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# WAR DIARY

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IDLIB	1	Weather showery and cold.		
	2	14 Pl under Lieut CHRISTIE take upposn at DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR - Ref LATTAKIA Sheet 1:200000- 208429 15 Pl relieve 13 Pl at KNAYE		
	3- 5	Weather showery and cold - Conditions normal		
	6	Lt-Col OGLE, Capt BODE, Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH and an interpreter dined with Capt LAVARD, OC Guard Mobile IDLIB area.		
	7	Maj PHILLIMORE (OC 42 Fd Coy) made liaison.		
	8	3 Offrs and 5 ORs from ME COMMANDO staged in with unit. Lt-Col OGLE visited QUARTRE VING BARRACKS		
	9	Lt-Col OGLE, Capt TOPHAM visited local Presbyterian Minister, ANTONIUS JARJOUR	see Report App. B	
	10	1 Sec Carriers went to HARIM to extricate bogged MT but one carrier broke down with slight mechanical defect. MT got out under own power.		
	11	QX5902 Pte LAURIE W, died of septacoemia. Buried in French War Cemetry, Aleppo. Grave No 19.		
	12	1 Offr and 11 ORs from 12 Pl relieved 2/17 det at AKTERINE. 7 Pl moved to IDLIB BARRACKS, 13 Pl relieved HARIM Post, 2 Sec 14 Pl relieved BAB EL HAUOUA Post, 9 Pl moved to IDLIB Camp area, D Coy less 16 & 18 Pls moved to IDLIB Camp area, 16 & 18 Pls to ALEPPO BARRACKS.	SEE App B	
	13	Lt-Col OGLE went to HARIM to attend conference between TURKISH Offrs and Capt LAVARD concerning an incident on the border the previous day.	See Report App. B	
	14	Fire broke out in GENDARMERIE Barracks - put out with assistance from two ORs from this unit.		
	15	Capt STUART, Lieut GUEST and 3 NCOs marched out to Special Tng Cadre ( Australia).		
	16	TEWT by Offrs carried out IDLIB AREA.	see App B.	
	17	The B.S.M. representative from LATTAKIA visited IDLIB. Maj. NORMAN ( 9 Div.L.O.) and Maj PETERS ( 9 Div. D.A.D.M.S.) visited HARIM and IDLIB.		
	18	CO 7 Fd Amb and Maj SEYMOUR visited HARIM. Lt-Col OGLE and Lieut <del>GEMMELL-SMITH</del> had afternoon tea with <i>L.L. GRIMS TONE</i> Gendarmerie IDLIB.		

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FEBRUARY MONTH  
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IDLIB	17	Spigot Mortar demonstration and lectures thereon by Lieut PINKNEY 2/13 Bn. Lt-Col OGLE and Maj RALSTON attend lecture by Maj ROBERTS on "Organisation of Tank Bn and Armd Regt and the use of tanks in co-op with Inf in attack" KNAYE VILLAGE sprayed as anti-malarial precaution.		
	18	A bus stopped by Snap Patrol found to hold two tins Army Petrol. Further two tins found in hut. One man detained. Lieut CROWLE (9 Div Cipher Offr) and the 9 Army Cipher Security Offr, called to check cipher security. Lt-Col OGLE delivered a lecture to tps on "Far East Situation". Capt HARLAND and Lieut JUBB on recce to HOMS.		
	19	0900 hrs. Lt-Col OGLE, Capt TOPHAM and Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH witnesses Tank hunting exercises by A Coy. 1400 hrs. Lt-Col OGLE and Maj RALSTON went to ALEPPO to lecture by Maj ROBERTS.		
	20	Maj ROBERTS 4 RTR lectured morning and afternoon on "ARMY TKS" and "Recent OPs at TOBRUCH".		
	21	Demolition site selected Rd IDLIB- DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR Lt-Col OGLE, Maj RALSTON and Capt STRANGE attended TEWT held by Bde Comd on AFRINE Rd.		
	22	Lieut LUTHER and 73 ORs marched in from 20 AITB. Lt-Col OGLE and Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH recce demolition pts on rd to DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR Lt-Col OGLE lunched with HASSAN AGHA BARMUDA at HARIM.		
	23	Lieut WILCOX 2/7 Fd Regt staged in. Lieut ANGUS lectured tps on the shipping situation in Atlantic Ocean.		
	24	Capt PEEK and Lieut KEYS marched in from 20 AITB Lt-Col OGLE and Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH on recce to inspect TRIPOLI GAP.		
	25	Mobile Cinema Unit showed at IDLIB BARRACKS. Fire at ALEPPO Stm put out with assistance of Bn units posted there.		

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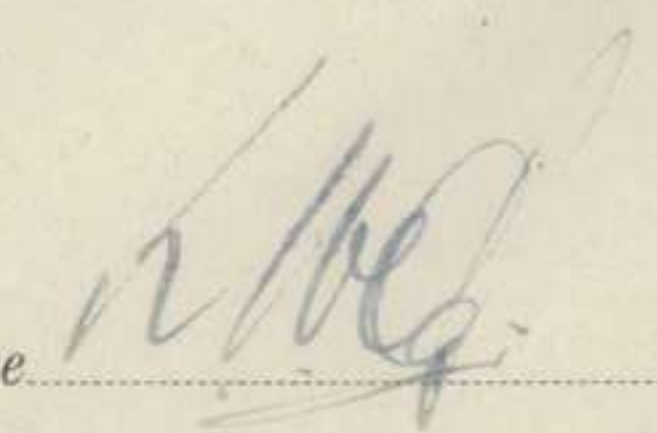
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IDLIB	27	TEWT carried out IDLIB Area with elements of Bn and a tp of 2/7 Fd Coy supporting Disturbance in IDLIB between own Tps and Gendarmerie.	See App A for exercise.	
	28	O.C. Gendarmerie conferred with Lt-Col OGLE in connection with disturbance of previous night		

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20 Aust Inf Bde.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES ETC - WEEK ENDING 14 FEB 42.

(1) During the week the following changes in dispositions were made:-

C Coy took over all frontier Posts in central Bn Sector.

B Coy (centred at (ALEPPO) relieved 2/17 Bn frontier post at AKTERINE .

D Coy (less one PL) moved out to IDLIB Camp

(2) The purpose of the change was to make available at IDLIB one complete rifle Coy, two pls of another rifle Coy and HQ Coy (less administration and operational duties). It is intended that Bn exercises with tps will be staged with this force.

(3) Since the move of D Coy occurred the following circumstances have effected the strength of the Security force at QUARTIER VING BKS:-

- (a) One Offr and three NCOs returned to AUSTRALIA.
- (b) Relieve at AKTERINE of 2/17 Bn Post.
- (c) Extension of Amn Dump at ALEPPO necessitating strengthening of Gd thereon.
- (d) 8 men to attend Ski School.
- (e) Daily Sick rate averaging three men.

(4) It is therefore necessary to return one Pl of D Coy to ALEPPO BKS and this is being arranged for Monday 16 Feb.

(5) Bn exercises with tps will be arranged with:-

A Coy  
HQ Coy (less details)  
D Coy (less 2 Pls)  
Coy HQ, 3 Pl Comds and 9 Sec Comds of C Coy.  
(withdrawn from the frontier posts for the exercise).

(6) Since A Coy has been concentrated at IDLIB (Wednesday 11 Feb) two company exercises have been held. The first was an approach march over open country in dispersed formation and the second a practice for recce drill of the Coy.

(7) HQ Coy included four 45 min periods of Specialist Tng for each Pl daily. Lack of transport prevented the Mortar Pl from moving far from the BKS but experiments were studied in packing the Mortar into a Carrier. Carrier Pl Tng included a move in formation to HARIM, thence along the track inside the frontier for a distance of five miles. The track was very slippery and mountainous and gave the drivers excellent practice in manoeuvring over hilly country. On the return journey they were exercised in rear Gd roles, taking up hull down positions covering defiles and withdrawing with mutual support. During the week five carriers were returned to ALEPPO and entrained for TRIPOLI. These were accompanied by crews from this Bn.

The AA Pl has commenced a syllabus of training in Tank-Hunting during their four periods of specialist Tng.

In periods other than specialist Tng Rifle exercises, Route Marches and Gas Drill were practised.

(8) TEWT

A Tactical Exercise Without Tps was held in the vicinity of IDLIB on Saturday 14 Feb. This was attended by all Offrs except B Coy, the Offrs from outposts being brought to IDLIB on Friday night. A copy of the arrangements, lessons and problems is attached. DS notes and solution are available but not typed. The TEWT was attended by the Bty Capt, 14 Bty, 2/7 Fd Regt and one of his Tps Comds. It is intended that the exercise will be repeated with troops and with the co-operation of the Arty who will supply a tp of guns. Due to their to TRIPOLI for construction of gun positions during the forthcoming week they will not be available until week commencing 22 Feb. Good value was obtained from the TEWT but it has indicated the necessity for lectures on Tactics generally, appreciations and Operation Orders. It is intended that these subjects will be covered by night lectures.

(9) LECTURES:

A Lecture on Intelligence matters was given to Offrs at ALEPPO BKS by the Bn IO and a lecture on Malarial Control to the Offrs at IDLIB by the RMO.

(10) WELFARE OF TPS:

Two battery-operated wireless sets have been purchased from the Canteen Services during the week and installed at IDLIB, one at the BKS and one at the CAMP.

(11) HEALTH OF THE TPS:

There are many minor colds. The outbreak of mumps at BAB-EL-HAOUA was arrested by removing ten men from the post and returning them to IDLIB. Capt SUTHERS, OC Coy was removed to MDS on 14 inst suffering from Mumps. Total number of cases of Mumps evacuated to present date is 1 Offr 11 ORs. RMO has inspected HARIM and caught a malarial mosquito. It has been ascertained from the resident MO that the malarial rate amongst the villagers is 33%. a Det of 2/8 Fd Amb moved to HARIM and DJISR-ECH-CHOGHOUR on 13 Feb to spray the hutments and to completely spray the adjacent villages. Major SEYMOUR stated that he expected to receive mosquito nets within one week. It is considered that mosquitoes have not yet commenced to breed at these places but that those now existing have hibernated over the winter.

(12) NEW LOCATIONS:

Arrangements have been made to take over the post at BEDRIYE from Det 2/13 Bn to-day (Sunday 15 Feb).

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*of Camp*  
for (R W G OGLE) Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

2/15 AUST INF BN

Tactical Exercise without Troops - No 1

IDLIB Area.

1. A T.E.W.T for all officers other than those who cannot be released from ALEPPO will be held on 14 Feb 42.
2. Officers from frontier posts will report as follows:-  
  
From KENAYE and BAB-EL-HAOUA - may come to IDLIB on the previous afternoon and return to post on the evening of the day of the TEWT.  
From HARIM - RV at LAMEH, IDLIB at 0845 on the morning of the exercise, returning in the evening.
3. From ALEPPO - report Bn HQ at 0845 hrs on the morning of the exercise, returning in the evening.
4. MEALS.- All officers will carry haversack lunches. Evening meals will be taken at their respective locations. It is expected that the exercise will be completed by 1700 hrs.
5. TPT.- Coys will provide own tpt to assemble with head at Bn HQ facing HARIM. Vehicles will be returned to unit areas at IDLIB after dropping officers 3 miles out from Bn HQ. Report again at 23104435 at 1600 hrs.
6. ORGANISATION.- For the purpose of the exercise it will be assumed that the Bn is organised on the new establishment, i.e., with increased carrier personnel and with the mortar Pl carried in carriers.
7. LESSONS TO BE STUDIED.
  - (a) The carrier Pl giving forward and flank protection during an advance.
  - (b) Use of carriers during an attack and for consolidation (M T P 39 Pt II)
  - (c) Advanced Guard Fighting. Attention is drawn to the following extract from I T 1937 Chap XI.  
"....it will be necessary to gain closer contact with the enemy along his front, to drive in or pierce the hostile protective tps and so gain the information and ground which the Comd requires before he can form his plan and deploy his tps for the attack. This will entail fighting and is a task for which all arms will be required. ...."
  - (d) Coy attack with arty support (I T Sec 66)
  - (e) Battle Procedure - (Unit Notes)
  - (f) Bn attack with arty support - I T Chap XI Sec 63.
8. Officers will read the sections of the manuals quoted before attending the exercise.
9. It is intended that the exercise will later be carried out with tps.

*Accepted*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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Tactical Exercise without Troops - No 1

IDLIB Area.

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Ref Maps: LATTAKIE 1:200000 sheets

OPENING SITUATION The frontier between EASTLAND and WESTLAND includes BAB EL HAOUA - then follows eastern edge of foothills to FONDOK (232454) - thence western edge of foothills from KASAR TASNOUR (2345) to include SIRT EL HABRA (229444) MELAH (227441) - MAHEL (221428)

For some time German agents have been organising the ARABS in KAFERT HARIM and regular broadcasting of NAZI propaganda has been heard from the high powered broadcasting station at ARMEHAZ (2245). Reports from our frontier post at EL HAMAM (2349) disclose that twenty large troop carrying planes landed on the aerodrome at RIHANIYE (2348) during the morning of 13 Feb, unloaded tps and took off again.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn with one tp of 2/7 Aust Fd Regt under comd is quartered at IDLIB on night of 13 Feb.

NARRATIVE 1.

During the evening 13 Feb Comd 2/15 Bn was called to Bde HQ at MAARET ED DABSE (247425) where the Brig informed him as follows

(a) Ten additional tp carrying planes landed at RIHANIYE at 1330 hrs to-day. They were escorted by four fighter aircraft.

(b) Six small tracked af vs had been observed about SELLI (213423) during the afternoon.

(c) The Bde would cross the frontier on 14 Feb, 2/15 Bn would capture the wireless station at ARMEHAZ and secure the pass at Trig 700 (222464) preparatory to an advance to SALKINE the following day. 2/13 Bn will capture RIHANIYE aerodrome.

(d) One Sqn Div Cav is to capture DJISR ECH CHORHOUR.

(e) No additional tpt is available and due to the necessity for ferrying portion of 2/13 Bn forward, it will not be possible to cross the frontier until 1000 hrs. Therefore all units will effect their crossing at 1000hrs.

(f) No additional artillery is available at this stage.

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Problem 1 Write the Orders of Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn for the move on the morning of 14 Feb.

Each officer will answer this problem separately. Orders to be handed in to Adjt by 2100 hrs Friday 13 Feb.

For future problems Syndicates representing each Coy will function, a different spokesman being appointed to give alternate Syndicate solutions.

Offrs from ALEPPO and frontier posts may bring their solutions with them on Saturday morning (14 Feb 42) to be handed to Adjt before departure for TEHT.



NARRATIVE 2 - The leading carriers of the Mobile tps on approaching BARE HILL were fired on by four men who immediately moved down OLIVE GULLY. The leading Carrier on moving over the crest of the hill came under fire of a L.M.G. and rifles from FIRST RIDGE and from an L.M.G. on SECOND RIDGE.

