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42 Infantry Battalion

May - June 1942

42nd. BATTALION

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIARO	1 May	0800	Bn. Strength - 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 886 O.R. Attached 3 Off. 6 O.R. Bn. Biv. Area cleaned up - Slit trenches filled in. 20 Rds. S.A.A. issued to all ranks. 10 L.M.G. Mags. per gun, 10 Bren Mags. per gun, 4 Vickers per gun, loaded.	
		1500	Muster Parades of Train Gps. held. Spare parts allotted to Gps.	
	2 May	0600	Camp Strength - 42 Bn? 33 Offs. 885 O.R. Attached 3 Offs. 7 O.R. Tents struck, Kit Bags stacked.	
		1400	All Carriers left for TIARO Rly. Sta. to be loaded on train.	
		1500	First Baggage truck left Coy. Area for Ry.	
		1730	Bn. marched out of Camp to Biv. Area.	
		1830	In Biv. for night	
	3 May	0600	Camp Strength - 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 3 Offs. 7 O.R. First Train Gp. (Serial 21) left Biv. Area for TIARO Sta.	
		0700	First train Gp. arrived in Sta. Area.	

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TIARO	3 May	0925	First Train arrived in TIARO Sta. M.T. loading commenced immediately.	
		1050	First Train (Serial 21) left TIARO Sta. - 205 Personnel, 8 Carriers Part M.T. - O.C. Train Capt. R.B. COLE	
		1245	Second Train (S.22) left TIARO - 189 Personnel, 4 Carriers, Part M.T. - O.C. Train Capt. J. CONDIE	
		1500	Third Train (S.23) left TIARO - 64 Personnel, no M.T. - O.C. Train Capt. J.A. ROSS	
		1716	Fourth Train (S.24) left TIARO - 175 Personnel, Part M.T. - O.C. Train Major C.N. CROSSWELL.	
TIARO	4 May	0055	Fifth Train (S.25) left TIARO - 170 personnel, Part M.T. - O.C. Train Lieut. A.E. JENKS	
		-	Sixth Train (S.26) left TIARO - 1 Off. 30 O.R. M.M.G. Coy., No M.T. - O.C. Train Major R. GRANT, A.A.M.C.	
		0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 3 Offs. 7 O.R.	

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TOWNSVILLE	6 May	1630	Orders issued to Coy. Comds. for defensive posn. <i>Jw</i>	
		1800	Coys. moved out into Defensive Posn. <i>Jw</i>	
		2000	Adv. Bn. H.Q. moved out. <i>Jw</i>	
	7 May	0600	Camp Strength - 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 3 Offs. 9 O.R. <i>Jw</i>	
		0700	C.O., 2 i/c, A/Adjt & O.C. H.Q. Coy. returned to Biv. Area. <i>Jw</i>	
		0800	C.O. left for Bde. H.Q. <i>Jw</i>	
		0815	Bn.H.Q. moved out for new area in Defensive posn. <i>Jw</i>	
		0930	C.O. accompanied Div. & Bde. Comd. on Aerial Recce of Area. <i>Jw</i>	
		1130	Bn.H.Q. established at Map Ref. 071734 - Ref. Map TOWNSVILLE 1" <i>Jw</i>	
			to 1 Mile. <i>Jw</i>	
		1330	A/Tk. Tp. Comd. (Lieut. BOYD) accompanied C.O. on recce of Coy. Areas. <i>Jw</i>	
		1900	Instructions for Defensive posn. issued to Coys. <i>Jw</i>	
	8 May	0400	29 Inf. Bde. O/Inst. No.1 received and acknowledged. <i>Jw</i>	

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TOWNSVILLE	8 May	0600	Camp Strength - 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 3 Offs. 9 O.R. <i>JW</i>	
		0800	Bde. advised that telephone communication was nil. <i>JW</i>	
		1400	Coy. Comds. Conference - Div. policy outlined. <i>JW</i>	
	9 May	0600	Camp Strength - 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 3 Offs. 9 O.R. <i>JW</i>	
		0900	C.O. called to conference at Bde. H.Q. <i>JW</i>	
		1400	Coy. Comds. conference: "B" Coy. posn. vacated - Coy. left for new posn. <i>JW</i>	
		1600	C.O., 2 i/c, A/Adjt, A/I.O. made recce. of Battle H.Q. Area. <i>JW</i>	
		1800	"B" Coy. in new posn. <i>JW</i>	
		1830	Conference of all Unit I.O's at Bde. H.Q. <i>JW</i>	
		10 May	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 4 Offs. 39 O.R. <i>JW</i>
	1000	C.O. on recce. of new Bn.H.Q. Area <i>JW</i>		
	1030	2 i/c on recce. of Coy. posns. <i>JW</i>		
	1100	Coys. preparing alternate posns. <i>JW</i>		

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TOWNSVILLE	11 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 4 Offs. 39 O.R.	
		1030	Gen. MILFORD (Div. Comd) inspected "C" & "D" Coys. Areas accom- panied by Bde. Comd. & C.O. <i>ju</i>	
		1245	Div. Comd. left area. <i>ju</i>	
		1400	Battle H.Q. inspected - O.C. Protection Pl. instructed to prepare posn. <i>ju</i>	
	12 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 4 Offs. 39 O.R. <i>ju</i>	
		1000	C.O.'s inspection of Coy. posns. <i>ju</i>	
		1400	C.O., A/Adj. proceeded to CASTLE HILL on recce. of surrounding country. <i>ju</i>	
			Battle H.Q. still being prepared. <i>ju</i>	
	13 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 33 Offs. 884 O.R. Attached 4 Offs. 38 O.R. <i>ju</i>	
		0900	C.O.'s inspection of Coy. posns. <i>ju</i>	
		1215	First Air Raid Alert given from Bde. Troops stood to. Coys. warned. <i>ju</i>	
		1430	"All Clear" given from DIRI <i>ju</i>	

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TOWNSVILLE	13 May	1440	Coy. & A/Tk. Comd. on recce of Bn. Area. <i>JW</i>	
	14 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 27 Offs. 806 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>JW</i>	
		0800	Alternative posns. being dug and alternative rds. being made to Coy. posns. <i>JW</i>	
		1400	5 Offs. on recce. of CASTLE HILL lookout. <i>JW</i>	
		1800	"I" Sec. submitted rough print of map of area to date. <i>JW</i>	
		2200	Report and above map forward to Bde. H.Q. <i>JW</i>	
	15 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 27 Offs. 800 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>JW</i>	
		0800	Recce party of 5 Offs. on visit to CASTLE HILL. <i>JW</i>	
	16 May	0600	Camp Strength 27 Offs. 799 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>JW</i>	
		0800	Alternative posns. for a two-Bn. front in our area being prepared	
			C.O. visited Coys. and held Bn. Ord. Rooms. <i>JW</i>	
	17 May	0600	Camp Strength 28 Offs. 802 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>JW</i>	
			Bn.H.Q. personnel completing Battle H.Q. Area <i>JW</i>	

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TOWNSVILLE	17 May	1400	Conference at Bde. H.Q. re Returns. <i>Jw</i>	
	18 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 29 Offs. 801 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>Jw</i>	
		0800	Wiring and clearing of fields of fire. <i>Jw</i>	
	19 May	0600	Camp Strength 29 Offs. 798 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>Jw</i>	
		0800	Wiring: alternative posns. still being prepared. <i>Jw</i>	
	20 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 29 Offs. 798 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 5 O.R. <i>Jw</i>	
		0900	Conference of C.O., 2 i/c & Q.M. at Bde. H.Q. All W.E. reqd. for. <i>Jw</i>	
	21 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 29 Offs. 790 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
			Wiring preparation still in progress. <i>Jw</i>	
	22 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 29 Offs. 788 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R. <i>Jw</i>	
		1000	Visit from Bde. Comd. <i>Jw</i>	
			Coys. clearing fields of fire & wiring posns. <i>Jw</i>	
	23 May	0600	Camp Strength 27 Offs. 770 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R. <i>Jw</i>	
		0800	Working Party for Div. of 1 Off. 49 O.R. supplied by "D" Coy. for work on road to Amn. Dump <i>Jw</i>	

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TOWNSVILLE	23 May	0800	Coys. improving wiring, etc. <i>ju</i>	
			"A", "B", "C", "D" Coys. sent out Recce. Patrols. "A" Coy. on recce. <i>ju</i>	
			of alternate route to CHARTERS TOWERS RD. over Mountain Range.	
			"D" Coy. on recce. of ALLIGATOR CK. "B" & "C" Coys. on recce.	
			of their own Coy. Areas. <i>ju</i>	
	24 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 27 Offs. 762 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R. <i>ju</i>	
		0900	Recce. parties still out. <i>ju</i>	
		1800	"B" Coy. recce. report and sketch submitted to Bn.H.Q. <i>ju</i>	
	25 May	0600	Camp Strength 27 Offs. 764 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 7 O.R. <i>ju</i>	
		0900	"D" Coy. recce report and sketch submitted. <i>ju</i>	
	26 May	0600	Camp Strength 27 Offs. 767 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 7 O.R. <i>ju</i>	
		0815	"C" Coy. recce report and sketch submitted. <i>ju</i>	
	27 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 27 Offs. 772 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 7 O.R. <i>ju</i>	
		0800	9 Brens with Tripods, 10 Tommy Guns & 4 Signal Pistols received making proportion of Brens & Tommy Guns to W.E. approx. 50%. <i>ju</i>	

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TOWNSVILLE	27 May		Slight showers during day.	
		1800	"A" Coy. recce report and sketch submitted to Bde. H.Q. of route to ANTIL AREA. <i>Am</i>	✓
	28 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 27 Offs. 768 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 7 O.R.	
		1000	Practice Air Raid Alarm - 10 minutes duration	
			All Coys. engaged in development defensive posns. <i>Am</i>	
	29 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 26 Offs. 764 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 7 O.R.	
		1000	G.O.C. & Bde. Comd. inspected Bn. Area.	
			Coys. developing Def. posn. <i>Am</i>	
	30 May	0600	Camp Strength 26 Offs. 761 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		1000	11 Brens (without Tripods) distributed to Coys. making a total of 37 in the Bn. <i>Am</i>	
	31 May	0600	Camp Strength 42 Bn. 26 Offs. 757 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
			Coys. developing Def. posn. <i>Am</i>	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

42nd. BATTALION

MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

42nd BATTALION

11 MAY 1942

No. 62

1. DUTIES

(a) A picquet consisting of two officers, two sergeants, and 20 O/Rs will be detailed to report for instructions at 1800 hrs. each day to Provost Officer at Police Station, off Flinders Street, Townsville. 29 Inf. Bde. will supply this picquet on Wednesday and Thursday of each week and on every third Sunday. Units of the Bde. will take their turn, commencing with 15 Bn on Wednesday May 13, 42 Bn Thursday May 14, 47 Bn Wednesday 20, and then in rotation of units.

(b) An Inlying Picquet consisting of 2 officers, 2 sergeants, and 20 O/Rs will be maintained at call on the same day as unit supplies town picquet.

The following officers and N.C.O.'s will mount duties on Thursday May 14th at 0600 hrs and dismount at 2359 hrs the same day:-

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>N.C.O.'s</u>
<u>TOWN PICQUET</u>	Capt. V. S. Jones Lieut. H. Macdonald	Sgt. Weiske, S.S. Sgt. Harvey, G.S.
<u>INLYING PICQUET</u>	Capt. J. F. Reynolds Lieut. A. B. Jenks	Sgt. Wilkinson, R.H. Sgt. Rigby, C.S.D.

"B" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for town picquet Thursday May 14th.
"A" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for inlying picquet Thurs May 14th.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY

Under no circumstances will the services of a soldier be utilised for reward or otherwise by any officer on or about property owned or occupied by such officer for that officer's private purposes.

3. POWERS OF AUST. PROVOST COYS.

It is advised that, by agreement between U.S. and Australian Forces, Military Police of each Force deal only with their own personnel and this practice will be continued by Provost Units under command of First Australian Army. Where Australian and American units are serving together, the Senior Aust. Provost Officer will be responsible for establishing liaison with the O.C. American Military Police.

4. CENSORSHIP

Field censorship applies to all ranks in the First Australian Army. All postal articles, including telegrams and parcels, must be franked by a commissioned officer and stamped with a unit censor stamp before delivery to Army postal authorities. Use of civilian postal and telegraphic facilities by Army personnel is prohibited. Civilian mail is liable to scrutiny by censors. If military personnel are detected contravening censorship regulations they will be reported to the appropriate Military authorities for disciplinary action. Franking officers will ensure that unit locations are NOT divulged in correspondence.

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5. DRESS

- 1. Identity discs (when issued) will be worn by all ranks at all times.
- ii. Dress will be as ordered by Formation Comdrs according to the area in which troops are serving.
- iii. Uniformity of dress will be maintained within units

6. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

DON'T DISCLOSE UNIT POSITIONS - IT MIGHT COST YOU YOUR LIFE

(Signed) [Signature]
 (Signed) A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
 Adjutant 42nd Battalion

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- 25 A/Tk Tp.

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BY

MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

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1. WAR CORRESPONDENTS

An Army Public Relations Officer (Capt. Steel) has been appointed in the Townsville area. This Officer will be responsible for making arrangements for interviews between accredited War Correspondents and Troops of 5 Austn. Div.

Accredited War Correspondents, either U.S.A. or Australian will NOT be admitted to any unit camp or area for the purpose of taking pictures or interviewing personnel except by arrangement through the usual channels with A.P.R.O.

All ranks are to be instructed that NO information whatever will be given to War Correspondents except through the channels outlined above.

2. PROMISCUOUS DISCHARGING OF FIRE-ARMS

It has been reported that firearms have been discharged without orders. This is not only reprehensible but dangerous to people in the vicinity. Promiscuous shooting at wild animals is prohibited and must be stopped forthwith. Coys. will hold regular inspections of S.A.A. on issue to the men daily and any man who cannot produce his issue will be charged with "Losing his ammunition by neglect" unless there is sufficient evidence to charge him with some other offence. Similarly S.A.A. loaded into belts and magazines will be inspected at frequent intervals, and some appropriate individual must be made responsible for the custody and care of each loaded magazine and belt.

This order will be repeated in Coy orders and communicated to all ranks once per week. A certificate to this effect will be issued to B.M.Q. by 1200 hrs. every Saturday.

3. SICK PARADES

Coy. B.M.Q. will record the names and required particulars of men parading sick on A.A.F. A.46 in triplicate.

4. AMENITIES

A cafe and non-residential hostel is being established in Flinders Street, TOWNSVILLE, behind the Wintergarden Theatre, and will function from 18 May 42. Reading and writing rooms are available and a Dry Canteen is being installed.

Meals may be obtained daily at the following hours:-
1200 to 1430 and 1700 to 1930

5. BATTALION WORKS OFFICER

Lieut. N. Macdonald has been appointed Battalion Works Officer.

6. ACTIVE SERVICE - PROCLAMATION OF

It is notified for information that by proclamation gazetted on 15 Apr 42 all persons subject to military law in the Commonwealth and each of the Territories of the Commonwealth are on "ACTIVE SERVICE"

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7. SOUVENIRING - CAPTURED MATERIALS

Recent cases have occurred of troops souveniring portions of crashed enemy aircraft and equipment and personal effects from Japanese Prisoners of War

All ranks are to be instructed as to the great value to intelligence of all captured material and the vital necessity of handing it on to the proper authority. Disciplinary action is to be taken against any offender.

8. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

DON'T DIVULGE YOUR POSITION TO STRANGERS

J Whyte
(Signed) A. W. MACKEY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42nd Battalion

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MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

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18 MAY 1942

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1. DUTIES

The following Officers and N.C.O's will mount duty at 1800 hrs and dismount at 2359 hrs on the same day as detailed.

<u>TOWN PICQUET:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>N.C.O's</u>
Tuesday May 19th	Lieut. A. G. Ganter	Sgt. Talbot, F.W.
	Lieut. R. N. Burton	Sgt. Kean, A.T.
Monday May 25th	Lieut. D. F. Futton	Sgt. Meikle, V.T.
	Lieut. P. G. Cran	Cpl. Funk, L.E.

"A" Coy. will supply 20 O/Rs for Town Picquet Tuesday May 19th.
"C" Coy. will supply 20 O/Rs for Town Picquet Monday May 25th.

INLYING PICQUET

Tuesday May 19th	Lieut. Futton, D.F.	Sgt. Meikle, V.T.
	Lieut. Cran, P.G.	Cpl. Funk, L.E.
Monday May 25th	Lieut. Meldrum, A.D.R.	Sgt. Ross, R.R.F.
	Lieut. McKinlay, D.E.	Sgt. Ramm, J.V.L.

"C" Coy. will supply 20 O/Rs for Inlying Picquet Tuesday May 19th.
"D" Coy. will supply 20 O/Rs for Inlying Picquet Monday May 25th.

2. CHURCH PARADES

The following programme of Church Parades for C of E, R.C., and O.Ds. will commence in this unit on Thursday 21st May as under:-

Thursday 21 May	"A" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Friday 22 "	"B" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Sunday 24 "	"C" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Sunday 24 "	"D" Coy.	0815 - 0845
Monday 25 "	H.Q. Coy.	0645 - 0715

3. SECURITY

During recent moves, searches of vacated localities which were made by F.S.S. disclosed a number of compromising papers left behind. Coys must ensure that all such papers, when no longer required, are destroyed by fire.

4. CENSORSHIP

Evasion of Unit censorship is still occurring. Unfranked letters which have been posted in civil boxes continue to be returned by the Censor's Department. The attention of troops is drawn to the offence of attempted evasion, and offenders are to be punished.

5. PLACE NAMES - INCORRECT SPELLING

Place names have been frequently misspelled. The spelling as shown on maps must be adhered to. Recent examples of incorrect spelling are:-

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HAUGHTON R.
ANNETT

CORRECT
HOUGHTON R.
ANNETT

PLACE NAMES - INCORRECT SPELLING (contd.)INCORRECT
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VANTASSEL6. PLACE NAMES - MAP REFERENCES

All place names used in Operation Orders, Operation Instructions, etc. will be accompanied by map references where these can be given.

7. LEAVE & DUTY PASSES

Coys. are to ensure that all personnel proceeding to Townsville on leave are in possession of a Leave Pass. Personnel going to Townsville on duty MUST have a Duty Pass which will be signed by the C.O., 2 i/c., or Adjutant.

8. TRANSIT CAMP

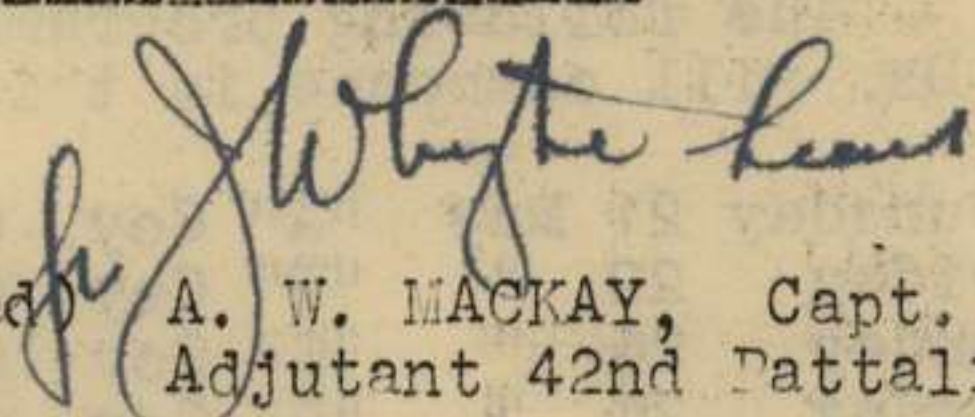
A Transit Camp has been established at CLUDEN RACECOURSE to which personnel arriving by train will be sent pending arrival of Unit tpt.

9. AMENITIES

A CANTEEN, situated at 262 Flinders Street, Townsville, will be open to troops for retail business from 0900 hrs to 2100 hrs daily, as from 18 May 42.

An INVITATION has been extended by the Townsville Sub-Branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. to 5 Aust. Div. troops to use the facilities of the Local Club of the Returned Soldiers League, which includes Billiards, Writing and Reading Room, and Refreshments. It is to be clearly understood that after 8 p.m. the refreshment part of the Club is open to Club members only.

10. SECURITY OF INFORMATIONCARELESS CHATTER CAN CAUSE CASUALTIES

(Signed) 
A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42nd Battalion

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

42nd BATTALION

25 MAY 1942

No. 65

1. DUTIES

The following Officers and N.C.Os will mount duty at 1800 hrs and dismount on the same day as detailed.

<u>TOWN PICQUET:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>N.C.Os</u>
Monday May 25th	Lieut. Hutton, D.F. Lieut. Cran, P.G.	Sgt. Meikle, V.T. Sgt. Steinheuer, P.E.
Monday June 1st	Lieut. Fox, W.E. Lieut. McKinlay, D.E.	Sgt. Ross, R.R.H. Sgt. Ramm, J.W.L.

"C" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Town Picquet Monday May 25th.
"D" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Town Picquet Monday June 1st.

INLYING PICQUET

Monday May 25th	Lieut. Fox, W.E. Lieut. McKinlay, D.E.	Sgt. Wilkinson, R.H. Sgt. Wagstaff, V.L.
Monday June 1st	Lieut. Taylor, S.M. Lieut. Cousins, R.B.	Sgt. Unwin, R.C. Sgt. Steinheuer, P.E.

"D" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Inlying Picquet Monday May 25th.
"A" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Inlying Picquet Monday June 1st.

2. PROTECTION OF M.T. EQUIPMENT, ETC.

Cases of suspected sabotage of M.T. have been reported. In order to prevent the possibility of sabotage, commanders will take action to ensure protection of M.T. vehicles and equipment under their charge.

Periodical inspections will be instituted and deficiencies and defects will be investigated and an immediate report forwarded to Bn.H.Q.

3. ABUSE OF CANTEEN PRIVILEGES

Instances have been reported from Canteens of purchases made by soldiers on behalf of civilians.

This constitutes an abuse of canteen privileges and if continued will necessitate a strict rationing of individual sales.

