust Inf Bns. will attend.

Joining Instructions, etc., are appended to the Diary .

DINNER for Maj.-Gen. A.S. Allen was given by officers of this HQ this evening .

WAR DIARY

JULIS

15 Aug 41.

TO COMMAND 16 AUST INF BDE is Brigadier A. J. Boase (p.s.c.), formerly commander of HQ AIF Base Area .

Brigadier Herring, former CRA, has been appointed to command ~~the~~ 6 Aust Div .

Brigadier Boase visited this HQ today .

NEW BRIGADE COMMANDER'S CAREER is set out hereunder :-

First Commissioned	15.8.14
GSO 111 5 Aust Div AIF	12.3.16 to 1.12.16
BM 5 Inf Bde AIF	21.1.17 to 23. 8. 17
BM 7 Inf Bde AIF	24.8.17 to 12.10. 17
BM 2 Bde Area	1.1.18 to 5.4. 18
GSO 111., A.H.Q.	6.4.18 to 15.12.18
GSO 111 <del>5</del> 5 M.D.	16.12.18 to 27.7.19
D.A.Q.M.G. 5 M.D.	28. 7.19 to 31.3.20
G.S.O. 5 M.D.	1.4. 20 to 30.4.21
S.O. "G" Branch 13 Mxd. Bde.	1.5. 21.to 21.11.23
Staff College, Camberley	22.11.23 to 23. 2.26
General Instl. Duties, 5 D.B.	24. 2.26 to 30. 6.26
B.M. 13 Inf Bde.	1. 7.26 to 31. 1.32.
S.O. "G" Branch, 13 Mxd Bde.	1.11.26 to 21. 3.27
Adjt, & Qr.Mr., 11/16 Bn.(officiating)	16.10.30 to 24. 4.31.
GSO, Fd Tps, 5 M.D. and 5 D.B.	1. 2.32 to 22.11.32.
GSO, 3 Div	23.11,32 to 9. 3.37
Exchange Officer, India	10. 3.37 to 10. 3.39
GSO 1, 4 Div	3. 5.39 to 1.11.39
Comdt., C. and S.S.	2.11.39 to 28, 4.40
Seconded to AIF	4. 4.40
Comd. AIF(ME) Base Area	25. 1.41.
Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde.	14. 8.41.



WAR DIARY

JULIS - KHASSA

16 Aug 41.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS moved from Julis Camp at 0900 hrs this morning, and the advance party of 2/1 Bn. moved to KHASSA at the same hour. The move of 2/1 Bn. was complete at 1200 hrs. The move of Brigade Headquarters was probably the smoothest move that the Brigade has had away from active service. Each department of the HQ was given a task, and everybody worked willingly and well. The result was excellent, and the change over from Julis to Khassa camp did not interrupt the routine of HQ to any extent; HQ was functioning within a few minutes of the arrival at the new location.

AS CAMP COMMANDER, this HQ has 2/1 and 2/7 Fd. Amb., 2/1, 2/2 and 2/3 Fd. Regt., 2/1 Bn. and 2/1 Fd. Hyg. Sec. under its control for camp administration. Under command at the present time are 2/1 Bn., 2/2 Bn., 2/6 Bn. and 2/7 Bn. 2/6 Bn. and 2/7 Bn. are located at Hill 69.

THE BRIGADE MAJOR contacted the COs of 2/6 and 2/7 Bn., and discussed their present training standard. 2/6 Bn. are fairly well advanced in training, mainly because they have had their weapons and equipment complete, and they have been able to go ahead on that side of their training earlier than most units. At present they are doing company training.

2/7 Bn. are just in the rebuilding stage. Their weapon strength is practically nil, and until recently they have been very ~~short~~ short of NCOs and have been working with weapons borrowed from 2/6 Bn.

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

17 Aug 41.

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2/2 Bn. MOVE to the vicinity of AL MAJDAL today, and bivouac there for the night, while a rear party cleans the 2/2 Bn. lines in Julis Camp in preparation for the arrival of 2/8 Bn.

2/2 Bn. will entrain at 0700 hrs on 18 Aug .

CAPTAIN D.J.H. LOVELL, former Brigade IO, who has been attending a tactical school, returned today . He is to resume Bn. duties, and moved to 2/1 Bn. today .

HQ IS SITUATED right on the main road, a bad location as the traffic that goes past to Hill 69 and the rest of Khassa is most extensive . Some difficulty is being experienced at the moment in controlling it, but arrangements will be made to ensure that vehicles move slowly past this HQ .

THIS BRIGADE HQ WAS Camp Commander of Julis, and the policy adopted there for control of the camp is being continued at Khassa . This necessitates the mounting of some guards and duties, amounting to one officer, three NCOs and 12 ORs . This does not include an inlying picquet, which is mounted so that this HQ may have some specific force at call if required . Today, the second day of our occupation of Khassa, produced a deputation from the COs of the Fd. Regts., who objected to these duties being provided on the plea that it interfered with training . Each considered that a field officer was unnecessary and held that COs should be personally responsible for their own lines . It was pointed out that it was felt that the Camp Commander should have daily contact with units to ensure that the conduct of the camp was in accordance with the Camp Commanders responsibility . It was also pointed out that it was necessary to have some guard protection for this HQ, as Brigade establishment did not permit the mounting of any duties by HQ personnel . However, the B.M. promised that he would put the point of view of the Field Regiments before Brigadier Boase, who is still at Base Area, and also that the policy of the Brigade was to help and not to hinder .

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

18 Aug 41.

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THE DEFENCES OF NORTHERN PALESTINE and Transjordan are to be added to, to take advantage of the high ground north of the border of Palestine and Syria and to give additional depth to the existing defences; to extend the Samakh system ; and to select a series of defended localities on the line Beisan - Jenin - Haifa .

The consideration to be given to this scheme will take the form of a Divisional exercise, in which each sector will be taken in turn - EZ ZIB, SAMAKH, and line BEISAN - JENIN - HAIFA .

The first party will leave on 20 Aug 41, and will consist of the Brigade Commander, B.M., and I.O. from this HQ .

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

19 Aug 41.

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THE NEW BRIGADE COMMANDER , Brigadier A.J. Boase, arrived at this HQ this afternoon . He will swing into action almost immediately, as the Brigade party departs for the north tomorrow to consider extensions to the defences of the Az Zib sector .

ON OUR ARRIVAL AT KHASSA, Lt. Col. Russell, C.O. 2/1 Fd. Amb., interviewed the Staff Captain on the condition of the Otway pits in Khassa camp . With the Camp. S.O. and representatives of 2/1 Fd. Hyg. Sec., the Staff Captain inspected the pits and found that the wire mesh was sufficiently large to allow flies in - and out - and the Hygiene personnel reported that all pits in the area were in the same bad condition , and had been so for some time .

The camp R.E.'s were contacted and the matter adjusted under supervision of the Fd. Hyg. section.

L/O. 1 (Lieut Pepper) interviewed civilian employees working on the erection of the new picture theatre, where sanitary conditions were rudimentary, to say the least of it . Arrangements were made for the Fd. Hyg. section for the erection of a more than temporary shelter and arrangements .

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

20 Aug 41.

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BRIGADE PARTY, consisting of the Brigade Commander, Brigadier A.J. Boase, Major H.H. Hammer, and Capt. I.O. Fulton, left this HQ at 0700 hrs for the north. C.O. 2/1 Fd. Regt and O.C. 2/1 Fd. Coy accompanied them. The route is through Lydda to Hadera and Haifa, thence to Rosh Pinna through Acre and ~~Safad~~ Safad.

6 AUST DIV CAV REGT have returned to the Julis-Khassa area, the first time they have "lived" with the Division for some considerable time. While we were on the North African coast, they were at Giarabub; they did not accompany us to Greece, and since our return from that country have been in action with 7 Aust Div, where their exploits as "The Kelly Gang" have aroused great interest. The latter nickname arose from the fact that in Syria they were, for a part of the campaign, mounted on horses, the first Australians to go into action on horses in this war, and recalling the great deeds of the Light Horse in the war of 1914.

WAR DIARY .

KHASSA

22 Aug 41.

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2/1 & 2/2 Army Field Workshops have moved into Khassa camp, and come under our command for camp administration . The tendency seems to be for 6 Aust Div to concentrate in the Julis- Khassa- Hill 69 area .

WAR DIARY .

KHASBA

23 Aug 41.

BRIGADE PARTY returned to camp at 1200 hrs today .

As per attached 6 Aust Div Instructions, the syndicate had moved for ROSH PINNA area at 0700 hrs on 20 Aug to rendezvous with the GOC 6 Aust Div, who took the party on a general survey of the present Northern Palestine defences, which took in the Rosh Pinna line and the Az Zib sector . The task of the syndicate on this first recce was to select a more suitable defensive line on the left (coastal) sector than the existing AzZib defences . The Az Zib defences along the Wadi Qarn had been selected prior to the capture of Syria, and the weakness of this line was that it was overlooked by the high ground on the Syrian - Palestine border . It is desired by Force HQ that the line on the left be pushed further north into Syria, and to link up with the Rosh Pinna defences .

After the general survey on the first day, the Brigade syndicate made a tour of the area and decided that the most suitable defensive line would be from the left, on the coast, Ras el Bayada, Chamaa, Ramiet, Remeiche, Kafr Birim, Ras el Ahmat . It was felt that closer recce of the Remeiche area is required prior to this line being adopted . The general line selected is almost wholly tank proof, either due to the steepness of the wadis or the stony nature of the ground which prevails throughout the area .

One division was suggested to hold the line REMEICHE (NOT inclusive) to the coast on the left, at Ras el Bayada .

The Brigade Commander is to attend a conference with the GOC on Tuesday night, to discuss the syndicate's solution, when the GOC will decide on the suggested defence line to be submitted to Force HQ .

BRIGADE COMMANDER, Brigadier A.J. Boase, left this afternoon for his old command, HQ AIF Base Area, where he will complete the final details of the handover to his successor .

WAR DIARY

KHASFA

25 Aug 41.

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THIS MORNING, a Tomahawk gave us an exhibition of hedge hopping that gave us some exciting moments . Several times he skimmed tents and buildings, and his audience consisted of almost everyone in the area, most of whom were waiting for him to crash . But at last, after entertaining us for some fifteen minutes, he flew off to the north .

MORE MEN FROM CRETE arrived today, and they were able to give us the good news that all personnel from this HQ left on the island were safe and well . There were many from the various battalions, but none from this HQ , except the late officers mess steward, who had left the unit just prior to the evacuation .

EACH BRIGADE IN 6 AUST DIV is to nominate one officer and one N.C.O. to return to Australia for the training of the Armoured Division . In all, some 15 officers and 15 N.C.O.'s are required, but most of these are to be drawn from Cavalry Regiments .



WAR DIARY

KHASA

26 Aug 41.

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THE VALUE OF ORGANISED SPORT in making the troops fit and well, in promoting team spirit and in ensuring that junior leaders have the confidence of their men has been recognised by this HQ and every effort is being made to organise sports on a competitive basis throughout Khassa Camp .

LT. COL K.W. WATHER returned this morning, as did the Brigade I.O.,  
~~Lieut~~ Lieut S.M. Percival .

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

27 Aug 41.

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TWO TOMAHAWKS stunted over us this morning, weaving and twisting through the sky, diving and flattening out what seemed to be only feet above tents and buildings .

A FREE CONCERT was staged by a young Jewish orchestra of violins and cellos in the YMCA tent this evening . The performers were competent, and the audience was appreciative.

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

29 Aug 41.

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LT.COL. K.W. EATHER, D.S.O., left this HQ to take over his old ~~command~~ <sup>them</sup> command, that of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. He commanded/in the successful capture of Bardia and Tobruch, but ill health prevented him from accompanying the battalion to Greece and later Crete .

Lt.Col. Eather temporarily commanded this Brigade prior to the appointment of Brigadier Boase .

THE DEFENCE OF EL ARISH was reported on by Lt. Col. Chilton, C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. He considers that the troops at his disposal are inadequate for the job in hand, that of protecting various tactical points in the area from attack from air borne or sea borne troops .

PREPARATION FOR THE USE OF GAS by our enemies is being brought into the training of troops under the command of this HQ, and gas training and the tactical use of gas is being introduced into battalion training programmes . Respirators are being constantly checked for efficiency, and members of this HQ are to wear the respirators for set periods to fit them for carrying on under similar conditions should gas be encountered in the field .

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

30 Aug 41.

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CAPT. A.S. WILSON, of 2/2 Aust Inf Bn., who has been attached to this HQ for several days, left this morning for AIF(ME) ~~Junior~~ Staff School at Latrun .

WAR DIARY

KHASSA

31 Aug 41.

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THE MONTH has been a busy one for this HQ . We have moved camps; have taken over command of two battalions, and administered camp command over seven new units . In addition, the additions to the defences of Northern Palestine have taken up a great deal of time .

SCHOOLS have continued to be plentiful, although the majority of them have originated outside this Brigade . Five other ranks from 2/1 and 2/2 Aust Inf Bns attended Drivers' Course at the AAOC Training Wing, Deir Suneid from 6 Aug to 14 Aug ; and the 16 Aust Inf Bde Drivers and Maintenance MT School has been carried on at Khassa with marked success.

APPENDICES TO WAR DIARY FOR AUGUST 41.

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- APPENDIX A - Routine Orders of HQ 16 Aust Inf Bn. (2 copies)
- " B - Casualties 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. - Syria (1 copy )
- " C - Report on Operations of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. in Syria (2 copies)
- " D - 16 Aust Inf Bde. Administrative Instruction No. 3. (2 copies)
- " E - 16 Aust Inf Bde. Operation Instruction No. 2. (2 copies)
- " F - 6 Aust Div Training Exercise (2 copies)
- " G - 16 Aust Inf Bde. Drivers and Maintenance MT Course (2 copies)
- " H - Schools and Courses attended by members of the Bde. from May to the end of August. (2 copies)

APPENDIX  
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A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

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

BY

Lt. Col. K.W. Eather, D.S.O.

Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 164

Part 1

1 August 41

1 DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 1 August 41.

Field Officer of the Day	Capt N.W.P. Farrell, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt J. Morgan, AASC 6 Aust Div.
Duty Officer	Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Next for Duty	Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Cinema Picquet Officers	Lieut H.S. Mullins, ) 2/4 Aust
	Lieut J. Johnson, ) Inf Bn.
	Lieut G.W.A. Ormiston, )
Next for Duty	Lieut J. Young, ) AASC
	Lieut W.H. Handbury, ) 6 Aust Div.
	Lieut C.H. Rivers, )
Field Medical Officer	Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit	2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	AASC 6 Aust Div.

2. ABBREVIATIONS:

It has been noticed that the abbreviation "C.S.O." has been used to refer to "Camp Staff Officer". This abbreviation is recognised and authorised as referring to "Chief Signal Officer" and will NOT be used for any other military appointment or term.

The authorised abbreviation for "Camp Staff Officer" is "Camp S.O.". (Div R.O. para 225)

3. SNIPING AT VEHICLES:

Cases have occurred recently of military vehicles being sniped at whilst travelling on roads in PALESTINE.

Incidents of this nature will be reported immediately to the nearest Civil Police Post, and to the C.O. of the unit of the personnel concerned. (Div R.O. para 226)

4. CAMP AREAS - CONTROL OF HAWKERS:

In view of the fact that a considerable amount of sickness has been traced to the eating of fruit which has not been treated - vide Palestine S/O Pam 4, Sec VI, para 72 - it is repeated that fruit sellers and hawkers of goods generally are NOT to be permitted entry to or to operate in the vicinity of Camp Areas. (Div R.O. para 227)

5. LEAVE - SUPPLEMENTARY PAY:

Troops going on leave are not entitled to a supplementary pay unless the leave is for a period of two days or more

All personnel granted leave for periods of 48 hours or longer will be taken off the ration strength of the unit for the period of leave. (Div R.O. para 228)

6. COLOUR PATCHES:

For security reasons, the practice of obtaining unit colour patches from any other source other than AAOC will cease immediately. (Div R.O. para 229)

7. THROWING OF BOMBS AND GRENADES AND FIRING OF SMALL ARMS FROM TRAINS.

Some cases of throwing bombs and grenades and the firing of small arms from trains have been reported.

This practice constitutes a serious offence for which, if proved at a Court Martial, a severe sentence of imprisonment may be awarded and, if fatal injuries result, the offender is guilty of manslaughter and is liable to penal servitude for life.

In view of their seriousness, all such offences are to be regarded as Court Martial offences and further, they will on no account be disposed of without prior reference to HQ AIF (ME). (Div R.O. para 230)

8. CHANGE IN SENIORITY OF OFFICER:

By award of a General Court Martial, Lieut R.G. Burke, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, was sentenced to take rank and precedence in his corps and in the Army as if his appointment as a Lieutenant bore date the second day of July, 1941. (Div R.O. para 231)

9. VEHICLES ON THE MOVE - CARRYING OF "SCRIM" NETS:

Attention of all units is again drawn to the practice of carrying camouflage nets on vehicles whilst on the move. This not only causes the nets to become torn and frayed, but has no value from the point of view of camouflage. These nets are issued for the camouflage of vehicles when stationary; when vehicles are on the move, the nets should be packed neatly and stored inside the vehicle. (Div R.O. para 232)

10. OFFICERS WITH LEGAL KNOWLEDGE:

All units will render immediately a return showing names and appointments of Officers who were Barristers and Solicitors in civil life. (Div R.O. para 233)

11. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE:

An A.C.F. distribution of 1 handkerchief and 1 stick of shaving soap was made to all ranks on Thursday 31 Jul. (Div R.O. para 234)

12. TAKING ON STRENGTH "X" LIST PERSONNEL:

Personnel who report to units from "X" List must not be taken on strength unless officially sent to units by Reinforcement Depot or 2nd Echelon. Any soldiers reporting direct to units from "X" List are absent without leave from the Tng Bn or Depot Bn as the case may be, and must be treated accordingly. (Div R.O. para 235)

*A.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE.

FOUND: One gold wristlet watch, with strap, inscribed :-

"To Jack from Staff of (name of firm) Jul 5, 1940.  
Owner should apply to OC, AIF Kit Store, ALEXANDRIA.

DISTRIBUTION: As for B.R.O. No 163 dated 31 Jul 41.



A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

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

BY

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Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 165

Part 1

2 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat 2 August 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Capt J. Morgan, AASC 6 Aust Div.  
Lieut J.G. Macarthur King, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Lieut J. Young, ) AASC  
Lieut W.H. Handbury, ) 6 Aust Div.  
Lieut C.H. Rivers, )

Next for Duty

Lieut P. Barclay, ) 2/1 Aust  
Lieut G.N. Millard, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut R.D. Hull, )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

AASC 6 Aust Div.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

2. COURT OF INQUIRY:

The following will constitute a Court of Inquiry to inquire into and report upon the facts surrounding accident involving W.D. Vehicle No. M 7914 and a Civilian Vehicle during night 1/2 Aug 41, and will sit at Bde HQ Lines at 2000 hrs on Monday 4 Aug 41 :-

President.

Capt A.A. Buckley, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Members.

Lieut R.M. Moore, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

3. CIVILIAN DRIVERS:

Units will submit to Camp Staff Officer, JULIS, names of all Civilian Drivers, attached to them, by 1600 hrs, 27th day of each month.

*L.H. Hammett*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S

LOSS OF PASS:

Pass No 6491 issued to MOHD ABD RAHMAN.

It is requested that the Sentries on duty and all provost personnel be informed of the above, and a strict watch made to ascertain if this pass is being used to enter other camps.

In the event of this pass being found, could it be notified to this HQ as soon as possible, and the holder detained for interrogation.

RE SPORTING FIXTURES

CRICKET. The draw for Sunday 3 Aug 41 is :-

- Div H.Q.        ) on Div H.Q. Ground.
- 16 Bde H.Q.)
- 2/4 Bn.        ) On A.A.S.C. Ground.
- A.A.S.C.)
- 2/2 Bn.        ) On Cinema Ground.
- Pay & Postal)
- Pro Coy        ) On A/Tk Ground.
- Sigs            )
- 2/1 Bn         Has use of own ground.

Units to arrange starting times and equipment between themselves. It is desired that these be a full days match. Results will be advised to Amenities Office.

BOXING. Owing to insufficient entries being received for the Boxing Tournament it has been decided to postpone same until Tuesday 12 Aug. Entries should be handed into this Office by Tuesday 5 Aug stating the weight of each entrant. The eliminations will be held at the boxing ring, JULIS Camp, on Tuesday 12 Aug at 1800 - 2000 hrs. Units are asked to enter as many as possible for each weight to make the Tournament a success.

<u>Weights</u>	Feather	up to 9 stone		
	Light	" " 9	"	9 lbs
	Welter	" " 10	"	7 "
	Middle	" " 11	"	6 "
	Heavy			

Bouts will be 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration and 1 minute spell.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP: It is intended to enter a team in the Palestine Five Miles Cross Country Championship sometime in September. To select the team it has been decided upon to hold a Three Miles Cross Country run in the Julis area in the near future. Unit Sports Officers are asked to attend the next meeting, Wed, at 1630 hrs to fix a time, place and conditions in which this race will be run.

SPORTS MEETING. The next meeting of Sports Officers will be held on Wednesday 6 Aug, not Tuesday as usual, at the 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ at 1630 hrs. It is asked that all units be represented.