The Carrier Sec on left flank came under fire from FIRST RIDGE on moving down the slope towards MUGASI CREEK. The sec Comd moved around to the left of the ridge and supported by fire from the L.M.G.s of the Right Carrier Sec (dismounted) and engaged the enemy on FIRST RIDGE and succeeded in driving them off the feature. On attempting to again push forward he came under heavy rifle and LMG fire from SECOND RIDGE and under LMG fire from BEDOUIN GROVE, forcing him to remain dismounted on the rear slopes of FIRST RIDGE.

The 2i/c Carrier Pl had sent his carrier back from the Adv Gd Comd, the driver carrying a message briefly stating the above particulars.

PROBLEM 2 - Action of Adv Gd Comd on receiving message from Carrier Pl 2 i/c.

PROBLEM 2A - Action of BN Comd.

PROBLEM 2B - Appreciate the situation from the point of view of the Adv Gd Comd and give the outline plan.  
Solutions given verbally.

NARRATIVE 3 - B Coy attack succeeded in gaining SECOND RIDGE but at the expense of 5 killed and 15 wounded, most casualties being caused by enemy Mortar fire from Mortars behind ROCKY HILL. Enemy LMGs were still firing from BEDOUIN GROVE at any troops who became exposed on SECOND RIDGE and heavy LMG and rifle fire was coming from dug positions on the base ridge in front SECOND RIDGE. LMG fire from the walled area of ROCKY HILL was intense during the engagement. A Carrier which attempted to move across the road towards BEDOUIN GROVE drew fire from an A Tk gun from the vicinity of the cutting.

During the progress of the fight an I ~~Sec~~ <sup>I Sec OP reported</sup> reported that one enemy plane had circled the area at 5000 ft and made off in the direction RIHANIYE. They also reported the presence of hastily dug positions on FAR KNOLL though no firing had been observed from this position.

PROBLEM 3

- (a) BN Comds appreciation including outline plan.
- (b) BN Comds verbal orders - to be given by a second member of each syndicate from notes made from BN Comds outline plan. Notes to be handed in after giving solution.

NARRATIVE 4 - The Bn attack was successful. At BEDOUIN GROVE the heavy fire from B Coy on SECOND RIDGE and from the Mortar Sec did much to reduce the effectiveness of enemy resistance to C Coy's assault. Enemy to the approx strength of a Platoon withdrew in good order down the re-entrant between ROCKY HILL and FAR KNOLL, the remaining enemy on BEDOUIN GROVE were either killed or captured. C Coy suffered 4 killed and 24 wounded. The enemy on FAR KNOLL withdrew in an EASTERLY direction after a short ineffective resistance and D Coy occupied the feature.

Very stubborn resistance was met by A Coy from the enemy on ROCKY HILL and from the ridge on the left of the road who did not appear to have been dislodged by the artillery concentrations thereon. D Coy were able to give effective support when they reached FAR KNOLL and the enemy withdrew with many casualties EASTWARDS down the road.

- PROBLEM 4 - (a) Arrangements made by D Coy Comd when A Coy had arrived on ROCKY HILL  
(b) Action of BN Comd after capture of BN Objective.

20 AUST INF BDE

TRAINING ACTIVITIES FRO WEEK ENDING 21 Feb 42

1. With the exception of the taking over of the Post at BEDRIYE no changes in the disposition of the frontier Posts were made.

The continuance of the dry weather enabled comprehensive training to be carried out without interruption, by all troops stationed at IDLIB.

2. EXERCISES On Monday and Thursday Coy exercises in attack were conducted by A COY with elements of D COY representing the enemy.

3. A training syllabus conducted by HQ COY covered periods of Specialists training for individual pls and included a half hour period on rifle exercise and P & RT daily with a Coy Route March on Tuesday. AA Pl training included 2 mornings and one afternoon on tank-hunting (practical) in co-operation with carriers. Carrier training included a move in formation of one section each to HARIM and DJISR-ECH-CHOGHOUR and exercises in co-operation with Mortar and AA Pls, Signals, Transport and Pioneer elements of HQ Coy at IDLIB were occupied with duties of practical training.

Duties at frontier posts prevented C Coy from carrying out an organised syllabus, but whenever possible men were taken out on route marches and local reconnaissance whilst periods were devoted to instrns on weapons, etc.

4. LECTURES: Lectures and demonstrations on the Spigot Mortar were given by Mr. Pickney of 2/13 Bn on Monday and again on Tuesday morning at IDLIB and on Tuesday afternoon to all available Offrs and tps in ALEPPO.

On Friday Major Roberts of 3 RTR lectured Offrs and tps at IDLIB on "Organisation of Tank Units", "Co-operation between infantry and Tanks" and "Experiences on the Break-out from TOBRUCH".

5. QUARTIER VING BKS% Owing to the limited number of men available little training was possible. Those not engaged on Security Gd are paraded daily and individual tng in 2" Mor, TSM-G, Rifle etc, is given.

6. LEAVE. On Tuesday and Wednesday leave to ALEPPO was allotted to Coys in IDLIB. It was reported by Picquet Offr that the conduct of the tps in ALEPPO on Wednesday was particularly good.

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40 (R W G OGLE) Lt.-col  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

20 AUST INF BDE.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK-ENDING 28 FEB 42.

1. During the week the unit was relieved from duties at Posts 1 and 2 ALEPPO by 9 Div Cav, which enabled two Pls of D Coy to be brought to IDLIB for tng and for relief of C Coy.

The relief of all fwd Posts was completed by D Coy, relieving C Coy at BAB-EL-HAOUA, HARIM, KNEYE and BEDRIYE whilst personnel of C Coy at DJISR-ECH-CHOGHOUR were withdrawn.

One Offr and 12 ORs of A Coy relieved B Coy at AKTERINE and it is intended that A Coy relieve B Coy at ALEPPO on Sunday 1 Mar.

2. EXERCISES.

(i) During the week A Coy with 1 Pl of D Coy completed a number of exercises.

(ii) On Monday 23 Feb A Coy was exercised in withdrawal on an area in vicinity of HARIM rd using own weapons and this was repeated individually by Pls with each phase of the scheme being discussed as it occurred.

(iii) On Wednesday a further Coy exercise in WITHDRAWAL was carried out on the LATTAQUIE rd with the co-operation of carriers, Mortars, and Arty, with an Arty Offr to advise in a Technical capacity.

(iv) On Thursday a demonstration of an Arty Tp going into and withdrawing action was given by the 2/7 Fd Regt and was attended by all tps stationed at IDLIB together with Offrs and NCOs from Fwd Posts, and from ALEPPO.

The demonstration included an examination of the Technical instruments and guns by all the tps and a brief outline of the procedure adopted when going into action.

(v) An all day Bn Exercise in attack in co-operation with Arty was conducted on Friday on the HARIM rd. Tps taking part were:-

1 Tp 2/7 Fd Regt.

A Coy

OC and NCOs B Coy

2 Pls C Coy

2 Pls D Coy

HQ Coy personnel that could be spared from necessary duties.

To make as many tps as possible available for the exercise 1 Pl D Coy and elements B Coy were transported from ALEPPO and Offrs and NCOs brought in from frontier posts.

It is considered that the exercise was very successful and that the tps learned the value of co-operation throughout the unit and with other arms.

3. During the week HQ Coy personnel devoted a number of periods to Specialist Tng for individual Pls, but each Pl included one or two periods each day to smartening-up exercises and rifle drill.

In place of the usual allocation of PT, HQ Coy Pls were trained and instructed by members of the Commando Unit in UNARMED COMBAT.

One afternoon was allotted to a Coy route march and Pls included short route marches in their tng for the week.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28 Feb 42

The Sig Pl was instructed on Cable Laying and in the burying of cables. Practice with buzzer reading, semaphore, and Fuller-phone were continued. Men on switchboards etc, were relieved in order to take part in the Unarmed Combat and other activities.

No 2 Pl continued with their tank hunting exercises and periods were taken up with making of Molotov cocktails and with practical map-reading.

The Mortar Pl were given a number of lectures covering all types of weapon and co-operated in practical work with A Coy and in Carriers.

The Carrier Pl devoted more time this week to instruction on Maintenance and weapon Tng and took part in exercises.

Most of the week was taken up with practical work for the elements of No 5 and 6 Pls at IDLIB and at ALEPPO. During the week members of No 5 Pl roofed and repaired a mess hut to provide quarters for more tps brought to IDLIB and made a quantity of forms and chairs for the men's recreation rooms.

4. FWD POSTS. Tps on frontier posts were taken on a number of route marches with a view to reconnaissance work, though no organised syllabus could be carried out owing to duties.

At HARIM a miniature was prepared and tps practised in LMG, TSM-G and Rifle shooting.

The relieving of the posts also contributed to interrupt the Tng.

5. LECTURES:

Each week on Monday night a half hour lecture is held in the BKS for all Offrs and Tps in IDLIB area prior to their being allowed leave until TATTOO. The lectures are devoted to topical subjects not necessarily connected with military activities and are keenly followed by the tps who are always prepared with a long list of questions at the conclusion.

The lecture this week was delivered by Lieut ANGUS who spoke on "The Shipping Situation". Next Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH is lecturing on "History of Russia".

An opportunity has also been given the tps for a member of each Coy to be selected to speak. Nominations have been received for this.

6. RECREATION

(i) A football team from this unit travelled to LATTAQUIE and played and were defeated by 2/15 Bn.

A portion of the Tng period each week is set aside by Coys for sporting activities.

(ii) A Lind Bomb court has been marked out and tps are exercised on this during the week.

(iii) The Mobile Cinema visited IDLIB on Wednesday 25 Feb and provided 2 sessions to allow all tps to see the programme, which was very good and is very popular with all ranks.

7. HEALTH OF TPS

The health of tps has shown a marked improvement for the week. Only eight cases were evacuated from the unit to MDS compared with more than double the number on previous weeks. It is thought that the warmer weather has helped.

*R W G OGLE*  
Capt.  
(R W G OGLE) Lt-Col  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

2/15 AUST INF IN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 3  
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 4 Feb 42).

1 GENERAL.

Frontier posts report all quiet.

2 AIR ACTIVITY.

On 31 Jan 42 an unidentified plane flew over BAB in a WESTERLY direction. HARRIS post also reported a plane to the WEST flying over TURKISH territory in a NORTHERLY direction on 1 Feb 42.

3 VISITORS.

On 31 Jan 42 Maj. Gen. Sir Leslie Morshead, Col. Wells (S.S.O.1) Lt. Col. Ogle and 8th Div Cav CofR visited HARRIS and on 3 Feb 42 visited BAB EL HAOUA.

4 SNAP CONTROL.

Snape controls have been carried out daily at various points but there is nothing of importance to report. On 27 Jan 42 one civilian car No 4503 failed to stop when signalled and was fired on and then pursued by one of our trucks and caught.

5 LOCATION STATEMENT. As at 0900 hrs 4 Feb 42.

Ref map ANTIOCH-LATTAKIA 1/200,000.

On 31 Jan 42 B. Coy moved to ALEPPO BARRACKS and H. Coy less certain details moved into IDLIB BARRACKS. 8 Pl was relieved by 9 Pl at BAB EL HAOUA and 7 Pl took over from 11 Pl at HARRIS. 14 Pl went to JISR - BCH - CHOCHOUR. 15 Pl relieved 13 Pl at KHAYH.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>SUB UNITS.</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES.</u>
IDLIB.		H. Coy	
IDLIB BARRACKS.	23501420	H. Coy less details.	
IDLIB CAMP.	23554402	A. Coy less 7 & 9 Pls.	
		C. Coy less 14 & 15 Pls.	
ALEP BARRACKS.	23084744	B. Coy	
		D. Coy	
BAB EL HAOUA.	24344722	9 Pl	
HARRIS.	22524752	7 Pl	
KHAYH.	20524412	15 Pl	
JISR-BCH-CHOCHOUR.	20604322	14 Pl	

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Lieut.  
( I.O. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 4  
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 11 Feb 42.)

1. GENERAL  
Frontier posts report all quiet. It has been notified however that many ARABS are proceeding South with their flocks, herds and families. They have been questioned without ascertaining any reason for the large emigration.
2. AIR ACTIVITY  
At 1255 hrs 9 Feb 42 an unidentified plane flew in a Northerly direction over KHAJE BCH CHEIKHOUN, South of MAARET EN NAAMANE.
3. SNAP CONTROLS  
Carried out as usual with N.T.R.
4. VISITORS  
On 7 Feb 42 Maj. Phillimore O/C 42 Fd Coy made liaison with the Bn, and 3 Offrs 1 Sgt and 4 O/Rs of M E Commando staged in.
5. LOCATION STATEMENT - as at 2000 hrs 11 Feb 42.  
Ref. Map ANTIOCH-LATTAKIA 1:200,000.

<u>SUB-UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP REF.</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
B.H.Q.	IDLIB		
H.Q.Coy less elements	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	
Elements H.Q.Coy	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
A.Coy less 7 Pl	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
7 Pl	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	
B Coy less one det	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
One det 11 Pl	AKTERINE	29905070	
(One Offr 12 O/Rs)			
C Coy H.Q.	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
13 Pl	HARIM	22524752	
14 Pl less one sec	BAB el HACUA	24344728	
One sec 14 Pl	JISR-BCH- CHOGHOUR	20754290	
15 Pl	KNAYE	20584418	
D Coy less 18 Pl	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	To IDLIB CAMP
18 Pl D Coy	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 5  
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 18 Feb 42.)

1. GENERAL Frontier posts report all quiet. At HARIM post a slight clash occurred on 10 Feb between Turkish guards and Garde Mobile but was satisfactorily settled the following day at a Conference attended by Lt. Col. Ogle and the offrs from each side. The clash occurred by a herd of cattle wandering across the border into Syria. The Turkish soldiers fired into the air to stop the herd but the Garde Mobile thought they were firing at them and shots were exchanged, without anyone being hurt however.
2. AIR ACTIVITY N.T.R.
3. SNAP CONTROLS carried out as usual with N.T.R.
4. VISITORS The B.S.M. rep from LATTAKIA and I.O. 2/13 Bn visited IDLIB on 15 Feb 42. On 16 Feb 42 C.O. 7 Pd Amb and Maj Seymour visited HARIM.
5. LOCATION STATEMENT as at 0900 hrs 18 Feb 42  
Ref Map ANTIOCH-LATTAQUIE 1:200,000  
D Coy less 18 P1 moved to IDLIB CAMP, subsequently 16 P1 moved back to ALEPPO BARRACKS.