4. DRAUGHTSMEN

A return will be submitted by 1800 hrs. 26 May 42 to Bn.H.Q. setting out particulars of all personnel having or claiming to have qualifications as a draughtsman.

The return will show - Number, rank, name, military experience, present position, draughting experience, if trade grouped and being used as such within W.E. of the Unit.

5. DISCIPLINE - POWERS OF CIVIL POLICE

Attention is directed to the fact that members of the A.M.F. are not exempt from civil law or civil arrest, and that all ranks are required to carry out the instructions of civil police provided that such instructions do not conflict with duty.

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5. DISCIPLINE - POWERS OF CIVIL POLICE (contd.)

In practice the civil police do not generally interfere with soldiers, who are left to military police, but personnel are reminded that they still have the ordinary responsibilities as citizens, even though in uniform.

6. "AMFUSA" GATHERING

A gathering of the Australian and American members of the Forces, which will be known as "AMFUSA", will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., commencing on 31 May, in the Olympia Theatre, Sturt Street, Townsville.

The programme will consist of selections by a military band, vocal items and an address on a selected topical subject.

The first address will be given by Lieut. L. J. Lord on "England's Part in the War", and that on the following Sunday by an American speaker.

7. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

DON'T WRITE ABOUT TROOP MOVEMENTS

(Signed) J. Whyte
A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42nd Battalion

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

42nd BATTALION

28 MAY 1942

No. 66

1. POSTAL SERVICES:

Attention is again drawn to the form of address for correspondence (including telegrams). Place names will NOT be included in the address, which will consist of:-

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| (i) Army Number | Q419620 |
| (ii) Rank | Pte. A. B. Smith |
| (iii) Name | e.g. "A" Company |
| (iv) Company | 42 Infantry Battalion |
| (v) Battalion | HOME FORCES. |
| (vi) HOME FORCES | |

2. ENLISTMENT IN A.I.F. OF VOLUNTEERS FROM C.M.F. UNITS:

- (a) The following Signal has been received from G.H.Q. (Aust)
"Approval given to enlistment in A.I.F. of volunteers from C.M.F. Units (.) Instructions being issued (.) Meanwhile names of all such volunteers are to be recorded by units pending actual acceptance (.) C.M.F. volunteers are NOT to proceed to recruiting depots as local arrangements in camps will be made (.)"
- (b) Coy Comdrs will read para (a) to all personnel and display the notice at Coy. H.Q.
- (c) A return showing Army No., Name and Date of birth of volunteers will be submitted to En.H.Q. daily with Parade State.

3. LEAVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE:

Leave with pay for seven (7) days for the purpose of getting married may now be granted by 5 Aust Div. Applications for such leave must reach En.H.Q. 16 days prior to date of proposed movement from this area. Applications are to be supported by evidence, preferably a letter from the officiating minister.

4. Y.W.C.A. CLUB ROOMS

The Y.W.C.A. Club Rooms are open for use by all members of the services at the following times:-

Monday to Saturday (except Wednesday) 0900 hrs to 2245 hrs.
Wednesday 0900 hrs to 1930 hrs.

Facilities include wireless set, indoor games, dancing, singing, reading material and writing paper supplied, showers (1d. for towel and soap). Light refreshments and an evening meal are obtainable in the Club cafeteria.

5. SECURITY OF INFORMATION:

DON'T DIVULGE YOUR POSITION TO STRANGERS

(Signed) *A. W. Mackay*
A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42nd Battalion

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42nd. BATTALION

LEAVE CIRCULAR.

1. All applications for special leave must be submitted through this H.Q. to Bde. H.Q. for determination by Division, and must contain the words "without pay and allowances", and the home address of the applicant.
2. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE: All applications for leave on compassionate grounds, e.g., illness or death in the family of the member, are to be submitted to the Coy. Comd. who will investigate the circumstances of the application. The Coy. Comd. will endorse on the application, the result of this investigation, together with his recommendation.
3. MARRIAGE LEAVE: The question of marriage leave has been submitted to Div. by Bde. No decision has yet been arrived at. Coys. will be notified immediately information is received at this office.
4. LEAVE FOR SEEDING: Leave without pay and allowances for the purpose of seasonal seeding requirements may be granted to personnel drawn from rural districts on the following conditions:-
 - (a) Duration of leave is to be a maximum of three weeks, and no extension beyond this time is to be allowed.
 - (b) Applications are to be forwarded through the usual channels to this H.Q. for decision.
 - (c) Officers, N.C.O's and specialists will NOT be granted leave.
 - (d) Personnel must apply in writing for "leave without pay and allowances".
 - (e) O.R's who have NOT completed three months' training will NOT be granted leave.
 - (f) Travelling costs will NOT be paid by Army.
 - (g) Leave is to be subject to recall of personnel at 24 hours notice.
 - (h) NO leave will be granted which will take a man beyond the State of his present station unless it is possible for him to rejoin his Unit within 24 hours.
5. LEAVE FOR HARVESTING, SUGAR INDUSTRY: Advice has been received that leave for this purpose is not to be granted pending investigations by the Director of Man Power into the labour available.
6. DRESS & BEARING ON LEAVE: Following are extracts from a memo. from First Aust. Army H.Q.:-

"Advice has been received from G.H.Q. that C. in C. Aust. Military Forces is very dissatisfied with the bearing and appearance of Australian troops, both A.I.F. & A.M.F. on leave, and directs that immediate steps be taken to bring about a very big improvement.

"Untidy appearance and poor bearing of Aust. troops is the subject of adverse criticism by the Aust. Govt. and general public, and unfavourable comparisons are drawn between U.S. and Aust. troops".

Coy. Comds. will ensure that all ranks proceeding on leave are inspected prior to departure, and that any man not properly turned out is refused leave.
7. The contents of this circular are to be promulgated to all ranks.

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42nd. BATTALION

LEAVE CIRCULAR

1. As from 11 May 42, leave to TOWNSVILLE at the rate of one day per fortnight may be granted.
2. This leave will commence at 0700 hrs. and expire at 2359 hrs.
3. All troops must leave town by 2330 hrs.
4. NO additional leave is to be granted.
5. Leave may not be accumulated.
6. Not more than 10% of the unit is to be granted leave on the same day.
7. Arrangements are being made with Railway Department and local bus proprietors for conveyance of tps to Townsville. Coys will be notified immediately time-table is received.
8. In the event of an AIR RAID alarm or other warning, troops will return to their respective units immediately.
9. Until the establishment of rest and recreative facilities in Townsville, Coys will supply a cut luncheon to all leave personnel who so desire in order that the strain on civilian cafes may be relieved.
10. DRESS ON LEAVE: Boots, socks, hoesetops, half puttees, shorts, shirt and hat. Steel helmet and respirators to be carried.
11. The following is the daily allotment of O/Rs to Coys for the above leave:-

A, B, C, D Coys.	10 (each)
E (MG) Coy	12
HQ Coy (less En.H.Q.)	16
Bn. HQ	8
A/Tk Tp	3

Coys will maintain a leave roster to ensure that the relevant provisions of the above instructions are adhered to.

12. O/C "E" (MG) Coy will regulate leave of his Coy and will confer with O/Cs Coys who have MGs under comd to ensure that distribution of leave in MG Coy does not adversely affect the tactical requirements.
13. Officers: Not more than 3 officers per day may proceed to Townsville on leave. Names of officers desirous of proceeding on leave to Townsville will be notified to B.H.Q. by Coys by 1600 hrs on the day previous to that desired for leave in order that any necessary adjustments may be made.

J. T. J. WHYTE, Lieut.,
for Adjutant 42nd Battalion

EXTRACT FROM INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - FEBRUARY
CHARACTERISTICS OF JAPANESE TANKS AND ARMOUR D FIGHTING VEHICLES IN USE
IN MALAYA

1. MEDIUM TANK.

Type - No type no. yet given. Date of model - 1935 to 1937.
Weight - Estimated at 18 tons. Crew probably 5.
Dimensions - Length 15 to 16 feet. Width 8 ft. 6 ins.
Armament - 1 Turret Gun, Calibre doubtful: maybe 57mm. 1 machine-gun.
1 Rear machine-gun (in hull).
H.P. - 200 (about) Maximum speed 20-25 m.p.h.

2. LIGHT TANK.

Type - No type number yet given. Date of model - 1928 to 1937?
Weight - Estimated at 9 tons. Crew probably 4.
Dimensions - 15 to 16 feet length; 7 feet wide.
Armament - 1 Turret Gun 37mm. 1 Turret machine-gun. 1 Rear machine-gun
(in hull).
H.P. - unknown Maximum speed - unknown.

3. TANKETTE

Type - M2592 and later models.
Weight - 3 tons. Crew 2.
Length - 10ft 2ins. Width 8ft 4ins.
H.P. - 50. Maximum speed - about 30 m.p.h.

NOTE (a) An unconfirmed report reveals that one or two mortars may be carried in the light tank but there is no reason to believe that these form part of the standard armament of the tank.

NOTE (b) It is believed that our anti-tank rifle is effective against Japanese light tanks and tankettes and against the tracks and joints of the medium tanks. However, only the thinnest of armour is penetrable by V.E. shells with percussion fuse.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT, HQ. HEADQUARTERS No. 2
APPENDIX No. 11

JAPANESE TACTICS

Additional information on Japanese tanks furnished by T.Q. 11 Inf. Div. is reproduced.

The Japanese tank blitz has up to date been stereotyped on the following lines:-

- (a) Each blitz party consists of from 3 to 5 A.F.Vs. The number of medium and light (or carrier A.F.Vs) in each party varies but each party has been headed by a medium tank.
- (b) The leading blitz party proceeds down the road regardless of our troops on the flank. Such troops may be shot up while the blitz party passes but the party does not stop. Its principal role appears to be to engage vehicles and personnel on the road without stopping.
- (c) Subsequent blitz parties (of which there were 4 on Jan 7) held and engaged by fire from the road troops and vehicles observable from the road. These included on Jan 7 on Battery vehicles, one L.D.S., guns and M.C., and by the light tank mortar and M.C. Firing was generally high and casualties negligible.
- (d) These subsequent blitz parties having caused practically no damage but having made a lot of noise, then passed on to make further noises down the road.
- (e) On two occasions good laterite estate roads led from the main road round the rear into the centre of the blitz troop but on neither occasion was this dangerous avenue of approach exploited. Similarly there was an occasion when the road was bordered by very open rubber which was suitable country for tanks but no attempt was made to exploit this opportunity. In fact so far the Japanese tank has been road-bound and no menace to deployed troops.

LESSONS

If caught on the road, scatter to cover and reorganise under cover
If deployed, hold your position and fight on. Construct road block
(mines, trees, etc.) in depth and cover them with fire.

The best way to avoid tanks if caught on the road is to advance
clear of the road towards the enemy.

Japanese blitz parties are singularly unenterprising and no menace
to deployed troops.

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The following will be the principles which will guide all the forces
of this Command not located in tactical positions in regard to Air Raid
warnings.

- (a) AIR RAID WARNING YELLOW All A.A. units and duty personnel
alert. Everyone else carry on with their work, training or rest.
If at work or training, all ranks to wear steel helmets and
respirators at alert.
- (b) AIR RAID WARNING RED As above, but with modification that the
local commander if an attack is occurring in the vicinity or in
his opinion is about to occur may order the troops, other than
A.A. troops and personnel on duty such as certain G.C. personnel
and Sigs to their trenches and shelters.

It must be realised that the occurrence of an Air Raid does
not warrant any form of complete or partial paralysis of any part
of the army. The spirit of the old A.I.F. and of the 2nd A.I.F.
which caused all those who had duty in hand to carry on in the
face of enemy fire must be made to permeate our military
organisation.

Though special instructions as indicated above apply to the
army, it must be emphasised that all other usual P.A.D. measures
such as compliance with blackout rules etc. must be strictly
observed.

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42nd. BATTALION

The following Divisional Order has been received and will be promulgated to all ranks at least once per week. A certificate to this effect will be submitted to Bn. H.Q. before 1200 hrs every Saturday. Restrictions in relation to the possession and consumption of liquor are as follows:

(1) Except as provided in para 2 hereof no member of the Australian Military Forces when in uniform shall,

- (a) In any public place; or
- (b) In any doorway or vestibule opening on to any public place or to which access may be gained from any public place; or
- (c) In any highway of public road; or
- (d) In any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve; or
- (e) On any part of a park or recreation reserve; or
- (f) In any public conveyance,

consume any intoxicating liquor or have in his possession any intoxicating liquor contained in a bottle or a container of any description.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall prevent -

- (a) the consumption of liquor upon licensed premises in accordance with the Queensland Liquor Laws or upon the premises of any Naval, Military or Air Force Institute, Mess or Canteen in accordance with the regulations and orders applying to such Institute, Mess or Canteen; or
- (b) the supply or possession of liquor contained in a bottle or other container to or by any such Institute, Mess or Canteen in the ordinary course of its lawful business.

It is the duty of Company Commanders to endeavour to inculcate in men under their command a respect for their uniform, the wearing of which should operate not as a license to contravene the law but as an obligation to set an example in its observance."

J. T. J. WHYTE, Lieut.,
for Adjutant 42nd Battalion

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFENSIVE POSITION

8 May 1942

1. Coys. will complete the preparation of their Coy defensive position. Priority of work - Slit trenches, alternative posns, improvement of natural cover, judicious clearing of field of fire.
The preparation of obstacles, warning signals, etc., will be undertaken when stocks of wire become available.
2. Where coy positions permit, a sparing use may be made of tent flys in rear of posns for shelter of cookhouses, stores, dumps, etc.
3. When coy posns are complete tps may be withdrawn to rear posns during daylight, sentries only being left in platoon areas.
4. All unnecessary movement during daytime must be avoided. No fires are to be permitted at night, and any lights necessary for administrative purposes must be securely screened.
5. O/C "B" Coy will arrange for a recce of approaches through mangroves to beach tomorrow Friday 8th May and will report to this H.Q. when recce. is complete.
6. O/Cs. "A" and "D" Coys will recce Alligator Creek for possible landing or crossing places.
7. Following the opening of the new road to the Bn. posn no further movement is to take place along the road skirting Alligator Ck. in front of the Bn. posn.
8. Coys. will draw from the R.S.M. during Friday May 8th a further 7000 rds S.A.A. This is to be held as Coy reserve
9. Coy Comds will recce other Coy posns. Carrier Pln comdr and N.C.O's will recce route to all parts of the Bn. front
10. Arrangements for Coy C.D.F's will be finalised and notified to Coys during Friday.
11. For the present kitbags and tents will be held in Coy dumps under Coy arrangements.
and T.O.
12. Coy Comds. and Q.M./will carry out a further pruning of gear for the purpose of eliminating all unnecessary gear. Arrangements for the storage of such surplus gear as cannot be burnt will be made by the Bn.
13. Present water arrangements are:- Water for water-bottles will be supplied by the Q.M. from water carts to all Coys except "C" Coy, who will draw all supplies from well in old Bn. area. For other purposes "A" and "B" Coys will draw from pipe-line in "A" Coy area, "D" and H.Q. Coys will draw from rock-hole in creek 100 yds east of gate in the fence on new Bn. road.
14. Pioneers will continue to improve ck crossing and straighten bends in new roads.
15. O/C A/Tk Tp has offered to train as many personnel as possible in the handling of the A/Tk gun. Coys will be notified of the allotment and times for the reporting of personnel for the purpose of this training.

J. T. J. Whyte
(Signed) J. T. J. WHYTE, Lieut.,
for Adjutant 42nd Battalion

POLICY DIRECTION ON DEFENCES - WIRING 42nd. BATTALION

1. GENERAL.

(a) It is quite fallacious to assume that because units are now trained to cross wire obstacles at speed and without engineer assistance, the value of barbed obstacles has decreased. It has however emphasized the necessity for scientific planning especially in relation to concealment and lines of fire from small arms especially from fixed L.L.G. and M.L.G. lines.

(b) Except for very thick belts which will rarely be employed, wire (especially Dannert) is difficult to observe from the ground, especially when the precautions given below are observed.

(c) It is difficult to conceal wire from the air especially from aerial photography but it can be made much harder to observe if the precautions given below are taken.

(d) Owing to the shortage of Dannert, all ordinary wiring will be done by rolls of barbed wire and timber, angle iron or screw pickets. Dannert and concertinas will be reserved for operations requiring quick defensive results such as in objectives in night operations, closing of gaps in existing wire and for road blocks.

(e) It is absolutely wrong to see any body of men whether infantry or engineers engaged in a syllabus of training in putting up 50 yards of D.A.F. as is seen in 99% of cases.

(f) "Beach" wiring will be dealt with separately.

2. CORRECT WIRING PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURE LETTER ON ACTIVE SERVICE OR TRAINING CONDITIONS

The following applies in all cases except where an attack has come to a standstill at night and when Dannert must be used to give quick protection to infantry posts as they rest on the ground.

(a) If not already sited and dug section and Pl. posts and sites and lines of fire of automatic weapons must be sited only and marked with flags or by other means. If any digging is done at all before wiring is commenced it must be limited to "crawl" size for individual weapons. Wiring must then be put in hand before anything else is done for the following reasons:-

(i) To give immediate protection against enemy assaults that may develop particularly during nighttime and at dusk or dawn.

(ii) The development of any defensive system will take days and often weeks and units constructing them will be relieved at frequent intervals. If the section posts are not defined by protective wiring at first, much useless digging will be done by units not knowing the exact positions of the post; it will also lessen the tendency for O/Cs of incoming units wishing to change the scheme of section posts sited and laid down by superior authority.

(b) The next stage is the erection of a single cattle fence as "protective" wiring round each section post and 40 to 60 yards away from all weapon pits (outside effective hand grenade throwing). Where at all possible this fence must be on an irregular trace placed in folds in the ground, and alongside tracks or roads. As a rule it can have no relation to fixed lines of fire of the automatic weapons of the post.

(c) The next stage is the erection of single cattle fences between the section posts in a Platoon locality. Although every effort must be taken to effect concealment from ground and air by siting them in folds of the ground and close alongside tracks, etc., these fences must be sited parallel to the fixed lines of automatic weapons in or near the section posts. The erection of this fence so covered by fire will prevent infiltration between the posts and the "corrals" so created will help to break up the attack of an enemy who has reached so close to the defensive position. This may be termed the first stage of 'tactical' wiring.

(d) The next stage is the erection of a single cattle fence ACROSS THE BATTLE Platoon and Company frontage and fairly well in advance of it but with each 'leg' sited so that it can be covered by fixed automatic fire from the section posts and other dug in automatic weapons of the 'fire plan'.

(e) The next stage is the linking up of this frontal fence to the fences mentioned in sub paras (b) and (c) above, thus forming a series of corrals which will help to break up the enemy's attack before he gets up close to the position. Here again these linking up fences should be related to fixed lines of automatic fire. In both (d) and (e) fences should be sited in folds of the ground and alongside tracks and should have a somewhat irregular shape without however jeopardizing their being able to be covered by automatic weapons.

(f) The next stage is the erection of trip wires just in front of:-

The protective and tactical wiring just across the front and between section posts followed by a similar trip wire across the most forward fence. These trip wires to be concealed as much as possible and to be connected to tin cans and other alarms.

(g) The next stage is the digging of posts with rearward and side protection holding 2 or 3 men with a L. G., grenades, and verex lights as under -

(i) At the re-entrance on the most forward fence to give warning and to prevent enemy blowing in his initial assault.

(ii) At the re-entrance of the fences between section posts and platoon localities to give warning and prevent infiltration between section posts and platoon localities. None of the above obviates the necessity for active patrolling in front of and along the forward wire.

(h) Owing to the shortage of wire and pickets, it is only when the whole of the above has been done, will any attempt be made to strengthen the cattle fences by converting them to double apron fences or multiple D.A.Fs. with loose wire thrown in. In proceeding with this strengthening of cattle fences (if materials permit) work should commence from the front fences and proceed back to the rear.

(i) The next stage is to improve the warning arrangements by concealed trip wires in front of the system operating ball or blank cartridges, verex lights, etc., by hanging weighted tin cans in the wire (note effect of wind) planting booby traps, etc.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

From the actual operational point of view and staff work necessary to wiring operation careful attention must always be paid to:-

- (a) The provision of infantry covering parties if necessary.
- (b) Taking out or otherwise marking the lines of the fences, taping out routes of working parties, arranging for and marking dumps of materials in convenient positions and arranging for necessary guides etc. All the above is particularly necessary if work is being carried out at night time which will frequently be the case.

4. TRAINING

In no circumstances will training of engineers or infantry be carried out unless the above procedure is carried out. If only a limited amount of material or time is available, tapes and flags, etc. will be used to represent actual wire, section posts, pl. localities, etc. It must be impressed on infantry, particularly infantry officers that they are solely responsible for their own wiring and they must follow the above principles. Also it must be impressed in all sappers and engineer officers and N.C.O's that they in turn must know and adhere to the above principles; it should always be remembered that one humble sapper is usually called on to advise infantry Coy. Commanders and supervise the work of whole infantry companies.