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

BY

Lt. Col. K.W. Eather, D.S.O

Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

*War Diary*

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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 166

part 1

3 Aug. 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat 3 Aug. 41

Field Officer of the Day	Lieut. J.G. Macarthur King, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	Capt. B. Brock, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Officer	Lieut. S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Next for Duty	Lieut. R.J.F. McIntosh, " " " "
Cinema Picquet Officers	Lieut. P. Barclay ) 2/1 Aust Lieut. G.N. Millard ) Inf Bn. Lieut. R.D. Hull )
Next for Duty	Capt. T.F.C. Close ) Sigs., Lieut. A.F. Whitebrook ) 6 Aust Div Lieut. J.A. Little )
Field Medical Officer	Capt. L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	Capt. P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

*J.M. King*  
.....Major.  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
AASC 6 Aust Div  
Sigs 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
45 Aust L.A.D.  
C.R.S.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
Camp Staff Officer  
✓ War Diary (2)  
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CAMP

No. 167

Part 1

4 August 41.

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 4 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Capt B. Brock, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt N.W.P. Farrell, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Capt T.F.C. Close,            ) Sigs,  
Lieut A.F. Whitebrook,    ) 6 Aust Div  
Lieut J.A. Little,            )

Next for Duty

Lieut F.C. Brownhill,    ) 2/4 Aust  
Lieut J.D. Holdsworth,    ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut H.S. Mullins,        )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

*H.H. Hammer*

.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
AASC 6 Aust Div  
Sigs 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
45 Aust L.A.D.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
Camp Staff Officer  
War Diary (2)  
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*QHD*

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Part 1

JULIS  
CAMP  
5 August 41.

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 5 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Capt N.W.P. Farrell, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. Capt K.W. Haigh, AASC 6 Aust Div.
Duty Officer Next for Duty	Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde. Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.
Cinema Picquet Officers	Lieut F.C. Brownhill, ) 2/4 Aust Lieut J.D. Holdsworth, ) Inf Bn. Lieut H.S. Mullins, )
Next for Duty	Capt H.R. Stewart, ) AASC Capt R.H. de G. Nugent, ) 6 Aust Div. Capt C.E. Thornhill, )
Field Medical Officer Next for Duty	Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit Next for Duty	2/4 Aust Inf Bn. AASC 6 Aust Div.

2. CINEMA PICQUET.

Senior Officer i/c Picquet will observe the following routine :-

- (a) Examine Ticket Roll prior to and subsequent to each performance, noting commencing and closing numbers.
- (b) Check these numbers on the Box Office Receipt Slips verifying the extensions of Cash. Initial Box Office Receipt Slips - retaining duplicate copy.
- (c) Examine and cancel all Complimentary Tickets.
- (d) Ensure that the Theatre Manager makes out the Box Office Receipt Slip in duplicate and hand one copy in to the Camp Staff Office at conclusion of performance.

*A.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 169

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Part 1

6 August 41

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 6 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Capt K.W. Haigh, AASC 6 Aust Div.  
Lieut A.A. Stewart, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Capt H.R. Stewart, ) AASC  
Capt R.H. de G. Nugent, ) 6 Aust Div.  
Capt C.E. Thornhill, )

Next for Duty

Lieut G.S. Cox, ) 2/1 Aust  
Lieut S. Burrell, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut P. Barclay, )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

AASC 6 Aust Div.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

*H.H. Hammer*

.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
AASC 6 Aust Div  
Sigs 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
Camp Staff Officer  
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Part 1

JULIS  
CAMP

7 August 41

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 7 August 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.A. Stewart, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt E.H. King, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Lieut G.S. Cox, ) 2/1 Aust  
Lieut S. Burrell, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut P. Barclay, )

Next for Duty

Lieut D.N. Fairbrother, ) 2/2 Aust  
Lieut D.S.I. Burrows, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut W.J. McPherson, )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

2. DUTIES: BRIGADE GUARD AND PICQUET:

Units will ensure that duties mounting and dismounting at this HQ, move on to Bde Parade ground NOT before 1750 hrs and NOT later than 1753 hrs daily.

3. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 10 August 41:

(a) Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 0700 hrs in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Recreation Hut, GELLIBRAND LINES:

A.A.S.C. Recreation Hut, BROWNE LINES, at 0800 hrs.

2/2 Aust Inf Bn Recreation Hut, GODDARD LINES, at 0900 hrs.

Unit Comds will arrange for R.C. personnel parading for Combined Church Parade at CINEMA to be marched to the Mass last above mentioned.

(b) Holy Communion:

0700 hrs in Recreation Room, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Lines for all Units.

(c) Combined Church Parade:

0900 hrs in the CINEMA for all Units.

The Officer Commanding the Combined Church Service in the CINEMA will be Major C.R.V. EDGAR.

*H.H. Hammer*

.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 171

Part 1

8 August 41.

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 8 August 41.

Field Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Capt E.H. King, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. To be notified later.
Duty Officer Next for Duty	Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Cinema Picquet Officers	Lieut D.J. McNeill, ) 2/2 Aust Lieut D.S.I. Burrows, ) Inf Bn Lieut W.J. McPherson, )
Next for Duty	Capt C.F. Cowden, ) Sigs Lieut H.W.T. Pullen, ) 6 Aust Div. Lieut B.A. Hamilton, )
Field Medical Officer Next for Duty	Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit Next for Duty	2/2 Aust Inf Bn. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

2. SCHOOLS AND COURSES:

On the return of personnel from Schools and Courses a Casualty Return will be rendered by Units setting out the results of such School or Course.

Officer in Charge, Records, 2nd Echelon, will then publish same in Part II Orders.

*J.H. Hammer*  
Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

N O T I C E S

S P O R T I N G F I X T U R E

CRICKET: The draw for Sun 10 Aug is :-

Div HQ )  
AASC ) On Div HQ Ground.

16 Bde )  
Pay & Postal ) On AASC Ground.

2,1 Bn )  
2/2 Bn ) On Cinema Ground.

Sigs )  
2/4 Bn ) On Sigs Ground.

Provosts have use of A/Tk Ground.

Units to arrange starting times and equipment mutually. It is desired that these be a full day's match. Results will be advised to PTO



Amenities Office.

NOTE - The A/Tk Ground has been allocated to the Provosts and any unit desiring to use this ground should communicate with the Provosts for permission.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP: A 3 mile cross country championship will be held on Sat 16 Aug at 1500 hrs. Teams will assemble near the car park, 16 Bde HQ at 1450 hrs, where the start and finish will take place. No limit to the number of entries from each unit.

BOXING: The first eliminations will take place at the Boxing Ring, JULIS CAMP, on Tue 12 Aug at 1800 hrs.

1800 hrs - 1st bout. Lightweight.

AASC Unger v 2/4 Bn Loydell

1815 hrs - 2nd bout. Welter.

AASC O'Connor v Sigs James

1830 hrs - 3rd bout. Welter.

2/2 Bn Herron v Pro Lacey.

1845 hrs - 4th bout. Middle.

AASC Martin v 2/4 Bn Clark.

1900 hrs - 5th bout. Heavyweight

Provost Blanchfield v 2/4 Bn Taber.

ON WEDNESDAY, 13 Aug at 1800 hrs.

1800 hrs - 6th bout. Lightweight.

2/2 Bn Waters v 2/4 Bn Walker.

1815 hrs - 7th bout. Middleweight

AASC Piper v Sigs Waters.

1830 hrs - 8th bout. Heavyweight

AASC Reid v 2/2 Bn Osborne.

1845 hrs - 9th bout. Heavyweight

AASC Hagney v Sigs Collins.

1900 hrs - 10th bout. Middleweight

2/4 Bn Hards v Prov O'Brien

The finals will be held on Tuesday 19 August at 1800 hrs. Bouts will be 3 rounds of 3 minutes duration and 1 minute spell.

SPORTS MEETING: Will be held at 16 Bde HQ at 1630 hrs on Tuesday 12 Aug. It is asked that all units be represented.

FOUND: Brown leather wallet - containing photographs, marked M. McDonald. Owner apply to Camp Staff Officer.

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Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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No. 172

Part 1

9 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 9 August 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut C.E. Raymond, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt P.H. Ferris, AASC 6 Aust Div.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Capt T.F.C. Close, ) Sigs  
Lieut H.W.T. Pullen, ) 6 Aust Div.  
Lieut B.A. Hamilton, )

Next for Duty

Lieut J.F.H. Brown, ) AASC  
Lieut R.G. Tayles, ) 6 Aust Div.  
Lieut J.E. Gannon, )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
AASC 6 Aust Div.

*A.H. Hammer*

.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
AASC 6 Aust Div  
Sigs 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
Camp Staff Officer  
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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 173

Part 1

10 August 41

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 10 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Capt P.H. Ferris, AASC 6 Aust Div. Lieut E.H. Jackson-Hope, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Officer Next for Duty	Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde. Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.
Cinema Picquet Officers	Lieut J.F.H. Brown, ) AASC Lieut R.G. Tayles, ) 6 Aust Div. Lieut J.E. Gannon, )
Next for Duty	Lieut J.G. Macarthur King, ) 2/1 Aust Lieut W.L. Speight, ) Inf Bn. Lieut D.J. Robertson, )
Field Medical Officer Next for Duty	Capt P.A. Tomlinson, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit Next for Duty	AASC 6 Aust Div. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

2. CINEMA PICQUET:

Duty Unit will provide the following picquet to the afternoon session each Sunday at 1345 hrs:

1 Officer  
1 Sgt  
6 O.Rs.

Duties as for evening performance.

*H.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
AASC 6 Aust Div  
Sigs 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
Camp Staff Officer  
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BY

Lt. Col. K.W. Eather, D.S.O.

Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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No. 174

Part 1

JULIS  
CAMP

11 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 11 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut E.H. Jackson-Hope, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt J.C. Rishworth, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Lieut J.G. Macarthur King, ) 2/1 Aust  
Lieut W.L. Speight, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut D.J. Robertson, )

Next for Duty

Capt B. Brock, ) 2/2 Aust  
Lieut W.J. McPherson, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut G.H. Wickham, )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/1 Aust Inf Bn

2. DUTY OFFICERS:

Units will arrange to have an Officer available at or near the telephone at all times. (Div R.O. para 225)

3. GREEN ENVELOPES:

The use of Green Envelopes is limited to one per man in any one week. (Div R.O. para 226)

4. AMUSEMENTS DEPENDENT UPON PUBLIC SUPPORT:

It has been noted that certain Units of the A.I.F. have arranged entertainments, etc., which depend for their success on public support, either financially, or by attendance or participation. This will cease forthwith.

It is not intended that any restriction be placed on any inter-unit or inter-service, etc., competitions. In this regard attention is directed to A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 191, of 31st January, 1941. (Div R.O. para 227)

5. SOLDIERS RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA S.N.L.R.

Soldiers returned to Australia S.N.L.R. do NOT receive any of the privileges of a Returned Soldier and do NOT get a good discharge. Attention of all ranks is to be drawn to these facts. (Div R.O. para 228.)

6. BANK ACCOUNTS - PERSONNEL.

Personnel who have opened private banking accounts in the Middle East will furnish particulars thereof through the usual channels to the Chief Paymaster, A.I.F.

This information is required in order that balances of bank accounts held by deceased personnel will NOT be overlooked. (Div R.O. para 229)

7. DE SS - SAFARI SHIRTS:

Approval is given for the wearing, by Officers only, of safari shirts, purchased at own expense, in lieu of Shirts, K.D.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 296, of 11th April 1941, as amended by A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 458, of 5th July 1941, is amended accordingly.  
(Div R.O. para 230)

8. PUNISHMENTS BY COURT-MARTIAL:

The undermentioned sentences by Courts-Martial are published for information:

- (a) A private soldier, convicted of charges of obtaining money by means of forgery of a soldier's pay book (A.A. 41) of stealing a cheque (A.A. 41) and A.W.L. (A.A. 15(1)) was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for two years.
- (b) A private soldier was convicted of charges of attempted stealing of beer and of assault (both charges under A.A. 41). He was sentenced to 120 days' detention.
- (c) A private soldier, convicted of charges of possessing a forged duty pass (A.A. 40), improperly wearing the rank badges of a sergeant (A.A. 40), giving a false name to the military police (A.A. 40), disobeying a lawful command (A.A. 9 (2)), using insubordinate language to his superior officer (A.A. 8 (2)) and being twice A.W.L. (A.A. 15 (1)), was sentenced to detention for one year and one month.
- (d) A private soldier, convicted of uttering a forged document and endeavouring to obtain money on another forged document (both charges under A.A. 41), was sentenced to detention for one year.
- (e) A private soldier convicted of charges of using threatening language to his superior Officer and of using insubordinate language to his superior Officer (both charges under A.A. 8 (2)), was sentenced to 75 days detention.
- (f) A private soldier, convicted of charges of improperly using an army vehicle without authority (A.A. 40), improperly drawing petrol without authority (A.A. 40), and A.W.L. (A.A. 15 (1)), was sentenced to 90 days detention.
- (g) A private soldier, convicted of charges of desertion (A.A. 12(1)), and unlawfully taking and driving a private motor vehicle without proper authority (A.A. 41), was sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour for eighteen months.
- (h) A private soldier, convicted of charges of stealing property (a watch) belonging to a person subject to military law, (A.A. 18(4)), improperly wearing the rank badges of a lieutenant (A.A. 40), improperly wearing the rank badges of a sergeant (A.A. 40), and, when in lawful custody, escaping (A.A. 22), was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one year and to be discharged with ignominy.  
(Div R.O. para 231)

9. RIFLES AND WEB EQUIPMENT:

The quantity of rifles and web equipment being returned to Aust. Ordnance Depots in accordance with A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 438, of 28th June 1941, has proved to be very limited, suggesting that unit commanders are retaining the personal arms and equipment of casualties, with a view to re-equipping "X" List personnel returning to the unit.

This action is incorrect and immediate action will be taken to return excess stocks to the nearest Aust Ordnance Depot.

(Div R.O. para 232)

10. A.I.F. KIT STORES - KITS OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM ONE UNIT TO ANOTHER:

Where personnel have deposited kits in any A.I.F. Kit Store and subsequently have been transferred to another Unit, kits remain with those of the original Unit until withdrawn.

Requisitions for and inquiries as to kits of such personnel will, therefore, be made to the Store in which the original unit's kits were deposited. The requisition or inquiry will quote the original and present units. A list of units whose kits have been transferred to No. 3. A.I.F. Kit Store is shown in A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 485, of 12th July, 1941. (Div R.O. para 233)

11. RESPIRATORS, A.G.

Units will advise DADOS, 6 Aust Div of the number of large and small facepieces required. When large and small facepieces are issued an equivalent number of normal facepieces will be returned to Returned Stores Depot, 2 Aust A.O.D. (Div R.O. para 235)

12. SUPPLIES:

Sup Coln lorries are being delayed in the unit lines when delivering rations. Owing to the shortage of transport, Units will assist Sup Coln drivers and loaders in the unloading of rations. (Div R.O. para 236)

13. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL, VX 9492 Pte E.G. McNamara, HQ, 6 Aust Div.

The abovementioned soldier was convicted by District Court Martial convened by D.A.G., A.I.F. on 22 Jul 41.

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
Seven charges of obtaining money on forged documents (i.e. Paybook) contrary to Section 7 of the Forgery Act 1913.	Guilty	Imprisonment with hard labour for two years.  (Div R.O. para 237)

14. COURTS-MARTIAL, PUBLICATION OF RESULTS:

When publishing the result of courts-martial in Routine Orders, it is only necessary to include the statement of each offence (e.g., Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline - (A.A. Sec 40). The particulars of the offence need not be published. (Div R.O. para 238)

15. RETURN OF CHARGES, PROVOST:

D.R.O. 191 concerning the rendering of these returns, is cancelled as from 12 AUG, 41. (Div R.O. para 239)

16. SUBSISTENCE:

Leave passes will be attached to claims for subsistence. (Div R.O. para 240)

17. RESERVE RATIONS:

Units will render a certificate before the 5th day of each month to S. Sup O. 1 Aust C.T. Sup Col and D.A.D.S.T., HQ AIF Base area, through this HQ, indicating the number of reserve rations held on the last day of preceding month. (Div R.O. para 241).

18. CANTEENS - IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS:

Attention of all Comds is directed to an excellent scheme in operation in one of the Canteens in Julis area, which has been decorated and improved solely by the efforts of Other Ranks in the

Ur. Gardens have been planted and certain activities of the Canteen are directed by a committee of men from the ranks.

This system might well be worth copying. (Div R.O. para 242).

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19. DAGGERS, KNIVES AND SWORDS - SOUVENIRS:

Previous restrictions on the importation into Australia of daggers, knives and swords, forwarded as souvenirs by A.I.F. personnel, are now limited. The provisions of AIF (ME) Order No. 236 of 16 May 41 in respect of such articles still apply.

A.H.Q., Melbourne, advise that an amendment to A.I.F. Standing Order 463 (b) will be issued in due course. (Div R.O. para 243)

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20. DUTIES:

In view of the late attendance of duties, in many instances, the following fatigues are repeated:-

(a) Fatigue Party. (Bde R.O. No. 77 of 6 May 41).

Until further notice, a fatigue party of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.Rs will be detailed by duty unit and will report to this HQ by 0900 hrs daily.

(b) Cinema Fatigue. (Bde R.O. No. 83 of 12 May 41).

Duty unit will clean the Cinema area and report same clean to this HQ by 1000 hrs daily. The Cinema area extends from 20 yds West of Cinema to the road on the East and extends to 20 yds North of the Cinema and includes drains.

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21. SECURITY OF TRANSPORT:

A case occurred in this camp area of a stranger driving an Army vehicle from a car park; but owing to prompt action by MT personnel was apprehended.

In view of the fact that CAS vehicles have no Ignition key and cannot be locked, adequate precautions must be made to prevent unauthorised persons gaining access to any military vehicle parks.

A strict watch should be kept and inspection of work tickets carried out prior to movement of vehicles.

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.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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JULIS  
CAMP

No. 175

Part 1

12 August 41.

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 12 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Capt A.A. Buckley, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt J.C. Rishworth, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

Cinema Picquet Officers

Capt B. Brock, ) 2/2 Aust  
Lieut W.J. McPherson, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut G.H. Wickham, )

Next for Duty

Capt B. Brock, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Lieut J.B. Harkness, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Lieut D.J. Robertson, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn

2. EL JURA BEACH:

As already advised a number of pannikins have been taken from EL JURA Beach Comforts Fund Hut during the past two weeks.

It is to be brought to the notice of all ranks that unless this practice ceases forthwith, the very excellent service rendered by this Hut, will, of necessity, have to be discontinued, as there are no further supplies of pannikins available from Ordnance.

3. CAMP LINES:

During Field Officer's inspection of 11 Aug 41, it was noted that all unit lines were very satisfactory with the exception that trenches and drains on the outskirts of unit lines had been neglected.

In order that these may NOT be overlooked, units will ensure that same are inspected regularly and that they are NOT used as receptacles for rubbish.

*H. H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S

LOSS OF PASSES:

It is notified that the following passes have been lost:-

- Pass No. C 19053 issued to D. FLAUMENHAFT.
- Pass No. C 21984 issued to BARUKH BABINOV.

It is requested that the sentries on duty and all Provost

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personnel be informed of the above, and a strict watch made to ascertain if these passes are being made use of to enter other camps.

In the event of these passes being found, could it be notified to this HQ as soon as possible, and the holder detained for interrogation.

Temporary Commanding Officer

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ 6 Aust Div
- AASC 6 Aust Div
- Sigs 6 Aust Div
- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
- C.R.S.
- 45 L.A.D.
- 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
- Camp Staff Officer
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Capt B. Brock, 2nd Aust Inf Bn  
 Lieut J.R. Barkness, 2nd Aust Inf Bn  
 Lieut D.J. Robertson, 2nd Aust Inf Bn

Capt W.V. Arnold, 2nd Aust Inf Bn  
 Capt F.J. Connell, 2nd Aust Inf Bn

S/S Aust Inf Bn  
 S/S Aust Inf Bn

Next for Duty

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Next for Duty

2. EL JURA BEACH:

As already advised a number of panikins have been taken from El Jura Beach during the past two weeks.

It is to be brought to the notice of all ranks that unless this practice ceases forthwith, the very excellent service rendered by this unit, will, of necessity, have to be discontinued, as there are no further supplies of panikins available from Ordnance.

3. CAMP LINES:

During Field Officer's inspection of 11 Aug 41, it was noted that all unit lines were very satisfactory with the exception that trench and drains on the outskirts of unit lines had been neglected.

In order that there may not be overlooked, units will ensure that same are inspected regularly and that they are not used as receptacles for rubbish.

*H.A. [Signature]*  
 Major  
 B.M. 1st Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

LOSS OF PASSES:

It is notified that the following passes have been lost:-  
 Pass No. C 19053 issued to D. FLANNERY  
 Pass No. C 21904 issued to BARUM DABINOV  
 It is requested that the holders on duty and all Provost

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Part 1

13 August 41.

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 13 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Capt J.C. Rishworth, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. Capt C.W.W. Perry, AASC, 6 Aust Div.
Duty Officer Next for Duty	Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Cinema Picquet Officers	Capt B. Brock, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut J.B. Harkness, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut D.J. Robertson, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	Capt L.N. Tribolet, ) Sigs Lieut F.C. Heweston, ) 6 Aust Div Lieut B.A. Hamilton, )
Field Medical Officer Next for Duty	Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit Next for Duty	2/2 Aust Inf Bn. AASC, 6 Aust Div.

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*H.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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After the Cinema performance of 10 Aug 41 a soldier inadvertently picked up another soldiers shirt.

In the pocket of this shirt was a paybook (No. 114898), identification discs and private correspondence, addressed VX 2290 Pte MOORE C.V.

Arrangements will be made for interchange of the clothing concerned if advise is forwarded to this HQ of any soldier in possession of the above items.