<u>SUB-UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
B.H.Q.	IDLIB		
H.Q. Coy less elements	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	
Elements H.Q. Coy	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
A Coy less 7 P1	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
7 P1	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	
B Coy less one det	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
One det 11 P1 (One Offr 12 O/Rs)	AKTERINE	29905070	
C Coy H.Q.	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
13 P1	HARIM	23524752	
14 P1 less one sec	BAB el HAOUA	24344728	
One sec 14 P1	JISR-BCH- CHOGHOUR	20754290	
15 P1	KNAYE	20584418	
D Coy less 16&18 P1	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
16&18 P1	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	

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2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 5 A.  
(Based on Information received up to 0900 hrs 18 Feb 42)

1. GENERAL Frontier posts report all quiet. At HARIM post a slight clash occurred on Feb 10 between the Turkish guards and Garde Mobile but was satisfactorily settled on the following day at a conference attended by Lt.Col. Ogle and the Offrs from each side. The clash occurred through a herd of cattle wandering across the border into Syria. The Turkish soldiers fired into the air to stop the herd but the Garde Mobile thought they were firing at them and shots were exchanged without anyone being hurt however.
2. AIR ACTIVITY N.T.R.
3. VISITORS The B.S.M. rep from LATTAKIA and the I.O. 2/13 Bn visited IDLIB on the 15 Feb 42. On the 16 Feb 42 the C.O. 7 Fd Amb and Maj Seymour visited HARIM. Div L.O. (Maj Norman), D.A.D.M.S.9 Div(Maj Peters) on 15 Feb 42.
4. SNAP CONTROL Carried as usual- N.T.R.
5. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS. (a) The villages of HARIM, KNAYE and DJISR-ECH-CHOGHOUR are being sprayed by the 2/8 Fd Amb with the object of killing the infected hibernating adults mosquito. The natives have welcomed the precaution.  
(b) A survey is being made of the country with the object of draining off the stagnant water.
6. TANK RECCE (a) HARIM - BAB el HAOUA  
A traverse of the above track was made for the first 5 miles by truck, and the remainder by foot. The slightly moist and slippery surface of the track prevented the complete traverse being made by truck. With care the track would be passable when dry.  
From 23004747 to 23164741 the track would be difficult for tanks, since it passes round a steep rocky feature and the cuttings are narrow.  
Demolition points will be reced between 23774725 and 23954719.  
(b) OUREM ej JOZ - MAARET en NAAMANE  
Even after 9 days fine weather the truck was bogged after travelling 2 miles from OUREM ej JOZ. The carrier which attempted to pull it out suffered the same fate.
7. FIRE - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ IDLIB ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS. Judge's chambers  
On 12 Feb a fire broke out in these ~~buildings~~ caused by a cigarette end. Two men from this unit voluntarily assisted in putting out the fire thereby saving the building.  
The O.C.Gendarmerie expressed his gratitude in writing and complimented the men on their bravery and quick action. The damage was estimated at 1000 Syrian pounds.
8. SPECIAL CADRE - AUST.  
On 13 Feb Capt Stuart, Lieut Guest and their N.C.O.s departed for AUSTRALIA to assist in the training of reinforcements.
9. LOCATION STATEMENT. as at 0900 hrs 18 Feb 42.  
Ref Map ANTIOCH-LATTAQUIE 1:200,000.  
D Coy less 18 Pl moved to IDLIB CAMP, subsequently 16 Pl moved back to ALEPPO BARRACKS.

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Elements H.Q.Coy	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	



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15 P1	KNAYE	20584418	
D Coy less 16&18 P1	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
16 & 18 P1	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	

10. INTERROGATION OF TURKISH DESERTERS

For political reasons, it is desired that NO inter-rogations be done by unit I.O.s or other British Offrs.

The local F.F. authorities should be contacted.

11. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

A captured photograph shows an ITALIAN C.V.3 tank fitted with a type of suspension which has not been noted previously. The normal suspension consists of 6 small bogey wheels and a small guide roller between the rear bogey wheel and the rear idler. The photograph shows four large sized wheels (bogey) together with the normal small guide roller.

These bogey wheels are mounted in pairs and appear to be the articulated type. The tracks seem to be much heavier and is composed of approx. 160 links in the normal type.

Generally the suspension appears to be of a stronger type which may suggest an increase in weight of the veh, though this is not apparent in the photograph. This may be either be earlier or a later suspension.

12. ENEMY METHODS

TANK HUNTING

The construction of our strong points has proved extremely effective, particularly the provision of A/Tank trenches. No casualties were sustained when the enemy AFV's penetrated at Pt 208. The troops were protected by the A/T trenches and could employ their weapons on the following infantry, while the AFV's were dealt with by the A/T weapons.

1. The lesson to be drawn is that the infantryman should allow the tank to pass overhead while he is in his A/T trench. If he attempts to jump clear he draws fire on himself from the tank whose fd of fire is very limited. The infantryman's main task remains to repulse the assaulting infantryman. In addition to this, enemy tanks can be knocked out by courageous individual action with close combat weapons.

2. The weapons in question are the Molotov cock-tail and the pole charge. The most convenient charge is the prepared charge (piomier-Sprenbuchse) which contains 1 kilogramme of explosive. Its strength is such that it can knock out even an English Inf Tank without duly endangering the infantryman by its detonation. The drag mine (sledge mine) is also highly successful.

3. (a) Molotov cocktails are most effective if they burst on the ribs of the engine cover. The flaming contents run onto the motor, which usually bursts in fire.

(b) The tank is particularly sensitive to the prepared charge in three places:- These are :-

On the tracks, on the engine cover, and on the horizontal armour near the turret.

12. ENEMY METHODS Contd.

If a prepared charge bursts in close proximity to the tracks the chain is damaged to such an extent that it breaks when the tank moves forward. A prepared charge resting on the reinforcing ribs penetrates them and the engine cover damaging the engine.

The horizontal armour near the turret is weak in the English Inf Tank. The detonation of a prepared charge causes complete with simultaneous blast effect inside the tank.

(c) The drag mine (a Teller mine on runners) can be pulled across by an infantryman in his A/T trench so that a passing tank passes over it with its tracks.

In order to employ the close combat weapons mentioned above, the infantryman must be at least within throwing range of the tank. He must therefore wait in his cover for the tank to approach. But this cover is only useful when engaging tanks if it has been specifically constructed as an A/T ditch, i.e. it must be level with the ground, well camouflaged, and not wider than 1 metre, so that the tank can pass overhead, without endangering the infantryman.

This must be watched with particular care when building posns. The danger of an infantryman who finds himself close to a tank is slight. An infantryman in his A/T ditch is always superior to an enemy tank that is within range (throwing) if he has the proper weapons. The periscope of the English Tank is inadequate. The driver can see straight ahead only; the gunner only in line with his gun. Because of the limited play of the weapons in their mountings they cannot be depressed sufficiently to cover the immediate vicinity of the tank.

An infantryman in this dead area must inevitably use his close combat weapons effectively.

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(G.A. Gemmell-Smith) I.O.2/15 Aust Inf Bn

2/15 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Summary No 6.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 25 Feb 42)

1. GENERAL. Frontier posts report all quiet with friendly relations being maintained. Several cases have been reported where sandbags have been removed from demolition points and prepared positions - these have been notified to the proper authorities.  
A Turkish deserter reported in to HARM and is held by FRENCH Special Service. He gave his reason for deserting as bad treatment. (He was working with a Railway Section of an Engineering Unit) and ~~was~~ insufficient ~~the~~ food and clothing. He stated there was no coffee left in TURKEY.
2. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. on 18 Feb 42 a bus A 5642 was stopped by a Snap Patrol and two tins of Army petrol found therein. In a road workers ~~was~~ hut a further two tins were found. The man from whom the petrol had been obtained was detained and taken to the SURETE. The driver of the bus stated that a great deal of Army petrol was being purchased by civilians.
3. SNAP CONTROLS. were carried out as usual. On 17 Feb four men were taken to the Surete and two French soldiers taken to the Prevote.
4. POST ACTIVITY. Two R.E. personnel have been attached to DJISR ECH CHOPOUR post. All houses in KENAYE VILLAGE have been sprayed against malaria.
5. ROADS. A carrier recce of the road KENAYE - DERKOCHE showed it to be impassable to AFVs. The road KENAYE - CHEIKH AISSA is passable to AFVs except for about 100 yds near the first place which is poor. A further carrier recce was made of the area about BATINDE (212437) moving from DJISR ECH CHOPOUR along all three tracks, but after about one mile found the ground too heavy to proceed. It then moved along the ~~main~~ road to SELLI (212423) without finding any track suitable to carriers, so moved along road FREIKE (211424) - KASTOON (213415) the road being in fit condition for wheeled traffic as far as SQUAL DIVE (214380), according to the Engineers' report. The road however, is boggy and impassable to any ordinary traffic, but Arab labourers is being recruited for maintenance.
6. VISITORS. On 17 Feb 42 Capt HUGHES of 8 Fd Amb visited KENAYE and two Majors of the same Unit again visited the place on the following day to inspect the houses and water.  
On 18 Feb Lieut CROWLE (9 Div Cipher Officer) and the 9 Army Cipher Security Offr made an inspection of IDLIB.  
On ~~18~~ 20 Feb Maj. ROBERTS of 4 RTR delivered a series of lectures in IDLIB Barracks.
7. REINFORCEMENTS. On 21 Feb, 1 Offr and 73 ORs joined the unit from 20 A.I.T.B.
8. FRONTIER CONTROL. IMMEDIATE reports will be sent to HQ of people crossing the frontier at places not manned by FSS personnel. Such reports to include passport particulars if available.
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REF. MAPS: ANTIOCH, LATTAKIA,      1: 200000

<u>SUB UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAP REF.</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES.</u>
HQ	IDLIB	23504420	
HQ COY less elements	IDLIB BARRACKS	do.	
ELEMENTS HQ COY	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
A COY less 7 pl	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	( To move to ALEPPO to relieve
7 pl	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	( B COY/
B Coy less 1 det	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	To move to IDLIB CAMP
1 det 11 pl	AKTERINE	28905070	To be relieved by det from A Coy
( 1 offr 12 ORS)			
C COY HQ	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
13 pl	HARIM	25584752	To be relieved by 17 pl
14 pl less 1 sec	BAB EL HAGUA	24344722	To be relieved by 16 pl
1 sec 14 pl	JISH BCH	20754290	To close down
ISKRI	CROPOUR		
15 pl less 1 sec	KNAYE	20584418	( To be relieved by 18 pl
1 sec 15 pl	SHIRIYE	19964322	( B Coy.
D Coy less	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	( Pls to carry out relief
16 & 18 pl			( HQ to remain IDLIB CAMP.
16 & 18 pls	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	(

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Tactical Exercise without Troops - No 1

IDLIB Area.

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Ref Maps: LATAQUIE) 1:200000 sheets

OPENING SITUATION The frontier between EASTLAND and WESTLAND includes BAB EL HAOUA- then follow eastern edge of foothills to FONDOK (232454)-thence western edge of foothills from KASAR TASNOUR (2345) to include SIRT EL HAMRA (229444) MELAH (227441) - NAHEL (221428)

For some time German agents have been organising the ARABS in KAFERT HARIM and regular broadcasting of NAZI propaganda has been heard from the high powered broadcasting station at ARMENAZ (2245). Reports from our frontier post at EL HAMMAM (2349) disclose that twenty large troop carrying planes landed on the aerodrome at RIHANIYE (2348) during the morning of 13 Feb, unloaded tps and took off again.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn with one tp of 2/7 Aust Fd Regt under cmd is quartered at IDLIB on night of 13 Feb.

NARRATIVE 1. During the evening 13 Feb Comd 2/15 Bn was called to Bde HQ at MAARET ED DABSE (247425) where the Brig informed him as follows

(a) Ten additional tp carrying planes landed at RIHANIYE at 1930 hrs to-day. They were escorted by four fighter aircraft.

(b) Six small tracked af vs had been observed about SELLI (213423) during the afternoon.

(c) The Bde would cross the frontier on 14 Feb, 2/15 Bn would capture the wireless station at ARMENAZ and secure the pass at Trig 700 (222464) preparatory to an advance to SALKINE the following day. 2/13 Bn will capture RIHANIYE aerodrome.

(d) One Sqn Div Cav is to capture DJISK ECH CHORHOUR.

(e) No additional tpt is available and due to the necessity for ferrying portion of 2/13 Bn forward, it will not be possible to cross the frontier until 1000 hrs. Therefore all units will effect their crossing at 1000hrs.

(f) No additional artillery is available at this stage.

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Problem 1 Write the Orders of Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn for the move on the morning of 14 Feb.

Each officer will answer this problem separately. Orders to be handed in to Adjt by 2100 hrs Friday 13 Feb.

For future problems Syndicates representing each Coy will function, a different spokesman being appointed to give alternate Syndicate solutions.

Offrs from ALEPPO and frontier posts may bring their solutions with them on Saturday morning (14 Feb 42) to be handed to Adjt before departure for TEWT.

Tactical Exercise without Troops - No 1

IDLIB Area.

1. A T.E.W.T for all officers other than those who cannot be released from ALEPPO will be held on 14 Feb 42.

2. Officers from frontier posts will report as follows:-

From KENAYE and BAB-EL-HAOUA - may come to IDLIB on the previous afternoon and return to post on the evening of the day of the TEWT.  
From HARIM - RV at Bn HQ IDLIB at 0845 on the morning of the exercise, returning in the evening.

3. From ALEPPO - report Bn HQ at 0845 hrs on the morning of the exercise, returning in the evening.

4. MEALS.- All officers will carry haversack lunches. Evening meals will be taken at their respective locations. It is expected that the exercise will be completed by 1700 hrs.

5. TPT.- Coys will provide own tpt to assemble with head at Bn HQ facing HARIM. Vehicles will be returned to unit areas at IDLIB after dropping officers 3 miles out from Bn HQ. Report again at 23104435 at 1600 hrs.

6. ORGANISATION.- For the purpose of the exercise it will be assumed that the Bn is organised on the new establishment, i.e., with increased carrier personnel and with the mortar Pl carried in carriers.

7. LESSONS TO BE STUDIED.-

- (a) The carrier Pl giving forward and flank protection during an advance.
- (b) Use of carriers during an attack and for consolidation (M T P 39 Pt II)
- (c) Advanced Guard Fighting. Attention is drawn to the following extract from I T 1937 Chap XI.  
"....it will be necessary to gain closer contact with the enemy along his front, to drive in or pierce the hostile protective tps and so gain the information and ground which the Comd requires before he can form his plan and deploy his tps for the attack. This will entail fighting and is a task for which all arms will be required. ..."
- (d) Coy attack with arty support (I T Sec 66)
- (e) Battle Procedure - (Unit Notes)
- (f) Bn attack with arty support - I T Chap XI Sec 63.

8. Officers will read the sections of the manuals quoted before attending the exercise.

9. It is intended that the exercise will later be carried out with tps.

*cc/attached*  
Adjnt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt

War Diary

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held at IDLIB on Friday 27 Feb 1942 commencing at 0815hrs.
2. TPS TAKING PART - One tp 2/7 Fd Regt  
 A Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 C Coy (less 15 Pl)  
 D Coy (less 16 and 17 Pls)  
 No 2 Pl (representing enemy)  
 No 3 Pl equipped with two carriers  
 No 4 Pl " " five carriers  
 O C B Coy with spare offrs and 3 Sec Comds from frontier posts.
3. LESSONS TO BE STUDIED - as for T E W T No. 1 including
  - (a) Carrier Pl giving forward and flanking protection during an advance
  - (b) Advanced Guard fighting- Coy attack with Arty support.
  - (c) Bn attack with Arty Support, including Battle Procedure.
4. DIRECTOR :- Lt-Col R W OGLE  
CHIEF UMPIRE:- Lieut G A GEMMELL SMITH  
UMPIRES:-  
           from A COY- three NCOs to operate with C Coy  
                           one NCO " " " Pl D Coy  
           from C COY - three NCOs to operate with A Coy  
           from HQ COY- one NCO for Mortar Pl  
                           two NCOs for Carrier Pl
5. UMPIRES RECCO - Umpires and O.C. Enemy and O.C. Carrier Pl will report Bn HQ 0900 hrs Thursday 26 Feb. HQ Coy Truck will be made available for the exercise.
6. ENEMY - No 2 Pl (Lieut Gray) will act as enemy and each man will wear a white hat band.
7. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY FIRE - RED SCREENS- to be erected by enemy when attacking tps are within effective range and remain in position during the engagement.  
  