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War Officers
Records Office

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42nd. BATTALION

42nd BATTALION (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	22	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	34	1	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	EDWARDS, S.W.	42 Bn.	15/5/42	Returned from Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col. Lt-Col	Q36439	HERON, A.R.	42 Bn.	No	Att. 1st Garr. Bn.
Lt. T/Major	Q185290	DAVIDSON, C.W.	"	Yes	C.O.
Major Major	Q35751	MULLINS, E.	"	Yes	2 i/c
Capt. Capt.	Q119286	MOLLOY, L.T.	"	No	Att. 29 Inf. Bde.
Capt. T/Major	Q35753	CROSSWELL, C.N.	"	Yes	O/c "C" Coy.
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35757	MACKAY, A.W.	"	No	Coy. Comdr's Course
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35759	JONES, V.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c "C" Coy.
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35756	REYNOLDS, J.F.	"	Yes	C/O "H.Q" Coy.
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35762	ROSS, J.A.	"	Yes	O/C "E" Coy.
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35764	FRAINEY, J.F.	"	Yes	Q.M.
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35760	CONDIE, J.	"	Yes	O/C "B" Coy.
Lt. T/Capt.	Q35766	COLE, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C "A" Coy.
Lt. Lt.	Q35767	MacDONALD, H.	"	Yes	2 i/c "E" Coy.
Lt. Lt.	Q35768	GANTER, A.G.	"	Yes	2 i/c "B" Coy.
Lt. Lt.	Q35769	JENKS, A.E.	"	Yes	2 i/c "D" Coy.
Lt. Lt.	Q36499	PATTINGALE, E.J.	"	Yes	2 i/c "A" Coy.
Lt. Lt.	Q35802	WHYTE, J.T.J.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lt. Lt.	Q36500	MELDRUM, A.D.R.	"	Yes	O/C 7 Pln.
Lt. Lt.	Q35774	FOX, W.E.	"	Yes	O/C 19 Pln.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q35906	FRIEND, G.C.	"	Yes	O/C 8 Pln.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q35809	ANDERSEN, M.A.	"	Yes	O/C 10 Pln. (P & R. T.)
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q36457	WEIGHT, J.W.	"	No	Att. 29 Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q36459	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	"	Yes	T.O.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q36505	CRAN, P.G.	"	Yes	O/C A/A Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q185297	TAYLOR, S.M.	"	Yes	O/C 13 Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q35885	HUTTON, D.F.	"	Yes	O/C 20 Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q36403	RICHMOND, L.T.	"	No	S38 Course, Cabarlah
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q36419	EDWARDS, S.W.	"	Yes	O/C Carrier Pl.
WO(II) Lt. (P)	Q35793	COLE, G.F.	"	Yes	O/C 16 Pl.
WO(II) Lt. (P)	Q36449	BAILEY, R.C.	"	YES	O/C 11 Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q35973	BURTON, R.N.	"	Yes	O/C 9 Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q35978	COUSINS, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C 21 Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q33664	McKINLAY, D.E.	"	Yes	O/C 17 Pl.
Sgt. Lt. (P)	Q36587	HOMWOOD, A.L.	"	Yes	O/C Sig. Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt. Capt.	Q123861	ALEXANDER, W.J.H	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chaplain	Q69086	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain

42nd Battalion
(Unit.)

16th May 1942
(Date of Despatch.)

David G. Major
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42nd BATTALION (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	22	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	34	1	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	Mackay, A.W.	42 Bn.	26/5/42	From Coy. Comdrs. Course

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	Jones, V.S.	42 Bn.	28/5/42	Attending Concealment & Camouflage School (Fd. Eng. Gp)
Lieut.	Andersen, M.A.	"	26/5/42	To M.D.S.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col. Lt-Col	Q36439	HERON, A.R.	42 Bn.	No	Att. 29 Inf. Tng. Bn.
Major Major	Q35751	MULLINS, E.	"	Yes	2 i/c
Lieut T/Major	Q185290	DAVIDSON, C.W.	"	Yes	C.O.
Capt. T/Major	Q35753	CROSSWELL, C.N.	"	Yes	O/C "C" Coy.
Capt. Capt.	Q119286	MOLLOY, L.T.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35757	MACKAY, A.W.	"	Yes	Adjut.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35759	JONES, V.S.	"	No	Concl. & Cmflg. School
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35756	REYNOLDS, J.F.	"	Yes	O/C H.Q. Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35762	ROSS, J.A.	"	Yes	O/C "E" (MG) Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35764	FRAINEY, J.F.	"	Yes	C.M.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35760	CONDIE, J.	"	Yes	O/C "B" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35766	COLE, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35767	MacDONALD, H.	"	Yes	2 i/c/ "E" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35768	GANTER, A.G.	"	Yes	2 i/c/ "B" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35769	JENKS, A.E.	"	Yes	2 i/c "D" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36499	PATTINGALE, E.J.	"	Yes	2 i/c "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35802	WHYTE, J.T.J.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36500	MELDRUM, A.D.R.	"	Yes	O/C 7 Pl.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35774	FOX, W.E.	"	Yes	O/C 10 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35906	FRIEND, G.C.	"	Yes	O/C 8 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35809	ANDERSEN, M.A.	"	No	Hospital
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36457	WEIGHT, J.W.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36459	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	"	Yes	T.O.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36505	CRAN, P.G.	"	Yes	O/C A/A Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q185297	TAYLOR, S.M.	"	Yes	O/C 13 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35885	HUTTON, D.F.	"	Yes	O/C 20 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36403	RICHMOND, L.T.	"	No	S38 Course, Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36419	EDWARDS, S.W.	"	Yes	O/C Carrier Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q35793	COLE, G.F.	"	Yes	O/C 16 Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q36449	BAILEY, R.C.	"	No	116 A.G.H.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35973	BURTON, R.N.	"	No	Adv. Map Reading Course
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35978	COUSINS, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C 21 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q33664	McKINLAY, D.E.	"	Yes	O/C 17 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36587	HOMWOOD, A.L.	"	Yes	O/C Sig. Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt. Capt.	Q123861	ALEXANDER, W.J.H.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.C.
Chaplain	Q69086	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain

42nd Battalion

(Unit.)

30th May 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

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Major

(Signature of Commander.)

29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Privates	2							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2							

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

42nd Battalion

Unit.

16 May 42

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Major.
Signature of Commander.

29 Inf. Bde. - 5 Aust. Div.

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

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42nd BATTALION (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	22	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	34	1	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Bailey, R.C.	42 Bn.	22/5/42	Hospital (116 A.G.H.)
Lieut.	Burton, R.N.	"	22/5/42	Adv. Map Reading Course, Sydney

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col. Lt-Col	Q36439	HERON, A.R.	42 Bn.	No	Att. 1st Garr. Bn.
Major Major	Q35751	MULLINS, E.	"	Yes	2 i/c
Lieut T/Major	Q185290	DAVIDSON, C.W.	"	Yes	C.O.
Capt. T/Major	Q35753	CROSSWELL, C.N.	"	Yes	O/C "C" Coy.
Capt. Capt.	Q119286	MOLLOY, L.T.	"	No	Att. 29 Inf. Bde.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35757	MACKAY, A.W.	"	No	Coy. Comdr's Course
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35759	JONES, V.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c "C" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35756	REYNOLDS, J.F.	"	Yes	O/C H.Q. Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35762	ROSS, J.A.	"	Yes	O/C "E" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35764	FRAINEY, J.F.	"	Yes	Q.M.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35760	CONDIE, J.	"	Yes	O/C "B" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35766	COLE, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35767	MacDONALD, H.	"	Yes	2 i/c "E" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35768	GANTER, A.G.	"	Yes	2 i/c "B" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35769	JENKS, A.E.	"	Yes	2 i/c "D" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36499	PATTINGALE, E.J.	"	Yes	2 i/c "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35802	WHYTE, J.T.J.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36500	MELDRUM, A.D.R.	"	Yes	O/C 7 Pl.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35774	FOX, W.E.	"	Yes	O/C 19 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35906	FRIEND, G.C.	"	Yes	O/C 8 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35809	ANDERSEN, M.A.	"	Yes	O/C 10 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36457	WEIGHT, J.W.	"	No	Att. 29 Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36459	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	"	Yes	T.O.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36505	CRAN, P.G.	"	Yes	O/C A/A Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q185297	TAYLOR, S.M.	"	Yes	O/C 13 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35885	HUTTON, D.F.	"	Yes	O/C 20 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36403	RICHMOND, L.T.	"	No	S38 Course, Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36419	EDWARDS, S.W.	"	Yes	O/C Carrier Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q35793	COLE, G.F.	"	Yes	O/C 16 Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q36449	BAILEY, R.C.	"	No	116 A.G.H.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35973	BURTON, R.N.	"	No.	Adv. Map Reading Cse.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35978	COUSINS, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C 21 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q33664	McKINLAY, D.E.	"	Yes	O/C 17 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36587	HOMEWOOD, A.L.	"	Yes	O/C Sig. Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt. Capt.	Q123861	ALEXANDER, W.J.H.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chaplain	Q69086	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain

42nd Battalion
(Unit.)

23rd May 1942
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Major
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Privates		3						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		3						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

42nd Battalion

Unit.

[Signature]

Major

Signature of Commander.

29 INF. BDE.

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

Date of Despatch 23rd MAY 1942

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

42nd Battalion (Unit) 30th May 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	36		5
Corporals	83		3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	735	4	
TOTALS	869	* 5	* 10

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt. McPherson, J.J.	A.A.P.C.		
Cpl. Grieve, L.P.	A.A.O.C.		
Cpl. Plumb, K.J.	A.A.M.C.		
Cpl. Grant, G.V.	Postal Unit		
Pte. Cheetham, H.W.	A.A.O.C.		
Pte. Irving, L.	29 Inf. Bde.		

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

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Privates		5						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		5						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

42nd Battalion Unit. Major
Signature of Commander.
Date of Despatch 30th May 1942 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Unit 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Jun. 42 To 30 Jun. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	1	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 866 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
			Syllabus prepared for week's Cadre. Bn. Orderly Room held.	
			Coys. brought personnel into Orderly Rooms.	
		1830	I.O. (Lieut. Whyte) attended I.O's Conference at Bde. H.Q.	
	2	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 863 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0830	Training Cadre under supervision of Lieut. A.D.R. Meldrum commenced.	
		1203	Air Raid Alarm - Trial 'Red'.	
		1245	All Clear given.	
	3	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 862 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0800	Notified that Sugar Cane Seasonal Workers were to be released from service.	
		Cadre Class is session.		
1000		New edition text books received including A.T.M. No.8		
	1100	Capt. Stafford, O.C. 24 Fd. Pk. Coy. accompanied C.O. on inspection of works throughout the Bn.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	3	1300	Inspection completed.	JW
		1900	29 O.R. marched out on leave for Sugar Industry.	
	4	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 834 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0825	C.O. left for Bde. to attend C.O.'s Conference.	
		1300	C.O. returned from Bde. Conference. Warning Order given to move to new Bn. Defensive Posn. on 6 Jun. 42	
		1400	C.O., Adjt., Capt. Reynolds & 2 i/c made recce. of new area.	
		1730	Recce Party returned.	
		1730	"B" Coy. marched out to build CHARTERS TOWERS RD. under direction of Fd. Engrs. <i>magazines on C.O.</i>	
	5	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 835 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0900	Adjt. & Pay Sgt. left for Div. Pay Office for pay.	
			Lieut. P.G. Cran detached to Bde. as Bde. Amenities Officer.	JW
		1100	C.O. & I.O. left on recce. of new area.	JW

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
TOWNSVILLE	5	1300	C.O. & I.O. returned.	JW	
		1400	C.O. & Adj. left for further recce. of new area.		
		1540	C.O. & Adj. returned.		
	6	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 835 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.		JW
		0800	I.O. left to make field sketch of new Bn. area.		JW
		0900	C.O., Adj. & O.C. "E"(MG)Coy. left on further recce.		JW
	7	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.		JW
		0800	Further recce. parties during day.		JW
	8	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.		JW
			0800		Coy. Comds. Conference. Outline of move to new Defensive Posn.
			Recce. of Areas.		JW
		1500	Coy. recces carried out of independent area.		JW
1600		Two Artillery Offs. paid visit to Bn. H.Q.	JW		
	1800	Movement Order for 9 Jun. issued to all Coys.	JW		

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TOWNSVILLE	9	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0900	Bn. moved out to new area.	
		1030	Bn. H.Q. established new posn.	
		1500	All Coys. in new posn.	
	10	0600	Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0900	D.C.M. commenced - Defendant Cpl. Haack, H.O.	
		0900	Chys. preparing posns.	
		11	0600	
	0900		Coys. submit wiring plans.	
	1400		Organized games - King's Birthday.	
	1830		Coy. Comds. Conference - Syllabus issued for 3 weeks intensive training in conjunction with preparation of posn.	
	12	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
0900		Syllabus commenced and carried out throughout the day.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	13	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	J
		0800	Q.M. Store commenced to re-issue Coys. with issues.	
		1500	Bn. Football Match for selecting Unit Team.	
		2000	C.O., 2 i/c, Adj., and 7 other senior officers attended lecture given by Lt-Col. Peyton - U.S.A. Liaison Officer with 1st Aust. Army.	
	14	0600	Camp Strength 34 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	J
	15	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0730	C.O. left on recce. with G.O.C. (Maj.-Gen. Milford) 7 Bde. Area.	
		0800	O.C. "D" Coy. reported slight disturbance.	
		1900	C.O. returned from recce. of 7 Bde. Area.	
	16	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 838 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	J
		0800	Coys. on syllabus of training.	
		1100	Lieut. Whyte attended Gas Conference in absence of Lieut. Hutton Unit Gas Officer.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	16	1400	Coy. Comds. Conference.	JW
			Coys. working in preparation of Defensive Posn.	JW
	17	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 837 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0900	Coys. erecting wire in Coy. Areas.	JW
		1000	C.O. on inspection of Coy. Areas.	JW
		1500	Adj. 1500 on recce. to select posns. for carriers for night firing.	JW
		1500-1700	C.O. on further inspection of Coy. Areas.	JW
		1800	Unit Postal Stamp N/30 supplied to Unit Postal Orderly for cancelling own postage stamps.	JW
	18	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 836 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0900	Preparation of Defensive Posn.	JW
	19	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 836 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0900	G.O.C. (Maj-Gen. Milford) accompanied by ^{C.O.} Brig. Leuch on tour of inspection of Bn. Area.	JW

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	19	1600	Maj-Gen. Milford completed inspection.	JW
	20	0600	Camp Strength 33 Offs. 836 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0800	Coys. further preparation of posns.	JW
		0830	Guard for Gov-Gen. mounted - Lieut. Meldrum Comd.	JW
	21	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 833 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0800	C.O. selected alternate posn. for "D" Coy. Area.	JW
		0830	Gov-Gen. Guard dismounted.	JW
		1300	Bn. Football Team under title of "Infantry No.3 Team" defeated Engineer Team by 15 to 8.	JW
	22	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 833 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0800	Capt. Molloy returned from Bde. - now back with unit.	JW
			Coys. wiring.	JW
	23	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 832 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0800	Coys. still preparing posns. - wiring etc.	JW

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	23	1615	His Excellency the Gov-Gen. Lord Gowrie inspected unit at work.	JW
		1640	Gov-Gen. Lord Gowrie departed.	
	24	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 830 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0900	D.C.M. commenced - Pte. Dingley accused.	
		0930	Warning Order for move of Bn. on 1 & 2 Jul. received from H.Q.	
			29 Aust. Inf. Bde.	
			Coys. preparing Posns.	JW
		1930	Coy. Comds. Conference - Warning Order for move given out - details discussed with regard to extra tpt. required for move.	JW
	25	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 830 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0800	Coys. still preparing posns - erecting wire.	
			Wiring map supplied to Bde. H.Q.	
		1200	D.C.M. completed.	
		1600	Bde. Comd. made visit	JW

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TOWNSVILLE	26	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 830 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0800	Coys. wiring posns. and digging in.	
	27	0600	"B" & "D" Coys. moved out for a "free-for-all" exercise.	JW
			Camp Strength 32 Offs. 830 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	
		0800	Raining steadily. Rain commenced at approx. 1000 hrs. 26 Jun.	JW
			Looked as if it had stopped at 0600 hrs. but started to rain again	
			at 0800 hrs. and has been raining ever since.	
		0945	"B" & "D" Coy. exercise cancelled owing to state of weather.	JW
		1400	Ground quite sodden from rain.	
	28	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 828 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW
		0900	Rain ceased.	
		1300	C.O., 2 i/c, Adj., O.C. H.Q. Coy. left for Townsville	JW
			Bn. Football Team played A.A.S.C. Team-Bn. won Score 14-7.	
	29	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 828 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	JW

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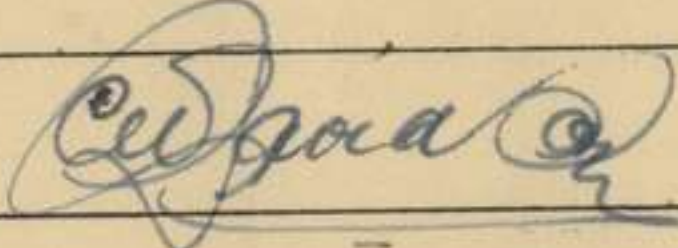
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	29	0800	C.O. presented Certificates to students returned from schools.	ju
		1430	Party of 40 Offs. & O.R. from 31 Bn. arrived on recce of Bn.	
			Area, prior to taking over on 1/2 Jul. 42.	
			Recce party remained all night.	ju
			Movement Order 29 Aust. Inf. Bde. less 42 Bn. received.	ju
	30	0600	Camp Strength 32 Offs. 828 O.R. Attached 2 Offs. 6 O.R.	ju
		1400	Maps of Bn. Defensive Posn. issued to 31 Bn.	ju
		1600	Travelling Picture show arrived.	ju
		1900	Pictures commenced.	ju
			 Major.	
			C.O. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.	

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			<u>APPENDICES.</u>	
			Appendix "A" - Routine Orders	<i>d</i>
			" "B" - Works Officer's Reports.	<i>d</i>
			" "C" - Field Return of Officers	<i>d</i>
			" "D" - Development of Defensive Posn.	<i>d</i>
			" "E" - Road Construction Party	<i>d</i>
			" "F" - Free-for-all Exercise	<i>d</i>
			" "G" - Training Instructions & Syllabus.	<i>d</i>
			" "H" - Movement Order - Sugar Industry.	<i>d</i>
			" "I" - Maps of Bn. Defensive Posn.	<i>d</i>
			" "J" Movement Order - JULAGO AREA.	<i>d</i>

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

42nd BATTALION

1 JUNE 1942

No. 67

1. DUTIES

The following Officers and N.C.Os will mount duty at 1800 hrs. and dismount on the same day as detailed:-

TOWN PICQUET:

Officers

N.C.Os

Monday 1 June	Lieut. Fox, W.E.	Sgt. Ross, R.R.F.
	Lieut. McKinlay, D.E.	Sgt. Ramm, J.W.L.
Sunday 7 June	Lieut. Taylor, S.M.	Sgt. Unwin, R.C.
	Lieut. Cousins, R.E.	Sgt. Steinbeuer, P.E.

"D" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Town Picquet Monday 1 June
"A" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Town Picquet Sunday 7 June

INLYING PICQUET

Monday 1 June	Lieut. Taylor, S.M.	Sgt. Unwin, R.C.
	Lieut. Cousins, R.E.	Sgt. Steinbeuer, P.E.
Sunday 7 June	Lieut. Cole, G.F.	Sgt. Rigby, C.S.D.
	Lieut. Friend, G.C.	Sgt. Talbot, F.W.

"A" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Inlying Picquet Monday 1 June
"B" Coy will supply 20 O/Rs for Inlying Picquet Sunday 7 June

Dress for Picquets: Shorts, Shirts, Boots, Puttees, Stocking Tops, Steel Helmet, Side-arms, Respirator.

2. REGIMENTAL FUNDS:

Attention is directed to para 2 of Unit R.O. No.60 dated 20 Apr 42.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE AS SEASONAL WORKERS - SUGAR INDUSTRY

It is to be made known that recent announcements which have appeared in the Press regarding exemptions from Military service of personnel for employment in the sugar industry, apply only to persons who have not yet been called up for full time military duty.

Applications from serving personnel will be forwarded to En.I.Q. but no person will be released until approval is given by U.Q. 5 Aust. Div.

4. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

USE CAUTION WHEN IN THE PRESENCE OF STRANGERS AND DON'T TALK

A. W. Mackay

(Signed) A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42nd Battalion.

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1. CHURCH PARADES:

Programme of Church Parades for C of E, R.C., and O/Ds -

Mon.	8 June	"A" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Tues.	9 June	"B" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Wed.	10 June	"C" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Thurs.	11 June	"D" Coy.	0645 - 0715
Fri.	12 June	H.Q. Coy.	0645 - 0715

2. AMENITIES ORGANISATION


- (i) Approval has been given for the formation of a Divisional Concert Party.
(ii) The composition of the Divisional Concert Party will be as follows:-

C.C. (Lieutenant)	1
Staff Sergeant (Production)	1
Staff Sergeant (Musical Direction)	1
Actors, vocalists, musicians, electricians, etc. (incl. 2 Sgts. and 4 Cpls.)	8
Cook	1
Batman-Driver-Property-master	1
Truck 30 cwt.	1

- (iii) It is known that professional and semi-professional musicians, vocalists, actors, and entertainers are now members of the military forces. There will also be many good amateurs, as well as much latent talent. It is intended to make a selection of the best material available in order that combinations of performers will be capable of providing entertainment of the highest standard compatible with local conditions.
(iv) Applications from interested persons are to be called for immediately from all units and are to be submitted to En. H.Q. by 1800 hrs, 8 June 42. The officer to be selected need not necessarily be an officer at time of application or nomination; this also applies to the N.C.Os to be selected.
(v) Before final selection is made it is proposed to arrange a series of concerts at which all applicants will be expected to take part. These will be advertised to troops so that they may attend, and their preference will be noted.

3. PLUGS - SPARKING - CARE AND PRESERVATION

All personnel connected with tpt are to be instructed that the utmost care is to be taken to prevent the breakage of spark plugs. Certain sizes, e.g. 10 m/m, are practically unprocurable at present. All unserviceable spark plugs will be returned to Ord Service vide GHQ memo 43754 of 1 May 42, which has been reproduced in First Aust Army Orders.