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JULIS  
CAMP

14 August 41

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 14 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut B.H. Trend, AASC 6 Aust Div  
Lieut W.L. Speight, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Capt L.N. Tribolet, ) Sigs  
Lieut F.C. Heweston, ) 6 Aust Div.  
Lieut B.A. Hamilton, )

Next for Duty

Lieut A.A. Stewart, ) 2/1 Aust Inf  
Lieut P. Barclay, ) Bn.  
Lieut D.J. Robertson, )

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt L.V. Armati, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

AASC 6 Aust Div.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

*H.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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AASC 6 Aust Div  
Sigs 6 Aust Div  
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2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
C.R.S.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
45 L.A.D.  
Camp Staff Officer  
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No. 178

Part 1

15 August 41

1. DUTIES.

To Mount at Retreat, 15 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day

Lieut W.L. Speight, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer

Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officers

Lieut A.A. Stewart, ) 2/1 Aust  
Lieut P. Barclay, ) Inf Bn.  
Lieut D.J. Robertson, )

Field Medical Officer

Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Unit

2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

*H.H. Hammer*

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B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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Part 1

16 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 16 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day	Lieut J.G. Macarthur King, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	To be notified later.
Cinema Picquet Officer	Lieut R.E. Powell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Field Medical Officer Next for Duty	Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. To be notified later.
Duty Unit	2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

2. CAMP DUTIES:

The following duties will be provided at KHASSA Camp, daily, from Retreat (1800 hrs) 16 Aug 41 by duty unit:-

- (i) Field Officer of the Day.
- (ii) Field Medical Officer of the Day.
- (iii) Bde HQ Guard, 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.Rs., 3 O.Rs to dismount at Reveille (0630 hrs).
- (iv) Inlying Picquet. Strength of 1 Inf Pl.
- (v) Bugler.
- (vi) Bde Orderly Sgt
- (vii) Bde HQ Fatigue Party - 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.Rs to report daily at Bde HQ at 0830 hrs.

Meals for Bde HQ Guard will be drawn from Mens' Mess, Bde HQ.

Dress for Guard and Picquet will be Battle Order. Felt Hats may be worn between Reveille and Retreat. The Ceremonial at Retreat will be conducted in accordance with Ceremonial Instructions issued separately.

The order in which Units of KHASSA Camp will mount duties will be as follows as from Retreat 16 Aug 41 :-

2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

and thereafter in the same order.

3. CINEMA PICQUET - JULIS.

A Picquet will be provided by units as shown below. Strength 1 Offr, 2 N.C.Os and 5 O.Rs. Picquet Officer will liaise with Picquet Officers, JULIS Camp, for duties etc. Transport to Cinema to be provided under Unit arrangements.

16 Aug - 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
18 " - 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
20 " - 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
22 " - 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
24 " - 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
26 " - 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
28 " - 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
30 " - 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

4. R.E's DUMP:

2/1 Aust Fd Regt will be responsible for guarding R.E. Dump in vicinity of 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

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5. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 17 Aug 41.

Church Services for Sunday 17 Aug 41 will be conducted under Unit arrangements.

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*A.H. Hammer*  
..... Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 6 Aust Div.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb.  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb.  
C.R.S.  
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No. 180

Part 1

17 August 41

1. DUTIES:

Field Officer of the Day	Lieut H.G. Bates, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.
Next for Duty	Lieut L.J.F. Farrell, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
Duty Officer	Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Next for Duty	Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.
Field Medical Officer	Capt S.N. Street, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
Next for Duty	To be notified later
Duty Unit	2/1 Aust Fd Regt.
Next for Duty	2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

2. GAMBLING:

Attention is drawn to the following provision of A.M.R. & O. 322:-  
"Gambling in a camp or other military premises.....is forbidden".

The game of "Two-up" is forbidden within or in the vicinity of any military camp, premises, club or institute in bounds to members of the A.I.F.

Members of the A.I.F. are forbidden to take part in any such game of "Two-up". Taking part in the game includes "keeping the ring" or being present at a "Two-up School".

This order will be repeated in Unit orders. (Div R.O. para 246)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF CASH DEPOSITS IN PAYBOOKS:

Unless accompanied by written approval from the CO that the money was lawfully obtained, amounts in excess of £A5 will not be accepted for credit in paybooks.

Should any attempt be made by the soldier to deposit amounts of £A5 at different cash offices, pay personnel will, if necessary, refer the matter to the soldier's CO. (Div R.O. para 247)

4. ISSUE OF RATIONS TO SMALL UNITS AND DETACHMENTS:

It has come to notice that many Detail Issue Depots RASC and AASC, which are already catering for numbers greatly in excess of that for which they are designed, are having their work further increased by the separate issue of rations to very small units and detachments.

It is considered that issues from Detail Issue Depots should be confined to "Accounting Units" and that all detachments should draw rations through their own HQ whenever this course is possible.

In all cases where a number of small units mess together, then only one selected unit should draw from the Detail Issue Depot concerned.

Units will take steps to ensure that the principle of reducing the number of units drawing from any one Detail Issue Depot is followed to the fullest extent possible. (Div R.O. para 248)

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5. SAFEGUARDING OF CAMP EQUIPMENT IN TENTED CAMPS:

-- Losses of camp equipment have occurred in consequence of tented camps being vacated without suitable arrangements being made for the return of the equipment to store, or for its safe custody pending transfer to another unit.

-- The OC the outgoing unit is normally responsible for ensuring that a rear party is left to transfer the equipment to an incoming unit, when instructions have been issued that the camp is to be left standing for further occupation, or to strike the camp and return the equipment to the nearest Aust BOD.

When the move of a unit accommodated under canvas occurs in circumstances which make it impossible to comply with the instructions in para 2 above, the OC the unit, or in certain circumstances the formation commander, will inform the headquarters of the area in which it is located, who will arrange for a guard and maintenance detachment to be provided from another unit to take over the camp from the outgoing unit and carry out the duties referred to in para 2 above.

When a camp has been erected and occupied by a field force unit, the formation commander will give as much notice as possible to the area commander of the proposed date of termination of occupation.

In order to facilitate the fixing of responsibility and assessment of charges for losses and damage attributable to the out-going unit, the date of transfer of the stores to an incoming unit under para 2 above, or to a detachment under para 3 above, will be reported by the OC the unit holding the stores on charge to the DADOS of the area, or the local ordnance officer, who will arrange for representatives of the AAOC as necessary to attend and witness the transfer. (Div R.O. para 249)

6. VACANCIES - STAFF OF A.G.H.:

-- Nominations are required from suitable personnel to fill a vacancy on the Staff of Australian General Hospital for a Technician in the Pathological Department.

Suitable rank will be given to appointee, who should be one with knowledge of the work or one who has been a Medical Student. (Div R.O. para 250)

7. FISHING - AL JURA BEACH:

A case occurred recently, where military personnel requisitioned by force an Arab boat and bombed fish at AL JURA.

If this occurs again, AL JURA Beach will be placed out of bounds.

Officers and W.O.s in charge of beach parties must ensure that Arab boats are not used by military personnel and any personnel found with explosives in their possession, or found "fish-bombing" are to be placed under close arrest immediately. (Div R.O. para 251)

8. REFUSE:

The separation of Wet and Dry refuse is not being carried out in a proper manner by cook-house staffs. Greater efforts will be made by units to see that this is carried out in order that the garbage may be handled satisfactorily by Conservancy Contractors. (Div R.O. para 252)

9. CORRESPONDENCE WITH B/SE & ADVANCED ORDNANCE DEPOTS:

Discrepancy reports, vouchers and correspondence etc. from Units under Comd, intended for B.O.D.s and A.O.D.s will be forwarded through DADOS 6 Aust Div. (Div R.O. para 253)

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10. CONTAINERS FOR ELECTROLYTE & DISTILLED WATER:

Units requiring Electrolyte and Distilled Water will supply their own Containers. (Div R.O. para 254)

11. INDENTS FOR ORDNANCE STORES (A.F.G. 997)

Units will ensure that columns 1, 2, and 3 are completed before submitting indents to DADOS for approval.

Units indenting for Clothing will indicate sizes required. (Div R.O. para 255)

12. TOWING OF ARTILLERY EQUIPMENTS:

The following Speed Limits will be observed when towing 2-pr Anti-Tank Equipments :-

In towns or villages - 10 m.p.h.

Across country 15 m.p.h.

On main roads 20 m.p.h.

(Div R.O. para 256)

13. FARES - TWO DAY LEAVE, JERUSALEM:

Attention is directed to the all inclusive charge for conveying two day leave personnel to JERUSALEM and providing meals and accomodation at Fast Hotel.

The correct charge is 750 mils. (Div R.O. para 257)

14. STOPPING OF LEAVE BUSES:

The "Half Way House" Cafe, Bab el Wad, is out of bounds to all troops.

The stopping of leave buses at this and other cafes and establishments en route to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM is forbidden.

(Div R.O. para 258)

15. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE:

An ACF Distribution of 1 Cake Toilet Soap and either 1 Tin Boot Polish, 1 Tube Toothpaste, 1 Packet Razor Blades or 1 Toothbrush was made on Thursday 14 Aug 41, to all ranks. (Div R.O. para 259)

16. RESPIRATORS - ANTI-GAS:

Attention is directed to Manual of Protection against Gas and Air Raids., Pam No. 2, Respirators, Secs 6 and 8, Care and cleaning and Inspection.

A recent inspection indicates that respirators are not being given proper care and attention.

The fact that gas is not being used by the enemy at present is no guarantee that he will never use it. A faulty respirator may mean the loss of a life.

Respirators will be regularly inspected on the man at least once per month. (Div R.O. para 260)

17. CONTAINERS - ASC SUPPLIES:

All containers which are issued by ASC on charge to units will be returned to the ASC complete and undamaged through the usual channels with the least possible delay.

Special attention will be given to the prompt return of the

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following items :-

- (a) Returnable 2-gall and 4-gall tins, 4-gall drums and 44-gall drums which have contained petrol, M.B.O. or A.G.O.
- (b) Baskets, field boxes and sacks issued in connection with the fruit ration. These will invariably be returned the day following issue.
- (c) Bottles and crates which have contained fruit juice.
- (d) Wooden cases - jam and marmalade. These cases have a saleable value provided they are in good condition. They will therefore be returned complete, i.e. with lids.
- (e) All sacks, which will be returned irrespective of condition. Sacks will be opened by untying or breaking the string. The sack itself must not be ripped.
- (f) Numerous other charged and returnable containers not listed above, i.e. wooden cases which have contained local cigarettes, baking powder tins, etc.

The following instructions are strictly to be complied with in order to economise in containers.

- (a) (i) 4-gall tins, petrol, M.B.O. and A.G.O. It is essential that these be carefully preserved by all concerned and returned so that a high proportion can be refilled.
- (ii) These tins must be opened in the manner laid down. It will be particularly noted that the tops of the tins must be pierced not nearer than 3/4" to the seam, but that the cap must not be removed or pierced.
- (iii) Instructions will be issued to all motor vehicle drivers that empty petrol tins from which they refill between depots are to be retained by them and handed in to the next depot from which they draw supplies.
- (iv) Disciplinary action will be taken against drivers who disregard this instruction.
- (b) 5-gall drums which have contained lubricating oil, cresol, etc, will be opened by removal of the cap, not by puncturing the drum.
- (c) Cases, all types. It will generally be possible to open these by careful removal of the lid only. Particular care will be taken in the opening and return of the cases which have contained petrol, M.B.O. and A.G.O. tins, as very considerable economy can be effected in the repair and re-issue of these cases in lieu of new cases.

Other containers not charged to units and not listed under para 3 above will be treated as salvage. (Div R.O. para 261)

18. BONES - DISPOSAL OF:

Cases are occurring of bones being disposed of in an uncooked state.

This practice will cease forthwith. All bones will be properly stripped of meat and boiled to obtain stock for gravy, soup, etc., before disposal. (Div R.O. para 262)

19. POTATOES - COOKING OF:

In order to preserve the full food value of potatoes and to save waste, these should always be cooked in their skins. Units will arrange that this is done as often as is consistent with variety and practicability. (Div R.O. para 263)

20. LEAVE FOR JEWISH PERSONNEL TO ATTEND IMPORTANT HOLY DAYS.

It is advised that the Jewish Holy Days this year fall as follows :-

- NEW YEAR From sunset 21 Sep to sunset 23 Sep.
- YOM KIPPUR From sunset 30 Sep to sunset 1 Oct.

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Exigencies of the service permitting, it is desired that as many personnel as possible of Jewish denomination be granted leave to allow them to participate in the ceremonies. (Div R.O. para 264)

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21. OFFICERS DRIVING VEHICLES:

Officers will not drive Australian military Motor Vehicles except under the following circumstances :-

- (a) When the driver is incapacitated;
  - (b) In an emergency; or
  - (c) To afford relief to the driver on long journeys.
- (Div R.O. para 265)

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22. D.A.P.M. - POLICE MATTERS:

All matters of a police nature requiring investigation or other action will be referred direct to DAPM, 6 Aust Div. (Div R.O. para 266)

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23. VEHICLE MARKING:

It is necessary for every vehicle to have its correct unit designation plates prepared and fixed as soon as possible. Facilities are available in LADs and Workshop Sections of AASC units for the painting of these plates. Any shortages of plates or materials are to be rectified by indent through DADOS 6 Aust Div.

Care will be taken in preparing unit signs, etc, to ensure that they are neat and legible. Where vehicles carrying an incorrect sign are issued permanently to a unit, the incorrect sign will be painted out.

Unit identification numbers will be fixed at the front and rear of all vehicles. On certain vehicles such as Ford F.W.D. Tractors, where it is not possible to fix a number on the rear of the vehicle, the number plate will be fitted at the rear end of the near side.  
(Div R.O. para 267)

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24. STOP LIGHTS - TO BE RENDERED INOPERATIVE:

All stop lights will be put out of action forthwith by adopting the following procedure :-

Remove positive lead to stop light switch. Cut positive lead off where it leaves wiring harness and effectively insulate with adhesive tape to prevent short-circuiting by coming in contact with frame. Replace stop light switch terminal screw and copper washer. Tighten securely. (Div R.O. para 268)

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25. CORRIGENDA - R.ES DUMP

Para 4, R.O. No. 179, 16 Aug 41. 2/3 Aust Fd Regt will be responsible for guarding R.E. Dump in vicinity of 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

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26. GUARDS:

The 3 O.Rs who were to dismount at Reveille will now remain on duty as Traffic Control.

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*H. H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

FREE CONCERT:

All Units are advised that a free concert will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Marquee, Bde HQ Lines, at 2000 hrs, Wed 20 Aug 41.

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This Concert will be given by a Juvenile Orchestra from TEL AVIV who were very well received on their previous visit to this Camp.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- HQ 6 Aust Div
- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
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- File

**NOTICES.**

**STILL FILMS.** Monday, 18 Aug. 41, at 2000 hrs, a showing will be given of Still Films of Australian scenes in the Y.M.C.A. Tent.

Remove positive lead to stop light switch. Cut positive lead off where it leaves wiring harness and effectively insulate with adhesive tape to prevent short-circuiting by coming in contact with frame. Replace stop light switch terminal screw and copper washer. Tighten securely. (Div R.O. para 268)

Para 4, R.O. No. 179, 16 Aug 41. 2/3 Aust Fd Regt will be responsible for guarding the Dump in vicinity of 2/3 Aust Fd Regt lines.

The 3 O.Rs who were to dismount at Reveille will now remain on duty as Traffic Control.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major  
 B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

**NOTICE**

All Units are advised that a free concert will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Messroom, 300 HQ lines, at 2000 hrs, Wed 20 Aug 41.

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

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

BY

Lt. Col. K.M. Eather, D.S.O.

Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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No. 181

Part 1

KHASSA  
CAMP

18 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 18 August 41

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut L.J.F. Farrell, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut L.S. Humphrey, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer

Lieut R.J.F. McIntosh, HQ 16 Aust Inf  
Bde

Next for Duty

Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officer

Lieut W.D. Bath, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt P.C. Anthony, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.  
To be notified later.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

2. UNIT LINES:

When moving about Camp areas Individuals and Parties will use, as far as possible, main thoroughfares and will avoid passing through the lines of other Units.

3. DUTIES:

Reference Camp S.O. Routine Order No. 67 of 15 Aug 41 and Bde R.O. No. 179, para 2 (vii) of 16 Aug 41.

Bde HQ. Fatigue Party: This fatigue party reporting 0830 hrs will combine the duties of Bath-House fatigue and YMCA fatigue and will be supplied daily by Duty Unit.

Field Medical Officer: B.R.O. No. 179, para 2 (ii) of 16 Aug 41 is cancelled.

Field Medical Officer will be appointed daily. This duty will be supplied by 2/1 and 2/7 Aust Fd Ambs' on alternate days. Reports to be submitted by Field Medical Officer on completion of tour of duty.

*A. H. Hammer*  
..... Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S

CAMP SPORTS AND AMENITIES:

A conference of all Unit Sports Officers will be held at 1500 hrs 19 Aug 41, at the Camp Staff Office in order to discuss future sporting activities in the Camp.

DISTRIBUTION: As for B.R.O. No. 130 dated 17 Aug 41.

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

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

BY

Lt. Col. K.W. Eather, D.S.O.

Temporarily Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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CAMP

No. 182

Part 1

19 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 19 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut L.S. Humphrey, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
Capt D.J.H. Lovell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt T.J. Ritchie, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.  
Capt B. Gillett, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

2. FIELD MEDICAL OFFICER:

Field Medical Officer will mount duties at Retreat and liaise with Field Officer of the Day re daily inspection.

*L.H. Hamner*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/7 Aust Fd Regt  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
Camp Staff Officer  
War Diary (2)  
File.

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R O U T I N E

O R D E R S

BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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No. 184

Part 1

21 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 21 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut F.E. Mattox, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut D.F. Eddy, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt T.J. Ritchie, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.  
Capt P.C. Anthony, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

2. LAUNDRY SERVICES, A.I.F.:

Three personnel from 1 Aust Corps Mob Laundry & Decontamination Unit are attached to this H.Q. to generally assist in all matters pertaining to the Laundry Contract now in Force.

Any complaints re Laundry Services in KHASSA Camp are to be immediately referred to Camp S.O. who will arrange for these personnel to investigate the matter.

3. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 24 Aug 41:

Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 0645 and 0830 hrs in the Y.M.C.A. Tent.

Roman Catholic personnel of all units are invited to attend at either of the above times.

*A. J. Boase*  
.....Major  
B.H. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
Camp Staff Officer  
War Diary (2)  
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No. 185

Part 1

22 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 22 Aug 41:

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Capt J.C. Tatchell, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut D.H. Wade, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officer

To be notified later.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt P.C. Anthony, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.  
Capt T.J. Ritchie, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt

2. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 24 Aug 41:

Holy Communion: Will be celebrated at 0700 and 0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of all units, KHASSA CAMP.

Combined Church Parades:

0930 hrs 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Parade Ground for personnel of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and 2/1 and 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of 2/1 Aust Fd Regt and HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

1000 hrs on Regtl Parade Gd, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

*M. G. ...*  
..... Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt from the ACF of the following goods for distribution - 2 doz Cricket Balls, 1 Rugby Ball, 8 Soccer Bladders, 1 Circlos Ring and Quoit, 12 T.T. Balls and 2 pkts Writing Paper.

LOST:

Lost at AL JURA Beach - Identity Discs, NX 51263 Gnr BENTINCK R.

Finder please return to 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

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**FOUND:**

Found in Shower Rooms, Bde HQ Lines - Identity Discs, marked  
NX 20433 KING J.J.R.

Owner may have same on application to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- HQ 6 Aust Div
- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/2 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/1 Aust Army Fd Wkshop
- 2/2 Aust Army Fd Wkshop
- 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/7 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
- C.R.S.
- 45 L.A.D.
- Camp Staff Officer
- War Diary (2)
- File

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No. 188

1. DUTIES

Main Officer of the Day

Duty Officer

Change of Officer

Field Medical Officer

Duty Unit

Next for Duty

2. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 24 Aug 41:

Holy Communion: will be celebrated at 0700 and 0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of all units, KINGS CAMP.

1000 hrs on Regt Parade Gd, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

**NOTICES**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Following goods for distribution - 5 box Cricket Balls, 1 Rugby Ball, 3 Soccer Balls, 1 Circus Ring and Quiff, 12 T. Balls and 2 pairs riding caps.

**NOTE:**

Lost at AL JURA Beach - Identity Discs, NX 21533 Gnr BERTICK R.  
Finder please return to 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

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BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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Part I

23 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 23 Aug 41:

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut D.H. Wade, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
Capt W.G.A. Baines, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt T.J. Ritchie, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.  
Major S.W. Bryan, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

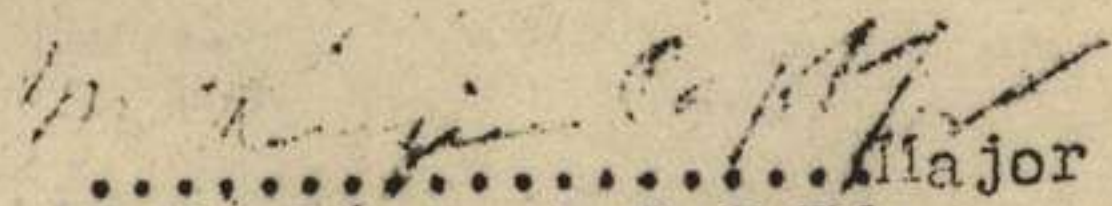
Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

2. CORRIGENDA - Church Services - Sunday 24 Aug 41:

Para 2, R.O. 185, 22 Aug 41. Combined Church Parades.

0900 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

  
..... Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
2/1 Aust Army Fd Workshop  
2/2 Aust Army Fd Workshop  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
Camp Staff Officer  
War Diary (2)  
File

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BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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CAMP

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No. 187

Part 1

24 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 24 Aug 41:

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Capt W.G.A. Baines, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
Lieut P.W. Swift, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officer

Lieut P. Barclay, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Major S.W. Bryan, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.  
Capt R.F. Matthews, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

*[Signature]*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S.