           Med. MGs will be represented by white screen with one red cross bar.  
  
           A/Tk Rifles- White screen with one diagonal green bar.
8. MEALS All tps and officers will carry haversack lunch.
9. OPENING SITUATION- As for TEWT No. 1
10. Operation Order for move will be the same as that for TEWT No.1 Exercise will commence with the departure of two carrier secs (acting as mobile screen), from IDLIB BARRACKS at 0815 hrs. OC B Coy will leave IDLIB BARRACKS, accompanied by OC Arty Tp., Mortar Det Comd at 0900hrs. All tps other than those abovementioned will be assembled at IDLIB BARRACKS by 0900 hrs
11. FINAL CONFERENCE at ROCKY KNOLL on completion of exercise.

(R W G OGLE) Lt-Col  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER NO.1INFORMATION

1. C Coy at present occupies all frontier posts at BAB-EL-HAOUA - HARIM - KNEYE - JISR ECH CHOUGHOUR - BEDRIYE.

INTENTION

2. (a) D Coy and attached personnel will relieve C Coy at frontier posts exclusive JISR ECH CHOUGHOUR.  
(b) A Coy and attached personnel will relieve B Coy at ALEPPO and AKTERINE.

METHOD

3. Order of Relief as detailed in Appx "A" Movement Table.  
4. D Coy will provide Pl Sjts to report to frontier posts on day prior to handover to take over post stores, and to be conversant with local situation.  
5. CAPT. STRANGE to arrange tpt of 1 Offr, 12 ORs to AKTERINE.

ADM

6. ARMAMENTS  
Coys will retain all E2 Scale weapons as held at present.

7. TRANSPORT  
Tpt will be provided by 20 Aust Inf Bde to report to Coys as detailed in Col 5 and 6 of Movement Table.

8. POST STORES  
Post Stores handed over will include all  
(i) Medical Stores  
(ii) Ammunition  
(iii) Transport  
(iv) Tools  
(v) Reserve Rations  
(vi) Pressure Lamps and Torches  
(vii) Binoculars  
(viii) Rubber Boots } at FWD POSTS ONLY  
(ix) Any other stores relative to particular posts.  
Signed lists will be prepared in accordance with Para 10 of RO No. 69 of 26 Jan and fwded to QM on completion of handover.

9. COOKING STORES  
All cooking equipment will be handed over in Coy areas and at frontier posts.

10. MEALS  
(a) Midday meal for A Coy on SUNDAY 1 MAR will be arranged by QM at QUARTIER VING BARRACKS.  
(b) All other meals during period of relief will be had prior to relieving personnel moving out and on return of relieved personnel to CAMP or BARRACKS.  
(c) QM to arrange early meal for Serial 5.  
(d) HQ Coy will provide for extra personnel on ration strength as in Serial 9.

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11. (a) HQ, D Coy, will remain at IDLIB CAMP.  
(b) O.C. A Coy to take over administration of QUARTIER VING BARRACKS. as from 1200 hrs SUNDAY 1 MAR.

*all released*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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APPENDIX "A" - MOVEMENT TABLE

1 SER NO.	2 DAY	3 DATE	4 RELIEF	5 NO OF TRUCKS	6 TRUCKS REPORT TO	7 REMARKS
1	WEDNESDAY	25	Div Cav relieves two pls D Coy	Arranged by Bde		Both pls D Coy stage at ALEPPO Barracks overnight
2	WEDNESDAY	25	DJISR ECH CHOGHOUR post closes down, tps returning to IDLIB camp	2/3 ton	DJISR ECH CHOGHOUR 1000 hrs	
3	WEDNESDAY	25	17 Pl (D Coy) relieves 13 Pl (C Coy) at HARIM, 13 Pl returning to IDLIB Camp.	3/3 ton	IDLIB Camp at 0930 hrs	Tpt of tps only. Beds & post stores remain at posts.
4	THURSDAY	26	16 Pl (D Coy) from ALEPPO relieves BAB EL HAOUA post (14 Pl C Coy), the latter returning to IDLIB Camp for lunch	4/3 ton	ALEPPO BARRACKS at 0830 hrs	16 Pl to move with beds to BAB EL HAOUA unload sufficient to complete estab at post. Remainder to go to IDLIB Camp for 14 Pl
5	THURSDAY	26	Capt. STRANGE, spare Offrs, 3 Sec NCOs B Coy and 18 Pl D Coy to move to IDLIB for afternoon demonstration by Arty	3/3 ton	ALEPPO BARRACKS 1200 hrs	Return to ALEPPO Barracks, leaving IDLIB about 1600 hrs.
6	THURSDAY	26	Lieut. KAY and 3 Sec NCOs 15 Pl to witness demonstration and remain overnight at IDLIB	Own truck		
7	THURSDAY	26	80 Arty personnel to be given shelter in IDLIB Barracks overnight using Recreational Room			No rations required
8	FRIDAY	27	BN Exercise - Repeat Serial 5	3/3 ton	ALEPPO BARRACKS 0830 hrs	Return to ALEPPO from IDLIB at 1600 hrs
9	FRIDAY	27	1 Offr, 12 ORs A Coy to BARRACKS ALEPPO to relieve B Coy AKTERINE	1/3 ton. Unit tpt stationed at IDLIB	IDLIB CAMP at 1600 hrs	Relief to be arranged from ALEPPO on convenient trains
10	SATURDAY	28	18 Pl D Coy from ALEPPO BARRACKS, under comd Lieut. HARPAM to rel 13 Pl at KENIYE & BEDRIYE. 15 Pl C Coy to return to IDLIB BARRACKS and be accommodated in new Mess Hut	5/3 ton	ALEPPO BARRACKS 0830 hrs	2 lorries to be used to convey beds from ALEPPO to IDLIB/ Remainder for tps all day
11	SUNDAY	1 Mar	A Coy rel B Coy at ALEPPO	10/3 ton	IDLIB CAMP at 0930 hrs	Return B Coy to IDLIB

11 Feb 42.

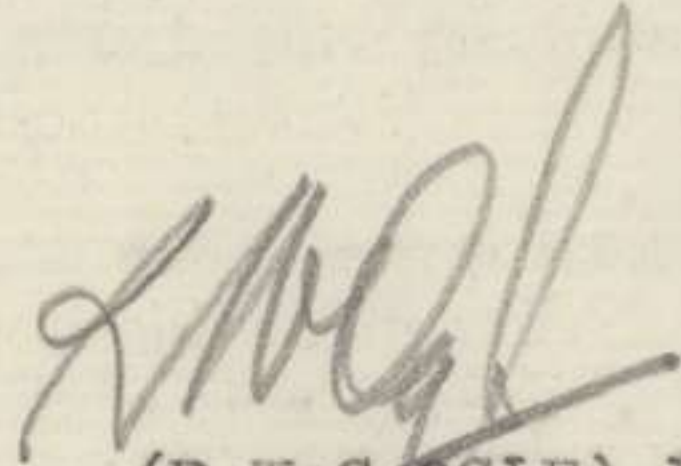
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REPORT ON BORDER INCIDENT - HARIM AREA  
10 FEB 42.

- (1) The following report is submitted regarding an incident which took place between Turkish soldiers and French Guard Mobile at a point about 5 miles WEST of HARIM on the frontier between frontier posts 208, 209 and 210.
- (2) The information contained herein was obtained from a conference held at HARIM on the morning of 11 Feb 42. The conference was arranged by Capt. Lavarde (French Service Speciale) and was attended by the Caimmacain of the Turkish village of RHANIYE, the captain in charge of the Turkish troops at Rhaniye, Lt-Col R.W.G OGLE, and Lieut A.P. BEATTY (Offr i/c 2/15 Aust Inf Bn frontier post HARIM).
- (3) A herd of cattle was being tended by a Bedouin boy in the vicinity of the frontier posts abovementioned. Two Turkish soldiers were patrolling the frontier adjacent to the herd of cattle when they observed the cattle moving across the border into SYRIA. They had been given instructions that in this event they were to fire shots into the air to warn the tenderer of the herd that his stock was about to cross the border. This they carried out and two shots were accordingly fired into the air. Two of the Guard Mobile were patrolling on the SYRIAN side of the border in the same vicinity and I am of opinion that the Guard Mobile were under the impression that the shots fired by the Turkish soldiers had been directed at the Guard Mobile. They therefore retaliated and fired back at the Turks. The Turks were reinforced by a group of soldiers who arrived in a truck. At the same time an additional patrol of two Guards Mobile arrived on the scene from the direction of BACHMECHLI and they also became engaged in the exchange of shots. At this stage the Turkish Captain (who was present at the conference) arrived and instructed his men to stop firing. He then endeavoured to approach the Corporal of the Guard Mobile who, he states, was at this time within Turkish territory. The Corporal refused to parley with him and moved away. The stock by this time were in Syrian territory and the Guard Mobile took charge of them and returned it to HARIM. The Turkish Captain telephoned the Guard Mobile official at HARIM and arranged the conference which was held on the 11 Feb 42.
- (4) At this conference the events abovementioned were discussed and the Turkish captain pointed out to Capt Lavarde that this was the second occurrence of similar character. He claimed that after the first occurrence he had requested Capt Lavarde to change the Corporal of the personnel who were involved. As a guarantee of good faith he was now prepared to change the Turkish personnel at this frontier providing Capt Lavarde did likewise with his troops. He pointed out that at no other place on the frontier were similar incidents arising. After a good deal of discussion as to who should shoulder the blame for the occurrence I suggested that the firing of shots by any troops in the vicinity of the frontier, even if it were only intended to scare stock was particularly dangerous and likely to cause recurrences of similar incidents. I submitted that it should be possible to adopt some other means of controlling

the movements of stock. The Turkish captain agreed and said that he would give it consideration. Capt Lavarde pointed out that he expected to have in Harim, within two days an officer who would take over command of that portion of his forces which were in that vicinity. He promised that this officer would contact the Turkish officer as soon as he arrived and arrange periodical conferences with him in order that they should maintain cordial relationships.

- (5) Cordial relationships existed at the conference and it was felt by all that a repetition of the incident is unlikely to occur.



(R.W.C. OGLE) Lt-Col  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
9 Feb 42

*War Diary*

20 Aust Inf Bde

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information was obtained from a conversation with the person mentioned in para 1.

1. Rev. LYTLE, a native of Northern Ireland who has been stationed in ANTIOCH since 1921 as a missionary. The religious organisation is of Presbyterian origin and has a branch in IDLIB. Rev LYTLE speaks Arabic but has only a slight knowledge of Armenian. Being Irish, he is argumentative and a ready talker. He was returning to TURKEY after a visit to PALESTINE, was to cross the border at RASSAB but had journeyed from LATTAKIE to IDLIB to inspect the mission there. He visits IDLIB at irregular intervals.

2. Information about the two soldiers belonging to 18 Aust Inf Bde who illegally crossed the border and are now interned is as follows:- They drove an army truck across the border and were pursued by Turkish soldiers. On attempting to negotiate a sharp bend their vehicle ran off the road and the Turkish soldiers overtook them. The two Australians fired at the TURKS but did not hit them. The TURKS fired at the AUSTRALIANS and shot one of them through the leg.

The missionary visited this man in a TURKISH hospital and was informed of the foregoing particulars. When the presence of an Englishman was discovered the missionary was ordered to leave the hospital. He then endeavoured to see the other Australian who is confined in a TURKISH barracks at ANTIOCH. He saw the Military Comd of the District and was told "if he wanted to keep out of trouble he would mind his own business." He repeated his request on the grounds of being a spiritual adviser of the AUSTRALIAN but the same warning was repeated by the Military Comd.

3. The people of TURKEY are in a bad way due to the scarcity of grain. The last season's crop was a failure but the feeling of the people is that TURKEY has either been hoarding the grain or selling it outside the country.

4. The impression is gained that the TURKISH soldiers have had a great deal of training but it has been without equipment. The missionary had never seen a field gun during any of the manoeuvres. He also has a low opinion of the intelligence of the TURKISH soldier generally though he thinks that the men placed about the border posts are probably the best of their troops.

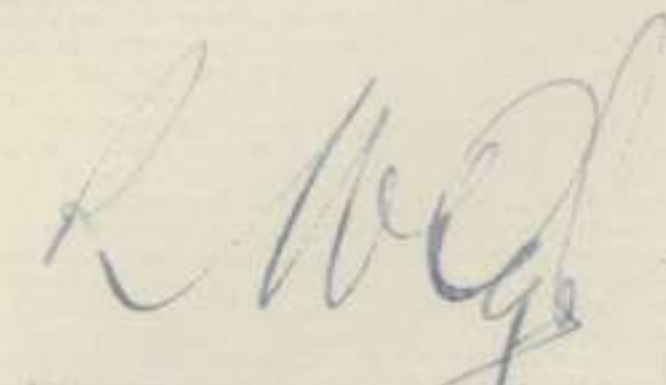
5. He noticed the difference that BRITISH influence had had in PALESTINE and commented on the maladministration of the FRENCH in SYRIA. One impressionable point was the fact that the Palestine policemen were obliged to pay their fare in busses. He pointed out that the gendarmes in SYRIA commandeered the buses, made them wait for hours until they were ready to move and did not pay fares.

6. His main remarks however related to the question of wheat supply in SYRIA. In this he was ably supported by his representative stationed at IDLIB. It was pointed out that the price of bread before the war was 7 piastres per kilogram. The price rose to 20 piastres by successive jumps and the SYRIANS did not raise serious protest as they regarded the increase as incidental to war conditions. The price is now 35 piastres per kilo and is imposing hardship and in some cases starvation on the populace. The greatest discontent however is due to the feeling that grain is in the country and is being hoarded by the merchants. Arguments are presented to indicate that the French authorities are in league with the merchants in order to satisfy their own monetary desires. The action of the BRITISH in importing wheat and controlling its price was received with gratification by the natives who now ask why this has been stopped.

7. All matters discussed were countered with statements indicating the real purpose of the BRITISH in SYRIA but whenever reference was made to the existence of a SYRIAN government it was pointed out that the men in whom SYRIA could place reliance had long since been discouraged and forced into the background by the FRENCH. The people who were now prepared to engage in the government of the country had <sup>been</sup> under the thumb of the French for many years and accordingly could do nothing to prevent the graft which was still continuing.

8. The conversation took place at the home of the Resident Missionary at IDLIB and was regarded as being unofficial. The dominant note was the absolute mistrust of the French and any attempt to influence them in any other direction is met with a statement that the French have never behaved decently and that no change for the better could possibly happen.

9. These matters have no doubt been reported upon before but the report is made to indicate the feeling existing at the present time in IDLIB.