(Signed) A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
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14 JUNE 1942

No. 68

1. DUTIES:

The following Officers and N.C.O's will mount duty at 1800 hrs. and dismount on the same day as detailed:-

Town Picquet	Duty Coy.	Officers	N.C.O's
Mon 15 Jun	"D"	Lieut. Whyte, J.T.J.	Sgt. Rigby, C.S.D.
Tue 16 Jun	"B"	Lieut. Meldrum, A.D.R.	Sgt. Talbot, F.W.
Wed 17 Jun	"C"	Lieut. Friend, G.C.	Sgt. Weiske, S.S.
Sun 21 Jun	"A"	Lieut. McLaughlin, L.K.	Sgt. Kean, A.T.
Mon 22 Jun	"D"	Lieut. Homewood, A.L.	Sgt. Winter, R.E.
Tue 23 Jun	"C"	Lieut. Pattingale, E.J.	Sgt. Ramm, J.W.L.
Wed 24 Jun	"B"	Lieut. Ganter, A.G.	Sgt. Carson, J.W.D.H.
Mon 29 Jun	"A"	Lieut. Fox, W.E.	Sgt. Cox, C.H.C.
Tue 30 Jun	"D"	Lieut. McKinlay, D.E.	Sgt. Harvey, G.S.
		Lieut. Edwards, S.W.	Sgt. Black, T.A.
		Lieut. Cousins, R.B.	Sgt. Thomasson, G.W.
		Lieut. Whyte, J.T.J.	Sgt. Meikle, V.T.
		Lieut. Ganter, A.G.	Sgt. Collins, J.D.
		Lieut. Meldrum, A.D.R.	Sgt. Ghea, W.L.
		Lieut. Friend, G.C.	Sgt. Ross, R.R.H.
		Lieut. Homewood, A.L.	Sgt. O'Loughlin, S.T.
		Lieut. McLaughlin, L.K.	Sgt. Presneill, F.
		Lieut. Pattingale, E.J.	Sgt. McMurtrie, R.K.

INLYING PICQUET:

Coy next for duty will provide Inlying Picquet, with Officers and N.C.O's as indicated above.

2. UNIT DESIGNATION:

The abbrev "Aust" will be brought into the designation of all units immediately - viz. "42 Aust Inf Bn."

3. M.T. ROAD DISCIPLINE:

It is observed that many M.T. drivers adopt the practice of changing to lower gear ratios when approaching road corners with a view to reducing speed and gaining acceleration after turning.

This practice is both dangerous and harmful as the braking effect is absorbed by the rear wheels only, introducing the possibility of skidding and subjecting the rear tyres to increased wear.

Units will instruct drivers to reduce speed by the application of the foot brake and take disciplinary action against offenders.

4. SECURITY OF INFORMATION:

DON'T GIVE MILITARY NEWS IN LETTERS

(Signed) *A. W. Mackay*
A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
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NO. 70.

15 JUN. 42

1. COURT OF INQUIRY:

The following officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to inquire into and report, respecting:

(a) The absence of -

Q113475	Pte.	MILLIKEN, S.
Q36857	"	HEWETT, M.R.
Q36083	"	HIXON, R.A.T.
Q36085	"	HIXON, R.

(b) Deficiencies if any, of -

Arms, Ammunition, Equipment, Instruments, Regimental necessities or Clothing of these soldiers, or any Public Property issued to them, for their care, for military purposes.

Coy. Comds. will ascertain names of personnel who could give evidence on behalf of the abovenamed, and submit same to Bn. H.Q. by 1600 hrs. 18 Jun. 42.

PRESIDENT: Major E. MULLINS (Q35751)

MEMBER: Capt. J.A. ROSS (Q35762)

A. I. Mackay

(Signed) A. I. MACKAY, Capt.
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MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

42nd BATTALION

21 JUNE 1942

No. 71

1. TRADESMEN: TRADE GROUP SPECIALISTS

Army Trade Designation

Civilian Trade Designation

GROUP 1: Specialists pay 3/- per day

Armament Artificer

Journeyman Fitter and Turner or
Toolmaker

Artificer, Arty

Fitter

Blacksmith

Blacksmith

Bricklayers

Bricklayers

Computors

Computer - requires knowledge of
Trigonometry and be good at Math -
neat with figures.

Cooks Hospital

Cooks Hospital

Coppersmith

Coppersmith

Dispensers

Dispenser or Chemist (Pharmaceutical)

Draughtsmen

Draughtsmen

Draughtsmen - Architectural

Draughtsmen Architectural

Electricians

Electricians or electrical mechanics

Electrical Fitter

Journeyman electrical Fitter

Electricians Sigs

Journeyman Electrician

Fitters

Journeyman Fitters

Fitters and Turners

Journeyman Fitters and Turners

Fitters Signal

Motor Mechanic

Fitters Gun

Fitter

Fitters Mate

Fitters Assistant

Fitters Railway Signal

Railway Signal Fitters

Instrument Mechs

Instrument Maker; Watchmaker

Instrument Mechs Surgical

Surgical Instrument Maker

Instrument Mechanics Signals

Wireless Mechanic

Mechanics Typewriter

Typewriter Mechs

Mechanics Wireless

Wireless Mechs

Mechanic Radio

Wireless Mech

Millwrights

Millwrights (or Fitters & Turners)

Pattern Makers

Pattern Makers

Photographer

Photographer

Plumber

Plumber

Surveyors

Surveyors

Surveyors Engineering

Surveyors

Toolmakers

Journeyman Toolmakers

Turners

Journeyman Turners

Watchmakers

Watchmakers

Welders

Qualified Welders (Electric & Oxy)

GROUP 2: Specialists pay 2/- per day

Armourer

Fitters Apprentice of Motor Mechanics

Bakers

Bakers

Boilermakers

Boilermakers

Carpenter & Joiner

Carpenter & Joiner

Cooks

Cooks

Electrician Eng. Units

Journeyman Electrician

Grinders

Grinders, precision

Linesmen

G.P.O. Linesmen

Linesmen Sigs.

G.P.O. Linesmen

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Army Trade Designation

Civilian Trade Designation

GROUP 2 (contd.)

Lithographers	Lithographers
Machinists	Machinists - 1st, 2nd, 3rd class
Masons	Masons
Masseurs	Masseurs
Mechanics Dental	Dental Mechanics
Mechanics M.T.	Motor Mechanics (not garage improvers)
Miners	Miners
Moulders	Moulders Brass
Operating Room Assts	Male Theatre Attendants (Hospital)
Optician	Optician
Painters	Painters
Panel Beaters	Panel Beaters or Sheet Metal Workers
Printer	Printer
Radiographer	Radiographer
Riggers	Riggers (Constructional)
Saw Doctor	Saw Doctor
Wheelers	Wheelwright or Wagon Builder

GROUP 3: Specialists pay 1/- per day

Butchers	Butchers
Concreters	Concreters or Builders Labourers
Draughtsman - Signal	Draughtsmen) Civil Engineering
Draughtsmen - Topographic	Draughtsmen) Civil Engineering
Driver Mechanics)	Truckdriver doing own maintenance
Driver Operators)	repairs (operating wireless tanks)
Driver Transportation Plant	Transporter Driver
Equipment Repairers	(Canvas Workers
	(Leather Stitchers
Farrier	Farrier
Hammermen	Hammermen strikers
Nursing Orderlies	Male Nurses
Nursing Orderlies Mental	Mental Attendants
Plate layer	Plate layer
Riveters	Riveters
Saddlers	Saddlers or Harness Makers
Saddle Trees Makers	Pattern Makers
Sawyers	Sawyers
Shoemaker	Boot repairer
Storemen Technical	Spare Parts Storemen (30% each Ford and Chev. Balance Dodge and International)
	Tailor
Tailor	Upholsterers or Canvas Workers
Textile refitters	Tinsmiths
Tinsmiths	Vulcaniser or Tyre Retreaders
Vulcanisers	Whitesmith
Whitesmith	

2. PAYBOOKS & EQUIPMENT OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED FOR MEDICAL REASONS:

(i) Complaints are being received that fifty per cent of personnel evacuated for medical reasons are arriving in Medical Units deficient in gear, particularly messing utensils. Medical Units do not carry sufficient gear to provide for such a deficiency.

Only ammunition and accommodation stores such as blankets will be retained in Units.

Personal equipment and kit must be properly labelled with A.A.F. W3042 (A.A.F. W3300 for officers).

(ii) Units must ensure that paybooks are actually in the possession of personnel evacuated.

(iii) Postal Articles for Evacuated Personnel Letters for evacuated personnel having been CORRECTLY readdressed must be returned to the Unit Postal Orderly for despatch to the Field Post Office for re-distribution.

3. CENSORSHIP BREACHES

Breaches of the censorship regulations are still being committed and referred back to this H.Q. for action. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this matter and a serious view will be taken of any further breaches.

4. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE PROCEDURE (Reference A.M.R. & O. 459)

- (i) The procedure to be carried out in connection with the above is set out hereunder:-

When personnel of this unit are reported A.M.L. the C.Q.M.S. of the Coy will obtain from the Q.M. a list of all clothing, equipment, etc., on issue to the absentee together with the unexpired value of each article. This list and all issues made by the Coy on F.12 etc., will be amalgamated and check will be made by the C.Q.M.S. against issues collected and placed in custody. In the event of a Court of Enquiry being necessary sworn evidence will be required as to which articles are missing, their unexpired value, and that they cannot be found. (See para 2 not to A.M.R. & O. 450)

A complete record of the action taken will be made by Coys in a book kept for the purpose.

- (ii) A descriptive report containing the following particulars will be submitted to En.H.Q. immediately an absentee is reported:

Number, Rank and Name
Age
Height and Build
Weight
Complexion
Hair
Eyes
Prominent Physical Characteristics
Date of Desertion
Place of Desertion
Date of Enlistment
At what Place Enlisted
Where Born
Identifying Marks (tattoo marks, scars, etc.)
Trade or Calling
Coat or Jacket
Waistcoat
Trousers
Name and Address of Next of Kin or Allottee
Any Special Remarks

5. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, TOWNSVILLE

The number of vehs from Units of 5 Aust. Div. now being parked daily in the streets of the city of TOWNSVILLE is causing serious traffic congestion. A certain number of these vehs are being left unattended. The majority of them are contravening the Government traffic regulations re parking. Speeds are still excessive and must NOT exceed those laid down namely:-

Type of Vehicle	Maximum Permissible Speed	
	Through Towns	On Country Roads
Motor Cycles	25 m.p.h.	40 m.p.h.
Cars	25 "	35 "
Vans - 12 cwt	20 "	30 "
1 ton	20 "	25 "
Lorries - 30 cwt & 3 ton		
4 wheeled	15 "	20 "
6 wheeled	15 "	20 "
Carriers M.G. (Tracked)	15 "	20 "

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In order to relieve traffic congestion the following instructions will be brought into effect forthwith:-

- (a) No veh other than those on duty will proceed beyond the corner of Flinders and Blackwood Streets. Work Tickets of vehs proceeding to the city area on duty will be endorsed accordingly by Unit Tpt Officer or N.C.C.
- (b) There will be no double parking of vehs.
- (c) Vehs will park parallel to the kerb and at a distance of NOT more than 18 ins from it.
- (d) Vehs will NOT park in prohibited areas such as between standards and at bus stops.
- (e) No vehicle will be left unattended.
- (f) Speeds of vehs will NOT exceed those enumerated.

Pro M/C patrols will be on duty daily to enforce the above regulations.

The civil police will institute civil proceedings against drivers contravening regulations (b) (c) and (d) above.

Tpt Offr and Coy Comds will bring the above instructions to the notice of all M.T. personnel.

6. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

RUMOURS CAN CAUSE TAVOC - DON'T PASS THEM ON

A. W. Mackay

(Signed) A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adj. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR G. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING

42nd BATTALION

No. 72

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1. ARMY PERSONNEL ON AERODROMES & IN AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREAS;

It has come to notice that army personnel are using certain aerodromes as thoroughfares, wandering indiscriminately across them, and interfering, by so doing, with the activities of the aerodromes in question.

It has been further noticed that personnel have treated similarly aircraft dispersal areas, and thereby have partly defeated the object of having such areas. Camouflage and dispersion lose some of their value if tps are seen moving in the area.

Security measures necessitate the greatest care being exercised by all in ensuring that no unauthorized persons approach grounded aircraft.

Therefore under no circumstances, unless on duty, will army personnel use aerodromes as thoroughfares or encroach on areas where there are grounded aircraft.

2. FLARES:

On many occasions during recent weeks reports have been received that flares have been observed.

After careful investigation it is considered that these flares are the result of the firing by Army personnel of tracer amm and/or cartridges illuminating. A serious view is taken of this matter and all personnel are warned that it is an offence for any person to fire tracer amm and/or cartridges illuminating unless for training or operational use.

Coys will keep a strict check on the above stores in order to ensure that the above practice is discontinued.

3. USE OF P.M.G. FACILITIES

It is reported that personnel in the fd forces are demanding services from Post Offices to which they are not rightfully entitled.

In one instance a soldier demanded the use of a Post Office telephone and insisted on remaining in the Postmaster's office while awaiting the call.

Instances have also been reported where tps have been indiscriminately teeing in to trunk lines and endeavouring to make calls.

Such actions on the part of tps are serious breaches of regulations and disciplinary action must be taken against offenders when reported.

It is realised that the present heavy demands on comms call for co-operation rather than hindrance on the part of the forces. The P.M.G. are extremely helpful and co-operative and continued breaches by members of the forces will ultimately result in lack of confidence by the civil population.

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4. WEARING OF LEGGINGS:

The wearing of leggings with trousers S.D. will cease forthwith. Leggings will be worn with shorts ONLY.

5. LEAVE PERSONNEL - EQUIPMENT:

Until further instructed, personnel proceeding to Townsville on leave will NOT carry Respirators and Steel Helmets.

6. AMENITIES:

FREE PICTURE SHOWS, commencing at 1900 hrs., are now being given for tps at Theatre Royal, Flinders Street, Townsville, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

7. CENSORSHIP:

Investigations and reports from District Censors show that franking offrs are NOT carrying out their duties as laid down in Army Fd Censorship Instn No.22.

The large amount of uncensored mail posted in civil post boxes indicates that security offrs in units and formations have NOT succeeded in impressing upon ALL ranks the need for security in correspondence.

Unit Security Offr will ensure that all franking offrs read and initial again Army Fd Censorship Instns No.22 and that every franking offr prepares, submits to the security offr for approval and then delivers a series of short talks to his tps explaining the Censorship instns. These talks must also emphasise the need for security in correspondence and the grave consequences that may follow leakage of infm through faulty censorship.

Franking offrs will warn their tps that uncensored mail is liable to censorship interception at Base, that many instances of evasion of censorship are being detected every week, and the offenders punished and that all future breaches of censorship instns that are detected will be followed by disciplinary action.

8. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION FOR COMPLAINTS, ETC.

It has come to notice that many soldiers are writing to authorities outside the Army to have complaints, applications for leave or exemption dealt with.

This course is usually taken by a soldier who is ignorant of his rights and all ranks must be instructed as to the correct channels of communication and the actions to be taken on a complaint or request by a soldier. C.Os will ensure that a soldier's complaint or request is not neglected through a subordinate's lack of knowledge of his duty.

Personnel will be instructed that a soldier's quickest means of obtaining redress of a wrong is through his own C.O. If a soldier's case is genuine, he will obtain the necessary relief through his own unit, but if his case is not genuine, writing to an outside authority will not help. In a genuine case, approach to an outside authority will merely delay the relief which would be obtainable in the unit.

All ranks must understand that in certain circumstances, approach to an outside authority may constitute an offence. In the case of soldiers who have recently been enlisted from civilian life, this rule is not enforced strictly, but if a unit is in danger of failing in its task through pressure of outside correspondence, strong action will be necessary.

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9. BINOCULARS, COMPASSES PRISMATIC, AND WATCHES

Binoculars, compasses prismatic, and watches are UNIT stores and must remain so. When personnel to whom these articles are on issue are transferred from the unit for any reason action will be taken to withdraw the items for re-issue.

The unit will keep a record of the registered numbers of these articles on issue to each member.

All personnel at present in possession of these articles will report them to Bn.H.Q. (GRO. 087)

10. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

DO NOT GIVE MILITARY NEWS IN LETTERS

A. W. Mackay

(Signed) A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES

LOST - A wallet containing a sum of money and a driver's license, the property of Q113998 Pte. Brown, C.J.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCESROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR C. W. DAVIDSON - COMMANDING42nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION30 JUNE 1942Serial No. 1Nos. 1 - 51. INDEPENDENT (COMMANDO) COMPANIES A.I.F.

Personnel in all units (A.I.F. and A.M.F.) are informed that recruiting of offrs and N.C.Os for Cadre Courses, and Other Ranks for Training Courses, for the abovenamed Companies, will be proceeding continuously until October and December, 1942, respectively.

In addition the following specialists are required:-

R.A.E. SECTION: (Lieuts - N.C.Os - Signalmen) Instrument Mechanics, Operators (Sigs), Signallers, Clerks, Drivers M.T., Mechanics M.T..

COOKS: Sergeants, Corporals, Other Ranks.

A.A.O.C.: Armourers (Cpls)

A.A.M.C.: (Captains, Sgts) Cpls., Medical Orderlies.

Applicants for allotment to Independent Companies must possess the following qualifications:-

- (a) Age over 20 yrs and under 35 yrs.
- (b) Medically fit and active with a liking for physical training.
- (c) Amenable to discipline and able to keep own counsel.

It is desired that applicants should have completed at least three months individual training.

Volunteers must be willing to take risks outside those normally taken by personnel serving in fighting Units.

Successful applicants will be trained in Guerilla Warfare. In the case of Offrs and N.C.Os the period of training will be ten weeks and Other Ranks five weeks.

Training will cover the following:- Fieldcraft, Night Operations, Unarmed Combat, All weapons, Explosives, Demolitions, Booby Traps, Raids, Riding, Swimming, and Rowing.

2. ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED(a) On Parade

(i) Whenever the National Anthem is played, all ranks in military uniform not under the orders of the officer commanding the parade are to stand at attention, officers, W.Os, and N.C.Os saluting.

(ii) Officers in attendance on His Majesty and other Royal Personages or the Personal Staffs of Governors-General and Governors (when such Governors-General or Governors represent the Sovereign on official occasions) are not to salute when the National Anthem is played for the royal salute. The only exception is on an occasion of the trooping of the colour: when the National Anthem is played on the presentation of arms to the colour, all officers, including those in attendance, are to

salute. On a parade, after the royal salute has been given, the Military Board or officer commanding is alone to be regarded as in attendance, and is to take up position in rear of His Majesty or the Governor-General or Governor as the case may be.

(b) On Non-Military Occasions

When the National Anthem is played on occasions when there is no parade, or on occasions of a non-military nature, all ranks in military uniform are to stand at attention, officers, W.Os, and N.C.Os, if wearing head dress, saluting.

3. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES:

(a) The attention of all ranks is directed to A.M.R. & O. 293(1) which provides as follows:

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the A.M.R. or authorised by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden".

(b) The use of outside influence is forbidden by A.M.R. & O. 307(1) which provides:

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his C.O. or to complain in accordance with the A.M.R. and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other other means is forbidden."

(c) The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the A.M.R. & O. will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

(d) All complaints or applications of the nature described in para (b) above received at any H.Q. through unauthorised channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

4. NATIONAL SECURITY (LANDLORD AND TENANT) REGULATIONS:

Members of the Forces or their dependants who desire to complain of breaches of the National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations should not communicate with members of Parliament or with Federal or State Departments, but should approach the nearest Clerk of Courts for advice as to their rights and obligations under those Regulations.

5. POSTAL NOTES:

As from 1 Jul 42 Postal Notes will be issued from all Army and Fd Post Offices free of poundage.

Postal Notes purchased from any other sources will be subject to poundage charges.

6. SECURITY OF INFORMATION:

RUMOURS CAN CAUSE HAVOC - DON'T PASS THEM ON

(Signed) *A. W. Mackay*
A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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LOST: A purse containing a sum of money was lost in Bn.H.Q. area on 26/27 Jun. Finder please return to this H.Q.

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APPENDIX B

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

42 Bn. H.Q., In the Field,
1 June 42.

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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1. Report of Field Works in 42 Bn. Area for the 24 hrs. ending 1800 hrs. 1 June 42:-

"A" COY. AREA: No.7 & 8 pls. engaged on wpn tng (Bren and Tommy Gun), bayonet, unarmed defence and gas.
No.9 pl - Wiring (double apron) on Coy front; improving fields of fire.

"B" COY. AREA: No.10 & 11 pls. occupied on wiring (double apron) across Coy front.
No.12 pl carried out recce patrol to THREE SISTERS RA.
M.G. pl commenced wiring fixed lines on left of Coy area. Mortar personnel on recce of target area.

"C" COY. AREA: No.13 Pl - Weapon training and P.T.
No.14pl - Recce of Bn area - "C" to "B" thence to "A" and "D" Coys.
No.15 pl - Engaged on construction of miniature range, and improvements of fields of fire.
M.G. pl continuation of alternate posns.
Mortar personnel - mortar training.

"D" COY. AREA: No.16 pl - on recce patrol and preparation of section maps of area forward of pl posn.
No.17 pl - wiring, digging and improving pl posn.
No. 18 pl - digging, wiring and development of pl posn on second Coy area.
M.G. pl - on recce of target area.
Mortar personnel - still occupied on road for detachment truck to rear of mortar pits

ROADS: Pioneer pl busily engaged in widening and repairing roads in Bn. area.

MacDonald
Lieut.,
42 Bn Works Officer

HM/EP

File

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

42 Bn. H.Q. In the Field,
2 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during the 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 2 Jun. 42:

"A" COY. AREA - The whole Coy. was engaged in wiring (double-apron) clearing fields of fire and preparation of sangars on the EASTERN spur of MUNTALUNGA RA. A 4-strand cattle fence has been continued in a N.E. direction from the existing cattle fence up the spur.

"B" COY. AREA - Whole Coy. engaged in completing double apron wiring on Right of Coy. posn. Supporting arms' personnel engaged in digging further alternate weapon pits.

"C" COY. AREA - Morning - Route march and clearing fields of fire. Afternoon - No.13 Pl. weapon training (Rifle); No.14 Pl. completing digging and wiring of Coy. Battle H.Q. posns. No.15 Pl. engaged in completing Miniature Range, and on clearing fields of fire.

"D" COY. AREA - Under the supervision of the C.Q.M.S. 23 men from M.G. Pl. commenced the construction of a road over the saddle at 087735. Mortar personnel were still engaged in building a road to the rear of the Mortar pits at Coy. Battle H.Q.

The Corporal Cook and 10 men were occupied in the digging of latrines and garbage pits.

Two men were on duty as sentries in each Pl. Area.