STILL FILMS: Monday, 25 Aug 41, at 2000 hrs, a showing will be given of Still Films of Australian scenes in the Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
2/1 Aust Army Fd Wkshop  
2/2 Aust Army Fd Wkshop  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
Camp Staff Officer  
War Diary (2)  
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BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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No. 183

Part 1

25 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 25 Aug 41:

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut P.W. Swift, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut D.F. Eddy, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.K. Bosgard, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt R.F. Matthews, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
Capt W.D. Refshauge, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

2. DUTIES: FIELD MEDICAL OFFICER:

Bde R.O., No. 181, 18 Aug 41, para 3, sub-para 4 is cancelled.

As from Retreat, 26 Aug 41, the order of units in supplying Field Medical Officers' will be as follows :-

2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb.  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

and thereafter in the same order. Reports to be submitted by Field Medical Officer on completion of tour of duty.

3. R.E. DUMP:

The guard over the R.E. Dump will be supplied by units in the following order as from Retreat 25 Aug 41 :-

2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Instructions as per Camp Routine Orders No. 67 of 15 Aug 41.

*A.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	45 L.A.D.
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	2/1 Aust Army Fd Wkshop	Camp Staff Officer
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	2/2 Aust Army Fd Wkshop	War Diary (2)
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	File
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	
2/1 Aust Fd Regt	2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	
2/2 Aust Fd Regt	C.R.S.	

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CAMP

No. 189

Part 1

26 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 26 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut D.F. Eddy, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut J.W. London, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt A.S. Wilson, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officer

Lieut T.D. Merton, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt R.F. Matthews, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.  
Capt D.S. Davis, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

2. BDE H.Q. FATIGUE PARTY:

Ref B.R.O., No. 181, para 3. N.C.O. i/c Fatigue Party will report to Camp Staff Officer, on arrival, for detailing of duties.

*A.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

N O T I C E S

FREE CONCERT:

The Concert advertised for Wed 20 Aug 41 will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Marquee, Bde H.Q. Lines, at 2000 hrs on 27 Aug 41.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt from the A.C.F. of the following goods for distribution - 2 Cricket Bats, 2 Balls and 4 Tins Bat Oil.

DISTRIBUTION: As for B.R.O. No. 188, dated 25 Aug 41.

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BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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No. 190

Part 1

27 August 41.

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 27 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut J.W. London, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut J.A. Pike, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Lieut W.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt D.S. Davis, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
Major H.W. Russell, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

2. COURT OF INQUIRY:

The following constitutes a Court of Inquiry which assembled at H.Q. 16 Aust Inf Bde at 1400 hrs to-day, to inquire into and report upon circumstances surrounding an accident involving truck No. V18184, on issue to H.Q. 16 Aust Inf Bde, on 22 Aug 41, in the vicinity of REHOVOT, as a result of which a civilian was injured :-

PRESIDENT

Capt D.J.H. Lovell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

MEMBERS

Lieut G.R.S. West, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.  
Lieut A.G.S. Edgar, 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

*H. H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION: As for B.R.O. No. 138 dated 26 Aug 41.

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BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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No. 191

Part 1

28 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 28 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day Next for Duty	Lieut W.A. Pike, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut C.H. Hoffman, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.
Duty Officer Next for Duty	Lieut J.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde. Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde/
Cinema Picquet Officer	Lieut C.V.I. Barnden, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.
Field Medical Officer Next for Duty	Major H.W. Russell, 2/7 Aust Fd Amb. Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit Next for Duty	2/1 Aust Inf Bn 2/1 Aust Fd Regt

2. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 31 Aug 41:

Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 0645 and 0830 hrs in the Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

Roman Catholic personnel of all units are invited to attend at either of the above times.

Confessions will be heard at Chaplain's Tent, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Lines, on Saturday afternoon and night.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0700 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent 2/3 Aust Fd Regt lines for personnel of all units, KHASSA Camp.

COMBINED CHURCH PARADES:

0930 hrs 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Parade Ground for personnel of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and 2/1 and 2/7 Aust Fd Ambs.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines for personnel of 2/1 Aust Fd Regt and HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

1000 hrs on Regtl Parade Ground, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

0845 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines.

.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION : As for B.R.O., No. 190 dated 27 Aug 41.

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BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde

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No. 192

Part 1

29 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 29 Aug 41

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut C.H. Hoffman, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut D.E. Kater, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.C. Pepper, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt F.J. Connell, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
Capt R.F.A. Becke, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt.

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP - USE OF HOTEL STATIONERY:

It is observed that the practice of using hotel stationery for private correspondence is being continued in contravention of Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1, Para 5 (ii).

It is notified for information that, as from 1 Sep 41, letters written on hotel stationery will not be passed by censorship.  
(Div R.O. para 269)

3. POSTAL CENSORSHIP:

Letters brought to an Officer for censoring must already be fully stamped and the censoring Officer is himself responsible for putting them in the letter box or otherwise despatching them to the A.P.O. They must NOT be handed back to the writer to affix postage stamps or convey to the post. (Div R.O. para 270)

4. SECURITY OF CAMPS:

The attention of units will be drawn to Standing Orders (PALESTINE) (Prov.) Pam 1, Sec 1, paras 2,3,4,5,6, and 8. Where bars are required on Armouries and Stores, applications for this work to be carried out should be made to A.D.E.S., A.I.F. Base Area.  
(Div R.O. para 271)

5. ENTRY OF CIVILIAN VEHICLES INTO CAMP LINES:

No civilian vehicle will be allowed to enter camp lines unless the driver and all non-military personnel in the car are in possession of a Pass to enter that particular camp.

Civilian Identification Cards are NOT sufficient authority to enter camp areas. (Div R.O. para 272)

6. COURTS OF INQUIRY:

Cases have recently arisen of Courts of Inquiry into the loss of Stores, Equipment, etc., in their reports failing to :-

(a) Ascertain the amount of the loss or damage involved.

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- (b) Make any comment with regard to whom they consider responsible for such loss or damage.

Courts of Inquiry held for the above-mentioned purpose, will in future, so far as possible :-

- (a) Ascertain the amount of the loss or damage involved.
- (b) Express an opinion as to :-
  - (i) The cause of such loss or damage.
  - (ii) Whether the Officer or soldier was on duty when the loss or damage was occasioned.
  - (iii) Whether the loss or damage was occasioned by any wrongful act or negligence on the part of the Officer or soldier concerned. (Div R.O. para 273)

7. COMMAND:

As from 8 Aug 41, 1 Aust Depot Bn comes under direct command of HQ AIF (ME) Base Area. (Div R.O. para 274)

8. AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS GUARD BATTALION - DESIGNATION OF:

Instances have come to notice Australian Headquarters Guard Battalion unit being incorrectly designated in official correspondence, routine orders, etc.

Attention is drawn to the correct designation of this unit. (Div R.O. para 275)

9. ADVANCES TO AIF OFFICERS AND IMPREST HOLDERS IN GREECE AND CRETE:

Officers and imprest holders who received sums of money from AIF or British sources in GREECE or CRETE to assist in the evacuation of personnel will supply full details of these advances to the Chief Paymaster, AIF (ME).

This Order will be repeated in Unit Orders. (Div R.O. para 276)

10. KIT - REIMBURSEMENT FOR PERSONAL EXPENDITURE BY CHAPLAINS:

In accordance with the provisions of S.O.s, AIF, 1940, No. 209; Chaplains may claim for recovery of personal expenditure as laid down in the Scales of Issues in the Order referred to above.

The rates allowable for Chaplain's type uniform are :-

Jackets	..	£A4 - 4 - 6
Trousers	..	£A1 - 6 - 0

Chaplains who have not received refunds at the rates quoted should claim on Form T.S. 4 suitably endorsed with the certificates as required by S.O.s, AIF, 1940, No. 216. (Div R.O. para 277)

11. REGISTERED POST:

AIF Order (ME) No. 434, of 12 Jul 41, is amended by the addition of the following to para (c) :-

Articles intended for transmission by registered post will not, on any account, be handed back to the sender by the holder of the unit censor stamp, but will be forwarded to the Army Post Office through the unit postal orderly who will deliver the official receipt (Form APS 8) to the sender. (Div R.O. para 278)

12. DRESS - SAFARI SHIRTS:

Subject to the concurrence of the C.O. of the unit, Safari shirts, purchased at own expense, may be worn by Officers only in lieu of Shirts, K.D.

AIF Order (ME) No. 531 of 2 Aug 41 is amended accordingly. (Div R.O. para 279)

13. SPEED OF VEHICLES - ROAD DISCIPLINE:

All units will take immediate steps to have pasted on the windscreen of all vehicles on their charge, a list of maximum speeds at which the vehicle will be allowed to travel.

Unless it is clearly the case that a driver involved in an accident is not in any way to blame, he must be held responsible for meeting at least a proportion of the cost of damage. All drivers are to be warned immediately of this policy.

Speed patrols on all roads have now been ordered and offenders against speed limits will be dealt with most severely. (Div R.O. para 280)

14. STEALING FROM CAMP LINES:

All Arabs, Jews or other natives seen with parcels or bundles within Camp Lines will be searched in the presence of an Officer. DAPM 6 Aust Div will be informed if any military stores, equipment or food are found in the possession of persons so searched, and the persons will be detained until arrival of civil police. (Div R.O. para 281)

15. STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES:

Owing to the risk involved in the storage and handling of explosives used on service, the following action will be taken to reduce the risk of accidental explosion to a minimum :-

- (a) All amm and explosives in possession of formations and units not required for immediate use should be stored in a local magazine, where possible below ground, with a current of air passing through the chamber to keep same cool.
- (b) The amm and explosives should be stored in such a manner as to avoid direct sunlight.
- (c) All shells and bombs containing explosives should be de-fused and disarmed before being used by units for retention for instructional purposes.
- (d) No amm or explosives will be stored in buildings housing personnel. (Div R.O. para 282)

16. SPECTACLES AND GOGGLES:

The following procedure will be adopted in respect of AIF personnel requiring spectacles or goggles :-

- (a) The soldier will be examined by an AIF Ophthalmologist, who will prescribe on A.F. I. 1240.
- (b) The prescription will be forwarded by the Ophthalmologist to a spectacle maker selected by the AIF.
- (c) The spectacle maker will forward the completed spectacles or goggles, together with the prescription and claim for payment, to the AIF Ophthalmologist concerned.
- (d) The Ophthalmologist will re-examine the soldier and, if the spectacles are satisfactory, will certify the claim, stating thereon the amount which should be charged against Public Funds, such charge not to exceed £1/5/-. The charge for goggles will not exceed A8/-.
- (e) The claim will be referred to the Chief Paymaster, AIF (IE) who will pay the account to the supplier, debiting the soldier with the difference between total cost and the amounts not exceeding £1/5/- and A8/- respectively certified by the Ophthalmologist as being a reasonable

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charge against Public Funds.

(f) Arrangements have been made for AIF personnel in CAIRO and ALEXANDRIA to be examined at the Ophthalmic Departments of certain British Hospitals, who will certify the claims as detailed above.

(g) Arrangements have been made for an AIF Ophthalmologist to proceed to 1 Aust Corps Area to examine and prescribe for personnel in that area. (Div R.O. para 283)

17. AIRGRAPH AND AIRMAIL LETTER CARD SERVICE - EXTENSION TO CANADA:

By arrangements with the Canadian Post Office, Army Postal Services in the Middle East will accept airgraph and airmail letter cards addressed to Canada. These will be forwarded from the United Kingdom by ordinary surface mail. Charges in operation to the United Kingdom will apply. (Div R.O. para 284)

18. RATIONS - UNDERDRAWALS AND ECONOMY IN USE OF:

Where units find any tendency for stocks to accumulate, whether of complete rations or of particular items, or where they find that particular items prepared for consumption are not consumed but wasted, they should underdraw, indicating on their indent forms either the quantities of the items or the numbers of complete rations which they desire to underdraw.

It will be the special duty of Commanding Officers to give the question of economy underdrawals and safeguards against dishonesty their constant personal attention. (Div R.O. para 285)

19. SANDFLY AND BUSH NETS:

It is imperative that every unit exercises the strictest control over their existing anti-malarial equipment, sandfly and bush nets since it is anticipated that replacements will not be available for some time.

It is appreciated that these nets are extremely fragile and it will therefore be a matter of unit discipline to ensure that they are handled carefully. (Div R.O. para 286)

20. CHIEF PAY OFFICE, DEIR SUNEID:

No personal enquiries will be dealt with at C.P.M.'s Office, DEIR SUNEID. Only Pay personnel and Officers engaged in Regimental duties will receive attention. (Div R.O. para 287)

21. SUBSISTENCE - JERUSALEM:

(a) Approval has been given for payment of subsistence to personnel on leave in JERUSALEM for two days or more and for whom no accomodation was available at the Fast Hotel.

(b) Names of claimants for subsistence in this category will be scheduled on a separate Form T.S. 5A which will carry the certificate of the C.O. that "Accomodation at the Fast Hotel was not available to the within-named claimants". (Div R.O. para 288)

22. LEAVE - UNIT TRANSPORT:

Unless civil transport cannot be arranged by Camp S.O.s, unit transport is not to be used for tpt of leave personnel. If it is necessary to use unit tpt, application is to be made to this H.Q. and no unit tpt used without prior authorisation from this H.Q. (Div R.O. para 289)

23. LATE LEAVE:

C.O.s may grant general late leave within GAZA Military Area to all ranks, without issuing a Leave Pass, up to 2300 hrs on

any day in the week.

Personnel granted leave after 2300 hrs will be issued with a Leave Pass.

Tattoo Roll Call will be called at 2300 hrs daily.

The Unit Guard Room is to have a list showing all personnel on leave after 2300 hrs. Such personnel will check in at the Guard Room on return. Anyone who does not check in when his leave has expired will be charged with being Absent Without Leave. (Div R.O. para 290)

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#### 24. PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS, REINFORCEMENTS AND "X" LIST:

The following policy as laid down by AIF (ME) is published for information :-

##### 1. Promotions:

###### (a) General Reinforcements:-

- (i) General Reinforcements arriving from Aust. include a proportion of acting NCOs.
- (ii) Such personnel relinquish their acting rank on being marched in to Reinforcement Depot.
- (iii) For purposes of command and discipline, draft conducting duties, etc., reinforcement personnel may be promoted to acting rank within the Reinforcement Depot.
- (iv) Should acting NCOs as per (iii) above be marched in to parent units as reinforcements, it is within the power of the C.O. of the parent unit to effect relinquishment of such acting rank.

###### (b) "X" List Personnel :-

- (i) These may be promoted or demoted as per (iii) and (iv) above.
- (ii) Pending arrival of necessary staff for Tng units, "X" List personnel may be so employed and may be given acting rank whilst so employed.
- (iii) Substantive promotions may not be effected without the prior concurrence of the soldier's parent unit.

##### 2. TRANSFERS.

Inter-unit transfers of "X" List personnel can only be effected in accordance with the provisions of AIF (ME) Order No. 223.

It is provided, however, that DAG, AIF (ME) may authorise cross-posting (AIF (ME) Order No. 262). This power is only used in cases of urgency, or when the exigencies of the service so demand. (Div R.O. para 291)

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#### 25. VENEREAL DISEASE:

Attention is drawn to D.R.O. 153 of 3 Jul 41.

The P.A.C. is a unit concern and the Regimental Medical Officer will act in an advisory capacity. Units will supply personnel for P.A.C.s and it is suggested that certain Regimental Stretcher Bearers should be trained to carry out these duties. P.A.C. Orderlies will receive instruction in their duties at 8 Aust Spec Hosp. Scale of equipment for P.A.C.s is laid down in Medical Administrative Instruction No. 26. (Div R.O. para 292)

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#### 26. SANITARY RULES FOR COOK-HOUSES:

No one must be employed in any capacity in a kitchen or in

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handling the food of the troops who has suffered from typhoid fever, para typhoid fever or dysentery, or who is suffering from or under treatment for syphilis.

Before men are so employed, they will be examined by a Medical Officer, who will certify that they are fit or otherwise for the purpose.

A nominal roll of all such men will be hung up in the kitchen. The roll will contain columns for the dates on which men were taken on or struck off these duties, and a column for the initials of the Medical Officer who passes the men as fit for the duties.

(Div R.O. para 293)

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27. BEACH PARTIES - AL JURA BEACH:

Considerable congestion on the road to this beach is caused at weekends by large parties arriving or departing.

When large parties are resting at the Beach, it is desired that they should not be delivered there or taken back from there on Saturdays or Sundays. Units will arrange accordingly. (Div R.O. para 295)

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28. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS - A.F. A. 3676:

Not more than two copies of the above Form are to be forwarded to this H.Q.

If the damage does not exceed £4, and provided that no civilian person, vehicle, animal or property is involved, no report need be forwarded to this H.Q. The C.O. may then authorise the necessary repair. (Div R.O. para 296)

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29. DISINFECTANTS:

When EYNOL is issued in lieu of CRESOLI, the scale of issue will be :-

2 gallons EYNOL = 1 gallon CRESOLI. (Div R.O. para 297)

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30. COMPULSORY ISSUE - TINNED FRUIT:

In order to effect turnover of stocks of Tinned Fruit, the following variation in the scale of issue of Fruit Juice during the period of 17 Aug to 31 Oct 41 will be made :-

Fruit Juice	4 ozs	twice weekly
Tinned Fruit	1 oz	twice weekly (Div R.O. para 293)

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31. ADMISSIONS - 1 AUST DETN BK:

(a) Until further notice, the following procedure will be adopted before soldiers sentenced to detention, are despatched to 1 Aust Detn Bk.

(i) Units within AIF (ME) Base Area:

Between 1400 hrs and 1700 hrs on the Sunday following award of detention, the unit will communicate by telephone (Jerusalem 4211 - Extension 119) stating how many soldiers have been sentenced and periods of sentences. They will then be informed when accommodation will be available. The soldiers will be transported by Military Provost Bus on the date allotted.

(b) If, on medical grounds, or for any other reason, accommodation booked cannot be accepted, units will notify 1 Aust Detn Bk immediately.

(c) Soldiers committed to detention should possess not less

then a complete change of clothing, toilet requisites and full equipment less rifle and/or pistol. (Div R.O. para 299)

31. R.E. DUMP:

Ref B.R.O. No. 188, para 3, 25 Aug 41.

The guard over the R.E. Dump will be discontinued as from Retreat, 29 Aug 41.

.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

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LOST SECURITY PASS:

It is notified that the following pass has been stolen. Green Pass, No. 534 issued from FSS. GHQ. ME to L/Cpl Beavan, "E" Sec. FSS and stolen from 1 A.G.H. between the hours of 1545 and 1730, 22 August 41.

2. It is requested that sentries on duty and all Provost personnel be informed of the above and a strict check made to ascertain if this pass is being made use of to enter camps.

3. In the event of it being found, could it be notified to this H.Q. as soon as possible, and the holder detained for interrogation.

LOST: On Saturday 16 Aug 41, between Jerusalem Road turn-off and Tiberias, Blue Leather Wallet, marked "R.B." in one corner. Contents, photographs, certificate (signals), steel mirror and comb, note book.

The property of VX 5196 Sgt BROOKER R.

Any person or persons expecting a large parcel from "Georges' War Comforts" should communicate with DAFM 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
2/1 Aust Army Fd Wkshop  
2/2 Aust Army Fd Wkshop  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
C.R.S.  
45 L.A.D.  
Camp Staff Officer  
War Diary (2)  
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R O U T I N E O R D E R S

BY

Brigadier A.J. Boase

Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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KHASSA  
CAMP

No. 193

Part 1

30 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 30 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut D.E. Kater, 2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
Lieut A.S. Drooking, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt I.C. Fulton, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
Capt A.S. Wilson, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Cinema Picquet Officer

Lieut J.P. McKenna, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt R.F.A. Becke, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.  
Capt D.S. Davis, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/2 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt.

*H.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 6 Aust Div  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
2/2 Aust Fd Regt  
2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
2/1 Aust Army Fd Wkshop  
2/2 Aust Army Fd Wkshop  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb  
2/7 Aust Fd Amb  
2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec  
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In this report it is especially necessary that prompt advice  
rendered to all concerned.

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Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

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KHASHA  
CAMP

Part 1

31 August 41

1. DUTIES:

To Mount at Retreat, 31 Aug 41.

Field Officer of the Day  
Next for Duty

Lieut A.S. Dröoking, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
Capt W.G.A. Baines, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

Duty Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut S.M. Percival, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
Lieut J.L. Darcey, HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.

Field Medical Officer  
Next for Duty

Capt E.P. Cherry, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt  
To be notified later.

Duty Unit  
Next for Duty

2/3 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

2. THEFTS, ROBBERIES, SHOOTING INCIDENTS, INJURIES TO CIVILIANS:

Attention of units is drawn to Bde R.O. No 157, para 21,  
which is published again for information.

The following is the procedure to be adopted in reporting theft  
of arms, equipment, stores or personal property :-

(1) If Arms and/or amn are involved, report to :-

- (i) Force H.Q.
- (ii) Div H.Q.
- (iii) Bde H.Q.
- (iv) Civil Police.
- (v) Camp Staff Officer
- (vi) FSS Sec, AIF (ME) Base Area.

(2) If equipment or property other than arms and amn, report to :-

- (i) Bde H.Q.
- (ii) Div H.Q.
- (iii) Civil Police.
- (iv) Camp Staff Officer.
- (v) FSS Sec, AIF (ME) Base Area.

Before any raids are made upon civilian property or traps laid  
to catch civilians suspected of stealing property and/or dealing in  
arms, the following will be informed :-

- (i) Bde H.Q.
- (ii) Div H.Q.
- (iii) Civil Police.
- (iv) FSS Sec, AIF (ME) Base Area. (Div R.O. para 223) PTO



In this regard it is especially necessary that prompt advice is rendered to all concerned.