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2/15 AUST INF BN  
6 Feb 42.SECURITY MATTERSTELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

1. Officers are not exercising sufficient care in their conversation over the telephone. The following are examples of disclosure of information detected by supervision of telephone conversations.
- 27 JAN 42 - 1519 hrs - ALEPPO Barracks to IDLIB disclosed that 4 Rec Sec moved out on 26 Jan and that an Ord Fd Pk was soon to be established in ALEPPO.
- 27 JAN 42 - 1148 hrs - IDLIB to ALEPPO Barracks discussing unit strengths and evacuations over a period.
2. In addition I was informed at IDLIB recently that the BN had received 7 additional Bren guns, full war equipment scale of TSMGs, additional 2" Mortars and .38 pistols. On enquiry as to the method of receipt of the information I was informed that it had just been received by phone with a request for the distribution desired.
3. It should be obvious that information of this nature is only assisting the enemy to defeat us and it is all due to want of thought on the part of the officers concerned. All telephone lines in this areas pass through civilian or gendarme exchanges and some are thought to be party lines. The safest assumption to make is that EVERY telephone conversation is overheard and conversations which are to take place should be considered beforehand, if necessary making notes of the salient points to be discussed.

Conversations which appear innocent may contain information valuable to the enemy. For example, the number of uniforms required by each Coy may indicate the number of tps at various points. Elementary codes (such as those used at TOBRUK, where for seven months a patrol was known as a "Snake" and Carriers as "Lice") are worse than useless as they encourage free talk under a false sense of security.

Summarised, the requirements are:-

- (a) Be careful what you say over the phone.
- (b) Use the DRIS or the daily ration trucks to convey messages that are not urgent and thus cut down the amount of phone traffic.
- (c) Don't initiate a code system. Here, an extract from a Div Instruction received in Tobruk may strengthen the point. Roughly, it stated that the man who referred to "The Capital of England" in an attempt to disguise a reference to London wasn't giving the enemy credit for having any brains.

OPEN INFORMATION

While at KENIYE recently, I heard the Capt of Gendarmes ask the Brother at the local Monastery how the tps under my comd were disposed. The Brother was able to tell him the exact BN dispositions. This conversation did not take place in the English language.

The loyalty of both these people is not doubted, but the occurrence indicates that the information must have been supplied by a soldier.

All officers will inform their men of the dangers of giving away valuable information during apparently-innocent conversation. At the same time, officers will do well to learn the same lesson from this example for on the same morning I had told an officer (not from 2/15 BN) certain changes in dispositions which we had made and which would effect the officer concerned. During a subsequent conversation with the Brother, this officer was about to tell him the same story and would have done so had I not stopped him.

We want to remain friendly with the inhabitants at all times but must learn to do so without taking them into our confidence on military matters.

LOSS OF PAYBOOKS

7.

The loss of paybooks is increasing in the Unit. There is no doubt that pockets are picked but I think there is no doubt also that the enemy find our fellows "dead easy". In most cases the losers admit to having had a few drinks before discovering their loss. One man said he spent the evening with an "Allied soldier" but didn't know which country he came from. Another took his paybook out of his pocket and left it on the table at the Canteen. Warnings have been issued many times in Routine Orders and on Parades. This is not enough and Platoon Comds must ensure that every member of their platoon understands the seriousness of the loss and takes steps to prevent it happening.

It is not sufficient to punish a man after the book is lost. **LOSS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO OCCUR.** Every man must be made to understand that "It may be a paybook to the owner, but it's a passport to an enemy agent."

Suggested methods are:-

- (a) Talk to the men and make them understand its seriousness.
- (b) Let them know that the enemy has an organisation especially detailed to obtain pay books. These men are most affable and will have a drink with them at any time.
- (c) They may be found in Australian uniform carrying as identification, a paybook they stole from a soldier the previous night.
- (c) See that they get a pocket sewn on the inside of their tunics about breast-high, especially for reception of the paybook. And tell them to KEEP it there.

3. These three items are of vital importance and a copy of this memo is being made available to each officer. Talk to your NCOs on each subject and get your NCOs to help you to ensure that your platoon does not bear the responsibility of breaches of any one of them.

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Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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Unit Ser No 11

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/15 AUST. INF. BNL

(Unit) 7 Feb 1942 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1 (at Acton)	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	5	-	-
Serjeants.	26	-	5
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	56		13
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	654	-	46
TOTALS.	747	* 1	* 65

\* 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.
Pay Sit	NA PC	CA. Amman	NAOC
Medical ✓	NA MC	✓ Jetter	-
✓ CPL	-	Pte ✓	-
✓ H/CPL	-	Pte ✓	-
✓ Pte	-	Redman	NA MC
Postal CA	NA Postal C.	✓	NA CD

**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)
Q 7164	WO/TI	MITCHELL JM	2/15	at Home 2/15 Aug 42
724	Sit	BARBAT NJ	-	do
5412	-	VAUGHAN EF	-	do
831	-	NEAL EJ	-	do
5723	CPL	ALLEN DJ	-	do
2047	-	CROSS FA	-	do
11442	-	COOPER RC	-	do
2183	-	COLLINS NHC	-	do





*Lieut Gen 4011*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ... ..	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains ... ..	<i>9</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Lieutenants ... ..	<i>19</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	<i>32</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### 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.)
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>KEYS</i>	<i>J.T</i>	<i>26 AITB (ex AIF(ME) &amp; /Sol)</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>LUTHER</i>	<i>E.F</i>	<i>20 A.I.T.B</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>HEATLEY</i>	<i>C.W</i>	<i>✓</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL.	C.O.	R.W.G. OGLE	2/15	YES	
MAJ	br of c	G.H. GRACE			
CAPT.	of Coy	A.C. RALSTON.			
	T/MAJ	S. TOPHAM.			
	Q.M.	A. SKINNER.			
	of Coy	E.G. GREEN.			
	✓	B.D. STRANGE.			
	✓	R.A. SUTHERS.			
	of Coy	F.L. BODE.			
	✓	W.W. COBB.		NO	Special Duty
	✓	M.R. STUART.		YES	
	✓	L. SNELL.			
LIENS		T.P. DANIES.			
	T/CAPT.	M. HARIAND.			
		W. ANGUS.			
		W.H.V. JUBB.			
		R.G. JENKINSON.			
		E.M. CHRISTIE.			
		G. AGENNEH-SMITH.			
		C.I. GUEST.			
		D.B. WEIR.			
		J. KAY.			
		D. PARKER.			
		G. OSBORNE.			
		J.T. HEYS.		NO	MP(HE) by Sch.
		A.P. BEATTY.		YES	
		W.G. HURISON.			
		I.D.V. QUIGLEY.			
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM.			
		R.F. ENGLAND.			
		J.F.S. BROWN.			
		G. VHELM.		NO	MP(HE) Sch of Sigs.
		G.J. GRINSTONE	N.I. HARPAM	H.G. CHILDS	G.G. GRAY } GP for Duty
		L.L. GRINSTONE	R.D. EXTON.	W.A. MAHONEY	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	AA CHD 21 NOV 41	21 NOV 41	Chaplain
CAPT		P. KAYE	AA MC	12 JAN 42	RMO

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

18 FEB 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*Unit Ser No 12.*

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ...	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>17</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>29</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>NIL</i>				

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>J.T. KEYS</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>To 201117 on compulsion School.</i>
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>H.R. STUART</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>13 Feb 02</i>	<i>Special Cadre (Must)</i>
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>C.I. GUEST</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>KEYS J.T.</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>20 absent by Eng. Pw</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>LUTHER E.F.</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>HENTLEY C.W.</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>do</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	C.O.	R.W.G. DALE	2/15	YES	
Maj.	Br. 2/4	C.H. GRACE			
Capt.	Br. 1/4	S. TOPHAM			
	Br. 1/4	H. SKINNER			
	Br. 1/4	A.E. RALSTON			
	1/11/42	P.G. GREEN		NO	England's Army
		B.D. STRANGE		YES	
		R.H. SUTHERS		NO	MDS
	2/4/42	F.L. BONE		YES	
		H.W. COBB		NO	Special Duty
		L. SNELL		YES	
Lieut		M.P. DAVIES			
	1/11/42	N. HARLAND			
		W. ANGUS			
	T.O.	W.H.V. JUBB			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
		F.M. CHRISTIE			
	I.O.	G.H. FENNELL-SMITH			
		D.B. WEIR		NO	MDS
		J. RAY		YES	
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE			
		A.P. BEATTY			
		W.G. HARRISON			
		I.D.V. GUILLEY			
		I.W. CUNNINGHAM			
		R.F. ENGLAND			
		J.F.S. BROWN			
		G.V. HELM		NO	ATTN: S. of Sup
		G.J. GRIMSTONE	H.G. CHILDS	YES	
		L.L. GRIMSTONE	G.G. GRAY		
		W.H. MADONEY			
		N.L. HARRHAM			
		R.D. FAY			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	11/42	21 Nov 41	Chaplain
CAPT		S. ROSE	11/42	10 Feb 42	RMD

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

15 FEB 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

Lt. Col.

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

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

*Unit Ser No 12*

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*2/15 AUST INF BN* (Unit). *14 FEB* 194*2* (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1 (at Octy)	
W.Os. Class II.	4		2
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	4	-	1
Serjeants.	24	-	7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	52	-	17
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	629		71
TOTALS.	715	* 1	* 98

\* 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.
<i>Pay</i> Sgt	<i>NAPE</i>	<i>Cpl</i> <i>Comman</i>	<i>NAAC</i>
<i>Medical</i> ✓	<i>NAAC</i>	✓ <i>Sgt</i>	✓
✓ <i>Cpl</i>	✓	<i>Plt</i>	✓
✓ <i>L/Cpl</i>	✓	<i>Plt</i>	✓
✓ <i>Plt</i>	✓	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>NAAC</i>
<i>Postal</i> <i>CM</i>	<i>NA Postal C</i>		

**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)
<i>0x</i> 2164	<i>WO II</i>	<i>MITCHELL JM</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>at Unit at Ing Pw</i>
894	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>BARBAT HJ</i>		
5812	-	<i>VAUGHAN EE</i>		
831	-	<i>NEAL EJ</i>		
5783	<i>CPL</i>	<i>MULLEN DJ</i>		
21447	-	<i>CROSS FA</i>		
11442	-	<i>COOPER RC</i>		
8183	-	<i>COLLINS N.H.L.</i>		

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers . . . . .																				
Butchers . . . . .																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks . . . . .																		6	6	
Cooks . . . . .																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		2	2	
"    " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians... ..																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers . . . . .																				
Fitters . . . . .																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons . . . . .																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers . . . . .																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers . . . . .																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors . . . . .																				
Wheelers . . . . .																				
General duty personnel...	1									2	1	7						17	63	90
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1									2	1	7						17	71	98

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

15 FEB 42

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.

20 West Inf Bde 9 West Div

Signature of Commander.

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







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*Lieut Sel No 13*

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ...	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>14</i>		<i>2</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>29</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>LUTHER EF</i>		<i>2/15</i>	<i>27 Feb from 20th A.I.F.B. - Lieut.</i>
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>WEIR D.B</i>		<i>2/15</i>	

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>WEIR D.B</i>		<i>2/15</i>	<i>13 Feb 1000 beyond MDS - Hospital &amp; home</i>

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	C.O.	R.W.G. DGAFF	2/15	YES	
MAJ	Bn S/O	C.H. GRACE.		NO	Sen of the Comd
CAPT.	OC Coy	S. TOPHAM.		YES	
	QM	A. SKINNER.			
	OC Coy	A.C. RALSTON.		NO	Coy Comd Wings
	v	E.G. GREEN		YES	
	v	B.D. STRANGE		NO	MDS
	v	R.A. SUTHERS		YES	
	3/4 Coy	F.L. BODE		NO	Special Duties
	v	W.W. COBB		YES	
	v	L. SNELL.			
LIEUT		T.P. DAVIES			
	POST	M. HARLAND			
	T/CAPT	W. ANGUS → E.F. LUTHER			
	T.O.	W.H.V. JUBB → E.M. CHRISTIE			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
	I.O.	G.A. GEMMELL-SMITH			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE.			
		A.P. BEATEY			
		W.G. MORISON		NO	ME Gas Sd
		I.D.V. QUIGLEY		YES.	
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM			
		R.F. ENGLAND			
		J.F.S. BROWN.			
		G.V. HELM.		NO	M(FINE) Sd of Sigs
		L.L. GRIMSTONE		YES	
		C.A. GRIMSTONE			
		W.A. MANDNEY			
		N.L. HARPWAM.			
		R.D. EYTON.			
		H.G. CHINDS			
		G.G. GRAY			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	AACD	21/10/42	Chaplain
Capt		S ROSE	AAMC	10/2/42	RMD

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

23 FEB 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*W. J. ...*  
Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)  
20 West Inf Bde 9 Aust Div  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

*Unit Ser 1014*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ... ..	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains ... ..	<i>9</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Lieutenants ... ..	<i>18</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0</i>
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	<i>31</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>KEYS J.T.</i>	<i>2/15 Aust Inf Bn</i>	<i>24 Feb</i>	<i>on Sel (from 20 Aust Inf Bn)</i>
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>PPEK N.Eckh</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>SUTNERS RA</i>	<i>2/15 Aust Inf Bn</i>		<i>was beyond MDS = offered their</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>FERGUSON WA.</i>		<i>20 A.I.T.B</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col.	C.O	R.W.G. DORR	2/15	YES	
MAJ	Br. etc.	C.H. GRACE.		NO	See Offrs Column
CAPT	OC Coy	S. TOPHAM		YES	
	QM	A. SKINNER.			
	OC Coy	A.C. RALSTON.			
	✓	E.G. GREEN			
	✓	A. EDL. PEER.			
	✓	B.D. STRANGE.			
	Coy etc	F.L. BODD			
	✓	W.W. COBB.		NO	Special Duty
	✓	L. SNELL.		YES	
LIEUT	✓	T.P. DAVES.			
	POST T/CAPT	M. HARLAND.			
		F.E. LUTHER.			
		W. ANGUS			
	T.O	W.H.V. JUBB			
		E. MCN CHRISTIE			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
	1.O	G. A. GIBBELL - SMITH			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER.			
		G. OSBORNE			
		J.T. KEYS			
		R.P. BEATTY.			
		W.G. MARISON		NO	HF Gas Sch
		I.D.V. QUIGLEY		YES	
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM			
		R.W.F. ENGLAND.			
		J.F.S. BROWN.			
		G.V. HELM.		NO	Director of Coy
		L.L. GRIMSTONE		YES.	
		C.J. GRIMSTONE		NO	MDS
		R.D. EYTON W.A. MANNING.		YES	
		N.L. HARRISON. H.C. HICKS. G. GRAY			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		S. ROSE	AAAC	10 Feb 42	RMO
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	AAACD	21 Feb 41	Chaplain

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

1 MAR 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)  
20 April 42 / 20 9 1/2 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).





AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT.-COL. R W G OGLECOMM. 2/15 AUST INF BN

4 FEB 42

No. 72

1. CENSORSHIP

It is reported by the Base Censor that franking officers are not effectively discharging their duties; that unit correspondence of the AIF in general is at present containing much censorable matter.