Ten men of No.17 Pl. were engaged in completing weapon pits, and on further clearing of fields of fire on the second Coy. posn.

Remainder of the Coy. commenced work on sangars forward of Coy. Battle H.Q.

ROADS: Considerable work carried out by Pioneer Pl. in improving and widening existing roads in Bn. Area.

Macdonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

Wm. Dean

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

42 En. H.Q. In the Field,
3 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 En. Area during the 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 3 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA - Whole Coy. engaged on clearing fields of fire, construction of three sangars (one almost complete); further D.A. wire along Coy. front.

"B" COY. AREA - Whole Coy. and attached personnel engaged on construction of D.A. Wire forward of Coy. posn.

"C" COY. AREA - Coy. engaged on wiring and clearing fields of fire; improving and adding fire trench to Miniature Range.

"D" COY. AREA - Continuation of programme of work laid down for 2/6/42, with the addition of a road in rear of Coy. kitchen to permit Pl. Ration trucks having easier access to kitchen.

ROADS - Rail crossing at "A" Coy. constructed; further work on roads in En. Area carried out.

MATERIALS - Timber, nails, shovel handles, files and drivers tubular, distributed to Pioneers and Coys.

H. MacDonald Lieut.
42 En. Works Officer.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

42 Bn. H.Q. In the Field,
4 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 4 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA - Coy. and attached Mortar & M.G. personnel engaged on further wiring, D.A., clearing fields of fire and construction of sangars on EASTERN slope of spur off MUNTALUNGA RA. at first Coy. posn.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. and attached M.G. & Mortar personnel engaged during the morning on D.A. wiring on Coy. front. Afternoon occupied in removing to site of Divisional task on CHARTERS TOWERS Road.

"C" COY. AREA - Coy. and M.G. & Mortar personnel engaged on D.A. wiring and clearing fields of fire.

"D" COY. AREA - M.G. personnel engaged in constructing connecting road over saddle at 087735; Mortar personnel still occupied in building road giving access to Mortar amn. pits.

Nos. 16 & 18 Pls. engaged on construction of sangars on NORTHERN spur of HILL 327.

No. 17 Pl. digging further weapon pits, dugouts and clearing fields of fire of Coy. second posn.

Four men from each Pl. remained in Pl. posns - two as sentries and two digging latrines and garbage pits.

O.C. (Lieut. Jenks) and party of three, yesterday carried out beach recce. from ALLIGATOR CK. towards CAPE CLEVELAND, covering 25 miles all told.

ROADS - Pioneers still considerably improving roads in Bn. Area.

MATERIALS - Twelve axes felling, 6 mawls, 10 handsaws procured for distribution to Coys.

MacDonald, Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

42 Bn.H.Q. In the Field,
5 Jun. 42

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in the 42 Bn. Area during 24 hours ended 1800hrs. 5 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA - No.8 Pl. engaged on construction of sangars.
No.7 Pl. occupied in clearing fields of fire.
No.9 Pl. constructing D.A. wire on Coy. Right flank? Coy. work preceded by 15 mins. smartening up rifle exercises and 15 mins gas drill.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. and attached M.G. & Mortar personnel engaged on Divisional task on CHARTERS TOWERS Rd.

"C" COY. AREA - Nos. 13 & 14 Pls. engaged in clearing fields of fire.
No.15 Pl. occupied wiring on both sides of Main Northern line at WHITE'S CK.
M.G. Pl. and Mortar personnel attached, proceeded on route march to ALLIGATOR CK. and carried out weapon training (rifle - aiming).

"D" COY. AREA - Nos. 16 & 18 Pls. engaged in constructing sangars in Pl. areas.
No.17 Pl. occupied in completing pits and dug-outs and construction of 4-strand cattle fence on a Two-Pl. area in the second Coy. posn.
M.G. & Mortar personnel still engaged on road over saddle at 087735.

MacDonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

42 Bn. H.Q. In the Field,
6 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during the 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 6 Jun. 42.

"A" COY. AREA - Whole Coy. engaged in erecting remaining wire on hand and clearing fields of fire, also preparation of sangars in Pl. Area.

O.C. Coy. on recce of new coy. posn.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. still engaged on Divisional task.

"C" COY. AREA - Coy. and attached M.G. & Mortar personnel engaged in erecting remaining stocks of wire and clearing fields of fire.

"D" COY. AREA - Coy. engaged on wiring, completion of pits and dugouts, and completing concealment of sangars and Pl. weapon pits.

M.G. & Mortar personnel occupied in building new road.

ROADS - Pioneer Pl. continuing work improving Bn. Area roads, and completing wiring at Bn. Battle H.Q.

MacDonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

42 Bn. H.Q. In the Field,
7 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hrs. ended 1800 hrs. 7 Jun. 42:

"A" COY. AREA - At 0630 hrs. No.7 Pl. provided Working Party to load wire at BROOK HILL, continuing clearing of fields of fire on return. No.8 Pl. completed sangars on Coy. posn. and continued D.A. wiring. No.9 Pl. engaged in wiring, construction of sangars and clearing fields of fire.

Afternoon - Coy. on Gas Training and inter-Pl. football.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. engaged on Divisional task - construction of amn. pits.

"C" COY. AREA - Route March, weapon and gas training, clearing of fields of fire.

Afternoon - Inter-Pl. football.

"D" COY. AREA - Working Party provided in the morning. Nos. 16 and 18 Pls. completing sangars on Pl. Areas, erecting remainder of wire in Pl. dumps. No.17 Pl. completed construction of cattle fence on second Pl. posns. M.G. & Mortar personnel engaged on road-building. Substantial bridge to carry approx. 7 tons constructed.

ROADS - Pioneers Pl. still engaged on Bn. Area roads and wiring at Battle H.Q.

MATERIALS - 504 coils (100 lbs) wire, barbed and 39 Dannert, delivered to 24 Field Park Coy. dump.

H. MacDonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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42 Bn. H.Q. In the Field,
8 Jun. 42

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in the 42 Bn. Area during the 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 8 Jun. 42:

"B" COY: Continuation of Divisional task constructing amn. pits.

"A", "C" & "D" COYS: Completion of sangars, weapon pits and erecting remaining wire on hand. O.C's Coys. on recce. of new Bn. Area.

Pioneer Pl. finishing off roads in Bn. Area, checking and collection of tools.

MacDonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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42 Bn In the Field

9 Jun 42.

Reference No: 42/19/42/226.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of Field Works in 42 Bn Area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 9 Jun 42.

All coys. engaged in moving to new Bn. Area and recce. and preliminary digging.

H Mac Donald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
10 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Herewith report of progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 10 Jun. 42:

"A", "B", "C" Coys. & "E" (MG) Coy. occupied in sighting siting wire and marking out Pl. posns.

"D" Coy. engaged in patrol on night of 9/10 Jun. and to-day occupied in siting wire.

Well at "D" Coy. H.Q. pumped out and cleaned by 24 Fd. Park Coy.

Materials received from 24 Fd. Park Coy. - 1 Pinch Bar, 6 No. 5 Shovels, 2 Mattocks.

A Macdonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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H.Q., 42nd Battalion,
In the Field,
11 June 42

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs 11 June 42.

"A" COY. Coy. engaged during morning in siting wire and pl. posns and digging slit trenches, also collecting wooden pickets for cattle fences. Afternoon devoted to sports programme.

"B" COY. As above.

"C" COY. As above

"D" COY. As above. Wiring commenced.

"E" COY. Pl attached to Coys engaged in selection and preliminary digging of gun emplacements.

MATERIALS: 4 tons wire, barbed, delivered to "D" Coy.
2 tons wire, barbed, delivered to "E" Coy.
Shovels No.4 (4), helves, axes felling, 6;
helves, shovels, G.S. 6; axes felling, 3;
mattocks, 1; delivered to Pioneer Pl.
Latrine seats (17) distributed throughout
Bn. Tanks, water, 200 gal. (6) distributed
to Coys.

A MacDonald Lieut.
42 Aust Inf Bn Works Officer

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
In the Field,
12 June 42

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 12 June 42:

"A" COY. AREA: Coy engaged in improving biv areas, digging slit trenches and latrines, marking out pl section pits and siting wire and collecting wooden pickets. Training as per syllabus.

"B" COY. AREA: Coastal patrol last night. Training as per syllabus.

"C" COY. AREA: Coy occupied in improving biv areas, digging slit trenches and latrines, marking out section posts, siting wire and collecting wooden pickets. Training.

"D" COY. AREA: Nos. 16 and 18 pls constructed section posts wiring (cattle fence). Slit trenches dug.

No. 17 pl engaged in cutting wooden pickets.

All pl area sited for weapon pits and wire.

"E" (MG) COY. AREA: Personnel attached to coys conformed to coy programme. Mortar personnel attached also conforming.

MATERIALS: The following tools were collected from 24 Field Park Coy today and distribution to Coys has commenced:- Hammers, claw, 6; sticks, windlassing, 36; braces, ratchet, 6; bits, $\frac{1}{4}$ " 3, $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3; wedges (for splitting posts for pickets) 12; axes, pick 36; shovels, R.E. 36; mawls 6; helms, pick 24.

MacDonald Lieut.,
Works Officer 42 Aust Inf Bn.

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42 - 1942 - 226

H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
In the Field,
13 June 42

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report of progress of field works in 42 Bn area for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 13 June 42:

"A" COY. AREA: Coy engaged in marking out pl posns, siting wire, collecting pickets, digging slit trenches and latrines and improving biv area. Training as per syllabus.

"B" COY. AREA: As above.

"C" COY. AREA: Improving biv area, digging slit trenches and latrines, collecting pickets, marking out pl posns, siting wire. Training as per syllabus.

"D" COY. AREA: Nos. 16 and 18 pls continuing with wiring and training as per syllabus.
No. 17 pl cutting and laying out pickets, digging slit trenches and latrines.

MATERIALS: Materials as listed yesterday distributed to Coys.

MacDonald Lieut.,
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer

42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
14 Jun. 42

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1: Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during the 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 14 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY: Coy. engaged on cutting and erecting wooden pickets, spitlocking Pl. and Sec. posns. completion of deep-trench latrines, training and domestic arrangements.

Attached M.G. & Mortar personnel engaged as above.

"B" COY: Coy. occupied in cutting and erecting wooden pickets for first phase of wiring plan, digging of slit trenches in biv. area and domestic arrangements.

Attached M.G. & Mortar personnel as above.

"C" COY: No.15 Pl. and one sec. of No.16 Pl. on Bde. protective duties and manning O.P. on HILL 327 respectively. Remainder of Coy. collecting and erecting wooden pickets, spitlocking Pl. and sec. posns. and burning fire breaks on posn. Training.

"D" COY: Coy. continued with erection of cattle fences on first phase of wiring plan, erection and concealment of Coy. kitchen, digging of slit trenches, spitlocking Pl. and Sec. posns. Training.

MacDonald Lieut.
42 Bn. Works Officer.

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
In the Field,
15 June 1942

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 15/6/42.

"A" COY. AREA: Last night on beach patrol. Today organised rest.

"B" COY. AREA: Cutting, carting, erecting pickets preparatory to wiring. Digging slit-trenches, Coy clothing issues, gas test conducted.

"C" COY. AREA: No.13 pl less 1 section manning O.P. wiring pl posns.
No.14 pl wiring pl and section posns.
No.15 pl digging slit trenches in biv area. Coy H.Q. personnel improving roads in H.Q. area and camouflaging tents.

"D" COY. AREA: No.16 pl digging slit trenches, wiring of section posts, erecting pickets.
No.17 pl digging slit trenches, wiring of section posts, erecting pickets, clearing fields of fire.
No.18 pl as for No.17 pl.

"E" COY. ~~XXXX~~ and MORTAR PERSONNEL: attached to Coys, preparing mortar pits and gun emplacements.

PIONEER PL. Engaged in construction of grease traps deep trench latrines, and repairing tools.

MacDonald Lieut.,
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer.

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H.Q. 42 Aust. Inf/ En.
16 Jun. 42.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 En. area during 24 hrs ended 1800 hrs 16 Jun. 42:

"A" COY. AREA - Coy. engaged in wiring - sec. & Pl. posns. - cutting, carting and erecting wooden pickets. Further weapon pits sited and spitlocked.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. on coastal patrol last night. Resting this morning. Afternoon - cutting, carting and erecting pickets. Coy. supplies Town Picquet tonight.

"C" & "D" COYS - Engaged all day on cutting, carting and erecting pickets and wiring sec. and pl. posns.

MATERIALS - Wire, 6 tons; barrows, wheel, 7; showers, portable 18; Augers, earth, 2; bags, sand, 3000. With the exception of the latter, materials were distributed to Coys.

MacDonald, Lieut.
42 En. Works Officer.

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Address: H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
Date; 17 June 42.

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 17 June 42.

"A" COY. AREA: Nos.7 and 9 pls engaged in developing sec posn in No.7 pl area - wiring, digging 4 weapon pits on flat N.E. of Coy posn.

No.8 pl occupied in cutting, carting and erecting wooden pickets.

M.G. and Mortar personnel developing M.G. gun emplacements and mortar detachment posts respectively.

"B" COY. AREA: Complete section post constructed in No.11 pl area.

Cutting, carting and erecting wooden pickets, digging deep latrines and slit trenches in Coy biv area.

M.G. pl have completed 2 gun emplacements and are having difficulty in completing remainder owing to huge rocks in this area.

"C" COY. AREA: No.13 pl engaged in wiring and digging complete sec post.

No.14 pl occupied in completing sec post wiring and commencement of pl wiring.

No.15 pl wiring sec area and splitlocking sec posts.

Collection of wooden pickets proceeding.

"D" COY. AREA: Sec posn almost complete in No.16 pl area. Fields of fire being improved.

No.18 pl engaged wiring and digging on pl area.

No.17 pl wiring.

M.G. personnel digging gun emplacements.

PIONEER PL.: Roads are being improved, deep latrines and grease traps are being constructed.

Sharpening and repair of tools keep the blacksmith busy.

MATERIALS: Six tons of barbed wire distributed to "A", "C", and "D" Coys.

MacDonald, Lieut.,
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
18 Jun 42

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 18 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA - Nos. 7 & 9 Pl. engaged on Sec. & Pl. posns. Sec. post in No.9 Pl. posn. complete. No.8 Pl. wiring Sec. posns. and digging. Spoil removed and dummy posns. constructed. Cutting, carting and erecting of pickets continued. M.G. & Mortar personnel digging and improving gun emplacements & Det. pits.

"B" COY. AREA - Wiring of sec. posts continued by all Pls. Further wooden pickets cut and erected. Sec. of 24 Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E. using drill and explosives on No.11 Pl. area.

"C" COY. AREA - Coy. occupied wiring sec. posts, digging weapon pits and completing Sec. posts in No.13 Pl. area.

"D" COY. AREA - Nos. 16, 17 & 18 Pls. engaged on Pl. wiring, digging weapon pits, completing one Sec. post in No. 16 Pl. Area.

MacDonald, Lieut

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
19 Jun 42

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs 19 Jun 42:-

"A" COY. Coy on beach patrol last night. Organised rest this morning. Coy engaged during afternoon on wiring, digging, removal of spoil and construction of dummy posns in two pl areas. An excellent job has been done in regard to sec and pl wiring. M.G. and Mortar personnel have constructed and are improving weapon pits.

"B" COY. Coy occupied in digging, wiring and erection of pickets in all three pl areas. M.G. personnel constructing weapon pits, removal of spoil and siting wire on fixed lines.

"C" COY. Engaged on Divisional road task

"D" COY. All pls engaged wiring, digging and clearing fields of fire. M.G. and Mortar personnel improving weapon pits and clearing fields of fire. Wiring tasks on Coy area are well forward - 6 tons of wire have been erected - approx 13,200 yds.

MATERIALS Requisition on 24 Fd. Pk. Coy for various articles have been submitted.

INSPECTION Major-General Milford carried out an inspection of "D", "B", and "A" Coys, embracing positions of M.G and Mortars. Bn. Works Officer accompanied the inspecting party.

Macdonald Lieut.,
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
20 Jun 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs 20 Jun 42:-

"A" COY: Personnel numbering 35 are engaged on Divisional road task. Remainder of company occupied today in erecting wire on pickets already erected. Weapon pits in one pl area are being completed. M.G. and Mortar personnel improved their weapon pits and recced alternative posns.

"B" COY: Development of sec and pl posns continued. Wiring continued. M.G. personnel revetting gun emplacements.

"C" COY: Engaged on Divisional road task.

"D" COY: All pls continued wiring and digging in sec and pl areas. M.G. and Mortar personnel improved present gun pits and recced alternate posns. Wiring is progressing satisfactorily.

Sunday 21 Jun 42.

"A" COY: Nos. 7 & 9 pls engaged during morning in wiring, digging and removal of spoil. One sec post completed in each pl area, including connecting pl wiring. No. 8 pl - Weapon training. Afternoon - Domestic arrangements and inter-pl sports.

"B" COY: Some sec wiring carried out during the morning. Domestic arrangements and inter-pl football match during afternoon.

"C" COY: Domestic arrangements and inter-pl sports.

"D" COY: Beach patrol by Coy last night. Organised rest this morning. Domestic arrangements during afternoon.

MacDonald, Lieut.,
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
In the Field,
22 June 1942

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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1. Herewith report on progress of field works in 42 Bn area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 22 Jun 42:-

"A" COY: Personnel numbering 35 engaged on Divisional road task. Remainder of Coy carrying out training as per syllabus. The following work has been carried out in the Coy area to date:-

In No.7 pl area one sec post is complete with the exception of removal of spoil from crawl trenches. One sec post approx 60% complete; third section post weapon pits marked out. Two sec posts are completely wired, the third partly wired. Pl wiring approx half way to completion. Four corral fences have been completed.

No.8 pl has one sec post completely wired; second sec post has 2 wires erected; third post has holes dug and pickets laid out ready for erection. Sufficient wooden pickets have been cut for all sec and pl wiring. Weapon pits have been dug to a depth of 6".

No.9 pl. Sec pits are dug to a depth of 3' in one sec post, remainder marked out. Half of the section wiring has been erected. Approx 1600 yards of 4 strand cattle fence has been erected in Coy area. Slit trenches in the bivouac area are completed~~x~~ as also are the deep latrines.

"B" COY: Coy occupied in training all day.

"C" COY: 70 personnel were engaged on Divisional road task. Remainder of Coy continued wiring and digging of weapon pits.

"D" COY: Coy engaged in training today. Work done to date:-

No.16 pl area - One sec post complete; all sec wiring in pl finished; connecting wire of one sec complete. 800 yds of pl wiring has been erected. Three weapon pits dug on second section post.

No.17 pl: Sec post wiring complete, 200 yds of pl wiring erected, 100 wooden pickets ready for erection, weapon pits all marked out.

No.18 pl: Sec wiring complete, wire connecting sections almost complete; weapon pits and crawl trenches nearing completion. Slit trenches in bivouac area complete.

This coy has erected approx ²⁰⁰⁰~~1000~~ yds of 4 strand cattle fencing.

M.M.G. and Mortar personnel attached to Coys are well forward with gun emplacements, mortar pits and protective wiring.

PIONEER PLATOON: Roads are being improved and hill-cut in "C" Coy area is progressing. Ladders are being constructed for lopping trees in clearing fields of fire. Sharpening and repair of tools continues.

A MacDonal Lieut.

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
23 Jun. 42

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Herewith report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 23 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA - 35 personnel on Divisional road task. Remainder of Coy. continuing wiring of Pl. posns, and digging weapon pits during morning. Training and Lord Gowrie's visit in afternoon.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. on beach patrol last night. Personnel on early patrols engaged this morning on defensive posn. - wiring and digging. Work completed in this area to date:-

No. 14 Pl. - One Sec. post nearing completion, second Sec. post weapon pits dug and third commenced.

No. 10 Pl. - Two Sec. posts completely wired; erection of pickets for Pl. wiring proceeding. Weapon pits in two secs. commenced.

No. 12 Pl. - Wooden pickets laid out for erection. Sec. weapon pits commenced and some nearing completion. M.G. & Mortar personnel attached - Training.

"C" COY. AREA - No. 13 Pl. - All Sec. posts wired. Weapon pits in process of completion. Pl. wiring complete. Corrals being constructed.

No. 14 Pl. - As above.

No. 15 Pl. - Two Sec. posts wired. Weapon pits marked out. This Pl. is behind in its work on the Pl. posn. because it was engaged in protective duties at Bde. Area.

This Coy. is at present engaged on Divisional Road task, but work is being staggered to suit, on the defensive area; 2½ hrs. morning, 1½ hrs. afternoon.

"D" COY. AREA - Training all day.

PIONEER PL. - Engaged on road jobs within Bn. Area. Tools, latrines, and grease traps keep them busily occupied. Three ladders made by Pioneers distributed to Coys.

W. MacDonald
42 Bn. Works Officer. Lieut.

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SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORK'S OFFICER.

42nd Aust. Inf. Bn,
In the Field,
24 Jun 42.

29 Aust. Inf. Bde.,

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn Area during 24 hours ended 1800 hours 24 Jun 42.

"A" Coy: Personnel numbering 35 engaged on divisional road task. Remainder of coy. on recreation.

"B" Coy: All plns. engaged in digging and wiring.

"C" Coy: Personnel numbering 70 engaged on divisional road task. Work on pln. defensive posns is being staggered to suit shifts on road work; men working on the road during the morning work on pln. posns. for 1½ hours in the afternoon. Those engaged on road work in the afternoon work for 2½ hrs. during the morning on defensive posn.

"D" Coy: Coy. engaged in building mule tracks on SOUTHERN end of Mt. Woodstock for servicing alternate posns. on NORTHERN slopes of Muntalunga Range from Coy. H.Q. Area. These tracks are 3 feet wide, cleared of all stones, are cut level and are approx. two miles in length. They will be accessible to carrying parties and for mules by day or by night.

Pioneer: Road improvement continues in Bn. Area.
Platoon:

Ward Donald, Lieut.
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Work's Officer.

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SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
25 Jun. 42.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during the 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 25 Jun. 42:

"A" COY. AREA - Half of the effective strength of this Coy. is engaged on Divisional road task. Remainder were to-day occupied on further digging and wiring on Pl. posns.