Duty Officers are available at all H.Qs and the attention of all ranks is to be drawn to the value of Civil Police and FSS personnel being summoned to investigate AT ONCE.

3. CINEMA PICQUET - JULIS:

The following is the order of units in providing the above Picquet. Strength of Picquet as per B.R.O. NO. 179, para 3, 16 Aug 41:

2 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Inf Bn
4 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Fd Regt
6 Sep	-	2/2	Aust	Fd Regt
8 Sep	-	2/3	Aust	Fd Regt
10 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Inf Bn
12 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Fd Regt
14 Sep	-	2/2	Aust	Fd Regt
16 Sep	-	2/3	Aust	Fd Regt
18 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Inf Bn
20 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Fd Regt
22 Sep	-	2/2	Aust	Fd Regt
24 Sep	-	2/3	Aust	Fd Regt
26 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Inf Bn
28 Sep	-	2/1	Aust	Fd Regt
30 Sep	-	2/2	Aust	Fd Regt.

*H.H. Hamman*  
Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

LOSS OF PASS:

It is notified that the following pass has been reported lost.

Pass No C 6877 issued to ABDUL KADER HAJ MOHD ALI ABU HASSEIN.

All sentries will be informed of the above and a strict check made to ascertain if this pass is being used by others to enter the camp.

In the event of this pass being found, this Office will be notified immediately and the holder detained for interrogation.

DISTRIBUTION: As for B.R.O. No 193 dated 30 Aug 41.

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P55  
1800 hr  
11.8.41  
*[Signature]*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ECHELON: 9819

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Echelon, A.I.F.,  
9 Aug '41.

Commander,  
16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

CASUALTIES - 2/3 AUST. INF. BN.

Reference your letter of 1 Aug '41,  
it is notified that the casualties of the 2/3 Aust.  
Inf. Bn. for the Syrian campaign, as reported to  
7 Aug. '41, are as follows.

	Officers	O/R's
Killed in action	-	12
Died of Wounds		4
Wounded in Action	4	76
Missing	1	1
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TOTAL	5	93.

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.,  
Officer i/c 2nd Echelon,  
A.I.F.

*War Diary*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sqd*  
*[Signature]*

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APPENDIX

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 2/3 AUST INF BN - 19 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 1941

On 18 Jun 41 the Unit entrained at MAJDAL Railway Station, leaving there at 2345 hrs. Arrived at HAIFA at 0600 hrs on 19 Jun 41. Transferred to narrow gauge, Hornby train - composition one third class for civilians, 1 Ambulance car for Officers, 8 cattle trucks and one brake van. A/A LMG were mounted on a "flat" carrying two water tanks immediately in rear of engine.

Train left at 0810 hrs, the RTO advising the destination was DERAAA. At SAMAKH a New Zealand train crew took over and one cattle truck detached to lighten the weight of the train. The temperature was 130°.

The line then followed the YARMUK gorge in a steep ascent to DERAA. The men took the opportunity to stand under the water standpipe at the numerous engine water refilling points. About ten miles below MEZERIB the grade proved too steep and the train was divided into two.

The first half was hauled to MEZERIB and the engine returned for the remainder; on approaching the trucks its brakes failed to act in sufficient time and it crashed into the trucks. Three men were injured.

The train duly arrived at DERAA at 1300 hrs and found the Bn MT dispersed in the area adjoining the line. Hot tea was provided for the train party.

The total strength of the unit was 21 Offrs 385 ORs - "C" Coy being detached.

The CO met the Area Comd who advised the Unit was to move by MT along the DAMASCUS road to KHANE BENOUM. The CO and Coy Comds went forward and the Bn 2 i/c embussed the unit, moving off at 2030 hrs. The buses had seen some hard service and were in a bad state of repair, the OC stating we would be fortunate if 60% percent arrived at the destination. 6 empty vehicles of the Free French were commandeered and placed at the end of the column as a reserve for breakdowns. The speed of the head of the column was 4 miles per hour at the maximum. The road had been bombed in certain sections and some small bridges demolished. One bus went over a thirty foot drop, turning over twice, another turning over the roadside, whilst three of the unit trucks left the road; only one man was slightly injured.

The head of the column arrived at its destination at 0430, 20 June with four buses. The remainder of the convoy was collected by 0600. Coy Comds dispersed their Coys in areas allotted.

Informed that Free French Forces were at KISSOUE and that the unit was Bde reserve to 5 Indian Bde. CO left to see the Force Comd (Major BURKE) and the Brigadier.

The unit moved at 0800 hrs through MOUKELBE, AARTOUZ and followed up the advance of BURKE Force on the QUNEITRA - DAMASCUS road. B Echelon remained in its existing position.

The men debussed at MOUDDAMIYE and dispersed, the troop carriers parking under olive trees on the outskirts of the village.

The enemy shelled the area at 1030 hrs and destroyed two trucks and severely damaged a third.

The Bn took up a position on a ridge with A Coy on right, D centre and B on left. HQ Coy as a rifle Coy in reserve, facing aerodrome and village of DARAYA.

At 1500 hrs the unit moved forward to a position NORTH of the aerodrome.

Prior to moving the enemy continually bombed and machine-gunned the troops from the air. A heavy attack was made on the Indian MT at MGDAMIYE but no casualties were suffered.

"B" Echelon moved to a position WEST of Bde HQ, approximately 2 kilos SOUTH EAST of AARTOUZ. QATANI was still held by the enemy and a number of enemy tanks had been seen in "harbour" there during the day.

At 1800 hrs, B Coy Kitchen truck moved on to the QUMEITRA Rd to take forward a hot meal - the first the troops were to receive since leaving JULIS, but two Messerschmidts flew in low from the SOUTH and machine gunned the truck, damaging it and wounding two men, one dying of wounds later.

The CO sent for Coy Comds at approximately 1630 hrs, taking them to FORT ANDREA, which had been captured by Indian troops. Advised Indians were on the outskirts of MEZZE and also held FORT GOURAD and the prison PREVOTALE. It was later learned two Coys of Indians were cut off in MEZZE.

The Bn was to attack on the left of the road through the high ground. A Coy on the right, D Coy on the left with B and HQ Coys in reserve.

At 1730 hrs as they were crossing the start line the CO returned and stopped them, advising the situation was altered.

A Coy was to move through MEZZE and establish a road block on the DAMASCUS - BEIRUT road. D Coy was to attack FORT VALLIER. B Coy was to attack FORT GOYBET and HQ Coy FORT SARRAIL.

D Coy had a heavy fire fight but as it continued its pressure the enemy scaled the NORTHERN wall of the fort and withdrew to FORT GOYBET. D Coy occupied the fort at approximately 1930 hrs.

HQ Coy commenced its attack at 1800 hrs. The Carrier and Pioneer platoons were sent forward under command Lieut GALL with Signal Platoon in reserve. The attack was successful and the Fort was captured with no casualties and very little opposition, the enemy appearing to withdraw as the attack developed. Lieut GALL then moved forward with the composite platoon about 600 yds and established a road block, the remainder of the Coy moving into the fort in the dark.

Bn HQ was moved to the vicinity of FORT SARRAIL, the CO and Adjutant moving into the fort at 2200 hrs.

B Coy endeavoured to take FORT GOYBET in the dusk but the fire power of the enemy was too strong and it was held up. D Coy sent a platoon to assist but B Coy were forced to withdraw owing to the heavy fire.

A Coy moved through the ammunition depot, using signal pliers as wire cutters, and contact with this Coy was lost.

At 0400 hrs 21 Jun 41 a patrol under Capt A.S. MacKinnon left FORT SARRAIL and almost immediately a strong counter-attack by the enemy developed. The occupants of the fort were warned and the patrol tried to move on to join Lieut GALL's party, but were unable to move, one man being killed and another wounded. Four members of the patrol escaped and joining Bn HQ, withdrew to Prison PREVOTALE.

The enemy captured the fort, killing one man and wounding five, including Lieut PERRY, M.C., who was seriously wounded in the eyes.

Under escort the party moved off towards FORT WEYGAND but were halted by Lieut GALL who demanded the release of the prisoners and the surrender of the escort. Unfortunately a strong enemy force appeared in the buildings overlooking the road block and Lt. Col LAMB ordered.

Lieut GALL to lay down his arms. The prisoners covered any fire from Lieut GALL's party.

The party moved on and when passing the Foreign Legion Barracks, an Indian Carrier approached. The CO was released by the escort to advise the Carrier crew they were prisoners of war and to request them not to fire - the crew failed, however, to understand English. As the party moved up the slope to FORT WEYGAND, the carrier opened fire, killing two men and wounding two, including the CO. FORT WEYGAND also opened fire and the party sheltered in a culvert adjoining the road. Lt. Col. LAMB was then escorted into FORT WEYGAND.

The Bn 2 i/c who had returned to "B" Echelon the previous evening to organise it in the event of a tank attack, arrived forward at 0730 hrs and was informed by Major MCGREGOR that the CO and HQ Coy were prisoners, location of "A" Coy was not known, and the RAP was lost. Further the Brigadier insisted FORT GOYBET should be taken. Artillery had arranged to shell it for 15 minutes medium rate, and D Coy was to attack at 0930 hrs.

A nucleus of signal platoon was sent up to hold FORT VALLIER when "D" Coy moved out and L/Cpl HICKSON moved off to locate "A" Coy. A kitchen truck arrived with hot food for "A" Coy but could not proceed past FORT WEYGAND owing to intense MG fire.

L/Cpl HICKSON reported the location of the prisoners, which prevented our shelling FORT WEYGAND although it collected a few shells during the shoot on FORT GOYBET.

About 1030 hrs COMS SMITH led three men with Thompson Sub-Machine guns and released the prisoners.

Immediately on being released, Lieut GALL with five men attacked FORT WEYGAND and eventually captured it, releasing the CO.

"D" Coy on attacking FORT GOYBET found "A" Coy had climbed up the gorge side and assisted their attack by fire, and the missing RAP was located with "A" Coy.

"A" Coy had successfully moved through MEZZE during the night and established a road block by felling two telegraph poles. "A" Coy captured twenty-six, in so doing killed a number of the enemy, and captured eighty-two, including two Colonels.

At 0300 hrs the OC realizing their position would be untenable in daylight, as the Forts overlooking the road had not fallen, decided to scale the side of the gorge and endeavour to take FORT GOYBET. A section was left on the road to hold the road block.

This party was eventually attacked by two tanks. Two men were killed. Cpl COPEMAN then dived into a five foot canal adjoining the road and threw hand grenades and 2" mortar bombs at the tanks, then seizing a pistol from the body of a dead enemy soldier, he fired into a slit, apparently killing the gunner. The tanks left.

"D" Coy captured FORT GOYBET at 1030 hrs capturing forty prisoners and a number of guns, machine guns and ammunition. Casualties were one man killed and one man wounded.

The position was then consolidated with "A" Coy in FORT GOYBET, "D" Coy in FORT VALLIER, whilst "B" Coy and HQ personnel were combined and moved onto the road block with a small party between FORT WEYGAND and FORT GOYBET chasing out snipers from caves and quarriers on the hillside.

Bn HQ was established in the Guard Room of the Foreign Legion Barracks.

A strong enemy force was observed on the feature JEBEL EL AJOUJE extending to the BLUFF at 852 with at least four machine guns.

The forts were held at night with a small force, the main strength

of the Coys moving outside at dusk and occupying slit trenches.

On 22 Jun 41 an attack was launched on the ridge Pt 852 - Pt 945.

An Indian platoon of 3/1 Bn covered the left flank and a weak coy was to protect the right flank NORTH of the BEIRUT road and conform to the advance of the Bn. A small party from HQ Coy was placed in the forts to hold them when the Coys advanced.

D Coy objectives were Pt 945 and high flat feature to SOUTH WEST of it. Start time 0830 hrs. A Coy objective was the BLUFF 852 to track inclusive. Start time, 0900 hrs.

B Coy was ordered to move along road at 0900 hrs to end of gorge 19731763.

D Coy reached its objective successfully and an F.O.O. from 945 immediately commenced shelling enemy positions on JEBEL TELL EL AGHA - Pt 809.

During the night the enemy had strengthened the defence of MOSQUE FROT on the NORTH of the road, and the coy of Indians were held up by heavy MG fire. Although the enemy withdrew from it at 1030 hrs the Indians did not occupy it until 1300 hrs. Due to the failure of the Indians to make progress, A Coy were subjected to heavy MG fire from positions NORTH of the road.

D Coy supported the advance of A Coy by fire onto the objectives.

B Coy advanced to the railway crossing and were held up by MG snipers. The coy was then ordered to climb the side of the gorge and deal with the enemy. The ascent was slow; in order to cross a canal, one section made a swing of rifle slings and crossed under cover of some trees. The Coy reached the top as the Indians advanced.

A Coy reached their objective, gaining a little shelter from the BLUFF. Pte DONOHUE worked round the flank with a Bren Gun and personally killed three MG crews at 500 yds range.

A Coy immediately pushed patrols out towards DOUMAR village but they were held up from feature 809, and by tanks on the main road.

A temporary road block was established opposite the BLUFF.

The Bn consolidated on the line and later enemy transports were seen leaving DOUMAR.

At 1700 hrs the Brigadier requested to be taken to a vantage point. He was conducted to FORT GOYBET. Advised the Divisional defensive plan provided for a line passing through DOUMAR - JEBEL EL HASS to be held. The weak strength of the Bn was brought to the notice of the Brigadier. The Bde plan was then made to hold JEBEL EL HASS lightly with two sections who would withdraw on the approach of the enemy and one company of Indians was placed on feature 809 overlooking DOUMAR.

The Bde would fight on the line as then held. A Number of prisoners were taken, and on interrogation, stated the enemy had withdrawn about 3 kilos along the road.

During the day the enemy shelled MEZZE at repeated intervals, setting fire to the Ammunition Dump, and later a direct hit was made on the house within which the Bn RAP was situated. Some Indians were killed and an RAP Orderly injured.

In the afternoon the A/CO and Adjt were driving along quarry tracks when two AFVs were seen approaching from a flank. They were allowed to pass and then followed by A/CO on entering the flat at MEZZE one swung its turret round and fired at the car. In all six shots were fired until an anti tank gun on the road engaged them - then the crews claimed to be Free French and produced Red pennants.

One of the biggest difficulties in this area was the problem of distinguishing friend from foe - quick enough to get the first shot in.

"B" Echelon was shelled out of its position and moved to MOUKELBE. Bde prohibited transport from using the QUNEITRA Road owing to intense shellfire on it, the enemy having established O.Ps on the high ground adjacent to it. The vehicles now moved through KISSOUE - DAMASCUS - MEZZE.

During the morning of 23 Jun a recce patrol was sent out along the main road to ascertain the position of the enemy. Two tanks were seen in ETSAYA and the "I" Sgt - Sgt MAIR - and a Bren gunner tried to stalk them but they opened fire, severely wounding Sgt MAIR. The truck driver immediately drew up and picked up Sgt MAIR despite the fire of the tanks.

During the afternoon Bde informed the CO the unit was to move the following day with start time not before 0400 hrs, to come under command 16 British Bde. The route was along the BEIRUT road and to rendezvous at road junction 186182. 52 Bty was placed under command. In view of the enemy tanks in the area, the loan of four captured tanks was requested, but the request was refused.

Later that evening three carriers were detailed for escort duty, only, and not for use in battle.

Lieut J.E. MacDONALD, M.C., was sent off as Liaison Officer to 16 British Bde.

That evening the Royal Fusiliers took over the defensive position.

The Bn strength on leaving 5 Ind Bde was 21 Offrs, 321 ORs, the casualties during the period being 7 killed, 2 Offrs and 37 ORs wounded and sick.

Start time was ordered at 0500 hrs on 24 Jun 41, with S.P. in MEZZE.

The order of march of the unit was - Sec. Carriers, A Coy, one section 25 pdrs, C.O., O Group, B Coy, D Coy, HQ Coy, 52 Bty, R.A.P.

The information given regarding 16 Bde was 2 Leicesters were advancing on the right from QATANA through SABBOURA towards DIER QANOUN, 2 Queens on the left moving from QATANA through YAAFOUR to DIMAS. It was hoped the objectives would be obtained in time for the rendezvous. The latest report before moving out was SABBOURA had fallen but the position round YAAFOUR was not clear.

On passing the road block on the BEIRUT road one of the leading gun tractors became "bogged" and delayed the march one hour.

Message sent by W/T to 16 Bde giving position on passing road junction 194179. A 25 pdr was brought up and placed on an Anti Tank task covering the flank road.

As the carriers approached the rendezvous, they were fired on from the high ground 188179. The carriers withdrew to a small wadi. A Coy, who had organised its leading platoon as a tank hunting platoon, debussed and dispersed on the left of the road, whilst the section of guns went into action registering on high ground on both sides of the road.

The Bn dispersed B Coy to NORTH of the road, D Coy on the SOUTH and HQ Coy astride the road in rear.



As A Coy commenced the fire fight, 5 vehicles emerged from a wadi on the left of the objective, the artillery started to shell them but they were soon identified as carriers of 2 Leicesters.

The CO eventually found CO 2 Leicesters, advising him it was assumed the Unit was moving into Bde reserve and therefore did not wish to become committed. But to assist him to capture the feature would take the feature to the NORTH of the road. It was then agreed after the Leicesters had moved through 2/3 Bn would establish a road block and remain at the rendezvous.

The enemy then commenced to shell the Coy areas very heavily. A Coy crossed the road and captured its objective, B Coy was moved up. A regiment of cavalry was seen moving behind some hills in the direction of DIMAS, the artillery managed to shell the column and it scattered to the hills.

The leading artillery section was eventually put out of action by enemy shelling, all the members except three being casualties, and the Bty Capt who was doing F.O.O. was killed.

B Coy was then ordered to capture feature 137183 on the right of A Coy.

Tanks were then reported from rear of the column on both right and left flanks but proved to be false. A Coy was then attacked by two tanks, but they were driven off by a combination of 2" Mortars, Bren guns and Verrey pistol.

2 Leicesters then commenced to move through A and B Coys; the shelling became intense in these areas. Unfortunately, 2 Leicesters remained in Coy areas for a period and did not push on.

The enemy heavily shelled the road and the battery position became untenable. Bty Comd returned to select another position. As the area was a flat plain, little cover was available. The Coy Comds reduced the number of casualties by continually moving their men.

The MT was then moved off the road to the foothills SOUTHEAST of BIOUS BEJAA.

A Signal was sent to 16 Bde requesting permission to swing SOUTH off the road and cover right flank of the Bde, as new Batterys had opened up behind the ridge NORTH of the road. A reply was not received.

About 1230 hrs the Liaison Officer arrived and advised Bde HQ was moving to the ROAD JUNCTION 194179. At 1400 hrs Bde Comd sent for CO, who gave him the situation. Bde then ordered the Bn to withdraw to high ground in vicinity of ADSAYA and take up a defensive position.

At 1530 hrs Bde Comd then requested CO to move Bn through MEZZE - QATANA and make a night attack on JEBEL MAZAR.

Later, the order was altered to one Coy, whilst another Coy was detailed to become part of a "flying column". Bn HQ was established at EL HAMEH railway station.

B Echelon was ordered to QATANA and kitchen trucks to ADSAYA. D Coy returned to B Echelon for a hot meal, a short rest and the organising necessary for the attack.

The total casualties during the day were ten, although a number of men showed signs of shock. The small number was due mainly to the efforts of the Coy Comds keeping the men on the move immediately the enemy registered on them.

D Coy left QATANA at 2030 hrs and debussed at YAAFOUR and was led by a native guide to JEBEL MAZAR, where it was to secure the high ground and protect an artillery O.P. Artillery laid line and carried a helio.

Some difficulty was experienced with the guide, who led the coy to the wrong feature. The artillery Officer became lost and duly reported in to the Battery lines at 1100 hrs.

At dawn on 25 Jun the coy endeavoured to establish itself on the main feature but without success, owing to the intense MG fire and heavy mortar bombing. The coy took up a defensive position in lee of a bluff and decided to wait until nightfall before making another attempt.

At midday Bde ordered the Bn to move to QATANA and take up a defensive position on COL DE YAAFOUR.

Whilst the Bn recce party was in the area it was heavily shelled, and an artillery regt HQ were chased out of the position, losing three vehicles.

A battery SOUTH of YAAFOUR was then shelled and seven guns knocked out.

Nucleus recce parties only from coys were allowed to move on the position in daylight and the Bn moved in at dusk.

During the afternoon C Coy reported in with a strength of 5 Offrs, 105 ORs, and a request was made to Bde to substitute C for D Coy owing to the men of the latter coy being exhausted. It was granted.

C Coy left B Echelon at 2000 hrs 25 Jun 41 and proceeded to 1 Fd Regt where it had been instructed to pick up eight signallers with a wireless set - a delay of half an hour occurred as they were not ready.

The Coy debussed at YAAFOUR at 0015 hrs. The guide again led the coy to the wrong feature. C Coy then moved towards 1634 endeavouring to locate D Coy.

The Eastern edge of a ridge due SOUTH of 1634 was reached as dawn was breaking. Coy HQ and 13 Pl took up a position where they could, if necessary, give covering fire to 14 and 15 Pls who were sent on to occupy Pt 1634.

The two platoons were almost on their objective when the enemy opened fire, forcing them to withdraw. It was then decided that the whole coy should be withdrawn and take up a position on the Eastern side of a ridge immediately below 1634. D Coy were then located on the Western side of the same ridge.

It was then decided that C Coy with Platoon of B Coy should attack the feature on the night 26/27 whilst D Coy supported and kept the line of supply open.