The G.O.C. AIF has therefore directed that all officers will familiarise themselves immediately with censorship regulations and make franking effective. (Ref PSPB para 3 Sec 18).

2. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS

In order to conserve material, it has been decided that the wearing of respirators will not take place for more than two periods of half an hour each per month.

The importance however of being able to don the respirator in the prescribed time and of being able to carry out normal duties whilst wearing the respirator is still emphasised, and ALL ranks must be competent to do this.

Commencing Saturday 7 Feb. 42 and each alternate Saturday thereafter all ranks will wear respirator from 0900 hrs till 0930 hrs whilst performing normal duties.

3. SHOCK ABSORBERS

Considerable trouble is being reported by units of spring breakages. In order to minimise these, careful supervision over the maintenance and adjustment of shock absorbers is essential. Attention must be paid by drivers during normal maintenance for any sign of external leakages, loose screws, nuts etc. Joints of connecting links and arms, which are fitted with rubber bearings, will NOT be lubricated; when these are found to be badly worn they will be replaced. Topping up and adjustments should be carried out periodically under the supervision of L.A.Ds and in accordance with AIF Mech Instrn No. 85.

4. NIRAB AERODROME

NIRAB Aerodrome is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to ALL RANKS.

Complaints have been received that the runway at the Aerodrome is being used as a short-cut to ALEPPO. This will cease forthwith. Vehicles will NOT be driven along the runway.

Cases have occurred of convoys staging the night at the Aerodrome without reference to Superior Authority. In future applications for accommodation and vehicle space will be referred to the Camp Commander through this Hq.

5. SECURITY GUARDS

Security Guards in ALEPPO provided in accordance with the schedule issued by 20 Aust Inf Bde, will be inspected by an Officer once by day and once by night.

6. PAYBOOKS - DELETION OF UNIT IDENTITY

Immediate action will be taken to ensure that all reference to the names of units is deleted from paybooks. Obliteration by ink or other means is not sufficient and action will be taken immediately to excise all reference to unit identity.

Any particulars which may be destroyed on page 2 of paybooks will be re-inserted by pasting a piece of blank paper where required and re-writing the destroyed records thereon.

This will be carried out under Coy arrangements.



DRIVING - IMPROPER USE OF CHANGE DOWN

- 76 (a) It has been noted that many drivers change to a lower gear just before entering a corner and use the engine as a brake while cornering. Cases also occur where rapid deceleration is obtained on the straight by changing down. This practice will be discontinued as it is dangerous and harmful to the vehicle for the following reasons:-
- (i) The vehicle is decelerated through the friction of only two tyres on the road instead of four. If the road is wet this friction (or co-efficient of adhesion as it is called) may fall to one-tenth of the value that applies if the road is dry. If the braking force exceeds the friction a skid occurs perhaps with fatal results. In an emergency bad driving may be excused, but only if the driver has been forced into a position from which he lacks the skill to extricate the car.
  - (ii) Rapid deceleration causes much more strain on the engine and transmission than rapid acceleration.
  - (iii) The clutch does not permit as "gentle" an application of the braking effort as does the foot pedal.
  - (iv) A vehicle reaches its maximum stability, and is most controlable only when power-driven.
- (b) Changing down should be done:-
- (i) Only at slow speeds except in an emergency.  
(below 20 mph for cars and vans, below 15 mph for lorries).
  - (ii) To gain acceleration or power on hills.
  - (iii) To enable engine to be used as a brake on steep or long grades.
- (c) In turning corners the vehicle should be slowed down by taking the foot gradually off accelerator and allowing the engine to slow the vehicle down. Brakes should only be used to assist if distance is misjudged or in an emergency. Vehicle should reach its slow speed before reaching the corner then if necessary, changed down to a lower gear, steadily power driven or accelerated around corner according to condition of road. Normal driving speeds will then be restored.
- (d) Quick acceleration and sudden braking are wasteful and expensive and are usually signs of bad driving. STOP WASTE.

8. BATTERIES SECONDARY

Facilities at Base exist for the repair of old batteries. All batteries, whatever the condition, will be returned to RSDs through Ordnance channels.

9. CORRIGENDUM - Ref A.O. No. 70 of 31 Jan 42.  
For No. 70 substitute "No. 71".

DISTRIBUTION

In future, the following distribution will be known as "List A".

A COY	1 - 2	I.O.	14
B COY	3 - 4	T.O.	15
C COY	5 - 6	R.M.O.	16
D COY	7 - 8	C.H.	17
HQ. COY	9 - 10	Adj. ADJT	18
20. AUST INF BDE	11	OZE	19
C.O.	12	War Diary	20 - 21
2 i/c	13	File	22
ADJT's	14.	Spare	23.

for (M. HARLAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

DIV CONCERT PARTY

Vacancies exist in the Concert Party for the following:-  
Violinist, Comedian, Tap Dancer.  
Applications to be forwarded to this HQ by 7 Feb 42.

DISTRIBUTION

List A.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

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**ROUTINE ORDERS: PART I**

LT-COL R W G OGLE

COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

7 FEB 42

NO. 73

1.

**REGISTRATION OF ARMS, BINOCULARS etc.**

In order to fully check the registers of all pistols, binoculars and compasses the following return from Coy is required to reach this H. by 1200 hrs Tuesday 10 Feb 42 and must be correct and completed in every detail, showing the name of every officer and whether or NOT in possession of the above articles, together with REG No., MAKER & TYPE, if issue or private property etc as detailed - together with particulars of any other person in possession of the above:

NAME	TYPE & MAKER	REG NO	ISSUE	PRIVATE PROPERTY
	PISTOL			
	BINOCULARS			
	COMPASS			

The registration of privately owned binoculars etc is essential to avoid confusion at a later date, as it is intended to make a distribution of some recently received, which may quite easily be confused with non-issue ones.

**2. OUT OF BOUNDS - IDLIB:**

The new ST GEORGE CAFE' IDLIB is placed "OUT OF BOUNDS" to troops until further notice.

**3. DISCIPLINE-BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS ON LEAVE:**

The following letter received by this HQ from NINTH ARMY is promulgated for "information and necessary action.

(a) It has been reported to the GOC-in-C, that Commanding Officers are not always giving adequate punishment to men of their units who are charged by the Military Police - and are to this extent - abetting the laxity of behaviour and indiscipline of their men.

This applies particularly to cases of rowdyism and drunkenness in leave centre which are an abuse of leave privileges and cause the imposition of restrictions, which inevitably hit the majority of well behaved men because of the selfish and unsoldierly behaviour of the few.

(b) The GOC-in-C directs that Commanding Officers will take severe disciplinary measures in cases where the drunkenness or disorderly conduct of their men is proved.

(c) He wishes the substance of this letter to be published in Unit orders and read by officers to their men on three successive parades.

20 AUST INF BDE RO No 25 para 1

**4. PHOTOGRAPHY IN FRONTIER AREAS:**

The use of cameras in Frontier Posts and areas, and particularly the photographing of TURKISH Frontier Posts and garrisons, is likely to arouse the suspicion of the TURKS.

The carrying or use of cameras within sight of the Frontier is therefore prohibited.

5. LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS :

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

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

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

6. BOTTLED LIQUOR:

Soldiers are forbidden to carry bottled liquor.

7. TYPHOID:

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

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

(a) No water may be drunk from other than authorised water points unless it be (i) boiled or (ii) adequately chlorinated in a water cart.

(b) No salads or uncooked vegetables may be eaten unless first soaked in permanganate solution for 1/2 hour.

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

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

*Col. J. M. ...*  
Capt  
ADFP 2/15 AUST INF BN

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A"

NOTICES

(a) At approx 1900 hrs on the 13 Dec 41 an accident occurred between GAZA and JULIS; road GAZA-TEL AVIV, in which a vehicle collided with a stationary vehicle driven by one Abraham Simchewitz.

(b) Any information concerning this accident should be forwarded to this H Q.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT.-COL. R.W.G. OGLE.COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN.

9 FEB 42

No. 74

1. DUTIES - LEAVE PIQUET

ALEPPO Leave Piquet will consist of the following:-  
1 Offr, 1 Sjt and 5 ORs.

This piquet will be provided by A Coy on TUESDAY 10 Feb and  
C Coy on WEDNESDAY 11 Feb  
and will report to HQ Coy at 1000 hrs on the day of leave.  
Further particulars in accordance with Appx "C" of RO No. 70 of 31 Jan 42.

2. LEAVE

Leave to ALEPPO for ensuing week will be granted to HQ Coy as follows:-

TUESDAY 10 Feb - 50 all ranks.  
WEDNESDAY 11 Feb - 50 all ranks.

Instns in reference to Leave as contained in Appx "C" to RO 70 of 31 Jan 42 will be read over to troops prior to leaving.

3. PRIMUS COOKERS

As previously ordered a check of all primus cookers held by Coys is required to be done weekly by an Offr of the Coy. A certificate to this effect is required at BN HQ by 1800 hrs Thursday 12 Jan stating the No. of Cookers held which should be as follows:-

Each Rifle Coy	13	-	A Coy	Nos.1	-	13
			B Coy	Nos.14	-	26
			C Coy	Nos.27	-	39
			D Coy	Nos.40	-	52
HQ Coy	28 - Nos 53 - 80	-	No. 1 Pl		-	4
			No. 2 Pl		-	2
			No. 3 Pl		-	6
			No. 4 Pl		-	5
			No. 5 Pl		-	3
			No. 6 Pl		-	
			QM Staff		-	1
			Attached		-	1
			Tpt		-	5
			Coy HQ		-	1
BN HQ	5 - Nos. 81 - 85					

In addition 5 spare Cookers are kept to allow for repairs and breakages and emergency operations.

Cookers may be distributed as Coys think fit and spare Cookers asked for if necessary.

It is however necessary that a strict check be kept on all these Cookers or any other item bought from Regimental Funds or given by ACF etc, other than expehable stores. To date this check has been far from satisfactory.

SECURITY - CAMERAS

A return of cameras held by unit personnel was called for in unit R.Os No. 41 of 10 Dec 41. Coys are requested to submit a return by 1800 hrs 10 Dec to BN I.O. showing cameras held by members and NOT shown in previous return.

On arrival of Reinforcements, a return of cameras held by them should be forwarded, also the purchase of a camera by any members of the Unit.

RESERVE BATTLE RATIONS

Delete reference to R.O. 69 para 10 of 26 Jan 42 and effect the following change:-

BISCUITS	-	16 oz.
P MEAT	-	9 oz
MILK	-	2 oz
SUGAR	-	2 oz
JAM	-	2 oz

TEA - 3/2 02

6. PROMOTIONS

No.	Rank	Name	Promoted	Date	Ref.
QX8110	Pte	ANDERSON, A. L.	A/CPL	19.1.42	5/297
8061	"	BRIGGS, K. V.	A/CPL	19.1.42	5/298

7. REVERSIONS

No.	Rank	Name	Reverts to	Date	Ref
QX2386	CPL	RINGBET, C E	PTE	21.1.42	5/317 (at own request)

8. TRADE GROUPINGS

No.	Rank	Name	Graded	Date	Ref
QX7526	Pte	BARTER, W. A. K.	GP II		
7708	"	GOULD, F. R.	Mechanic MT	1.12.41	5/323
8061	A/CPL	BRIGGS, K. V.	Relinquishes GP III	18.1.42	5/324 5/325

*(Signature)*  
 (H. HARLAND) Capt.  
 Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

1. The following were received from Salvation Army:-

Soap 70 pieces.  
 Soup 72 tins.

Received from A.C.F.

Scarves etc 75 pieces.

2. QX1978 Pte. SMITH, B.A. loaned a CONWAY STEWART fountain to a member of this Unit, and same has not yet been returned. Would person to whom pen was loaned please return to owner at HQ Coy.

DISTRIBUTION

List A.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT.-COL. R W G OGLE.COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN

1 FEB 42

No. 75

SECURITY

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

Identities must be checked as follows:-

- (1) Civilian Employees - Unit pass complete with photograph, stamp of Unit and officers signature.
- (2) Officers - Identity cards of paybooks.
- (3) O.Rs. - Paybooks.

AIR MAIL

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

ACCIDENTS TO ANIMALS

- (a) It is reported that injuries have been sustained by animals of Mule Voys through lack of care on the part of M.T. drivers.
- (b) When passing animals drivers must reduce the speed of their vehicles and pass very slowly, keeping as far from the animals as the circumstances permit.

ROADS

Complaints have been received that stone and chippings stacked at the roadside for purposes of road maintenance and repair are being removed by units.

This practice will cease forthwith and disciplinary action will be taken in every case against offenders.

BAD MONEY - NOTES AND COINS IN SYRIA AND THE LEBANON

- (a) Notes - There are in circulation many notes made up of two different half notes. The Banks will not and the Army Cashiers cannot accept these as currency and all ranks are warned to refuse such notes as tender.
- (b) Coin - There is a good deal of counterfeit coin in circulation. This can be detected as follows:-
  - (i) The detail of the impression is less clear cut.
  - (ii) The milling is generally irregular; on the slant instead of being vertical.
  - (iii) The thickness and the diameter are often slightly smaller than those of genuine pieces.

All ranks should exercise caution in accepting change.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

There have been several cases of Vincents Angina, a contagious infection of the gums, in the unit. This infection may be serious, and cause the loss of all teeth.

It is spread by drinking utensils and old toothbrushes. Each soldier must take scrupulous care that he uses his own utensils and washes them in boiling water and soap, if possible, after each meal. Also throw away any old soft toothbrushes. If in possession of no others issues will be made by C.Q.M.S.

IN BOUNDS - The "NEW ST GEORGER" Cafe IDLIB is now in bounds to tps.

ORDERS TO FRONTIER POSTS - Para 10 in "Orders to Frontier Posts" will be amended to read :- "Australian personnel WILL NOT cross the border for fraternising with Turkish sentries".

(M. HARLAND) Capt.

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**NOTICES**

**1. RECORDS - PHOTOGRAPHS**

With the object of commencing a unit collection to be kept at Second Echelon, personnel are requested to hand in photographs of general or historical interest. The negative is necessary and a print would be welcome to facilitate in the final selection.

Coy Comds will make a preliminary selection to be forwarded to this HQ at the earliest opportunity. The negatives and prints will be returned to the owner after copies have been made.

Coys should forward a list of the photographs with the owners names.

**2. REGIMENTAL FUNDS**

During January moneys from Regimental Funds (including the BN Comforts Fund) were used for the following purposes:-

- (1) Purchase of petrol pressure lamps and spare parts.
- (2) Payment for Session at "Empire" pictures, IDLIB
- (3) Advance to purchase stocks for unit canteen
- (4) Purchase of axes and kitchen gear
- (5) Purchase of books for unit library
- (6) Purchase of portable gramophone and records.

**Distribution**

**List "A".**

of this nature... (a) ... (b) ...

**ROADS**

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

**BAD MONEY - NOTES AND COINS IN SYRIA AND THE LIBANON**

- (a) Notes - The circulation of banknotes made up of two different parts notes. The Bank will not and the Army Engineers cannot accept these as currency and all ranks are warned to refuse such notes as tender.
  - (b) Coins - Some foreign coins of counterfeit coin in circulation. This coin is detailed as follows:
    - (1) The detail of the circulation is as clear cut.
    - (ii) The killing is generally irregular; on the other hand of the circulation.
    - (iii) The circulation is irregular and often slightly smaller than those of regular pieces.
- All ranks should exercise caution in accepting change.