"B" COY. AREA - All Pls. engaged to-day on construction of mule tracks to service alternate posns. on SOUTHERN slopes of foothills to the NORTH of the present Coy. posn.

"C" COY. AREA - Although practically all Pls. of this Coy. are engaged on the Divisional road task, work is still progressing on weapon pits and wiring in Pl. posns.

"D" COY. AREA - Construction of mule tracks in this Coy. Area continued to-day. An excellent job has been done and alternate posn. is now made easy of access by approx. two miles of these tracks.

"E" (MG) COY. AREA = Pls. from this Coy. attached to Rifle Coys. have practically completed gun emplacements, Pl. H.Q. and all control and weapon pits in their respective Areas.

MORTAR PL. - Work on Detachment pits in Coy. areas is almost complete.

PIONEER PL. - Vehicular road from main STUART-NOME road to "C" Coy. posn. is progressing satisfactorily, good work having been performed. Many tasks in Bn. Area keep this Pl. busy.

MATERIALS - 20 picks, 20 shovels, 1 crowbar, 1 earth auger, 5 tracing tapes and 350 yards of wire netting (for camouflage) were collected to-day from 24 Fd. Pk. Coy. and distributed to Coys.

MacDonald, Lieut.
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer.

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H.Q., 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
26 Jun 42

H.Q.,
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Report of progress of field works in 42 Bn area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs 26 Jun 42:-

"A" COY. AREA: Half of the effective strength of this Coy is engaged on Div road task. One section of 8 pl is on outpost duty at "D" Coy's old def posn O.P. Remainder of Coy training as per syllabus.

"B" COY. AREA: This Coy was on beack patrol last night. Coy engaged in further work on mule tracks and preparation for Coy exercises.

"C" COY. AREA: Div road task occupies most of Coy. Further wiring has been done on 14 and 15 pl areas.

"D" COY. AREA: Coy on recreation as per syllabus. Football in the afternoon. Preparation for Coy exercise.

"E" COY. AREA: All pls finishing off gun emplacements and wiring in sec posts, and preparing for Coy exercises.

MORTAR PLATOON: Further work on detachment pits and amm pits in Coy areas.

PIONEER PLATDON: Further road construction work in Bn area.

MATERIALS: 10 crowbars were collected today from 24 Fd. Pk Coy and distributed to Coys .

E. J. Pattinson Lieut.,
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer

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H.Q. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
27 Jun. 42

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Herewith report of progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hrs. ended 1800 hrs. 27 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA - Owing to weather being wet, Divisional road task was cancelled. Coy. was engaged on the construction of 600 yds. of mule track. One Sec. of No.8 Pl. on Outpost Duty at "D" Coy's old def. posn. O.P.

"B" COY. AREA - Coy. left at 0600 hrs. this morning on Coy. Exercise, but was recalled owing to weather. Coy. did not arrive back in area until late in afternoon owing to bogged tpt.

"C" COY. AREA - Divisional Road task cancelled. Coy. was enabled to further wiring on Nos. 14 & 15 Pl. Areas, and mule track was commenced.

"D" COY. AREA - Coy. left at 0600 hrs. on Coy. exercise, but was recalled. Afternoon was spent in drying clothes.

"E" COY. AREA - Two Pls? were on Coy. Exercises. No. 21 Pl. worked on portion of mule track in "A" Coy. area.

J. Pattin
Lieut.
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer

H.Q. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
28 Jun. 42

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Herewith report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. Area during 24 hrs. ended 1800 hrs. 28 Jun. 42.

"A" COY. AREA: This Coy. was on Beach Patrol last night, and as they worked all through the rain on 27th personnel are short of dry clothes. Opportunity was taken to dry clothes and blankets by "drying tents" and sun. Further work done on mule track which is an excellent job. A permanent track has been made by cut and fill, faces have been stoned to prevent washouts. All Coy's tools were maintained by a thorough washing, oiling and overhaul.
One Sec. of 8 Pl. still out on O.P. duties.

"B" COY. AREA: Day spent in washing drying clothes and recreation.

"C" COY. AREA: This ^{coy.} worked on mule track to-day and was able to link up with "A" Coy. A complete mule track now exists between "A" & "C" Coys. This mule track is built similarly to "A" Coys. and should prove to be a permanent structure.

"D" COY. AREA: Further work on mule tracks and improvement of defences occupied the day.

E. Pattison Lieut.
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer.

H.Q. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
29 Jun. 42

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Herewith report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 29 Jun. 42:-

"A" COY. AREA: Half of effective strength of this Coy. was engaged on Div. road task. Remainder worked on a Canteen Working Party in Townsville.
One Sec. of 8 Pl. still out on O.P. duties.

"B" COY. AREA: Coy. was on Beach Patrol last night and to-day improved and extended their mule tracks.

"C" COY. AREA: 70 men were engaged on Div. road task. Work was done on 15 Pl. weapon pits and further wiring in 14 and 15 Pl. areas.

"D" COY. AREA: 1 hr. Pl. route marches in morning followed by improvement and extension of mule tracks.

MATERIALS: 1 bins, garbage, 3 pans, latrine, 1 square, 1 screwdriver, 1 guage morticing, 1 gauge bevel, 1 Rule 3 ft, 1 padlock
2 lbs. nails, $\frac{1}{4}$ roll malthoid were collected to-day from 24 Fd. Park Coy. and distributed to Coys.

E. J. Pattynck
Lieut.
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer.

42 Aust. Inf. Bn.
30 Jun. 42

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT - WORKS OFFICER.

H.Q.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. Herewith report on progress of field works in 42 Bn. area during 24 hours ended 1800 hrs. 30 Jun. 42:

"A" COY. AREA: 35 men on Div. road task, and one Sec. on O.P. Duties. Remainder of Coy. were engaged on No. 9 Pl. defensive posn.

"B" COY. AREA: This Coy. was engaged in improving Pl. posns. and mule tracks.

"C" COY. AREA: Further digging in 15 Pl. posn. while wiring was continued on 14 & 15 Pl. posns.

"D" COY. AREA: Morning was spent in doing 1 hour's smartening up drill and further work on Pl. posns. Afternoon spent in work on mule tracks.

E. J. Pattinson Lieut.
42 Aust. Inf. Bn. Works Officer.

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42nd BATTALION (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	22	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	34	1	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Cran, P.G.	42 Bn	6/6/42	Detached to H.Q., 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col. Lt-Col.	Q36439	HERON, A.R.	42 Bn.	No	Att. 29 Inf. Tng. Bn.
Major Major	Q35751	MULLINS, E.	"	Yes	2 i/c
Lieut. T/Major	Q185290	DAVIDSON, C.W.	"	Yes	C.O.
Capt. T/Major	Q35753	CROSSWELL, C.N.	"	Yes	O/C "C" Coy.
Capt. Capt.	Q119286	MOLLOY, L.T.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35757	MACKAY, A.W.	"	Yes	Adjt.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35759	JONES, V.S.	"	No	Concl. & Cmflg. School
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35756	REYNOLDS, J.F.	"	Yes	O/C H.Q. Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35762	ROSS, J.A.	"	Yes	O/C "E" (MG) Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35764	FRAINEY, J.F.	"	Yes	Q.M.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35760	CONDIE, J.	"	Yes	O/C "B" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35766	COLE, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35767	MacDONALD, H.	"	Yes	2 i/c "E" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35768	GANTER, A.G.	"	Yes	2 i/c "B" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35769	JENKS, A.E.	"	Yes	2 i/c "D" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36499	PATTINGALE, E.J.	"	Yes	2 i/c "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35802	WHYTE, J.T.J.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36500	MELDRUM, A.D.R.	"	Yes	O/C 7 Pl.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35774	FOX, W.E.	"	Yes	O/C 19 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35906	FRIEND, G.C.	"	Yes	O/C 8 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35809	ANDERSEN, M.A.	"	No	Hospital
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36457	WEIGHT, J.W.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36459	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	"	Yes	T.O.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36505	CRAN, P.G.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q185297	TAYLOR, S.M.	"	Yes	O/C 13 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35885	HUTTON, D.P.	"	Yes	O/C 20 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36403	RICHMOND, L.T.	"	No	S38 Course, Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36419	EDWARDS, S.W.	"	Yes	O/C Carrier Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q35793	COLE, G.F.	"	Yes	O/C 16 Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q36449	BAILEY, R.C.	"	No	116 A.G.H.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35973	BURTON, R.N.	"	No	Adv. Map Reading Cse.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35978	COUSINS, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C 21 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q33664	McKINLAY, D.E.	"	Yes	O/C 17 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36587	HOMWOOD, A.L.	"	Yes	O/C Sig. Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt. Capt.	Q123861	ALEXANDER, W.J.H.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chaplain	Q69086	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain

42nd Battalion

(Unit.)

6th June 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

Edward J. Major Major

(Signature of Commander.)

29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			1
Majors	3		
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	22 8	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	33	1	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	Jones V.S.	42 Bn.	16/6/42	Returned from concealment and camouflage school
Lieut.	Burton R.M.	do	18/6/42	Returned from map reading course

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major Major	Q35751	MULLINS, E.	42 Bn.	Yes	2 i/c
Lieut. T/Major	Q185290	DAVIDSON, C.W.	"	Yes	C.O.
Capt. T/Major	Q35753	CROSSWELL, C.N.	"	Yes	O.C. "C" Coy.
Capt. Capt.	Q119286	MOLLOY, L.T.	"	No.	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35757	MACKAY, A.W.	"	Yes	Adjt.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35759	JONES, V.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c "C" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35756	REYNOLDS, J.F.	"	Yes	O.C. H.Q. Coy
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35762	ROSS, J.A.	"	Yes	O.C. "E" (MG) Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35764	FRAINEY, J.F.	"	Yes	O.M.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35760	CONDIE, J.	"	Yes	O.C. "B" Coy
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35766	COLE, R.B.	"	Yes	O.C. "A" Coy
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35767	MACDONALD, H.	"	Yes	2 i/c "E" (MG) Coy
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35768	GANTER, A.G.	"	Yes	2 i/c "B" Coy
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35769	JENKS, A.E.	"	Yes	2 i/c "D" Coy
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36499	PATTINGALE, E.J.	"	Yes	2 i/c "A" Coy
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35802	WHYTE, J.T.J.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36500	MELDRUM, A.D.R.	"	Yes	O.C. 7 Pl.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35774	FOX, W.E.	"	Yes	O.C. 19 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35906	FRIEND, G.C.	"	Yes	O.C. 8 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35809	ANDERSON, M.A.	"	Yes	Hospital
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36457	WEIGHT, J.W.	"	No.	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36459	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	"	Yes	T.O.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36505	CRAN, P.G.	"	No.	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q185297	TAYLOR, S.M.	"	Yes	O.C. 13 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35885	HUTTON, D.F.	"	No.	A/C Course Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36403	RICHMOND, L.T.	"	No.	S. 38 Course Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36419	EDWARDS, S.W.	"	Yes	O.C. Carrier Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q35793	COLE, G.F.	"	Yes	O.C. 16 Pl.
WO(II) Lieut(P)	Q36449	BAILEY, R.C.	"	No.	116 A.G.H.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35973	BURTON, R.N.	"	Yes	O.C. 9 Pl "A" Coy
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35978	COUSINS, R.B.	"	Yes	O.C. 21 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q33664	McKINLAY, D.E.	"	Yes	O.C. 17 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	36587	HOMWOOD, A.L.	"	Yes	O.C. Sig. Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt. Capt.	Q. 123268	ALEXANDER, W.J.H.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
Chaplain	Q. 69086	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain

42nd. Battalion

(Unit.)

20 June '42

(Date of Despatch.)


(Signature of Commander.)

Major.

29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

APPENDIX
C.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			1
Majors	3		
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	32		4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	HOLLOX, L.T.	42 Aust Inf Bn	22/6/42	From duty at H.Q., 29 Aust. Inf. Bn/

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	HOLLOX, L.T.	42 Aust Inf Bn	24/6/42	Attending Coy. Comd's Course, E.C.T.S.
Lieut	MacDONALD, H.	do.	26/6/42	Attending Bomb Disposal School, Liverpool
Lieut	BAILEY, R.C.	do.	29/5/42	Trans. to X List. 1st Pt. II Order issued. 15/6/42

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major Major	Q35751	MULLINS, E.	42 Inf	Yes	2 1/c
Lieut. T/Major	Q185290	DAVIDSON, C.W.	"	Yes	C.O.
Capt. T/Major	Q35753	CROSSWELL, C.N.	"	Yes	O/C "C" Coy.
Capt. Capt.	Q119286	HOLLOX, L.F.	"	No	Coy. Comd's Course
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35757	MACKAY, A.W.	"	Yes	Adit.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35759	JONES, V.S.	"	Yes	2 1/c "C" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35756	REYNOLDS, J.F.	"	Yes	O/C H.O. Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35762	ROSS, J.A.	"	Yes	O/C "B" (MG) Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35764	FRAINEY, J.F.	"	Yes	O.H.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35760	CONDIE, J.	"	Yes	O/C "B" Coy.
Lieut. T/Capt.	Q35766	COLE, R.B.	"	Yes	O/C "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35767	MACDONALD, H.	"	No	Bomb Disposal School
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35768	GANTER, A.G.	"	Yes	2 1/c "B" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35769	JENKS, A.E.	"	Yes	2 1/c "D" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36499	PATTINGALE, E.J.	"	Yes	2 1/c "A" Coy.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35802	WYTE, J.T.J.	"	Yes	I.O.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q36500	HELDROM, A.D.R.	"	Yes	O/C 7 Pl.
Lieut. Lieut.	Q35774	FOX, W.E.	"	Yes	O/C 19 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35906	FRIEND, G.C.	"	Yes	O/C 8 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35809	ANDERSEN, H.A.	"	No	Hospital
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36457	WRIGHT, J.W.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36459	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.	"	Yes	I.O.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36205	CRAN, P.G.	"	No	Att. 29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q185297	TAYLOR, S.H.	"	Yes	O/C 13 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35885	HUTTON, D.F.	"	No	A/G Course, Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36403	RICHMOND, L.T.	"	No	S38 Course, Cabarlah
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36419	EDWARDS, S.W.	"	Yes	O/C Carrier Pl.
O(II) Lieut(P)	Q35793	COLE, G.F.	"	Yes	O/C 16 Pl.
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Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35973	BURTON, R.H.	"	Yes	O/C 9 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q35978	COUSINS, H.B.	"	Yes	O/C 21 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q33664	McKINLAY, D.E.	"	Yes	O/C 17 Pl.
Sgt. Lieut(P)	Q36587	HOMWOOD, A.L.	"	Yes	O/C Sig Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
apt. Capt.	Q123268	ALEXANDER, W.J.H.	A.A.H.C.		R.M.O.
Chaplain	Q69086	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain

42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

27 June 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature)
Major

(Signature of Commander.)

29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

42nd Battalion Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Privates		39						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		39						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

42nd Battalion
Unit.
6th June 1942
Date of Despatch.....

Major
Signature of Commander.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

42 Battalion (Unit) 20 Jun 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	-
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	37		4
Corporals	85		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	699		32
TOTALS	836	* 1	* 39

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt. McPherson, J.J.	A.A.P.C.		
Cpl. Grieve, L.P.	A.A.O.C.		
Cpl. Plumb, K.J.	A.A.M.C.		
Cpl. Grant, G.V.	Postal Unit		
Pte. Cheetham, H.W.	A.A.O.C.		
Pte. Irving, L.	29 Aust. Bde.		

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

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

Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Privates		38						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		38						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

42 Battalion

Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander. Major.

Date of Despatch. 20 Jun. 42

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

42 AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE. (Unit) 27 June 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	37		4
Corporals	84		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	694		37
TOTALS	830	*	* 45

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt. McPherson, J.J.	A.A.P.C.		
Cpl. Grieve, L.P.	A.A.O.C.		
Cpl. Plumb, K.J.	A.A.V.C.		
Cpl. Grant, G.V.	Postal Unit		
Pte. Cheetham, H.W.	A.A.O.C.		
Pte. Irving, I.	29 Aust. Inf. Bde.		

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

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
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Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Privates	44							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	44							

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

27th June 1942

Date of Despatch

[Signature]

Major

Signature of Commander.

29 Aust. Inf. Bde.

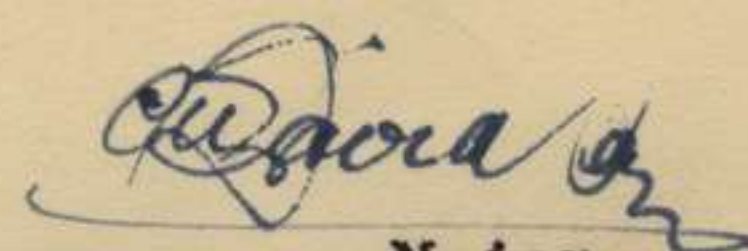
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITION.

1. As a result of the G.O.C's inspection on 19 Jun, the following notes are issued for guidance of Coy.Comds, in the further development of the posn.
2. WIRING. The method laid down by 5 Aust Div is evidently understood and is being carried out satisfactorily. In a few instances however section wiring is within grenade range of the posts. In most cases there are not sufficient gaps being left in the wire. If properly constructed i.e. by an overlap of one panel, it is quite invisible from in front and can be closed in a few minutes if necessary.
Cattle fencing must be tight to be effective.
Posts, also, require to be sunk deeper than is the case at present. Trees should be used as strainers wherever possible, and the wire twitched tight with a forked stick before being tired to pickets.
3. WEAPON PITS Some very good examples of the required type of pit have been constructed where the soil is suitable. On hillsides it may be necessary to revert to the sangar type. This should be avoided wherever possible on account of the difficulty of obtaining a sufficiently thick bank on a steep slope, and because of the possibility of heavy splintering of the rock. Though some sandbags are available, supply is not likely to be sufficient to carry out any extensive sandbagging of hillside pits. A trial is suggested of sloping slits in which personnel could lie, firing from the prone posn. The standard type of weapon pit should be used for riflemen of M.M.G.sections and Mortar dets.
4. CRAWL TRENCHES The wisdom of crawl trenches, particularly on hill side posns., is very doubtful, because of difficulty of concealment. For the present no further work will be done on crawl trenches until all wiring and weapon pits have been completed. Experiments will then be conducted in the camouflaging of crawl trenches with wire netting and further instrns., issued.
5. CAMOUFLAGE On receipt of wire netting which is at present on requisition, Coys will experiment with the camouflaging of weapon pits by a garnished wire netting frame erected about one foot above the level of the pit.
6. CLEARING Ladders are being constructed in order to permit as much lopping of lower branches of trees as possible. This work will also provide the opportunity of implementing Div. policy of introducing tree climbing into trng. It must be remembered however that the bole of a gum or moreton bay ash is particularly difficult to climb and adequate precaution against accident must be taken. Timber when felled must be stacked in heaps and burnt after drying out.

Distribution:-

A.B.C.D.E.H.Q.Coys 1 ea.
C.O.
2 i/c
29 Aust Inf Bde (for information)
War Diary 2
File 1


Major.
C.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn.

H.Q. 42 AUST. INF. BN,
21 Jun. 42.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS.

1. The following instns are issued for guidance of Coy. Comds in carrying out tng. and work programme for period 21/30 Jun. issued Friday 19 Jun. following Div. instn.
2. "Training 4 (a)" will be individual tng in continuance of the syllabus already commenced. Every advantage must be taken of these limited periods to improve the efficiency of personnel in the use of weapons and to counteract the inevitable tendency to slovenliness of movement induced by a protracted work period. Periods set out in the syllabus may be staggered through the day if availability of tng equipment and instructors makes such course advisable.
3. Preparation of Defences 4(b). See instn issued separately.
4. Recreation. One day in each six is set aside for recreation. This is not to be interpreted as a licence to do nothing. The day is intended as a diversion. Coy. Comds may arrange to move to the vicinity of water suitable for washing, swimming and fishing. For the purpose of carting of necessary soyers, clothing, sporting material a limited amount of tpt may be used. As an alternative fishing parties may be arranged and pl. competitions carried out on available sports grounds.
5. Night training 4 (d) The night tng programme as set out in syllabus issued Friday 19 Jun is cancelled. An amended night tng. and works programme is attached hereto.
The night tng will include the present beach patrol duties.
6. Special tng. 4(c). This will include:-
 - (a) Gaining knowledge of and moving over hills and through wooded country in areas allotted to respective Bdes, using reduced M.T. and carrying 3 days reserve of rations.
 - (b) Blazing and preparation of tracks through hills and wooded country.
 - (c) Recce and fighting patrols by day and night.
 - (d) Hill climbing as part of daily programme.
 - (e) Specialised tng and trials, to include tree climbing with and without special equipment, and firing from behind trees.

Exercises introducing this tng. will be set by Bn. H.Q.

C. J. DAVIDSON, Major.
C.O. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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NIGHT TNG AND RD WORK PROGRAMME

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
O.P. (D Coy old def posn)	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Road Construction	C/A	C/A	C/A	C/A	C/A	C/A	C/A	C/A
Beach Patrol	D	A	B	D	A	B	D	A
O.P. Trig 784	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

Personnel manning the O.P. at D Coy old def posn will be relieved by 1000 hrs on the day of relief.

Relief party will be transported from En.H.Q. at 0900 hrs.

A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adjutant 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

C. I. DAVIDSON, Major
42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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ALL COYS

H.Q., 42 Aust Inf Bn.,
18 Jun 42

War Diary E

1. 42 Bn will provide a road construction party until further notice.
2. "A" and "C" Coys will provide personnel as follows:-

<u>Strength of Party:</u>		"C" Coy	"A" Coy
Officers		2	-
N.C.Os		6	-2
Ptes		70	30

"A" Coy personnel will report to O/C "C" Coy and be employed on the No.2 shift.