Bde ordered the withdrawal of the force to take up defensive position. 2 Leicesters to remain in present position astride BEIRUT Road, 2 Queens to ridge NORTH EAST of YAAFOUR, 2/3 Bn COL de YAAFOUR. Representations were made to Bde to be allowed to continue action on JEBEL MAZAR as we were confident of success. The request was eventually granted.

A counter attack during the day was driven off, casualties inflicted on the enemy besides killed being 1 Offr, 29 ORs taken prisoner, all of whom were wounded.

Another counter attack developed at 2000 hrs but was driven off with a loss to the enemy of 8 killed and 14 prisoners.

At 0010 hrs 27 Jun the attack commenced. An enemy force of approx. two platoons were encountered on either side of a re-entrant at the foot of hill 1634.

The position was assaulted, 30 prisoners taken and 6 killed, leaving 14 Pl to round up and escort prisoners to D Coy, the remaining two Pls and Coy HQ continued on. No opposition was met until the Coy was  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from its objective, when it ran into heavy MG and Mortar fire. The enemy positions were successfully assaulted and the final objective reached at 0345 hrs. 25 prisoners were taken. The estimated strength of the enemy holding the feature was two coys.

The coy consolidated and in the early light could see three enemy battery positions, six tanks and a considerable amount of transport. The F.O.O. could not be found.

Immediately after first light the enemy began constant sniping from high points surrounding the feature. The coy was ordered to hold the position at all costs and that the Bn would move up on the night 27/28 Jun 41.

Mules had been provided by Division on 26 Jun and were sent forward to YAAFOUR on night 26/27 to carry up water.

The coy sent a message at 0500 hrs asking for an F.O.O. At 1230 hrs the F.O.O. arrived, made a reconnaissance and promised to shell the enemy who were concentrating a strength of at least one Battalion and moving up to position on spur and high ground to the NORTHEAST of Point 1634. No further communication or assistance was received from the Artillery.

Early in the afternoon the attack developed, approximately one Bn on the NORTH EAST while three coys supported by heavy Mortars began moving round a shoulder on the SOUTH WEST.

D Coy (strength 35 ORs) engaged the latter force but were eventually forced to retire to a position further down the slope. The enemy then cut off C Coy at approximately 1600 hrs.

At 1530 hrs an envoy (Pte BROOME, who had been captured during the previous day) delivered an ultimatum to C Coy demanding its capitulation by 1800 hrs and stating the Coy was hopelessly outnumbered and completely surrounded. The envoy was returned and the ultimatum ignored.

At 1630 hrs CO held a conference with CO 2 Queens and OC D Coy. It was decided to withdraw from the feature as CO 2 Queens stated he could not spare any further men and the remaining strength of the Bn was sixty men at COL de YAAFOUR.

CO 2 Queens asked the position be held until dark to allow him to withdraw.

D Coy fought stubbornly with only thirty men, successfully holding the enemy off until dark. The coy withdrew at 2100 hrs and embussed at YAAFOUR returning to the Bn position.

C Coy held out until dark, then fought its way out with the bayonet and arrived at YAAFOUR at 0330 hrs.

Four troop carriers under Lieut REID were instructed to remain in YAAFOUR until 0330 hrs to pick up any members of C Coy should they reach there. Unfortunately the guides failed to notice the approach of C Coy and the vehicles moved off without it. C Coy rejoined the unit on night 28/29 Jun.

C Coy casualties were 5 killed, 8 wounded, 1 Offr and 12 ORs missing, 1 Offr and 1 OR prisoner of war.

During 25 and 26 Jun the enemy made two air bombing attacks on B Echelon. The Bde MTO was killed but the Unit suffered no casualties.

On 26 Jun B Echelon was moved to a position WEST of MOUDDAMIYE.

Although a recce plane flew over Bn position on three mornings, the Unit position was apparently not located, for apart from some shelling in A Coy area at 0200 hrs on 26 Jun, the enemy did not make any hostile action against the unit. A herd of goats was shelled one afternoon.

On the evening of 29 Jun the Royal Fusiliers took over the position and the Bn moved to an area EAST of QATANA where the men obtained a wash and rested for the day.

At 1900 hrs on 30 Jun the Unit passed the S.P. at AARTOUZ in convoy, moving through QUNEITRA, BANIAS, METULA, to DEIR EZ ZAHRANI, coming under command 17 Aust Inf Bde at midnight.

The strength of the Unit was 22 Offrs, 365 ORs.

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Adm Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

REPORT ON OPERATIONS BY 2/3 BN FROM 1 JUL TO 12 JUL 41.

On the night 30 Jun/1Jul the unit moved from QATANI to DEIR EZ ZAHIRANI coming under command of 17 Aust Inf Bde at midnight. The head of the column arrived at its destination at 0430 hrs but all vehicles did not report in until 1100 hrs.

The unit bivouaced in the area for three days, during which time certain shortages in clothing and equipment, including four one ton trucks, were made up.

A draft of 36 ORs from "X" List and Lieut TURNER from MEWTS reported in on 2 Jul making the Bn Strength 24 Offrs 402 ORs.

The Bn Comd carried out a recce of the DAMOUR area from the vicinity of ES SAYAR, identifying certain points, including a concrete building referred to as POST OFFICE.

At 2000 hrs 3 Jul the unit embussed and moved to an area NORTH of BAAQOUN. "A" Echelon proceeded to SABLINA and "B" Echelon remained at ZAHIRANI. One platoon of "B" Coy 2/3 MG Bn reported in at 2000 hrs under Lieut A. CLARKE.

Leaving the main coast road  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo NORTH of QASSOUBA the men marched over a stony mountain track, arriving in the area at 0300 hrs after a two hours march.

"C" Coy picqueted the village of BAAQOUN, and a water point was established in ER REZANIYE.

Coy Comds carried out a recce of defensive positions to be taken up if necessary on features 432 and 459. Recce parties came under shellfire and the slightest movement on either feature caused the enemy to shell them.

On the night 4/5 Jul "C" Coy were shelled heavily on two occasions by the enemy; casualties were 1 Offr, 2 ORs.

A draft of 2 Offrs 18 ORs "X" List marched in on 5 Jul.

C.O. carried out a recce of EL BATTAL and the "I" Section recced track ER REZANIYE, EL LABIYE to the River DAMOUR.

The medical arrangements in the Bn area were not satisfactory. Although the location of the R.A.P. had been sent out, the Field Ambulance failed to evacuate any men sick or wounded by shell fire and the unit was thrown on its own resources.

It took eight men to carry one case to the main road approximately three and a half hours. With three cases, one day, twenty four men were required - practically half the strength of one rifle coy.

On 6 Jul, T/Capt E.S. WALKER, Adjutant, was evacuated, and Capt J.A.Y. DENNISTON, O.C. "B" Coy, transferred to 6 Aust Div. Capt GIBSON, 2 i/c "A" Coy, was posted to command "B" Coy.

A number of mules were allotted the Bn for carrying equipment and supplies. As the country was very rough, it was found that the mules were soon "knocked up" and as there were not any mules in reserve, supplies were restricted. A number of fresh mules arrived on the night 6 Jul, but were late and the unit moved without its reserve S.A.A.

At 2330 hrs the B.M. arrived in area and delivered the Bde Operation Order, implementing the warning order for an advance of the Bde across the DAMOUR River and a flanking movement through the hills to the EAST of DAMOUR and the cutting of the main coastal road NORTH of the town.

The objective of the 21 Bde on the previous day had been given

as the WADI DAQOUN and it was hoped to use this line as the SL. The plan provided for an immediate move of the Bn during the night 6/7 Jul from ER REZANIYE through EL LABIYE across the DAMOUR River to an FUP on track leading from EL BOUM to point 495. The 2/5 Bn was on the left, and 2/3 Bn on the right.

It was decided to move the Bn forward from EL BOUM in diamond formation with "C" Coy leading, "D" Coy on the right, "A" on the left and "B" in rear as reserve. One section of MG were put under comd of "A" Coy and one section in reserve with "B" Coy. A detachment of mortar was allotted to each "C" and "D" Coys, owing to the broken nature of the ground on the right flank.

Due to the formation to be adopted, the Bn left EL REZANIYE in the following order of march - C.O. and A/Adjt with B.M., "C" Coy, "D" Coy, "A" Coy, Bn HQ, "B" Coy, H.Q. details (to form a rear Echelon at EL BOUM). All mules except Mortar and MG were placed at the rear of the column so that they would not impede progress. The Bn moved off at 0010 hrs in single file with a guide from 21 Bde - guide knew the route as far as LABIYE and not to the river. The estimated time to the river was 2½ hours.

After passing LABIYE the track became precipitous, men frequently using the seat of their trousers to make any progress, and a light shower of rain fell to add further to their difficulties.

Approximately halfway down, the track entirely disappeared in shale from shelling and mortar bombs; some equipment lay strewn round marking the route of the 27 Bn on the previous night. Fifteen minutes were spent in endeavouring to locate the track. The mules were ordered to be left at this point, if they managed to reach it, and the gear manhandled.

The Bn moved downwards and eventually located the track. On arrival at the river road, "D" Coy 27 Bn was found to be in a banana grove and the O.C. pointed out the river crossing, advising that the signal wire led to Bn HQ at EL BOUM.

The B.M. remained at this point and requested the C.O. to move to the left flank of the unit at the F.U.P. to liaise with Lt. Col. KING, C.O. of 2/5 Bn, who would give any orders on policy affecting both units.

The head of the unit reached the NORTH side of the river at 0300 hrs. A diligent search failed to locate the signal wire after it passed under a pile of loose earth dislodged by recent shelling.

After fifteen minutes rest the men were then led by the C.O. straight up the hillside; a more difficult climb it would be hard to experience.

Towards the summit the track was located in the half light and progress was easier. The leading Coy reached EL BOUM at 0530 hrs but it took until 0730 to collect stragglers, and it was found that eight men were missing, as was the Intelligence Officer who had been injured in the descent to the river.

The Mortar Officer, on instructions that one Mortar at least must be brought forward, even if it meant manhandling, managed to bring one up by 1000 hrs.

After breakfast and one hour's rest the Bn was ready to move at approximately 0845 hrs (Less Mortars and S.A.A. Reserve).

C.O. endeavoured to locate C.O. 2/5 Bn with Liaison Officers and guides. Saw Liaison Officer of 2/5 Bn who was also looking for C.O. Eventually a message arrived and Conference held at 0950 hrs.

HQ 27 Bn was located and C.O. advised any undue movement at EL BOUM led to enemy shelling from a new arty posn to the Eastward. C.O. 27 Bn stated two coys 14 Bn had passed through and should at that time be on DARAYA feature. The unit had patrols on feature 560.

C.O. 2/5 Bn desired advance to commence at 1015 hrs, but Os.C. coys 2/3 Bn stated that they were not ready, so strat time was set at 1030 hrs

The Bn moved off at 1030 hrs with 500 yds between coys. Communication with Bde was not altogether satisfactory, messages being sent by the only Lucas lamp in the unit to Bde O.P. on point 394. The line of advance being due NORTH.

"C" Coy set a stiff pace and the other coys were hard pressed, as owing to their small numbers each man was carrying on an average 300 rds of ammunition besides equipment and bombs.

The DARAYA feature was reached at 1230 hrs, where a halt was made and men rested.

O.C. Coy 27 Bn - Capt NICHOLLS - stated he had patrols on feature 560; despite the enemy MG fire from that point. He stated 14 Bn had moved a coy across WADI DAQOUN and had now swung in the direction of DAMOUR. It was found later that the Coy had moved across on the WEST end of the feature KHEURBET EL BIAR. Intermittent MG fire came from KHEURBET EL BIAR feature particularly from positions in vicinity of EL 1267 1999.

Heavy MG fire was heard from WADI in direction of DAMOUR and 3" Mortar was detached from "D" Coy and sent over, as it was thought 2/5 Bn were meeting opposition on their front, but returned advising it was a coy of 14 Bn, and the assistance was not required.

All contact with 2/5 Bn had been lost after leaving the F.U.P. owing to the nature of the terrain. The map failed to reveal the true nature and steepness of the wadis.

It was decided to push on. "D" Coy moved on according to previous plan, infiltrating into the wadi and occupying the EL GARGATE feature.

The remaining coys were then ordered to attack the KHEURBET EL BIAR feature. "C" Coy on the right - objective, "the HUMP" - actually pt 335. "B" Coy centre - objective STONE HOUSE - with "A" Coy covering the left flank across the WADI.

The approach to the WADI commenced at 1330 hrs. Capt BENNETT, 2/5 Bn, arrived with his coy, coming up in rear of 2/3 Bn HQ. He pointed out our attack was over the Bn boundary. It was pointed out the whole feature had to be taken and decided that Capt BENNETT's coy would take over "A" Coy's rôle on the left flank. "A" Coy were ordered to remain in the Wadi bed.

C.O. 2/5 Bn then arrived and stopped Capt BENNETT's coy from moving and held 2/5 Bn on DARAYA feature.

Owing to heavy MG fire breaking out at certain intervals from different points C.O. 2/5 Bn decided to remain in his position and ask for artillery support in continuance of the advance the following morning.

The coys were on their objectives by 1500 hrs, although a number of sniper's posts remained to be cleaned up.

Bn HQ on being acquainted with the decision of CO 2/5 Bn moved forward at 1600 hrs to Pt 335.

OC MG Pl and 3" Mortar being ordered to remain at DARAYA until a suitable crossing over the WADI DAQOUN could be made for mules, but to move forward as soon as possible the following day.

"A" Coy were sent up the Eastern end of WADI DAQOUN and moved into position on forward slopes of Pt 335.

"B" Coy earlier cleaned up two MG posts holding up advance of a coy 14 Bn moving towards DAMOUR, but a sniper on a Hotchkiss in between Bn HQ and "B" Coy continued to give trouble.

The Liaison Officer with a Thompson Gun and a section from "C" Coy endeavoured to locate him in the failing light.

At 1745 hrs the enemy appeared to be preparing a counter attack against "B" Coy from a ridge on the WEST of their position. Heavy MG fire opened up but the attack was broken up.

A patrol was seen again at 1900 hrs and another attack appeared to be developing. A platoon from "C" Coy was moved round to assist but finally routed out the snipers - about ten in number who escaped in the half light. At 1830 hrs the 2/5 Bn were observed moving in single file down the SOUTH bank of the WADI, the HQ Coy passing through "B" Coy area at 2200 hrs that night and advising they were going on to the forward ridge.

The Liaison Sgt arrived from 2/5 Bn at 2015 hrs and advised the unit was moving forward to its objective.

"A" Coy sent patrols along enemy 'phone wire to feature SOUTH of Pt 569 but failed to locate any enemy or O.P.

Not knowing the exact positions of 2/5 Bn it was decided to remain in the existing positions until daylight.

MG Platoon opened fire at DARAYA at 1800 hrs. Target appeared to be feature 560. At 0600 hrs heavy fire was heard to come from DARAYA and feature 560, and the enemy appeared to be attacking. The 3" mortar was heard firing.

Whilst on KHEURBET EL BIAR feature the enemy gun positions could be seen through the EASTERN end of the WADI DAQOUN and a request was made for an F.O.O. to be sent forward as our guns were shelling the wrong area (and at 1500 hrs shelled "C" and "D" Coys as they reached their objectives).

The enemy heavily shelled EL BOUM during the day, disorganizing the Unit supply line. The R.A.P. Sgt was killed and one stretcher bearer was wounded. Two mules were killed.

At "Stand To" on 8 Jul the Liaison Sgt of 2/5 Bn was sent off to locate 2/5 Bn HQ, but failed to return by 0545 hrs, when Liaison Sgt 2/3 Bn was sent off on same mission. At 0600 hrs "A" and "B" Coys reported that Australian troops could be seen in the hospital area.

The Bn immediately moved on with "B" Coy on the right, "C" Coy on the left, and "A" in rear. "D" Coy remained covering the right flank in rear astride the WADI and GARGATE feature.

The Bde Liaison Officer moved off to try and locate 2/5 Bn HQ.

"C" Coy arrived on their objective and dispersed the Platoons with two forward and one in reserve, which in effect lined a deep wadi NORTH of EN NAME and hospital.

"B" Coy endeavoured to hold their front but as it had a number of ridges and was approx 1000 yds the mortar on moving up was attached to that coy.



"B" Coy were ordered to send a section patrol to "BARE FEATURE", actually point 569. Whilst "A" Coy were ordered to send a standing patrol on the "WOODED PIMPLE" to the SOUTH of it.

CO then on advice of Liaison Sgt 2/3 Bn found CO 2/5 Bn and Bde Liaison Officer. The dispositions of 2/5 Bn were obtained.

Heavy MG fire then opened up from BARE FEATURE and "B" Coy was held up, one man being wounded.

"A" Coy was then ordered to attack BARE FEATURE with a line of approach back to KHEURBET EL BIAR and under cover of timber to "WOODED PIMPLE".

Owing to fatigue of the men, which had been increased due to necessity of using rocks for movement to avoid MG fire, the OC rested the men halfway up the feature and dumped their packs, then moved to the summit where they rested again; the actual attack did not develop until 1430 hrs.

A Signal to Bde was sent giving the exact position of the 105<sup>th</sup> Bty at BAROUCHE but requesting it should not be shelled until after our attack.

The attack was successful but once again a sniper remained carefully concealed until dark and continued to annoy the personnel in the vicinity of Pt 353 - although "A" Coy dislodged one sniper from a tree.

"A" Coy was placed in a difficult position; the enemy Bty was only 500 yds distant and was in a position to use open sights, but the LMGs were laid on the Bty and any movement before dark towards the guns discouraged. Fifteen men from "B" Coy were placed under command of "A" Coy to assist in consolidation and to repel any counter attacks.

Owing to the enemy re-occupying feature 560, supply trains were disorganised before arriving at DARAYA, but the wireless and one mule with ammunition managed to reach that point.

"D" Coy by superhuman efforts manhandled some S.A.A. forward and two boxes reached "A" Coy just prior to the attack. As the wireless was ordered forward, two men of the pioneer platoon strapped it on shoulders, and struggled over the WADI DAQOUN without damaging it, giving a wonderful demonstration of physical endurance.

"D" Coy captured six prisoners and a water party took another twelve artillerymen into custody who were wandering in from the hills.

During the night "A" Coy attacked the arty position at BAUROCHE after some preparation from the LMGs, but found the crews were withdrawing and had had time to run four of the guns back. Five guns were captured.

During the day L/Cpl HICKSON of "I" Section endeavoured to locate 14 Bn area in vicinity of DAMOUR, as it was thought protection would be required on EL BATADIYE feature should the enemy withdraw in force from DAMOUR. HICKSON reported one man of 14 Bn lying dead in vicinity of 1255 1955; the enemy still occupying DAMOUR, and a patrol tried to capture him but he escaped, a platoon of 14 Bn covering him with LMG fire.

A platoon of "D" Coy was then moved to Pt 335. Later Bde put "C" Coy of 2/5 Bn under command to be disposed in that area. The Coy moved in at 2000 hrs.

Permission was asked to move "D" Coy up to occupy "WOODED PIMPLE" in order to support "A" Coy and allow the fifteen men to return to "B" Coy as the latter Coy was holding its front with only eighteen men.

At midday on 9 Jul "D" Coy was relieved by 14 Bn and moved to "WOODED PIMPLE". "A" Coy sent in three prisoners.

The MGs were ordered forward and found a route through DAMOUR, arriving at 1800 hrs.

One Section was sent to "A" Coy and one to "B" Coy, but as the mules were unable to continue due to lameness a slight delay occurred.

It was considered that the MGs were responsible for holding the rear line to DARAYA and smashing the enemy attack. The prisoners of war spoke in awe of the effective fire on their unit, 1/5 Regt. Foreign Legion.

The enemy ranged on WESTERN end of BATADIYE AND EL FATHIHA with air-burst shrapnel.

The men had been without rations all day as a mule train which left EL BOUM at 2200 hrs on 8 Jul failed to appear, but M.T. brought up dry rations and a hot meal at 1700 hrs. Owing to the mules being exhausted and lame only three coys and MG Platoon received the benefit of the hot meal.

At 1400 hrs Bde issued a warning order for "B" Coy to move to area 1282 2032, to cover the right flank of 2/5 Bn, who were moving forward. The O.C. left on his recce at 1530 hrs but owing to nature of country did not return until 2200 hrs.

Patrols were sent out to cover position during the night and the coy moved out at daylight on 10 Jul, the MG Sec being withdrawn and placed under command of "C" Coy. Another 3" mortar arrived and was placed under command of "D" Coy.

"B" Coy came under heavy shelling and mortar fire that evening but suffered only two casualties. The 3" Mortar knocked out two enemy MG posts with direct hits.

"C" Coy 2/5 Bn rejoined its own unit and FOO from 10 Arty reported to point 569. On morning of 11 Jul Bde ordered "D" Coy to objective 1305 2045 and "A" Coy to 1298 2029.

During the afternoon six figures were seen to move on the feature 130203. After the Coys passed AIN DRAFFIL they were not seen again until "D" Coy Lucas Lamp opened up at 1800 hrs from 1297 2034.

MG fire had been heard in the WADIS during the afternoon. "D" Coy reported "A" Coy on objective and enemy approximately one Bn with heavy MG 600 yds to their right front and on feature 130203. "D" Coy had contacted "B" Coy and were remaining in existing position.

The light was failing quickly due mainly to mountain mist but 10 Bty registered immediately on enemy feature and laid out on a D.F. task, to be fired on a white Verrey Light from either "A" or "D" Coy.

During the night the enemy shelled "A" and "D" Coys areas very heavily but the men obtained cover on the reverse slopes of their features. At 2200 hrs a message was flashed to Coys ordering them to cease fire at 0001 hrs 12 Jul 41.