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASES**

There have been several cases of Vincent's Disease, a contagious infection of the gum, in the unit. This infection may be serious and cause the loss of all teeth. It is spread by drinking alcohol and old bootbrushes. Each soldier must take responsibility for his own teeth and wash them in boiling water and soap, if possible, after each meal. It is essential to throw away any old soft bootbrushes. It is possession of no others. Issues will be made by C.O.

**IN MARCH - THE "NEW ST. GEORGE" COY**

There is a new Coy in the "New St. George" Coy. The Coy is now in the process of being formed. The Coy is now in the process of being formed. The Coy is now in the process of being formed.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I  
BYLT-COL. R W G OGLECOMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN

14 FEB 42

No. 76

1. DUTIES- IDLIB

Duty Coy will mount at 1730 hrs on dates as follows:-

HQ	16	19	22	Feb.
D	14	17	20	"
A	15	18	21	"

2. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS- SPEED LIMITS

- (a) Accidents are mounting with alarming rapidity in ALEPPO area.  
 (b) In most cases accidents are due to vehicles travelling at excessive speeds.  
 (c) Traffic signs and signals by Gendarmerie will be strictly obeyed.  
 (d) Attention is drawn to the fact that "One Way Streets" are marked by red discs with a white horizontal bar across the centre.  
 (e) All ranks must co-operate to reduce accidents in this area which are causing grave concern to civil and military authorities.

3. WEEKLY REPORT - TRAINING

- (i) Coys are required to submit weekly, before 1200 hrs each Friday, a report showing training covered during previous week.  
 (ii) Report for week ending Friday 13 Feb will be submitted by 1800 hrs 15 Feb.

4. CHURCH PARADE

Protestant Church Parade, Sunday 15 Feb 42, will be held in IDLIB Church.

Representation from Coys will be as follows

A COY	approx 30	All Ranks.	HQ COY	approx 30	All Ranks
D COY	" 30	" "	C & Bn HQ	" 10	" "

5. INTER-COY TRANSFERS

The following transfers have been put into effect

QX 12764	L/SGT ABBOTT	G.	B COY to HQ COY
QX 2380	SGT DUTTON	F.	D COY " B COY
QX 21516	PTE ROSS	L.R.	B COY " Bn HQ

6. REVERSIONS

QX 1973 L/CPL MCKENZIE J.A. B COY Appt relinquished

7. CORRIGENDUM

Ref R.O. No. 74 Para 5 "Reserve Battle Rations"  
 For "Tea" read 3 oz.

*M. Harland*  
 (M. HARLAND) Capt  
 Adjnt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

REGIMENTAL FUNDS Two wireless sets have been bought from the above fund for the use of tps. One set will at present be used in the IDLIB Barracks and the second in IDLIB Camp. It is brought to the notice of that these sets are expensive and care must be taken not to damage them.  
CHURCH SERVICE A collection box will be placed near the entrance of IDLIB Church and tps so desirous may place contributions therein at the completion of the service. Collection is on behalf of a mission.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART 1  
BYLT-COL R W G OGLECOND. 2/15 AUST INF BN

16 FEB 42

No.77

1. DUTIES - LEAVE PIQUET

ALEPPO leave piquet will consist of the following:-  
1 Offr 1 Sgt 5 ORs.

This piquet will be provided by HQ Coy on Tuesday 17 Feb and  
D Coy on Wednesday 18 Feb.

HQ Coy piquet will report to A Coy HQ at 1000 hrs 17 Feb 42  
Further particulars in accordance with Appx C of RO 71 of 31 Jan

2. SECURITY GUARDS

It is noticeable that civilians are loitering about sentries  
at the entrance to Military Establishments and are a hindrance to  
military traffic.

It is emphasised that it is the duty of Security Guards to  
forbid the precincts of Military Establishments to civilians and to  
ensure that there is no loitering by civilians in the vicinity of  
their posts.

3. WORM INFECTION

Cases have occurred in ALEPPO area of Tape Worm Infection. This  
is due to the presence of the eggs of the parasite in Beef and Pork.  
All meat issued by the AASC is inspected before distribution but freedom  
from contamination cannot be guaranteed. The danger from infection of  
contaminated meat is entirely removed if all pieces are thoroughly  
cooked and none of them are underdone.

4. LEAVE

(a) Leave to ALEPPO for ensuing week will be granted to Coys as  
follows:-

Tuesday 17 Feb 42	- A Coy	50	All Ranks
Wednesday 18 Feb 42	- C Coy	20	" "
	D Coy	25	" "
	Bn HQ	5	" "

(b) HQ Coy will provide offr for leave on Wed 18 Feb

(c) Instructions in reference to Leave as contained in Appx C to  
RO 71 of 31 Jan 42 will be read to troops prior to leaving.

5. INTER-COY TRANSFER

QX 10574 Pte BUZZA V C Coy to D Coy as from 1800hrs 16 Feb 42

6. SCHOOLS & COURSES

QX 17318 L/CPL BRAIN W.W. obtained PASSED Certificate Course 17 ME  
Sch of Hyg.

QX 8333 SGT MACARTHUR K.B. " QUALIFIED Certificate ME Weapon  
Tng Sch No.33 Mortar Course

7. TRADE GROUPINGS - Daily Orders Part II- Paras 351-356

NX 59332	L/Cpl	PITMAN	E.P.	-Graded Gp II-	Intelligence duties-	3.12.41	6/351
QX 20689	Pte	MATHER	R.M.	- " A/Gp II-	" "	1. 1.42	6/352
QX 21399	Pte	GOUGH	E.W.	- " A/Gp II-	Cook	24.1.42	6/353
QX 10982	Pte	JAKEMAN	W.	- " A/Gp II-	Cook	28.1.42	6/354
QX 6843	Pte	WOODS	C.A.	- " A/Gp II-	Cook	28.1.42	6/355
QX 11224	Pte	RYAN	G.P.	- Relinquished Group II-	Cook	30.1.42	6/356

8. DRESS

The wearing of British pattern Battle Dress in A.I.F. units will be  
limited strictly to OR personnel for whom correct sizes of Australian  
S.D. uniform are not obtainable.

A.I.F. officers will NOT wear British pattern Battle Dress.

*M. Harland*

(M. HARLAND) Capt  
Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I  
byLT-COL R W G OGLECOMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

19 FEB 42

No 78

1. SECURITY OF SPARE WHEELS AND TYRES:

(a) Many cases of theft of spare wheels and tyres have been reported recently.

(b) Units are warned that, owing to the extreme shortage of tyres in this country, extra precautions must be taken to safeguard them.

2. DRESS - OFFICERS:

Revolvers will be carried by all officers in M E F when on duty, and when proceeding to and from their duty.

3. RUN FLAT TYRES:

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

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

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

Speed will not exceed 25 m p h with an unladen vehicle, 20 m p h with a part loaded vehicle and 10/15 m p h with a fully loaded vehicle.

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

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

MISUSE OF W D TRANSPORT :

"A G I 649 is republished for urgent compliance by all troops in Middle East

(a) An increasing number of cases of misuse of W D transport are being brought to notice. Misuse includes not only the employment of transport for purposes which have been strictly forbidden, but also flagrant mis-handling amounting to practically to wilful damage, during authorised journeys.

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

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

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

LECTURE - CO-OPERATION WITH TANKS : Will be given by Maj ROBERTS of the RTI on Friday 20 FEB 42 as under:

Morning commencing 0900 hrs

Afternoon " 1400 "

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HQ Coy (in Recreation Rooms Bks  
A C & D Coys with elements from  
Frontier Posts (Recreation Room)

(M HARLAND) CAPT  
ADJT 2/15 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col R W G OGLECOMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

21 FEB 42

No 79

1. CHURCH PARADE

Church Parade IDLIB will be held in Barracks on Sunday 22 Feb 42 at 0930 hrs. Coys will be present by 0925. Orderly Officers will attend to seating.

2. LUBRICATING OILS FROM U.S.A. - ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE.

(i)

The greater part of lubricating oils received from America are packed in tins marked "5 U.S. GALLS" which is equivalent to 4 1/6 Imperial Gallons. In order to simplify accounting and avoid confusion between U.S. and Imperial Gallonage, these containers will be considered to hold 4 Imperial Gallons for all purposes with the exception of Issues on Repayment.

(ii)

All Petrol Depots will record these oils in separate columns in P.O.L. Stock States headed, for example "M.220, 8 Imp (10 U.S.) Gall Cased."

(iii)

For repayment purposes only, the 5 U.S. Gallon tin will be charged as containing 4 1/6 Imperial Gallons.

3. ATHLETICS:

Coys will forward to Lieut G. Osborne by 1200 hrs Thursday, 26 Feb 42 a list of competitors desirous of taking part in the Inter-Unit Sports programme as detailed in Notices hereunder. Unit entries will be forwarded by Lieut Osborne to Bde Amenities Offr by 1200 hrs Saturday, 28 Feb 42.

4. CHEMICAL WARFARE:

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

RATTLE. The ONLY alarm for gas (other than aircraft spray).

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

Notes:

(a)

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

(b)

The hand operated siren may be used as an air raid warning.

(c)

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

5. INTER - COY TRANSFER:

QX 11224 Pte RYAN, G.P. HQ Coy to D Coy - 21.2.42.

6. LEAVE:

Leave for ensuing week to ALEPPO will be granted to Coys in IDLIB as follows:-

Tuesday	24 Feb	-	HQ Coy	-	50
Wednesday	25 Feb	-	C Coy		22
			D Coy		6
			HQ Coy		12
			Bn HQ & attd		10

Leave Picquet consisting of 1 Offr 1 Sgt and 5 O/rs will be provided by A Coy on Tuesday 24 Feb and HQ Coy on Wednesday 25 Feb. Instns in reference to leave will be read over to tps prior to leaving - see Appx "C" to RO No. 71 of 31 Jan 42.

*W. J. ...*  
Capt  
Adjnt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Holy Communion will be held at IDLIB Bks at 0730 hrs and again at 1000 hrs after Church Parade.

LOST.

Wallet containing L.Sy 60 - initials on wallet "B.M." Any person having knowledge of this property to report to Bn HQ immediately.

MAIL:

A letter has been received at this HQ without an envelope, addressed from 12 Fitzgibbon Street, Ipswich. Owner may claim at Bn HQ.

AMENITIES:

The following articles have been received from ACF and distributed to Coys:-

Ping Pong Tables	2	Cards, Deck	24
Cricket Balls	26	Footballs	4
Boxing Gloves Sets	4	Draught Boards	4
Cribbage Boards	2	Darts	12
Draughts, sets	4	Books Instruction	1
Table Tennis Sets	2	Towels, face	200
Mittens	200	Socks	200
Quoits, sets	1		

The undermentioned articles were received per favour of the Sporting Globe Comfort Fund and distributed to all personnel:-

856 2 oz tins Fine Cut Tobacco - 1712 Pkts cigarette Papers,

ATHLETICS:

An inter-unit Athletic meeting will be held on Sunday 8 Mar 42 at VANNIERE BKS commencing 1300 hrs. Unit entries of teams for the various events set out hereunder will be fwded by Lieut Osborne to reach Bde HQ by 1200 hrs, 28 Feb 42.

<u>Events</u>	<u>No. of competitors from this unit</u>
100 yds	3
220 yds	2
440 yds	1
880 yds	2
1 Mile	3
High Jump	3
Broad Jump	3
Hop, Step & Jump	3
Putting the Shot	3
Tug of War	Teams of 8
Novelty Event	2

All competitors will compete in sandshoes or barefooted. Spiked shoes will NOT be permitted.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col R W G OGLECOMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

3 FEB 42

No. 80

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - FROST PRECAUTIONS.

- (i) Severe damage will result unless proper precautions are taken. The lack of a sound vehicle maintenance system will cause an immobile army. The neglect of frost precautions will have a similar effect. In the case of frost its effects are of a lightning nature.
- (ii) The responsibility for putting frost precautions into effect lies with every Offr or soldier responsible for the care or maintenance of army vehicles or with Offrs in charge of Coys to which vehicles are attached.
- (iii) Frost precautions are divided under three headings:-
- (a) The use of anti-freezing mixture with the cooling system.
  - (b) The complete draining of the cooling system.
  - (c) Periodic running of the engine to maintain the cooling water at a temperature above freezing point.
- (iv) Technical details in reference to the above methods are contained in para 4 Chap IV of "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" and will be studied and observed by all ranks as mentioned in Para (ii) above.

INTER-COY TRANSFER.

QX 8362 Pte COWIE, G.C. - C Coy to HQ Coy (No 5 Pl) -  
w.e.f. as from 24 Feb 42.

DISCIPLINE - BREACHES OF CENSORSHIP.

Many breaches of censorship and cases of abuse of green envelope privileges have been detected recently

Full disciplinary action is to be taken in offences of this nature and it is pointed out that heavy fines and periods of detention have already imposed in this respect.

All ranks are to be impressed with the prime importance of strictly observing security regulations in correspondence, and informed that the scope of extra-unit censorship has been greatly extended.

Although considerable time may elapse between the date of writing and the disciplinary action, according to the stage of transmission at which the breach of censorship is detected, this will in no way lessen the severity of the penalty to be inflicted.

*E. J. Hancock*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution- List "A"

NOTICESENTERTAINMENTS.

AIF Mobile Cinema Unit will be showing at IDLIB BKS on 24 and 25 Feb commencing at 1930 hrs. Allocation as follows:-  
24 Feb 42 - Tps in Camp Area. 25 Feb 42 - Tps in Barracks.  
NAAFI Concert Party will present "RASCALS" at IDEIB BKS on 3 Mar 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Copy No. .... 22

by

Lt-Col R W G OGLE  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

28 FEB 42

No. 81

1. DUTIES:(a) Duty Coy -

Duty Coy IDLIB for the ensuing period will be as follows and will mount at 1730 hrs on the dates stated below

HQ Coy -	28 Feb	3 Mar	6 Mar	9 Mar
C Coy -	1 Mar	4 Mar	7 Mar	10 Mar
B Coy -	2 Mar	5 Mar	8 Mar	11 Mar

(b) IDLIB PICQUET -

- (i) Duty Coy will provide a town picquet of 2 NCOs and 10 men to mount at 1730 hrs daily and to remain on duty until 2400 hrs (midnight)
- (ii) NCOs and 6 ORs of this picquet will be stationed in the vicinity of ST GEORGE CAFE and their duties will entail the control of all troops entering cafes in that area and to remove without hesitation any men under the influence of drink.
- (iii) On paynights this picquet will be doubled and will be commanded by an Offr detailed by the Coy who will report to the Adjutant on mounting.
- (iv) Appx 'B' Orders for IDLIB PICQUET are hereby cancelled and the duties for IDLIB PICQUET will be as contained in Appx 'D'

(c) ORDERLY OFFICER -

Ord Offr detailed by Duty Coy will sign in book provided for this purpose at Bn HQ when taking over at 1730 hrs and again when completing his final inspection at about 2300 hrs, as detailed in "DUTIES OF ORDERLY OFFICER"

2. PURCHASE OF ARRAK, SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, ETC:

It is brought to the notice of all troops that in future all Cafes in IDLIB AREA have been forbidden to sell to troops any intoxicating liquor other than beer.