3. The working party will be divided into 2 gps.
No.1 Gp. 1 Off., 2 N.C.Os., and 25 men will be located at STUART CK GAOL QUARRY.
No.2 Gp. 1 Off., 2 N.C.Os., and 25 men will be located on RD TOWNSVILLE-AYR vicinity "D" Coy def posn.
4. The work will be carried out in two shifts -
No.1 shift from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
No.2 shift from 1200 hrs. to 1800 hrs.
Each shift comprising 2 Offs., 4 N.C.Os and 50 o/ranks.
5. REPORTING: On 19 Jun 42 the No.1 shift will report to Lieut. Keating (R.A.E.) at the Ry Xing near 29 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. at 0600 hrs.
Thereafter the working parties will report direct to job site.
6. DRESS: All personnel will carry steel helmets, respirator, rifle and equipment, full waterbottle, shorts and shirts - soft hat may be worn whilst working.
7. TOOLS: All tools will be supplied by Officer in charge of the work (Lieut. Keating)
8. TRANSPORT: Tpt Offr (Lieut. McLaughlin) will provide tpt to and from Coy area as arranged by O.C. "C" Coy.
9. MEALS: Meals for working party provided under Coy arrangements. O/C "A" Coy will confer with O/C "C" Coy in this regard.
10. MEDICAL: One orderly with first aid outfit will be stationed with each working party. R.M.O. will provide necessary outfits.

(Signed) A. W. MACKAY, Capt.,
Adj. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION: "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy, "E" Coy, H.Q. Coy, R.M.O., Bn.H.Q. (4), War Diary (2), File (1).

24 JUN 1942

42 AUST. INF. TNG. INSTRUCTION.

"FREE FOR ALL" COY. EXERCISE.

War Day
"F"

REF. MAP. TOWNSVILLE (Special) 1" = 1 Mile.

"To gain knowledge of movement over hills and through wooded country in area allotted to the Bde. using reduced M.T. and carrying own Rations".

METHOD.

"B" & "D" Coys. plus attached tps. will carry out Coy. "Free for All" during the period 27/28 Jun. 42. One Pl. M.M.G. & 2 dets. Mortars will be attached to each "B" & "D" Coys. for purpose of exercise. No specialist gear will be carried. Attached tps. will be absorbed into Rifle Coy. organization. M.M.G. Officer to be utilised at discretion of O.C. Rifle Coy. All attached tps. will report to Rifle Coys. after evening meal 26 Jun. 42.

S.P. - "B" Coy. Ry. crossing WEST of SMYTH'S SIDING 019738.
"D" Coy. Ry. crossing 001747.

S.T. - 0600 hrs. 27 Jun. 42.

Route - "B" Coy. S.P. - 060715 - 086690 - 082654 Thence B2 & B2(C3) Rd. to 010617 - 018677.
999716 - 991728 - 001747 to S.P.

"D" Coy. S.P. - 991728 - 999716 - 018677 - 010617
thence B2(C3) Rd. & B2 to 082654 - 086690 - 060715
to S.P.

No limit to off the Road movement.

ADM.

Dress - Battle Order.
1 Blanket & Groundsheet will be carried in pack on M.T.

MEDICAL.

R.M.O. supply "B" & "D" Coys. S.B.'s with complete kit.
O.C.'s responsibility to see this is done.

AMM.

NO live amm. will be carried on exercise. All amm. will be withdrawn from personnel prior to 0600 hrs. 27 Jun. 42. O.C.'s Coys. personal responsibility. Certificate to be rendered with "Moving Out" report 0600 hrs. 27 Jun. 42 to Bn. H.Q.

TOOLS.

Adequate tools for sanitary etc. duties to be carried on Coy. tps.

TPT.

One 15 Cwt. Van per Pl. and 1 per Coy. H.Q. will be taken. O.C. "E" (MG) Coy. will supply vans required by "B" & "D" Coys.

SUPPLIES.

All Coy. Cooks except 1 to be allotted to Pls. as cooking advisers. One cook to remain in Coy. Area to cook for guards etc. as per para. below. All cooking by Pls. Rations for 2 days 27/28 Jun. will be drawn under "B" & "D" Coy. arrangements. (Delivery by Q.M. on evening of 26 Jun. 42). O.C. "E" (MG) Coy. and O.C. Mortar Pl. will advise O.C.'s "B" & "D" Coys. by 0800 hrs. 26 Jun. 42 number of men who will be attached. O.C.'s "B" & "D" Coys. will notify Q.M. by 1000 hrs. 26 Jun. 42 of number of men on Exercise and number remaining in Camp. O.C.'s other Coys. affected by Exercise will advise Q.M. of any change in Ration Strength by 1000 hrs. 26 Jun. 42.

WATER.

It is reported that the water in TOCKY SPRINGS, ANTIL PLAINS CK. & ALLIGATOR CK. is good. All precautions to be carried out.

INTERCOM. Sig Office will confer with O.C's Forces and -
 1. If possible, supply 108 set to each Coy.
 2. Establish report centre at 041669, and if necessary
 Relay on 039699. Reports to Bn. H.Q. hourly.

GUARDS. Each Coy. leave only sufficient personnel in present posn. to safeguard Coy. Stores etc. "E" (MG) Coy. stores removed from vans to be stacked under cover in Rifle Coy. Area and guarded under "E" (MG) Coy. arrangements.

SPECIAL INSTNS.
 1. Each force to regard all other members of 42 Aust. Inf. Bn. as hostile.
 2. Exercise MUST be completed by 2359 hrs. on 28 Jun. 42 and tps. in Coy. areas by 0600 hrs. 29 Jun. 42.

Lieut. Friend will be attached to "D" Coy. as a Pl. Comd.

UMPIRES:

Force "E" Coy. - Major CROSSWELL, Lieut. MELDRUM,
 Force "D" Coy. - Capt. COLE, Capt. ROSS.

Duties - Watch movement of Coy. by day and night. Report on protection on move and at rest, use of ground, and cover from air, Battle Procedure and dispositions during approach march 1st contact and during engagements (if any). Control generally and reaction of personnel to this type of exercise. Supply of Battle Intelligence etc.

Ensure that any clash does not develop into an uncontrolled scramble. Any phase will be concluded when it is considered maximum benefit has been obtained. Use of Battle Sentries.

O.C's Coys. and Officers will take every opportunity of demonstrating and explaining to all ranks, Japanese methods of infiltration and envelopment and their counter.

(Signed) A.W. MACKAY, Capt.
 Adj. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

C.O.	"E" (MG) Coy. (3)
2 i/c	H.Q. Coy. (5)
I.O.	S.O.
T.O.	29 Aust. Inf. Bde. (2)
M.O.	O.C. Mortar Pl.
Q.M.	Lieut. Meldrum
File	Capt. Cole
War Diary (2)	Capt. Ross
"A" Coy. (2)	Major Crosswell
"B" Coy. (5)	
"C" Coy. (2)	
"D" Coy. (5)	

APPEND. "G"
War Diary
42 Bn. H.Q.
1 Jun. 42.

42 BN. TRAINING INSTRUCTION.

1. For the purpose of preparing Pl. Offs. & N.C.O's for a period of intensive tng. for the Bn. in individual and Sect. tng., a Cadre course for Junior Offs. W.C.O's & Potential N.C.O's will be held during the period 2/8 Jun. incl.

2. Attached is Syllabus of Training, Table of Instructors, and allotment of trainees to Squads.

3. Tng. will be on Bull Ring principle.

4. Lieut. A.D.R. Meldrum will be in charge of tng. under general supervision of C.O. & 2 i/c.

5. Tng. will be carried out on open area immediately NORTH of Carrier Position.

6. STORES - The following stores will be supplied by each "A", "B", "C" & "D" Coys:-

Each Day of Course: 1 Bren complete with Tripod.

Sunday 7 Jun.: 1 T.S.M.G.

Monday 8 Jun.: 4 Dischargers Gr., 1 T.S.M.G.

Drill Rounds, Dummy Grenades, Tng. Sticks & Aim Rests will be supplied under Bn. arrangements. Any other stores required will be procured by instructors concerned.

7. DRESS - Battle Order, Steel Helmets, Respirators.

8. MEALS - Coys. will supply Midday meal for own personnel in Hot Boxes and will arrange for 1 Orderly per Coy. to prepare tea for Smoke-On in morning and for midday meal. In addition, evening meal will be supplied on Thurs. 4 Jun. and Monday 8 Jun.

9. MAPS - 1 Sec. will supply 6 maps of Bn. Area on Thursday 4 Jun. complete with inf. collected to midday Wednesday 3 Jun.

(Signed) C.W. DAVIDSON, Major.
C.O. 42 Bn.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

PERIOD	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
0830 to 0910	Stand at Ease. Dress sqd with interval. Turning ab halt Marching slow & quick time Turning on march Marking time forward. M.E.D Secs 5-9, 12 & 16	Saluting at halt & on move Changing direction by wheeling. Forming, Dismissing, Numbering Words of Comd. Comm. drill M.E.D. Sec. 2 & 19	Attention, Stand at Ease, Easy, Saluting (Arms), Slope, Order, Ground Arms. M.E.D Sec. 44-45-68 46-47-66	Present Arms, Slope from Present, For Insp. Port Arms, Order from Port, Trail Arms from Slope & Order. M.E.D. Sec. 48, 49, 52.	Slope from Trail, Change Arms from Slope & vice versa, Fix Bayonets, Pile Arms. M.E.D. 58 & 59, M.T.P. 18 Sec. 3	F. Craft. Camouflage. M.T.P. 26	F. Craft Individ. Stalk Pam. 33 Sec. 19
0915 to 0955	Bren Loading & Unloading, Sight Setting, Holding Aiming. Pam. 4 Less. 2 & 3.	Bren Pistol Gp, Barrel & Butt Gp. Pam. 4. Less 5 & 6	Bren Care & Cleaning	Bren Elem. Handling, Gunner Alone. Less 11.	Bren I.A. & Stoppages. Less. 13 & 14	Bren Setting up on ground & mounting on Tripod. Less 17 & 18.	Bren Sec. Handling, Defence. Less. 25
1000 to 1040	Appln. Fire. Meth. of searching ground, Locating service Targets, Study of ground Pam 2 Less 2-4	Appln. Fire. Recognition. Pam. 2, Less 5 & 6.	F. Craft. Use of ground, cover from view & fire. M.T.P. 33 Sec. 8 & 9.	F. Craft. Ground for fire posns. M.T.P. 33 Sec. 10	F. Craft. Obs. Tng. M.T.P. 33, Sec. 12.	F. Craft. Selection of Lines of Adv. Pam. 33, Sec. 13.	Guard Mounting M.E.D. Chap. 6, Sec. 76.
1055 to 1135	Bren Firing Less. 4 Pam. 4	Bren Body Gp. & Bipod, Pam. 4, Less 7.	Bren Mechanism. Less 10.	Bren Elem. Hand Gunner & Asst. Less 12.	Bren Adv. Hand Mount. on cover Less 21 & 22.	Bren Laying a fixed Line, Tripod A.A. Less 19 & 20	Thompson, Strip & Clean Pam. 21 Less. 3
1140 to 1220	Rifle, Aiming Instn, Acc. of Aim, Pam. 3 Less 1, 4 & 6.	Rifle Aim. at Service Targets & Ground Aim. off for wind & Movement Less 7 & 8, 11 & 12.	Rifle Firing Instn, Lying, Kneeling, Sitting, Standing. Less 13-16.	Rifle Snapshooting & Rapid Fire. Less 17 & 19.	Rifle Firing behind cover, Kneeling, Lying Sitting & Standing, Less 20-22.	Thompson Loading, unloading, holding, Firing. Pam. 21, Less. 1 & 2.	Rifle Fire Disc Tng. Pam. 3, Less. 22.

LIST OF INSTRUCTORS.

PERIOD	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
0830 to 0910	W.O. Armstrong Lt. Edwards Sgt. Ross	W.O. Armstrong Lt. Edwards Sgt. Ross	W.O. Armstrong Lt. Edwards Sgt. Ross	W.O. Armstrong Lt. Edwards Sgt. Ross	W.O. Armstrong Lt. Edwards Sgt. Ross	Sgt. Ross Sgt. Winter	Lieut. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm
0915 to 0955	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black	Lt. Friend Sgt. Black Lt. Edwards W.O. Armstrong Sgt. Ross
1000 to 1040	Lt. Cousins Sgt. McMurtrie	Lt. Cousins Sgt. McMurtrie	Lt. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm	Lt. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm	Lt. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm	Lt. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm	Sgt. Ross
1055 to 1135	Sgt. Talbot Sgt. Kean	Sgt. Talbot Sgt. Kean	Sgt. Talbot Sgt. Kean	Sgt. Talbot Sgt. Kean	Sgt. Talbot Sgt. Kean	Sgt. Talbot Sgt. Kean	Lt. Cran
1140 to 1220	Sgt. Thomasson Sgt. Winter	Sgt. Thomasson Sgt. Winter	Sgt. Thomasson Sgt. Winter	Sgt. Thomasson Sgt. Winter	Sgt. Thomasson Sgt. Winter	Lt. Cran Sgt. Thomasson	Sgt. Thomasson Sgt. Winter
1225 to 1255	Capt. Mackay	Capt. Mackay	Capt. Mackay	Capt. Mackay	Capt. Mackay	Capt. Mackay	Capt. Mackay
1400 to 1440	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker	Lt. Cousins Sgt. McMurtrie	Lt. Cousins Sgt. McMurtrie	Lt. Cousins Sgt. McMurtrie
1445 to 1525	Lt. Cole Sgt. Presneil	Lt. Cole Sgt. Presneil	Lt. Cole Sgt. Presneil	Lt. Cole Sgt. Presneil	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker	Lt. Hutton Cpl. Booker
1530 to 1610	Lt. Taylor	Lt. Taylor	Lt. Meldrum	Lt. Meldrum	Lt. Meldrum	Lt. Meldrum	Lt. Meldrum
1615 to 1630	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams	Lt. Meldrum Sgt. Elliot Sgt. Ghea Pte. Williams
1900 to 1940			Lt. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm Sgt. Black Sgt. Presneil				Lt. McKinlay Sgt. Ramm Sgt. Black Sgt. Presneil
1945 to 2025			Sgt. Winter Sgt. Talbot Lt. Meldrum Lt. Friend				Sgt. Winter Sgt. Talbot Lt. Meldrum Lt. Friend

NOTE: All personnel report to R.S.M. at Gate in Carrier Area at 0815 hrs. daily.

PERIOD	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
1225 to 1255	Tut. Disc.	Tut. Disc.	Tut. Disc.	Tut. Disc.	Tut. Disc.	Tut. Disc.	Tut. Disc.
1400 to 1440	Bayonet Intro- duct. posns. Less 1.	Bayonet Points & 2 Points. Less 2 & 3	Bayonet Tng. Stick, Self Def. Less 4 & 5.	Assault Course Less 6.	Appln. Fire. Judging Dist. Pam. 2 Less 7-9	Appln. Fire. Range Cards Pam 2, Less 10	Appln. Fire Fire Control Pam 2 Less 11
1445 to 1525	P.A.G. Fitting & Insp. of Resp. - Pam 2, Sec. 3 & 8.	P.A.G. War Gases. Pam. 1 App. A.	P.A.G. Person- el & Unit Equip Pam 1, -Sec 53- 60 & 63-71	P.A.G. Decon. of personnel & Wpns. Pam 1 Sec 41-74, 80, 83-84, 86-87.	Grenade. Desc. & Mech. Incl; Smoke. Pam 13, Less 1 & 7.	Grenade Pts. before throw- ing all posns. Pam. 13 Less 2 & 8.	Grenade The Discharger Firing posns Pam 13, Less 3 & 4.
1530 to 1610	A.T. Rifle. Stripping & Cleaning, Load- ing, Sight set- ting & Aiming Pam 5 Less 1 & 2.	A.T. Rifle Handling. Pam 5 Less 4.	M.R. Scales & Units; Conv. Signs. -N.M.R. Chap. 3 & 4.	M.R. Ref: co- ordinates N.M.R. Sec. 45	M.R. Contours, Bearings & Compass. N.M.R. Sec. 25 & 27	M.R. Map Setting all methods.	M.R. Finding posn. from map to ground & vice versa
1615 to 1630	P.T. Unarmed Defence.	P.T. Unarmed Defence.	P.T. Unarmed Defence.	P.T. Unarmed Defence.	P.T. Unarmed Defence	R.T. Unarmed Defence.	P.T. Unarmed Defence.
1900 to 1940			F. Craft. Move- ment by Night, Obs. by night. M.T.P. 33, Sec. 15, 16.				F. Craft. Duti of Sentries (Battle), M.T 33, Sec. 20
1945 to 2025			F. Craft. Mess- ages, verbal.				Patrols movi in and out i conjunction with above.

LIST OF PERSONNEL.

<u>NO. 1 SQUAD.</u>			<u>NO. 2 SQUAD.</u>		
Cpl. McDERMOTT, A.K.	(A)		Pte. GOUGH, R.	(A)	
Cpl. WILLIAMS, T.S.	(A)		Pte. ROSS, W.H.	(A)	
Cpl. SMITH, D.A.	(A)		L/Sgt CONNELL, R.N.	(B)	
Cpl. HAACK, H.O.	(A)		Cpl. LOWTHER, E.G.M.	(B)	
Cpl. INNOCENT, W.R.	(A)		L/Cpl BOYLE, M.J.	(B)	
Cpl. CLARKE, H.M.	(A)		L/Cpl BATTAMS, D.P.	(B)	
Cpl. WRIGHT, R.H.	(A)		Cpl. HODGE, L.A.	(B)	
L/Cpl. BECK, C.W.	(A)		L/Cpl HANLEY, J.E.	(B)	
Pte. THOMAS, L.J.	(A)		L/Cpl. McBRIDE, J.L.	(B)	
Pte. DALEY, J.E.	(A)		Pte. BAILLIE, K.L.	(B)	
Pte. WILLIAMS, G.E.	(A)		Cpl. MARTIN, E.J.	(B)	
Pte. WILLIAMS, F.A.	(A)		Cpl. HEWITT, T.J.	(B)	
Pte. PETERSON, J.C.	(C)		Pte. BRENNAN, R.J.	(B)	
<u>NO. 3 SQUAD.</u>			<u>NO. 4 SQUAD.</u>		
Cpl. LARGE, V.C.	(C)		Sgt. MENKLE, V.T.	(C)	
Cpl. FRANEY, R.J.	(C)		Pte. WELSH, L.W.	(C)	
Cpl. BYRNE, H.C.	(C)		Pte. EISENMAN, E.J.	(C)	
Cpl. WINTER, K.N.	(C)		Pte. NASH, E.E.	(C)	
Cpl. CHRISTENSEN, V.L.	(C)		Cpl. BLOW, M.W.G.	(D)	
L/Cpl. EDWARDS, P.B.	(C)		Cpl. DASH, F.J.	(D)	
L/Cpl. SALGADO, W.H.G.	(C)		Cpl. KNIGHT, C.J.	(D)	
Pte. BRICE, S.J.	(C)		Cpl. BALDREY, S.R.L.	(D)	
Pte. SMITH, C.R.J.	(C)		Cpl. BOYLE, F.S.	(D)	
Pte. BLACK, G.A.	(C)		Cpl. NUGENT, G.T.	(D)	
Pte. ROBINSON, A.C.	(C)		L/Cpl CARDEW, R.J.H.	(D)	
Pte. STRATFORD, A.C.	(C)		L/Cpl FARLOW, R.K.	(D)	
Pte. GAW, F.A.	(B)		L/Cpl SHAW, L.C.	(D)	
<u>NO. 5 SQUAD.</u>			<u>NO. 6 SQUAD.</u>		
Pte. WILLIAMS, A.	(D)		Sgt. RIGBY, C.S.D.	(A)	
L/Cpl. THOMAS, B.M.	(D)		Cpl. BUTCHER, B.R.	(E)	
L/Cpl. WATKINS, M.J.	(D)		Cpl. BURTON, J.E.	(E)	
Pte. McMURTRIE, J.D.	(D)		Pte. CAMERON, G.	(E)	
Pte. McNEILL, V.P.	(D)		Pte. COOPER, A.I.	(E)	
Pte. KINMOND, G.L.	(D)		L/Cpl MORGAN, R.	(E)	
Lieut. FOX, W.E.	(E)		L/Cpl PARKER, G.L.	(E)	
Sgt. COLLINS, J.D.	(E)		L/Cpl SKINNER, W.J.	(E)	
Cpl. DONALDSON, M.F.	(E)		L/Cpl STONES, J.N.	(E)	
Cpl. MULLER, W.G.	(E)		S/Sgt CLARKE, H.T.	(E)	
Cpl. COOK, J.E.	(E)		Pte. PURNELL, F.	(E)	
Cpl. SAUNDERS, A.M.	(E)		S/Sgt SHARPLES, R.A.	(HQ)	
Pte. HUMPHRIES, D.R.	(D)		Sgt. STEINHEUER, P.E.	(HQ)	
<u>NO. 7 SQUAD.</u>			<u>NO. 8 SQUAD.</u>		
Cpl. DWYER, T.W.	(E)		Cpl. FOLEY, A.H.	(HQ)	
Sgt. CARSON, J.W.D.H.	(HQ)		Cpl. FRANCIS, W.R.	(HQ)	
Sgt. COX, C.H.C.	(HQ)		Cpl. QUINN, W.S.	(HQ)	
Sgt. WAGSTAFF, V.L.	(HQ)		L/Cpl SCHULZE, T.H.	(HQ)	
Sgt. ELLIOTT, K.J.	(HQ)		Pte. HOFFMANN, V.G.J.	(HQ)	
Cpl. HOLLAND, L.G.	(HQ)		Sgt. WILKINSON, R.H.	(HQ)	
Cpl. KEOGH, D.P.	(HQ)		Cpl. FUNK, L.E.	(HQ)	
Cpl. MYLER, R.V.	(HQ)		Cpl. STEPHENS, E.V.J.	(HQ)	
Cpl. RAE, J.G.	(HQ)		Cpl. WELLINGS, M.M.	(HQ)	
Cpl. TURNBULL, P.	(HQ)		Cpl. JACKSON, H.L.	(HQ)	
Cpl. SCHIRMER, H.J.C.	(HQ)		Cpl. BLACKFORD, G.C.	(HQ)	
Cpl. PUET, A.J.	(HQ)		Lieut. HOMEWOOD, A.L.	(HQ)	

42 BN. TRAINING INSTRUCTION - PERIOD 2/8 JUN. 42.

The following syllabus of work and tng. will be carried out by Coys. during the above period:

All Coys.