It took until 2345 hrs to repeat to "D" Coy and "B" Coy did not receive it until 0030 hrs. If sent by runner it would have taken at least four hours.

Upon review it is considered the small number of casualties is due to a number of factors:-

- (1) The personnel taking part in the battle are all trained men and make the best possible use of cover;

- (ii) The French MG were sited on high positions in the hills and they failed to appreciate the full effect of plunging fire.
- (iii) Although the French MG withheld their fire until sufficient men were concentrated in the area to present a good target, their opening fire went high and our troops immediately advanced toward the MG so that the French rarely dropped quickly enough to catch them.

The campaign has brought out some amazing feats of endurance and determination in the men. Two men, although exhausted, were seen to struggle on until they collapsed and then did not have the strength to rise for over half an hour.

Water presented a problem but the unit was fortunate in that every waterhole shown on the map except Pt 569 contained drinkable water and a pipe line carrying water to DAMOUR which was found broken in WADI DAQOUN provided the necessary water in the WADI area.

The remaining men are hard and fit, for any man who was at all soft dropped out early in the advance. The men themselves say they found it more strenuous than either LIBYA or GREECE.

The unit appreciates the assistance of 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ and the information which was pushed forward despite the difficulties of communication and the nature of the country.

(Sgd) JWR. STEVENSON, MAJOR

Admin Comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Ref. File A/1/B

SECRET Copy No 10

Headquarters,  
16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

13 Aug. 41.

H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.  
2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Bde. I.O.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

1. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde will concentrate in JULIS camp, and H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde, and 2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn will move to KHASSA camp.
2. H.Q. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde will move to Bde H.Q. Lines, JULIS camp, and H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde will move to Bde H.Q. Lines KHASSA camp at 0900 hrs on 16 Aug. 41. Capt. I.C. Fulton will remain at H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde until arrival of H.Q. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde and will remain at the disposal of that H.Q. until the handing over is complete.
3. 2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn will move from HOBBS Lines, JULIS to MC NICOL Lines, KHASSA, and 2/11 Aust. Inf. Bn will move from MC NICOL Lines, KHASSA, to HOBBS Lines, JULIS at 0900 hrs, 16 Aug. 41. Mutual arrangements will be made between Commanders concerned for the handing over.
4. 2/6 Bn and 2/7 Bn will come under Comd 16 Aust. Inf. Bde, at 1800 hrs 16 Aug. 41.
5. In order to economise in Tpt, Comds concerned will arrange mutually to exchange certain accommodation stores, such as tents, chairs, forms, bed boards, cooking-gear, etc. Unit Comds will contact Bde Ordnance Conductor (S/Sgt. Hatten) and will ensure that the proper exchange vouchers are handed over on completion.
6. Units will advise this H.Q. by 1000 hrs on 14 Aug. 41 additional Tpt required to complete the move.
7. 2/1 Bn will advise this H.Q. by Signal when the move has been completed and the Bde I.O. will be responsible for advising H.Q. 6 Aust. Div. by Signal when move of 2/1 Bn and Bde H.Q. has been completed.

*S. K. King*  
.....Capt.  
S.O. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

For information:

Copy to :-  
H.Q. 6 Aust. Div.  
H.Q. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde.  
2/2 Aust. Inf. Bn  
16 Bde I.O.  
16 Bde C.O.M.S.  
S/Sgt. Hatten  
War Diary.

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SECRET.

Headquarters,  
16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

13 Aug. 41.

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16 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 2

DEFENCE AGAINST LANDINGS OF AIRBORNE AND/OR  
PARACHUTE TROOPS - EL ARISH.

GENERAL.

1. 6 Aust Div is responsible for maintaining a force of one Bn in the EL ARISH area. Role :- To ensure the security of the vulnerable points in the vicinity of EL ARISH.
2. 2/8 Aust. Inf Bn is at present carrying out the Security duties at EL ARISH.
3. (a) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will move to EL ARISH on Monday, 13 Aug 41 to relieve 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.  
(b) Administrative Instruction No. 2 for the move is issued separately.

SCALE AND FORM OF ATTACK.

4. The following forms of attack may be expected :-
  - (a) Small raiding parties landed either from the air or submarine or sabotage forces.
  - (b) Airborne attack on a reasonably large scale supported by troops landed on beaches from either air or sea craft with the object of capturing the area.

ADDITIONAL TROOPS.

5. In addition to the 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, the following forces are available within the area :-
  - (a) No. 5 CONVALESCENT DEPOT.
    - (i) Total numbers at the Convalescent Depot vary from 100 to 500 and consist mostly of untrained personnel from all three services.
    - (ii) Armament consists of 120 rifles and 6 Brads LAs.
  - (b) AMES (RAF)
    - (i) Staff at this station consists of approximately 50 all ranks including two officers.
    - (ii) Armament consists of only 13 pistols.
  - (c) WIRELESS OBSERVATION UNIT.
    - (i) This unit organises Listening Posts throughout the country and its HQ is located at EL ARISH where personnel are rested for short periods after serving with out stations. At any one time there would be approximately 75 individuals in the area but they are steadily being drawn from.
    - (ii) Armament consists of 75 rifles and 5 Lewis guns.
  - (d) EGYPTIAN ARMY PERSONNEL.

One Coy of the Egyptian Army is located in Barracks at EL ARISH.

COMMAND.

6. C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will assume operational command of all troops in the EL ARISH area with the exception of the following :-

- (a) AMES (RAF)
- (b) Wireless Observation Unit (RAF)
- (c) Egyptian Army Personnel.

7. (a) with reference to 6 (a) and 6 (b) above commanders of RAF units have instructions to co-operate with the local commander in all defence matters. Any difficulty over co-operation should be referred to H.Q. 15 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(b) with reference to para 6 (c) above the commander of the Egyptian Army Personnel has been instructed to co-operate to the full with the British local commander on matters affecting the defences of EL ARISH and its immediate vicinity. If active co-operation in operations is requested and if time is available the Egyptian Army Commander will refer the matter through the Egyptian Commander, Canal Area to the CGS Egyptian Army. If any operations outside the immediate vicinity of EL ARISH are envisaged the matter will be referred by the Egyptian Army Commander to the CGS Egyptian Army through the Commander Canal Area.

TASKS IN DETAIL.

8. C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for organizing a co-ordinated defence scheme within the area to deal with :-

- (a) Parachute and /or airborne attack against the Railway Bridge and water supply at EL ARISH.
- (b) Protection of AMES
- (c) Protection of the Wireless Observation Unit.
- (d) Protection of Signal Service Unit - UDF. This unit has established its HQ at EL ARISH and operates three stations :-

EL ARISH  
RAFA  
EL MA'ADAN.

It is purely a technical unit and cannot provide adequate guards from its own resources. Temporarily the 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will provide protection only for the HQ and the station at EL ARISH.

ORDERS FOR DEFENCE OF EL ARISH.

9. (a) Copy of the existing orders for the defence of EL ARISH are in possession of the unit being relieved.

(b) Copies of all orders issued by 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will be forwarded to Bde H.Q. together with a copy for 6 Aust Div.

COMMUNICATIONS.

10. The existing communications are as follows :-

- (a) One line from Unit HQ to the Military Exchange in the village.
- (b) One line from the aerodrome to the Military Exchange.
- (c) V/S by Lucas Lamp.

11. Efforts are being made to establish the following additional communications :-

- (a) A line from the observation post just South of the village to the Military Exchange.
- (b) Sufficient cable and telephones (in addition to usual scale © 1098) for communication between Coys and HQ.
- (c) W/T Communications between EL ARISH and HQ 6 Aust Div for use in case of emergency.

*H. H. Hammer*

.....Major.  
R.M. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distributions:

2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
Staff Captain  
HQ, 6 Aust Div  
File  
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# APPENDIX F

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SECRET

Headquarters,  
6 Aust Div.

16 Aust Inf Bde  
19 Aust Inf Bde  
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17 Aug 41.

## 6 AUST DIV TRAINING EXERCISE

MAPS: BEYROUTH 1/200,000.

1. 6 Aust Div has been instructed to carry out certain recces in connection with the Defence of Palestine and Trans-Jordan as soon as possible.

2. The objects of these recces are :-

(a) To readjust the existing defences of NORTHERN PALESTINE and take full advantage of extending the depth of the present layout into SYRIA.

The readjustments will include the high ground NORTH of the present AZ ZIB system and connect up with the ROSH PINNA system.

(b) To extend the SAMAKH defensive system to include FIQ ridge EAST of LAKE TIBERIAS.

(c) To select a series of defended localities on the line BEISAN - JENIN - HAIFA in order to block the gaps through which an advance from the NORTH might penetrate.

3. The recces as stated will firstly be carried out as Div Training Exercises in the following order of priority :-

- AZ ZIB system
- SAMAKH "
- Line BEISAN - JENIN - HAIFA

These exercises will be arranged with a HQ Div syndicate and Bde syndicates. The task of these syndicates will be to examine the areas concerned and submit their proposals for the general defensive plan of the particular areas. These proposals will then be discussed and a Div plan then submitted to HQ Force for approval.

When approved, the detail of working out the defensive plan down to siting of Coy localities, fire plans, etc. will be decentralised to an Inf Bde. The Bde concerned will then be expected to perform this task, employing COs Bn and other Unit Comds.

4. The first exercise will be held on 20-21-22 Aug, when the first problem of extending the AZ ZIB defences will be considered.

5. Syndicates for this first exercise will be as follows :-

<u>Div HQ</u>	{	<u>16 Inf Bde</u>	<u>19 Inf Bde</u>
GSO 1		Comd	Comd
GSO 11		BM	BM
CRA		IO	IO
BMRA		CO Fd Regt 2/1 Fd Regt	CO Fd Regt
CRE		OC Fd Coy 2/1 Fd Coy	OC Fd Coy
GSO 11(I)			
LO			



Syndicates cannot be increased in number, due to limitations of accommodation.

CRA and CRE respectively will arrange for selection of their representatives to each of 16 and 19 Inf Bde syndicates.

6. A conference of all officers attending the exercise will be held in "A" Mess, HQ 6 Aust Div, at 2000 hrs, 19 Aug 41.

7. Adm instructions are being issued separately.

(Sgd) Colonel,  
GS, 6 Aust Div.

Issued as Appendices :-

Notes on Defence, NORTHERN PALESTINE. (One per syndicate).  
Map showing layout Defences NORTHERN PALESTINE, (One per syndicate) down to Coy localities.

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Headquarters,  
6 Aust Div.

17 Aug 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde  
19 Aust Inf Bde  
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6 AUST DIV TRAINING EXERCISE  
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Ref Maps : HAIFA, SAFAD 1/100,000.

1. Accommodation has been arranged as follows :-
- |                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Hotels in NAHARIYA                   | - | 14 officers.                              |
| Corps Rest Station Camp,<br>NAHARIYA | - | 6 officers and all<br>batmen and drivers. |

2. The following officers will be billeted in NAHARIYA :-

Maj-Gen	E.F. Herring, CBE, DSO, MC, ED
Brig.	G. Vasey, CBE, DSO.
"	A.J. Boase
"	H. Strutt.
Col	R.B. Sutherland
"	R.B. Bierwirth, OBE
Lt-Col	L.C. Lucas, MC
"	C.L. Young
"	W.F. Cremor, OBE
Major	A.D. Molloy
"	A.T. Bell
"	H.H. Hammer
Capt	B. Wilson
Lieut	H. Ball.

Allocation to hotels will be made on arrival at NAHARIYA.  
Camp kit is not required to be taken by officers staying at hotels.

3. The remaining officers attending the exercise will require to take valises and camp beds. These officers will mess in Officers' Mess at CRS, NAHARIYA.

4. Batmen will be limited to the scale of one batman per two officers.

Where possible, drivers should be used as batmen.

Batmen and drivers will take with them blankets and messing gear.

5. Dress : Drill uniform will be worn in the evenings at NAHARIYA and in Mess of CRS.

6. Cars: Bde syndicates should arrange to have three cars available for recce duties. Request for assistance in cars will be submitted to HQ Div by 0900 hrs, 19 Aug 41.

7. Rations: Officers will take sufficient rations for lunch in the field on 20 - 21 - 22 Aug. Only very limited lunches can be provided by the hotel and CRS.

8. Petrol: Cars will leave unit lines with full tanks and 8 gals reserve. Further supplies will be drawn from CRS, or HAIFA. Details on arrival at NAHARIYA.

9. The exercise will start at rd June 20132620 (SAFAD) at 1130 hrs, 20 Aug. 41. Syndicates will proceed to this RV independently.

It is anticipated that the exercise will end NAHARIYA 2000 hrs, 22 Aug. 41.

Any cars or trucks carrying baggage only will proceed direct to NAHARIYA, reporting to LO, Div HQ, between 1400 and 1500 hrs, 20 Aug 41. |

11. Travelling allowance will be paid officers detailed to live in the hotels. Claims will be submitted to HQ 6 Aust Div after termination of exercise.

(Sgd)                      Capt  
                                  for            Col,  
                                  AA & QMG.

APPENDIX  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Ref File No.

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
JULIS  
14 Aug 41.

2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
2/2 Aust. Inf. Bn.

16 AUST INF BDE.

DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE M. T. COURSE.

1. A Bde School will be conducted temporarily for the purpose of improving the standard of Drivers M. T. of the Units of this Bde.

It is desired that the school will handle Drivers with limited experience in Army M.T. with the intention of increasing their driving ability, general maintenance and mechanical knowledge.

2. STUDENTS. Twelve (12) students from 2/1 and 2/2 Aust Inf Bns will attend.
3. DURATION OF COURSE. The course will be for two weeks and will commence on 20 Aug 41 and will finish at 1600 hrs. on 2 Sep 41.
4. JOINING INSTRUCTIONS. These are as per attached instructions.
5. VEHICLES FOR TRAINING. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn will supply 4 one ton Chev. Vehicles and 2/2 Aust Inf Bn 4 - 15 cwt C.A.S. Vehicles for the duration of the Course. Vehicles will be at Bde H.Q. by 1600 hrs on 19 Aug 41.
6. SCHOOL STAFF. Additional to the Instructional Staff, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn will provide the following :-

1 School Sgt Major.  
1 Cook.  
1 " Assistant.  
1 N.C.O. as Quartermaster.  
2 Mess Orderlies.

*J.H. Hammer*  
Major.  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

For Inform :-  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

16 AUST INF BDE.

DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE M. T. COURSE.

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS.

LOCATION.

The Course will be known as 16 Aust Inf Bde Drivers and Maintenance M. T. Course.  
It will be located in Brigade H. Q. Lines, KHASSA.

DURATION. 14 Days.

ASSEMBLY.

Students will assemble by 1600 hrs. on the day before the Course is due to commence, Units supplying own Tpt. Full equipment, respirators and rifles will be brought and clothing, sufficient for 14 days.

Blankets and bedding will NOT be provided by the School.

The Senior member of each party will ensure that the party arrives punctually and will supply to the Chief Instructor a Nominal Roll of Students attending. He will report to 16 Aust Inf Bde Transport Office, KHASSA.

ADMINISTRATION.

Whilst attending the School, Students will be attached to the School for rations and discipline. Normal Camp Routine will be observed and Students will ensure that tents, kits., etc., are in inspection order by 0830 hrs. daily.

Students will bring with them all available Mechanical Manuals and Textbooks and Units will ensure that each Student has 1 large Exercise Book, 1 Small Exercise Book, 1 Red Pencil, 1 Blue Pencil, Pen and Ink and Ruler.

LEAVE.

Leave will be granted at the discretion of the C.I.  
A written application for leave will be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the time desired.

PAY.

Pay will be available on normal pay periods but paybooks must be fully entered to date.

DISPERSAL.

Units will arrange to collect Students at termination of each Course at 1600 hrs on last day of Course.

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APPENDIX  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
7 Sep 41

SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

Since arrival back from GREECE this HQ has been most fortunate in the number of Schools which have been made available to it. Consequent with the reforming and training of Units in this Bde many vacancies existed for N.C.O.s in both Line Coys and Specialist Groups. This HQ took advantage of all Schools offered, with the result that all Specialist Personnel should contain a very large proportion of Offrs, N.C.O.s and O.R.s who have received the latest training and instructional methods.

Particular attention has been paid to Drivers M.T. Courses as the greater part of Unit M.T. personnel have had little or no experience. Several local Schools have been conducted in the period both by AASC, 6 Aust Div and by this HQ. Both Schools have made a marked improvement in the standard of Driving and Maintenance.

Following is a summary of the attendances of personnel from this Bde at the more important Schools :-

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>N.C.O.s</u>	<u>O.R.s</u>
ME OCTU		7	
Rifle & L.M.G.	6	20	
Mortar	5	13	1
Grenade	-	1	-
METS Senior	2	-	-
Junior	2	-	-
Field Works	1	-	-
Signals	5	9	62
Combined Tng Centre	6	-	-
Intelligence	2	-	-
C.WM	1	2	-
Field Works (local)	1	6	34
R.S.M's	-	4	-
M.T. & Mech.	-	5	76
Carriers	-	1	7
Cookery	-	2	9
Hygiene	2	3	9
P & RT	-	6	-
Armourers	-	2	1

16 AUST INF BDE

PALESTINE

CEREMONIAL

FAREWELL TO  
G.O.C.

Bde took part in 6 Aust Div parade to say  
farewell to Maj-Gen Mackay who had been  
appointed Commander in Chief of the Home  
Defence Forces in Aust. 286 offrns and over  
4000 ORs in march past. Later the general  
addressed and shook hands with 250 offrns.  
6 Aug.

16 Aust Inf  
Bde  
Aug 41.

TRAINING

M.T. COURSE  
FOR DRIVERS

First school to originate within this Bde  
formed for Bde drivers and Maintenance  
M.T. course. 14 Aug.

16 AUST INF  
BDE.  
AUG 41.

OFFRS AND MEN  
FOR AUST.

Each Bde in 6 Aust Div is to nominate  
one offr and one N.C.O. to return to  
Aust for the training of the armoured  
Div.

DEFENCES OF  
NTH PALESTINE

Brigade party inc Brig Boase visits Nth  
Palestine with the object of formulating  
a scheme for additions to the defences.  
20 Aug 41.

APPOINTMENTS & COMMAND

NEW BDE  
CMD

Brig A.J.Boase, formerly comd HQ AIF Base  
Area, appointed to comd 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
15 Aug.

16 AUST INF  
BDE  
AUG 41.

LOCATION

BDE HQ  
MOVES

FROM [REDACTED] to KHASSA. 16 Aug.

SCHOOLS FROM 12 MAY 41 - 31 AUG 41.

These lists do not include personnel who had been selected but had not attended as at 31 Aug 41.

Courses	No of Schools held	Attendance			Duration of Course		REMARKS
		Offrs	N.C.O.s	O.R.s	Weeks	Days	
ME OCTU	4	-	7	-	16	-	
METS Senior	2	2	-	-	4	-	
METS Junior	2	2	-	-	4	-	
METS Field Works	1	1	-	-	4	-	
MEWTS Rifle & L.M.G.	3	2	7	-	4	-	
MEWTS Mortar	4	1	3	-	2	4	
MEWTS Grenade	1	-	1	-	2	-	
Combined Training Centre	4	6	-	-	2	-	
Regt Int Offrs	2	2	-	-	3	-	
ME School of Signals	2	1	3	-	6	-	
ME CW Course	3	1	3	-	2	-	
ME School of Cookery	11	-	2	9	3	-	
ME School of Hygiene	6	2	3	3	-	10	
ME P & RT School	4	-	6	-	4	-	
ME Motor Mech Schools	2	-	2	1	8	-	
ME Bomb Recce	1	-	2	-	-	3	
ME Unit Repairers	1	-	-	1	-	5	
AIF ME SAS Rifle & LMG	1	4	13	-	4	-	
AIF ME SAS Mortar	3	4	10	1	2	4	
R.S.M's Course	1	-	4	-	4	-	
Ait Photographs Course	1	1	-	-	1	-	
AIF ME School of Sigs	2	1	2	10	3	-	
1 Aust Corps School of Sigs	3	2	2	8	3	-	
6 Aust Div Regt Sigs Course	2	1	2	25	2	4	
Sig Tng Bn Course	1	-	-	19	2	-	
Field Works Course 6 Div Eng	2	2	6	34	-	12	
Water Duties Course	1	-	-	6	1	-	
Carrier Drivers Course	1	-	1	7	1	-	
Drivers Maintenance (local)	5	-	2	52	1	-	
Drivers Maintenance (16 Bde)	1	-	1	23	2	-	
Armourers Course	2	-	4	2	3	-	
Chiropody Course	1	-	-	3	2	-	



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S E C R E T

Headquarters,  
16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

19 Aug 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde ✓  
2/1 Aust Fd Regt RAA  
2/1 Aust Fd Coy RAE  
Bde Transport Officer.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 1

REF 6 AUST DIV TRAINING EXERCISE.

INFORMATION

S/3384/G - 6 Div Tng Exercise and Tng Exercise Administrative Instructions (issue as attached appendices) will apply.

ASSEMBLY

0645 hrs, 20 Aug 41, 16 Aust Inf Bde HQ

STARTING POINT

16 Aust Inf Bde HQ

STARTING TIME

0700 hrs, 20 Aug 41.

ROUTE

JULIS, RAMBLE, LYDDA, WILHELMA, RAS AL EIN, HADERA, HAIFA, ACRE, SAFAD, ROSH PINNA - Distance - 151 miles.

TRANSPORT

Bde Comd's Car - Brigadier and B.M.  
Arty Staff Car - C.O. 2/1 Aust Fd Regt  
B.M.'s Car - O.C. 2/1 Fd Coy, Bde I.O. and batman.  
1-ton Truck - Baggage, and batmen not travelling in cars.

PETROL

Full tanks plus 8 gals reserve.

RATIONS

All 16 Aust Inf Bde vehicles will carry three days reserve water and rations sufficient for passengers in vehicles. Individual units will make own arrangements for cut lunch for D.1  
16 Aust Inf Bde Officers' Mess will supply extras and mess gear for lunch on D.2 and D.3.

BATMEN

Batmen to Brigadier, C.O. 2/1 Aust Fd Regt, and Bde I.O. only will be taken.

*A. H. Hammer*  
.....Major.  
B.M. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

S/3384/G.

Headquarters,  
6 Aust Div.16 Aust Inf Bde  
19 Aust Inf Bde  
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17 Aug 41.

6 AUST DIV TRAINING EXERCISE

MAPS: BEYROUTH 1/200,000.

1. 6 Aust Div has been instructed to carry out certain recces in connection with the Defence of Palestine and Trans-jordan as soon as possible.

2. The objects of these recces are:-

(a) To readjust the existing defences of NORTHERN PALESTINE and take full advantage of extending the depth of the present layout into SYRIA.

The readjustments will include the high ground NORTH of the present AZ ZIB system and connect up with the ROSH PINNA system.

(b) To extend the SAMAKH defensive system to include FIQ ridge EAST of LAKE TIBERIAS.

(c) To select a series of defended localities on the line BEISAN - JENIN - HAIFA in order to block the gaps through which an advance from the NORTH might penetrate.

3. The recces as stated will firstly be carried out as Div Training Exercises in the following order of priority:-

AZ ZIB system  
SAMAKH       "  
Line BEISAN - JENIN - HAIFA

These exercises will be arranged with a HQ Div syndicate and Bde syndicates. The task of these syndicates will be to examine the areas concerned and submit their proposals for the general defensive plan of the particular areas. These proposals will then be discussed and a Div plan then submitted to HQ Force for approval.

When approved, the detail of working out the defensive plan down to siting of Coy localities, fire plans, etc., will be decentralised to an Inf Bde. The Bde concerned will then be expected to perform this task, employing COs Bn and other Unit Comds.

4. The first exercise will be held on 20-21-22 Aug, when the first problem of extending the AZ ZIB defences will be considered.

5. Syndicates for this first exercise will be as follows:-

<u>Div HQ</u>	<u>16 Inf Bde</u>	<u>19 Inf Bde</u>
GSO I	Comd	Comd
GSO II	BM	BM
CRA	IO	IO
BMRA	CO Fd Regt ?	CO Fd Regt
CRE	OC Fd Coy ?	OC Fd Coy
GSO II(I)		
LO		

Syndicates cannot be increased in number, due to limitations of accommodation.

CRA and CRE respectively will arrange for selection of their representatives to each of 16 and 19 Inf Bde syndicates.

6. A conference of all officers attending the exercise will be held in "A" Mess, HQ 6 Aust Div, at 2000 hrs, 19 Aug 41.

7. Adm instructions are being issued separately.

*R. R. ...*  
Colonel,  
GS, 6 Aust Div.

Issued as Appendices:-

- Notes on Defences, NORTHERN PALESTINE. (One per syndicate).
- Map showing layout Defences NORTHERN PALESTINE, (one per syndicate) down to Coy localities.

(c) To select a series of defended localities on the line BELKAN - JERIN - KAIPIA in order to block the gaps through which an advance from the NORTH might penetrate.

The exercise as stated will be carried out as follows in the following order of priority:

These exercises will be arranged with a HQ Div syndicate and Bde syndicates. The task of these syndicates will be to examine the areas concerned and submit proposals for the general defensive plan of the particular area. These proposals will then be discussed and a Div plan submitted to HQ for approval.

When approved, the detail of working out the defensive plan down to sitting of Coy localities, etc., will be decentralised to an Inf Bde. The Bde concerned will then be expected to perform the task, employing COs Bn and other units.

The first exercise will be held on 20-21-22 Aug, when the first problem of extending the AA Defences will be considered.

Syndicates for this first exercise will be as follows:-

Div HQ	16 Inf Bde	19 Inf Bde
GSO I	Comd	Comd
GSO II	BM	BM
GSA	IO	IO
RMIA	CO P4 Regt	CO P4 Regt
CRE	CO P4 Coy	CO P4 Coy
GSO II(I)		
IO		

S E C R E THeadquarters,  
6 Aust Div.16 Aust Inf Bde  
19 Aust Inf Bde  
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17 Aug 41.

6 AUST DIV TRAINING EXERCISE  
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Ref Maps: HAIFA, SAFAD 1/100,000.

1. Accommodation has been arranged as follows:-

Hotels in NAHARIYA - 14 officers. ✓

Corps Rest Station Camp,  
NAHARIYA - 6 officers and all  
batmen and drivers.

2. The following officers will be billeted in NAHARIYA:-

Maj-Gen	E.F.Herring, CBE, DSO, MC, ED
Brig	G.F.VASEY, CBE, DSO
"	A.J.BOASE
"	H. STRUTT
Col	R.B.Sutherland
"	R.B.Bierwirth, OBE
Lt-Col	L.C.Lucas, MC
"	C.L.Young
"	W.F.Cremor, OBE
Major	A.D.Molloy
"	A.T.Bell
"	H.H.Hammer
Capt	B. Wilson
Lieut	H. Ball

Allocation to hotels will be made on arrival at NAHARIYA. Camp kit is not required to be taken by officers staying at hotels.

3. The remaining officers attending the exercise will require to take valises and camp beds. These officers will mess in Officers' Mess at CRS, NAHARIYA.

4. Batmen will be limited to the scale of one batman per two officers.

Where possible, drivers should be used as batmen.

Batmen and drivers will take with them blankets and messing gear.

- 5.
- Dress
- .- Drill uniform will be worn in the evenings at NAHARIYA and in Mess of CRS.

- 6.
- Cars
- .- Bde syndicates should arrange to have three cars available for recce duties. Request for assistance in cars will be submitted to HQ Div by 0900 hrs, 19 Aug 41.

- 7.
- Rations
- .- Officers will take sufficient rations for lunch in the field on 20 - 21 - 22 Aug. Only very limited lunches can be provided by the hotel and CRS.

- 8.
- Petrol
- .- Cars will leave unit lines with full tanks and
- 8 gals
- reserve. Further supplies will be drawn from CRS, or HAIFA. Details on arrival at NAHARIYA.

9. The exercise will start at rd junc 20132620 (SAFAD) at 1130 hrs, 20 Aug 41. Syndicates will proceed to this RV independently.

It is anticipated that the exercise will end NAHARIYA 2000 hrs, 22 Aug 41.

Any cars or trucks carrying baggage only will proceed direct to NAHARIYA, reporting to LO, Div HQ, between 1400 and 1500 hrs, 20 Aug 41.

11. Travelling allowance will be paid officers detailed to live in the hotels. Claims will be submitted to HQ 5 Aust Div after termination of exercise.

*Admission Cup*  
for Col,  
AA & QMG.

- Col. Sutherland
- R. B. Blaylock, CBE
- Lt-Col. J. C. Lucas, MC
- C. E. Young
- W. E. Groom
- A. H. Holley, Major
- A. T. Bell
- H. R. Hamner
- E. Wilson, Capt
- H. Bell, Lieut

1. Allocation to hotels will be made on arrival at NAHARIYA. Camp kit is not required to be taken by officers staying at hotels.
2. The remaining officers attending the exercise will be quite to take vehicles and camp beds. These officers will mess in Officers' Mess at NAHARIYA.
3. Batmen will be limited to the scale of one batman per two officers.
4. Where possible, drivers should be used as batmen. Batmen and drivers will take with them blankets and messing gear.
5. Dress - Drill uniform will be worn in the evenings at NAHARIYA and in Mess of CRS.
6. Cars - The syndicates should arrange to have three cars available for rescue duties. Request for assistance in cars will be submitted to HQ Div by 0900 hrs, 19 Aug 41.
7. Rations - Officers will take sufficient rations for lunch in the field on 20 - 21 - 22 Aug. Only very limited lunches can be provided by the hotel and CRS.
8. Petrol - Cars will leave unit tank with full tanks and 8 gals reserve. Further supplies will be drawn from CRS, or HAFIA. Details on arrival at NAHARIYA.

NOTES ON DEFENCES - NORTHERN PALESTINE.

**GENERAL:** Prior to the entry of Allied Forces into SYRIA a main defensive position was laid out along the Northern frontier of PALESTINE and TRANS-JORDAN. The garrison to man this effectively is estimated at 4 and a half Inf Divs plus a Cav Bde (Horsed), Corps tps and at least one Armd Bde.

Concrete defences and A/Tk obstacles were constructed to cover the main lines of entry into PALESTINE and TRANS-JORDAN at :

- (a) MAFRAK
- (b) IRBID
- (c) SAMAKH
- (d) ROSHPINNA
- (e) AZ ZIB.

NORTHERN PALESTINE: The present defences of N. PALESTINE are divided into the following three sectors :-

- (i) ROSHPINNA - which extends from the N end of L. TIBERIAS N.W. through ROSHPINNA, SAFAD, TEITABA, KAHR BIRIM to AL MANSURA. Tps allotted for the defence of this sector are approx three Inf Bde Gps. The sector has been reconnoitred, Coy localities decided upon, A/Tk obstacles sited and constructed and A/Tk and LMG pill boxes constructed and camouflaged in the KAHR BIRIM and ROSHPINNA areas.
  - (ii) The MONTFORT sector - which extends Westward from a line through AL MANSURA and the intersection of grid lines 181 and 267 to a line through MESUVA - KH. SUWEJIRA - pt 16642701 - AMQA. 5 Cav Bde has been allotted for the defence of this sector and Squadron localities have been allocated.
  - (iii) The AZ ZIB sector - which extends Westwards from the MONTFORT sector to the coast along the line of the Wadi QARN. Two defensive lines have been prepared in this sector; one through AZ ZIB and extending to the East along the WADI QARN, the other from NAHARIYA to the East. Coy localities have been sited and A/Tk obstacles constructed forward of both lines. LMG and A/Tk pill-boxes have been constructed and camouflaged in the AZ ZIB area. Tps allotted for the defence of this sector are one Inf Div (less one Inf Bde Gp)
- Sqn, Coy etc localities and the position of the A/Tk ditches are as shown on the composite 1/100,000 PALESTINE Sheet issued herewith.

(Sgd) A.D. Molloy Major  
for  
GS 6 Aust Div.

16 AUST INF BDE SYNDICATE

RECCE OF AREA EAST OF LAKE TIBERIAS

Ref Maps :           1/100,000       IRBID WEST & IRBID EAST sheets.  
                  1/200,000       FIQ-HAIFA sheet.

GENERAL

1. The object of the recce was to determine generally the method of extending the present SAMAKH defensive position by the inclusion of FIQ ridge, but before considering this it appears desirable to consider certain other aspects, which, it is submitted, vitally affect the problem.
2. The nature of the country, lack of good communications etc. render the area East of the line all incl. LAKE TIBERIAS - line of R. JORDAN between all incl. DEGANYA - Police Post ED DIYABE (East of BEISAN) unsuitable for major offensive operations from PALESTINE. Consequently, it must be assumed that the defensive system in this area, as at present existing or planned, is primarily intended for the static defence of the approaches leading into PALESTINE through SAMAKH, JISR EL MAJAMI and ED DIYABE respectively.
3. It follows therefore that adequate defences must be provided on each of these routes, as a successful advance by any one of them across the river JORDAN will immediately place the Forces defending the others, in a most precarious position.
4. If the above assumption is correct it is not clear what purpose the garrisons at IRBID and MAFRAQ are intended to serve, since in neither case do they effectively cover the lines of approach from the East through JISR EL MAJAMI and ED DIYABE respectively. Moreover, their isolation and comparative weakness appear to make them an easy prey for a determined enemy who will have no difficulty in cutting their lines of supply and dealing with them at his leisure.

PRESENT DISPOSITIONS - SAMAKH - JISR EL MAJAMI.

5. The existing system appears to be designed primarily to deny enemy the use of the YARMUK Valley where it debouches into the JORDAN Valley and to provide a reserve position defending the crossing at JISR EL MAJAMI from the West of the R. JORDAN. No provision has been made to prevent an enemy Force debouching from the hills into the JORDAN Valley from the East and moving on JISR EL MAJAMI or ED DIYABE after by-passing the IRBID defences via HUSN and SAMMU.
6. The FIQ ridge and the high ground as far East as the ridge 215222 (IRBID WEST sheet) on the Rd JISR MAJAMI - IRBID give excellent observation over the JORDAN Valley between SAMAKH and JISR EL MAJAMI. Moreover, the line of the Rd TIBERIAS - SAMAKH is under direct observation and in parts within long range Field Arty from the FIQ ridge as far North as the line SKOUPIA - LYCHAUM. To be effective, therefore, a defensive

position on the FIQ ridge must include the area South of and all incl. SKOUFIA - LYCHAUM. The high ground about SKOUFIA gives observation over the whole of the FIQ ridge plateau except a small portion of the "toe" from a line E.S.E. of SAMRA.

FIQ RIDGE DISPOSITION

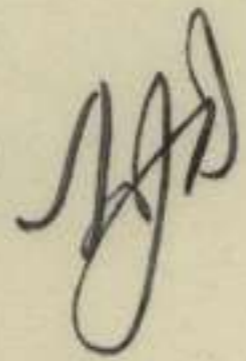
7. The only existing motorable roads leading on to the FIQ ridge are :-
- (a) Rd from YARMOUK Valley (near HAMAMAT) leading North along the crest of the ridge to FIQ where it branches N.E. to EL AAL and N.W. through SKOUFIA to the shore of Lake TIBERIAS North of LYCHAUM. This road is in bad condition particularly where it ascends and descends the ridge and would need about 14 days' work by one Bn and one Pd Coy to make it suitable for one-way traffic at night. With similar labour an alternative one-way route in the same locality could be constructed in approx 3 weeks.
  - (b) Rd SAMAKH North along East shore of Lake TIBERIAS to its junction with route described in (a) above North of LYCHAUM. A comparatively good two-way earth track which should require little work to develop and maintain in good condition.
8. Ground. Except where indicated on FIQ-HAIFA sheet the FIQ ridge is generally open and such woods as indicated are, in the main, stunted scrub with a few olive and fig trees in the neighborhood of villages. The ridge is an irregular-shaped flat-topped plateau, deeply indented in places by a number of wadis with steep and generally rough sides unsuited to movement of AFV's. On the plateau there are in places rocky outcrops and numerous boulders which would impede and limit the area of manoeuvre of AFV's. The steepness of the slopes and rough going in the re-entrants leading (a) towards EL AAL from the S.E. and N.W. and (b) towards FIQ from the South and West and also in the YARMOUK Valley will particularly restrict movement of AFV's. The low ground along the Eastern shores of Lake TIBERIAS offers facilities for the movement of all arms, but is a narrow strip dominated by the adjacent high ridges to the East. Good fields of fire for all weapons are available on the top of the plateau, but the re-entrants in its sides are definitely unfavourable for flat-trajectory weapons. The provision of additional 3 inch mortars for covering these re-entrants effectively will be an important consideration. Observation from the high ground EL AAL - SKOUFIA to the North and South is good, and although the ground tends to rise gradually N.E. of this line, observation from that direction S.W. is less favourable than might be anticipated - due to convex slopes and false crests.
9. There appear to be two possible alternative positions for the defence, viz:-
- (a) The EL AAL Position with FDL's on the general line all incl. JIBIR - EL AAL - ANIAHIE - ridge West of ANIAHIE to point on shore of Lake TIBERIAS near junction of coastal route and Rd FIQ - SKOUFIA - Lake TIBERIAS.
  - (b) The SKOUFIA Position with FDL's on the general line of the high ground all incl. DE BOSOYA - YAKOUSA - SKOUFIA - LYCHAUM.

Any defensive position South of the latter line is dominated by the high ground about SKOUFIA, would be difficult to



supply and support effectively by Field Arty, while at the same time would leave the route TIBERIAS - SAMAKH and the coastal route on East of Lake TIBERIAS under direct observation and for the most part within Field Arty range of a possible enemy.

10. Although the SKOUPIA position is somewhat less in extent than the EL AAL position, it has less depth and room for manoeuvre, affords greater facilities for manoeuvre by enemy AFV's and better cover for enemy approach and forming up positions (e.g. the wadis S.E. and N.W. of EL AAL) than the latter position.
  11. In the EL AAL position the wadis on the flanks and the rough going on the top of the plateau although not complete obstacles to AFV movement in themselves will greatly restrict and impede such movement.  
This position moreover offers good facilities for Field Arty support. It is therefore recommended.
  12. None of the possible defensive positions can be directly linked up with the present SAMAKH system. However, this does not appear to be essential providing arrangements are made to prevent any hostile infiltration in force down the YARMOUK Valley. Mobile reserves from the FIQ ridge position should be able to deal with any such attempt so long as sufficient warning was obtained. With this in view a detached post possibly in the neighborhood of KHALED STA (S.E. DE BOSOYA) and a change in the dispositions of the garrison of the UM QEIS locality so that it actually blocks the route IRBID - HAMAMAT may be necessary.
  13. (a) If the EL AAL position is to be held indefinitely it is considered that one division with possibly an additional Army Field Regt will be required to hold it (approx 15,000 yds of front). Although the front may be held <sup>by a smaller force</sup> adequate mobile reserves will be necessary to permit of counter-attack and to counter enemy infiltration by the numerous wadis. Furthermore the force provided should be strong in mortars to deal with the broken ground which otherwise cannot be effectively covered by fire.  
(b) If the position is to be held for a limited period only, the force may be correspondingly reduced.
  14. Water. Time did not permit of a detailed water recce, but it would appear that village supplies are obtained from rock cisterns. It would appear uneconomical to endeavour to attempt to develop bore supplies on the plateau itself, consequently provision may be required to transport the bulk of the water supplies for the garrison.
- OTHER APPROACHES
15. In conclusion, it is recommended that the arrangements for the defence of the routes to the JORDAN Valley via JISR EL MAJAMI and ED DIYABE be reviewed for the reasons given in para 4 of this paper.



.....Brigadier,  
Commanding 16 Aust Inf Bde.

REPORT OF GENERAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITION  
KAFR BIR'IM (P189272) ISKANDAROUN (P165285)

Ref: Map - BEYROUTH 1:200,000 (1 Jan 41 edition)

CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING ENEMY

1. He can use AFVs in the open country in front of KAFR BIR'IM (P189272) - YAROUN (P18952760) - AIN EBEL (P18802795) - AL KOZAH (P18202805).
2. They are many re-entrants running in each direction NORTH of these places, which would make excellent "forming up" places.
3. He has good observation into the KAFR BIR'IM - RANEICHE (P18452755) area from NORTH of AL KOZAH.
4. He has only the one road running from TYRE - BENNT JBAIL (P191281).
5. From the NORTH he has the very second class road through ADEISSE (P201297) - BENNT JBAIL.
6. From AL KOZAH - MEJDEL (P171284) is rocky and hilly country, with large wadis running EAST and WEST. Unsuitable to AFVs.
7. From the wadi which runs NORTH-WEST from MEJDEL into the plain of TYR is AFV country as far as the sea, but in front is an unpassable ridge MRAHBAYADA (P16852850).

It appears that he can use AFVs a short way on the plains of TYR, but can get right on to our PALESTINE frontier road at KAFR BIR'IM and around SASA (P188270) Police Post.

OWN TROOPS

1. From KAFR BIR'IM (P189272) in front of which there is open country as far as AL KOZAH (P18202805) we can either
  - (a) deny the open country from the PALESTINE frontier road which seems too near our present line, or
  - (b) go farther NORTH and hold the high ground NORTH of KAFR BIR'IM on the line YAROUN (P18952760) - AIN EBEL (P18802795) - HANINE (P18602795) AL KOZAH (P18202805).
2. From AL KOZAH - SAMHANA (P17852815) - CHIHINE (P174281) - JOUBBEINE (P17252180) - TEIR HARFA (P171281) - CHAMAS (P16952835) - MRAH BAYADA (P16852850) is an ideal passive defence position, as the country NORTH is very rugged, with deep wadis running EAST to WEST.
3. MEJDEL (P171284), which is 1 km NORTH-EAST of CHAMAS is a dangerous place, as it is divided from CHAMAS by a deep wadi with high ground to the NORTH, but this only extends for about 2 Kms.
4. KH EL BOUSTANE (P177280) - CHAMAS - Point 370 (P16852830) are the best observation points. The latter commanding the plains of TYR and the former, the plains beyond RAMIET (P179279).
5. The FRENCH frontier road is in an awful condition, is only "one-way" and would not carry any weight of MT for more than 24 hrs.
6. There are only two places where the enemy gets observation of the FRENCH frontier road, i.e.
  - (a) just north of AITA ECH CHAAB (P18152780)
  - (b) NORTH of JEREINE (P172279).
7. There is a good supply of water in a pond at REMEICHE (P18452755) and at P187276, which I am told holds all the year round.
8. New tracks could be made from REMEICHE to the PALESTINE frontier road and also one could possibly be made from P175280 - JOUBBEINE - TEIR HARFA, which might possibly join up with the existing track through CHAMAS - ISKANDAROUN.

The French map is very inaccurate and more ground recce than I have had time to carry out is necessary. The map is particularly inaccurate between AIN EBEL and REMIET.

SUPPLY

The area from KAHR BIR'IM - AL KOZAH does not present many difficulties as tracks could easily be made from points selected on the PALESTINE frontier road to the forward area.

The area from AL KOZAH - CHAHINE is not well supplied with good tracks from the FRENCH frontier road and at present most of the supplies would have to be carried on packs.

Around RAMEICHE it appears to me that a landing ground for the slower type of aircraft could easily be made.

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Commanding, NORTH SOMERSET YEOMANRY.

26 Jun 41.