0830 to 0845	Rifle inspection.
0845 to 0900	Smartening up drill.
0900 to 0915	Gas Tng.
0915 to 1200)	Further preparation of posns. as
1330 to 1630)	detailed below.

"A" COY: Work on alternative posn - Eastern slopes of MUNTALUNGA RANGE - wiring and clearing fields of fire.

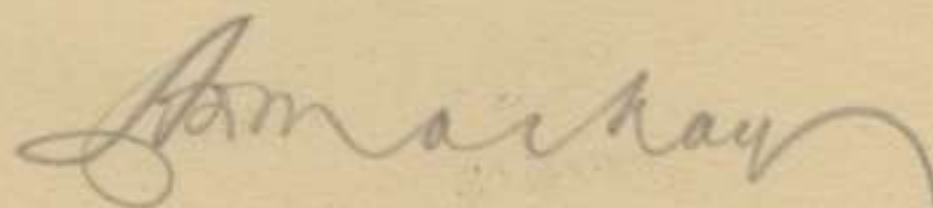
"B" COY: 2/4 Jun - (1) Erection D.A.F. round 10 Pl. Area; and in front of gun posn. Right flank and fixed line both secs.
(2) Erection D.A.F. covering West approaches to gap 11 Pl. Area.
(3) Completion concealed wiring in Ck. bed left to of 12 Pl. posn. incl. 5/8 Jun: Div. task as per separate instruction.

"C" COY: (1) Completion wiring 13 Pl. posn. vicinity TITLEY'S RANGE. Aprons on cattle fences already erected.
(2) Complete wirings 14 & 15 Pl. posns. immediately North and South of WHITE'S CK.
(3) Complete blocks in WHITE'S CK.
(4) Commence construction of rear Coy. Area.

"D" COY: (1) Construct complete D.A.F. programme for alternative Coy. posn. immediately East Bn. Battle H.Q.
(2) Preparation sangars on hill slopes above A/Tk. line.
(3) Preparation Coy. H.Q. in alternative Coy. posn.
(4) Construction of rd. over saddle at 087735 to connect two rds. servicing "D" Coy. area from Bn. rd.

GENERAL: The above programme of works will be carried out as supplies of wire and pickets are available. In addition, Coy. Comds. may prepare a playing field for organised sport in Coy. Areas.

The equivalent of one half-day per week may be devoted to organised washing parades - such parades to be staggered through the week.



(Signed) A.W. MACKAY, Capt.
Adj. 42 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 each "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", H.Q. Coys.
4 Bn. H.Q.
1 Works Officer
2 29 Ausrt. Inf. Bde. (for infm).
2 War Diary.

War Diary

Time	1 DAY	2 DAY	3 DAY	4 DAY	5 DAY	6 DAY	7 DAY
0800 - 0830	Stand at ease Dress sq with interval. Turn- ing at halt	Turning on march Marking time. Forward.	Saluting at halt and on move. Changing direct- ion by wheeling	Changing dir- ection. Forming Dismissing. Numbering.	Attention. Stand at ease - easy. Saluting (Arms)	Slope, Order Ground Arms	Present arms. Slope from present
1400 - 1435	<u>Bren</u> - Loading & unloading. Sight setting Less. 2	<u>Bren</u> - Holding & aiming. Less. 3	<u>Bren</u> - Firing Less. 4	<u>Bren</u> - Piston Group. Less. 5	<u>Bren</u> - Barrel & Butt Group. Less. 6	<u>Bren</u> - Body Group & Bipod Less. 7	<u>Bren</u> - Recap up to Lesson 7
1440 - 1515	<u>Rifle</u> - Aiming instruction. Less. 1 to 4	<u>Rifle</u> - Accuracy of aim. Less. 6	<u>Rifle</u> - Aiming at service tar- gets & ground Less. 7 & 8.	<u>Rifle</u> - Aiming off for wind at service targets Aiming off for movement. Ground Less. 11 & 12	<u>Rifle</u> - Firing instn Lying posn Less. 13 & 14.	<u>Rifle</u> - Kneel- ing, sitting & standing posns Less. 15 & 16.	<u>Rifle</u> - Snapshot- ing. Less. 17
1520 - 1555	P.A.G. Fitting & inspection of respirator. Pam. 2. Secs 3 & 8	P.A.G. War Gases. Pam. 1. Appendix A	P.A.G. Personal & unit equipment Pam. 1. Chapter 2	P.A.G. Decon. of personnel and weapons. Pam. 1. Chaps. 4 and 6	P.A.G. Recapit Fitting and inspection of respirator.	A/A Defence. Pam. 6 Less. 1.	A/A. The lead. Pam. 6. Sec. 4
1600 - 1630	U n a r m e d D e f e n c e .			O r g a n i s e d G a m e s			

Time	8 DAY	9 DAY	10 DAY	11 DAY	12 DAY	13 DAY	14 DAY
0800 - 0830	For insp port arms. Order from port. Trail arms from slope and order	Slope from trail Change from slope & vice versa	Fix bayonets & unfix	Pile arms	Guard mounting. M.I.D. chap.6 sec.76	Guard mounting M.I.D. chan.6 sec.76	Bayonet. Introductory posn. Less.1
1400 - 1435	<u>Bren</u> - Care & cleaning. Less.9	<u>Bren</u> - Mechanism Less.10	<u>Bren</u> - Elem. handling. Gunner alone Less.11	<u>Bren</u> - Elem. handling. Gunner & asst. Less.12	<u>Bren</u> - Recapit Less.9 & 10	<u>Bren</u> - Recapit Less.11 & 12	<u>Bren</u> - Immediate action stoppage Less.13 & 14
1440 - 1515	<u>Rifle</u> - Rapid fire. Less.19	<u>Rifle</u> - Firing behind cover. Kneeling, lying & sitting posns Less.20 & 21.	<u>Rifle</u> - Firing behind cover. Standing posn. Less.22	<u>Rifle</u> - Fire discipline training. Less.23	<u>Rifle</u> - T.O.E.T.	<u>App. Fire</u> - Range Cards. Pam.2. Less.10	<u>App. Fire</u> Range Cards. Pam.2. Less.10
1520 - 1555	A/A. F.D.T. Rifle. Pam.6. Less.7	<u>App. Fire</u> - Method of searching ground. Locating service targets. Study of ground. Pam.2. Less.23 & 24	<u>App. Fire</u> - Recognition. Pam.2. Less.5 & 6.	<u>App. Fire</u> - J.D. Pam.2. Less.7, 8 & 9	<u>Rifle</u> - T.O.E.T.	<u>App. Fire</u> - Fire control. Pam.2. Less.11	<u>App. Fire</u> - Fire control Pam.2. Less.1
1600 - 1630	U n a r m e d D e f e n c e .			O r g a n i s e d G a m e s			

Time	15 DAY	16 DAY	17 DAY	18 DAY	19 DAY	20 DAY	21 DAY	
0800 - 0830	Bayonet Point. Less.2	Bayonet 2 Points Less.3	Bayonet Train- ing Stick. Less.4	Bayonet Self- defence. Less.5	Recapit Bayonet	Recapit Squad Drill	Recapit Rifle Exercises	
1400 - 1435	<u>Bren</u> - Adv. hand- ling. Mounting on cover. Less.21 & 22	<u>Bren</u> - Setting up on ground, Mounting on tripod. Less.17 & 18	<u>Bren</u> - Laying a fixed line Tripod A/A. Less.19 & 20	<u>Bren</u> - Sec. hand- ling defence. Less.25	<u>Bren</u> - T.O.E.T.	<u>Bren</u> - A/A hand- ling. Pam.6. Less.10	Bayonet assault course	
1440 - 1515	<u>Fieldcraft</u> - Use of ground. Cover from view & fire MTP.33. Sec.8 & 9	<u>Fieldcraft</u> - Ground for fire positions. MTP.33. Sec.10	<u>Fieldcraft</u> - Obs training. MTP.33. Sec.12	<u>Fieldcraft</u> - Selection of lines of advance Pam.33. Sec.13	<u>Bren</u> - T.O.E.T.	<u>Fieldcraft</u> - Individual stalk Pam.33. Sec.19	Bayonet assault course	
1520 - 1555	<u>Fieldcraft</u> - Camouflage MTP. Sec.30	<u>Grenade</u> - Desc & mech. Ined. in smoke position. Pam.13. Less.1 &7.	<u>Grenade</u> - Pts before throw- ing. All posn Pam.13. Less.2 & 8.	<u>Grenade</u> - The Discharger. Firing posn. Pam.13. Less.3 & 4	<u>Thompson</u> - Load- ing, unloading, hlding, firing. Pam.21. Less.1 & 2	<u>Thompson</u> - Strip and cleaning. Pam.21. Less.3	Bayonet assault course	
1600 - 1630	U n a r m e d		d e f e n c e .		O r g a n i s e d			G a m e s

One pl. position to be fully manned in each Coy area 1 night per week 1800 to 2359 hrs. O/C Coy to arrange patrol exercises through Battle sentries of the pl. Each pl comdr of exercising Coy to collect amm from his pl and examine pouches and rifles before 1800 hrs on this night. Amm to be returned to personnel on completion of exercise. Coy. comd personally responsible these instructions are carried out.

Patrol exercises to be carried out away from direction of other Coy localities.

For purposes of this syllabus June 12 will be counted as 1st day.

June 11, 0800 hrs - 0830 hrs = Recapit Drill.

1400 hrs - = Organised games.

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42nd. BATTALION

	1 DAY	2 DAY	3 DAY
0830 - 0910	Attention. Stand at Ease - Easy. Salut- ing Arms. Recapit.	Present Arms. Slope from Present.	Slope from Trail. Change from Slope, & vice versa
0915 - 0955	Bren - Barrel & Butt Group. Less.6	Bren Recapit up to Less.7	Bren Mechanism Less.10
1000 - 1040	Rifle. Firing Instr Lying Posn. Less.13 & 14	Rifle. Snaphooting Less.17	Rifle. Firing behind cover. Kneeling, lying & sitting posns. Less.20 & 21
1055 - 1135	P.A.G. Recapit. Fitting & insp of resp.	A/A The Lead. Pam.6 Sec.4	App Fire Method of searching ground. Locating service Targets. Study of ground. Less.23 &
1140 - 1220	Slope. Order. Ground arms	For Insp Port Arms Order from Port Trail arms from slope and order	Fix bayonets and unfix
1400 - 1440	Bren Body Group & Bipod. Less.7	Bren Care & cleaning Less.9	Bren Elem handling Gunner alone Less.11
1445 - 1525	Rifle Kneeling, sitting & stand posns. Less.15 & 16	Rifle Rapid Fire Less.19	Rifle Firing behind cover. Standing posn. Less.22
1530 - 1610	A/A defence. Pam.6 Less.1	A/A F.D.T. Rifle Pam.6 Less.7	App Fire Recognit- ion. Pam.2 Less. 5 & 6
1615 - 1630	Unarmed defence	Unarmed defence	Unarmed defence

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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
"A"	Training 4(a)	Training 4(a)	Prep Defence 4(b)	Rec	Spl Training 4(c)	Spl Training 4(c)	Spl Training 4(c)	Training 4(a)	Prep Defence 4(b)	Spl Tng 4(c)	Spl Training 4(c)
Night		4(d)			4(d)			4(d)			
"B"	Training 4(a)	Prep Defence 4(b)	Rec	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Tng 4(a)	Prep Def 4b	Spl Tng 4c	Spl Tng 4(c)	Tng 4(a)
Night			4(a)			4(a)				4(a)	
sgn	R.E. working party										
"D"	Prep Defence 4(b)	Rec	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Tng 4(a)	Tng 4(a)	Spl Tng 4(c)	Spl Tng 4c	Prep Def 4b	Tng 4(a)
Night	4(d)			4(d)			4(d)				4(d)
sgn	19 Pl "A" Coy		20 Pl "B" Coy			21 "D" Coy					
H.Q.	Sigs, Mortars, attached Coys. A/A under Ea - Pioneers roads & hygiene - Carriers 1 sec "A", 1 sec "B", 1 sec "C" for spl tng. Remainder own syllabus										

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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
"A"	Training 4(a)	Training 4(a)	Prep Defence 4(b)	Rec	Spl Training 4(c)	Spl Training 4(c)	Spl Training 4(c)	Training 4(a)	Prep Defence 4(b)	Spl Tng 4(c)	Spl Training 4(c)	
Night		4(d)			4(d)			4(d)				
"B"	Training 4(a)	Prep Defence 4(b)	Rec	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Tng 4(a)	Prep Def 4b	Spl Tng 4c	Spl Tng 4(c)	Tng 4(a)	
Night			4(a)			4(a)			4(a)			
"C"	R.R. working party											
"D"	Prep Defence 4(b)	Rec	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Spl 4(c)	Tng 4(a)	Tng 4(a)	Spl Tng 4(c)	Spl Tng 4c	Prep Def 4b	Tng 4(a)	
Night	4(d)			4(d)			4(d)				4(d)	
"E"	19 Pl "A" Coy		20 Pl "B" Coy			21 "D" Coy						
H.Q.	Sigs, Mortars, attached Coys. A/A under En - Pioneers roads & hygiene - Carriers 1 sec "A", 1 sec "B", 1 sec "C" for spl tng. Remainder own syllabus											

	1 DAY	2 DAY	3 DAY
0835 - 0910	Attention. Stand at Ease - Easy. Salut- ing Arms. Recapit.	Present Arms. Slope from Present.	Slope from Trail. Change from Slope, & vice versa
0915 - 0955	Bren - Barrel & Butt Group. Less.6	Bren Recapit up to Less.7	Bren Mechanism Less.10
1000 - 1040	Rifle. Firing Instn Lying Posn. Less.13 & 14	Rifle. Snapshooting Less.17	Rifle. Firing behind cover. Kneeling, lying & sitting posns. Less.20 & 21
1055 - 1135	P.A.G. Recapit. Fitting & insp of resp.	A/A The Lead. Pam.6 Sec.4	App Fire Method of searching ground. Locating service Targets. Study of ground. Less.23 &
1140 - 1220	Slope. Order. Ground arms	For Insp Port Arms Order from Port Trail arms from slope and order	Fix bayonets and unfix
1400 - 1440	Bren Body Group & Bipod. Less.7	Bren Care & cleaning Less.9	Bren Elem handling Gunner alone Less.11
1445 - 1525	Rifle Kneeling, sitting & stand posns. Less.15 & 16	Rifle Rapid Fire Less.19	Rifle Firing behind cover. Standing posn. Less.22
1530 - 1610	A/A defence. Pam.6 Less.1	A/A F.D.T. Rifle Pam.6 Less.7	App Fire Recognit- ion. - Pam.2 Less. 5 & 6
1615 - 1630	Unarmed defence	Unarmed defence	Unarmed defence

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APPENDIX.
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42 BN. MOVEMENT ORDER - SUGAR INDUSTRY WORKERS.

3 Jun. 42.

- The following personnel will be released from Military Service to-day 3 Jun. 42:

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Q36528	Pte.	MILLARD, W.G.	Q36581	Pte.	ERNEST, F.C.
Q36014	"	BENSON, H.R.F.	Q35880	"	BENSON, L.J.
Q37078	"	JORGENSEN, G.J.	Q37066	"	CAIRNS, F.J.
Q36101	"	WALKER, S.W.J.	Q37096	"	TAYLOR, J.J.B.
Q36271	"	MOODIE, C.E.	Q37098	"	TEMPLE, W.G.
Q37080	"	KELLY, A.J.	Q37075	"	HICKS, L.F.
Q37087	"	RYAN, H.J.	Q37084	"	McKAY, J.W.
Q35920	"	HENNESSEY, J.T.	Q36541	"	DREW, F.C.
Q37058	"	ANDERSEN, C.L.	Q36601	"	HOEY, D.J.
Q36611	"	MORRIS, S.F.	Q36513	"	DEMPSEY, P.M.
Q36519	"	GUTTERIDGE, W.	Q36101	"	GAW, F.A.
Q36600	"	ELLER, F.D.	Q36300	"	REEVES, A.E.
Q113190	"	CONSIDINE, B.J.	Q36574	"	MULLINS, J.P.
Q36566	"	WASTIE, R.M.W.	Q36251	"	BROOME, H.J.

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Q113811 Pte. CROMMIDAS, G.

Applications submitted by personnel NOT included in the above list are being held:

- Pending further investigation.
- Pending completion of terms of Field Punishment.

2. MOVEMENT:

1000 hrs Report to Q.M. (with Pay Books) and return all issues except - 1 Kit Bag, 1 Hat, 1 Singlet, 1 Pr. Shorts, 1 Shirt, 1 Pr. Sox, 1 Pr. Puttees, 1 Pr. Boots.

1900 hrs. Report to Q.M. Store for Pay (O.C.'s Coys to provide transport for personnel).

1930 hrs. Depart Q.M. Store for TOWNSVILLE - O.C. Party Lieut. L.K. McLaughlin, who will provide tpt.

2100 hrs Southern personnel depart TOWNSVILLE.

2130 hrs Northern personnel depart TOWNSVILLE.

- RATIONS: Rations to cover journey to destination will be issued by Q.M. as required.
- RAIL WARRANTS: Free Passes will be issued by R.T.O. TOWNSVILLE.
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Personnel will be informed by O.C, Coy.
 - To be prepared for recall at short notice, should operational requirements necessitate such action.
 - That clothing retained must NOT be worn whilst on leave.
 - Their return to the unit will be arranged through General Details Depot.

(Signed) A.W. MACKAY, Capt.
Adj. 42 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

"A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy, "E" Coy, H.Q. Coy, Q.M., T.O., Pay Sgt., File (2), War Diary (2).

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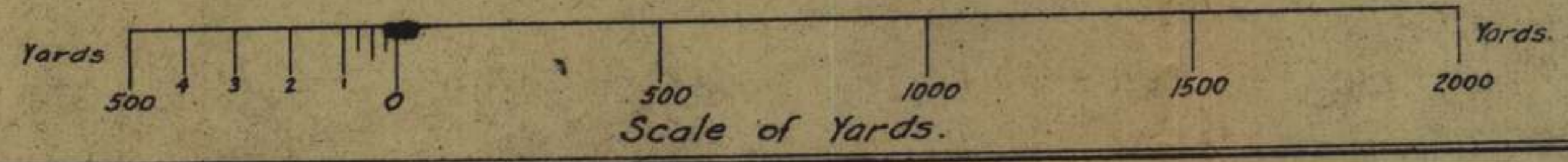
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- Present Posns.
- Alternative "
- ← Carrier Pl. Vickers for Night Firing

Scale: 4 ins = 1 mile.



V.I. - 50 FT.

Map prepared from data obtained
 by 42 Aust Inf Bn INTELLIGENCE
 SEC. JUNE 1942. Instruments used:- PRIS.
 COMPASS, ABNEY LEVEL, PLANE TABLE, MEAL TAPE.

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42 BN. O.O. NO.1

APPENDIX J

S E C R E T.

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REF. MAP: TOWNSVILLE AREA 1" to 1 MI.
FIELD SKETCH 42 BN. AREA - 1/15840.

1. 42 Bn. will move to new def. posn. JULAGO AREA on Tue. 9 Jun.
2. Coy. posns. as shown on FIELD SKETCH and detailed verbally.
3. Order of March:
 - Bn.H.Q.
 - H.Q. Coy.
 - "A" Coy.
 - "D" Coy.
 - "E" Coy.
 - "C" Coy.
4. Route: "B" Ech. Rd. North of Ry. to Ry. Xing immediately West JULAGO SIDING thence by nearest route to Coy. Areas.
5. Start Time:

Bn. H.Q.	0915 hrs.
H.Q. Coy.	0930 hrs.
"A" Coy.	0945 hrs.
"D" Coy.	1000 hrs.
"E" Coy.	1015 hrs.
"C" Coy.	1300 hrs.
6. S.P: Rd. Junc. "B" Ech. Rd. and Rd. Bn.H.Q.- NOME.
7. Interval between Pls: 100 Yds.
8. Transport: All Tpt. less "C" Coy. tpt. will cross S.P. at 0900 hrs. - 20 V.T.M. - 10 M.I.H.
Order of March as in Para. 3.
O.C. - Lieut. L.K. McLaughlin.
9. Water will be drawn from Water Point Ref. 018739 (FIELD SKETCH).
10. Rations delivered new Coy. Areas on afternoon 9 Jun. 42.
11. R.A.P: Ref. 015742 (FIELD SKETCH). Closes present posn. 0845 hrs. and opens new posn. same time.
12. Bn. H.Q. closes present posn. at 0915 hrs. and opens ref. 017744 (FIELD SKETCH).
13. Sigs. will establish L/T communication to Coy. H.Q.
14. Special Instructions:
 - (a) "B" Ech. (O.C. Capt. J.F. Frainey) remains present posn. until further instructions.
 - (b) Coys. will ensure that present posns. are left clean and tidy; latrines filled in and all soiled ground marked prominently with an "L" in stones.
 - (c) All existing stocks on hand, of wire and pickets will be taken to new posns.
 - (d) On arrival at new posn:
 - (i) Coys. will move into temporary posns. and prepare temporary shelters. 1 fly per sec. may be erected provided there is sufficient cover from view.

- (ii) Coy. Comds. will supervise layout of wiring plan in conformity with wiring policy already issued to Coys. Sec. posns. will be spittocked only before layout and erection of wire.
- (iii) Sketch showing layout of Coy. wiring plan will be submitted to Bn. H.Q. by 0900 hrs. 10 Jun. 42.
- (e) Strict track discipline will be enforced.
- (f) Further instns. re patrolling, maintenance of O.P's and work and tng. programme will be issued from new H.Q.

(Signed) A.W. MACKAY, Capt.
Adj. 42 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Coys.
Bn.H.Q. (4)
Q.M.
T.O.E.
R.M.O.
29 Aust. Inf. Bde. (2)
War Diary (2)
File.