Any attempt on the part of troops to persuade the vendors to do otherwise will be reported by the vendors themselves or by the Picquet and offenders severely dealt with.

It is pointed out that this regulation has been necessarily brought into force as a result of non-observance of repeated instns and orders issued from time to time.

Although every endeavour was made to allow a maximum of privileges and a minimum of duties, it is obvious by the conduct of certain personnel that these privileges must be restricted.

Attention is drawn to the following:-

RC No 66 - Para 10  
RC No 67 - Para 1  
RC No 73 - Para 3

which will again be read over to tps in IDLIB.

3. CHURCH PARADE:-

Protestant Church Parade Sunday 1 Mar will be held in IDLIB Church at 1000 hrs. Representation from Coys will be as follows:-

HQ Coy - 45 all ranks  
C Coy - 40 " "  
D Coy - 15 " "

Coys will be at Barracks by 0945 hrs when they will be handed over to Bn Ord Offr who will march the parade to the Church

R.C. Church Parade will be held in the building known as the 'Bank of Syria' at 1000 hrs, Sunday 1 Mar. Senior Offr or NCO present will take charge of the parade from Barracks at 0945 hrs.

4. INTER-COY TRANSFER

QX 14076 Pte SULLIVAN-BRANLEY, A.E. - HQ Coy to D Coy  
28 Feb 42.

5. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

DO 8

374	QX	342	A/Sgt	SHRAPNEL	G.S.	Rank of Sgt Confirmed	-	11.2.42
375	QX	2404	A/Cpl	DUNSTAN,	J.D.	Rank of Cpl Confirmed	-	11.2.42
376	QX	2390	A/Cpl	DEENEY,	E.S.	" " " "	-	11.2.42
377	QX	14942	L/Cpl	BROOKS,	A.M.	Promoted A/Cpl	-	11.2.42
378	QX	15641	Pte	HILD,	T.R.	" A/Cpl	-	11.2.42
379	QX	7698	Pte	PARK,	J.	Appointed L/Cpl	-	11.2.42
380	QX	7945	Pte	COLOMBUS,	A.S.	Appointed L/Cpl	-	11.2.42
381	QX	6965	A/Cpl	ANDERSON,	G.W.	Appointed L/Sgt	-	13.2.42
382	QX	5911	A/Cpl	TRIGHT, V.	H.E.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	-	13.2.42
383	QX	6576	A/Cpl	CLARK,	A.	Rank of Cpl Confirmed	-	13.2.42
384	QX	10440	A/Cpl	MackENZIE,	H.A.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	-	13.2.42

6. REVERSIONS:

DO 7/365. - QX 1754 A/Cpl PARKER, R.A. Reverts to Pte - 3.2.42  
DO 8/413 - QX11448 A/Cpl BELL, A.G. Reverts to Pte - 10.2.42

7. TRADE GROUPINGS:

DO No. 8.

418	QX	21516	Pte	ROSS	L.R.	- Graded Group III Clerk	-	2.2.42
419	QX	19825	Pte	CORNELIUS,	R.I.	- Graded Group II Carpenter	-	10.2.42
420	QX	17904	Pte	MEREDITH,	M	- Graded A/Group II - Carpenter	-	4.11.42
421	QX	12803	Pte	KENDELL,	F.J.	Grading Confirmed -	-	4.2.42
422	QX	5941	Pte	PESKETT,	R.J.	Graded Group II - Carpenter	-	1.1.42
						Graded A/Group II - Carpenter	-	7.1.42

Coys will ensure that Paybooks and Coy Records are adjusted accordingly.

*(M. Harland)*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt  
Adjt, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "D".

DUTIES OF IDLIB PICQUET

1. The picquet will normally be of a strength of 2 NCOs and 10 ORs, with the exception of paynights, when the picquet will be doubled and be commanded by an Offr.
2. The Picquet will mount at 1730 hrs daily and remain on duty until 2400 hrs (midnight) or later if warranted.
3. (i) Senior NCO and 3 ORs of the picquet will be stationed in the vicinity of the NEW ST. GEORGE CAFE, and will control the conduct of the troops in that area and in neighbouring cafes.  
(ii) Remaining NCO and 4 ORs will act as a roving picquet. They will patrol in pairs, and will periodically patrol the native quarters during their tour of duty and ensure that no troops - re entering native houses or dwellings. The NCO will be stationed in the vicinity of the CINEMA to receive these periodical reports. He will also pay periodical visits to the "SOLDIERS HOME" Cafe.
4. It is the duty of the picquet to prevent soldiers obtaining any intoxicating drinks other than beer from native vendors or cafes. Offenders will be reported.
5. It is the duty of the picquet to prevent any disturbances caused by our own troops and to remove all offenders immediately to their Coy lines where they will be charged.
6. The picquet will be inspected by the Bn Ord Offr prior to mounting and Picquet Comd will report to him before dismounting.
7. The picquet will be under the direct control of the Bn Ord Offr, and will immediately report any unusual occurrence to him, and if called upon to do so, furnish a report in writing.
8. Picquets will be properly dressed at all times and will wear belts and sidearms.
9. No members of the Picquet will be permitted to drink intoxicating liquors during their tour of duty.



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2. APR. 1942

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WAR DIARY

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Army Form C. 2118.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Month and Year March 42

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Commanding Officer *[Signature]*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
IDLIB	1-2		General training. Lieut Gemmell-Smith lectured Bn on "History of Russia"	
	3		M E Commando Detachments marched out. Lt-Col OGLE and Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH went to LATTAKIA to inspect new posn for Bn. Capt PEEK remained to lay it out.	
	4		Lt-Gen Sir HENRY MAITLAND WILSON visited IDLIB and later HARIM with Lt-Col OGLE. NAAFI concert Party "RASCALS" gave a concert at IDLIB. Warning Order to move received. Capt BODE evacuated to AGH.	
	5		The Minister for the Interior visited IDLIB. Lt-Col OGLE present at Official Luncheon. Lieut TIMSON of FSS lectured Bn on Security and the FSS.	
	6		Weather showery. Lt-Col OGLE went to ALEPPO to 20 Aust Inf Bde and later visited Dr CARLTON to discuss wheat question. 3 Offrs with advance party of 25 NZ Bn staged in to IDLIB.	
	7		Lt-Col OGLE, T/Capt HARLAND went to LATTAKIA. Capt SNELL and 20 ORs went as advance party to LATTAKIA.	
		0915	Brig WINDEYER and Bde Maj BARHAM called in at IDLIB to sanction proposed Bn march to LATTAKIA on condition RMO approves.	
	8		Movement order received	
	9	0900	B Coy group left IDLIB on first stage of march. Brig WINDEYER visited IDLIB and HARIM with Lt-Col OGLE. Lieuts Gemmell-Smith and Grimstone attended a lecture on security at ALEPPO	See Appdx A.
		1700	Lt-Col OGLE went to Bde HQ.	
	10		B Coy group left OUREM EL JOZ and C Coy group left IDLIB at 0900 hrs.	
		1330	25 NZ Bn road party arrived.	

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*[Signature]*

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Army Form C. 2118.

## or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Month and Year March 42

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Commanding Officer *[Signature]*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
IDLIB	10	1815	C O 25 NZ Bn arrived. and at 2000 hrs the rail party arrived.	
	11	0900	B Coy group left DJISRECH CHOUHOUR and C Coy group left OUREM EL JOZ	
	12	0900	Lt-Gen HOLMES (GOC 10 Corps) Brig De Foublanque ( BGS 10 Corps) and Brig WALLIS ( DA & QM) visited IDLIB B Coy group left BEDRIYE, C Coy group left CHOUHOUR, D Coy group left IDLIB. Lt- Col OGLE went to ALEPPO	
LATTAKIA	13	0900	B Coy group left RHEMIYE, C Coy group left BEDRIYE, D Coy group left OUTEM EL JOZ. Lt-Col OGLE went to BAB EL HAOUA and IDLIB to show around Col GEORGE of 25 NZ Bn and called on personalities of IDLIB. Maj-Gen Sir LESLIE MORSHEAD visited LATTAKIA camp area. Lt-Col OGLE visited LATTAKIA and notified proposed recce cancelled. Bn HQ established at LATTAKIA	see Situation Map Appdx B.
	14	0900	B Coy group left RASBINE, C Coy group left BEDRIYE, D Coy group left CHOUHOUR.	
	15	1400	B Coy group marched in to LATTAKIA camp area.	
		1015	C Coy group marched in to LATTAKIA camp area. D Coy group reached BEDRIYE 25 NZ Bn completed relief at ALEPPO	
	16	0900	D Coy group left BEDRIYE and reached LATTAKIA camp at 1600 hrs A Coy completed relief of posts ALEPPO and arrived at LATTAKIA by MT at 1600 hrs. Confirmation of substantive ranks of Maj RALSTON and Capt DAVIES received.	
	17	1315	Lt-Col OGLE and party arrived at LATTAKIA	
			Lt-Col OGLE went on general recce. Brig WINDEYER visited Bn at 1030 hrs. Bn spent day bathing and washing clothes.	

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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn

Month and Year March 42

(Erase heading not required).

Commanding Officer *[Signature]*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
LATTAKIA	18		Coys did Tactical exercises and night marches by compass.	
	19		Lt-Col OGLE took umpires over proposed Tactical Exercise, and Maj RALSTON took Bn on exercise, moving in deployed formation.	
	20		Tactical Exercise carried out by Bn in BISNADA area, watched by Brig WINDEYER	See Appdx A for exercise.
	21		Rain throughout the day. Lieut C W HEATLEY rejoined unit.	
	22		Lt-Col OGLE took umpires over Tactical Exercise course and later went with Coy Comds to a lecture at 20 Aust Inf Bde on Div Cav by Lt-Col BASTON. Capt HUGGETT of 2/7 Fd Regt arrived.	
	23		Tactical Exercise carried out ECH CHIR area, watched by Brig WINDEYER and Bde-Maj BARHAM. Capts R A SUTHERS and F L BODE and Lieuts FERGUSON AND LOGAN and 30 ORs rejoined unit from 20 AITB.	See Appdx A for exercise.
	24-25		Weather fine. Coy tng consisted of embussing and debussing exercises; patrol work, and assault formations.	
	26	0900 1900	Bn taken over course of proposed Tactical Exercise. Tactical Exercise carried out area MARHIT. Guard of Honour under Lieut JENKINSON provided for Gen MONCLAR of F.F.L.R.	
	27		General training in morning. Sports in afternoon	
	28		Lt-Col OGLE went to TRIPOLI to attend awarding of decorations. Capts Bode and Cobb received MC. Bn carried out exercise of taking up defensive posn in MARHIT area under Comd of Maj RALSTON	See Appdx A for exercise.
	29			
	30		Bde Tactical Exercise carried out in area from BOUKA-KANJRA- JINNATA	See Appdx A for exercise.
	31		Lecture on G (R) functions in ABESSINIA delivered to tps by Capt <i>Peters</i> (9 Army)	

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2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 7  
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 4 Mar 42 )

1. GENERAL Slight rain has prevented the commencement of road recess by MT on 3rd class roads.  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn report a number of arrests of Kurds and Arabs made on the frontier. The possession of a large sum of TURKISH money and of Army goods were the offences.  
Following the killing of a member of a GENDARMERIE patrol by bandits, eleven arrests were made in the 2/17 Bn area.  
On the night of 27 Feb, an unfortunate incident occurred between members of this unit and the local gendarmerie. Precautions have been taken against a recurrence.
2. SNAP CONTROLS - were carried out as usual. Turkish maps were taken from one car and reported to the FSS. One man was taken to the Surete for possessing caps for cartridges.
3. FIRE ALEPPO On 24 Feb some drums of oil in Rly Sta yard at Aleppo caught fire and the flames spread to a Rly Oil Tanker. Personnel of the Bn at the Aleppo Barracks turned out and assisted in controlling the fire. A letter of thanks for their efforts has been received from *the MUKHTAR*
4. SECURITY NOTE  
There has recently been a recrudescence of careless and unconsciously defeatist talk by Offrs and others in the LEVANT. As always, this has been eagerly seized on by the local population and duly magnified and stimulated by AXIS propoganda, has resulted in a further crop of exaggerated, unfounded and malicious rumours.  
It is again pointed out that a careless statement made in public will, in all probability, have an effect out of all proportion to the importance or intentions of the speaker, and that it is the duty of every member of the Allied forces not only to control his own tongue, but to check, and if unheeded, to report loose talk by others.
5. TRAINING A tactical exercise with tps, in conjunction with a tp from 2/7 Fd Regt was carried out on the HARIM Rd on 27 Feb. One point particularly noticed was the very effective use of background made by the carriers and the effectiveness of their camouflage in this country.
6. VISITORS On 25 Feb the Mobile Cinema Unit visited IDLIB and showed at the Barracks.  
On 23 Feb Lieut Wilcox of 2/7 Fd Regt staged in pending the TBWT on 27 Feb.  
On 3 Mar the Offrs and O/Rs from M E Commando, who had been attached, marched out.
8. ROAD RECESSES The route recess starts from KNAYE along the the KNAYE-NATIA Rd to the track at 20554430 then West through KALINDE along the creek to 20354385 then SE along the track to JENOUDE and thence North back to KNAYE. Country surveyed while not Tank-proof could be used to delay tanks for a considerable time.

*G. A. Gemmell-Smith*  
.....Lieut.  
(G.A. Gemmell-Smith)  
I.O. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

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As per Summary No 6.

LOCATION STATEMENT 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
(As at 0900 hrs 4 Mar 42 )

<u>SUB UNIT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MAP REF</u>	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES</u>
B.H.Q.	IDLIB	23504420	
H.Q.Coy less details	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	
H.Q.Coy details	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
A Coy less det	ALEP BARRACKS	28084744	
A Coy det 8 Pl(1 Offrs 12 O/Rs)	AKTERINE	29905070	
B Coy less 12 Pl	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
B Coy 12 Pl	IDLIB BARRACKS	23504420	
C Coy	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
D Coy H.Q.	IDLIB CAMP	23684408	
D Coy 16 Pl	BAB el HAOUA	24344728	
D Coy 17 Pl	HARIM	22524752	
D Coy 18 Pl less one sec)	KNAYE	20584418	
D Coy 18 Pl one sec	BEDRIYE	19904323	To be closed down

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2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 8  
( Based on information received up to 1000 hrs 15 Mar 42. )

1. GENERAL.

a. The Battalion's march from IDLIB to LATTAKIA has so far been varied out successfully. B Coy group completed the last stage of the journey at 1400 hrs 14 Mar and C Coy group finished at 1000hrs 15 Mar 42. D Coy group has reached RHEMIYE , but pending relief A Coy has still to move out.

b. GERMANY. In the first half of Nov Field Marshall MANNERHEIM told a neutral observer that Field Marshall KEITEL at that time estimated the German dead at 750,000. The same observer learnt that the Finish Army had lost 32,000 dead.

No authoritative infm on recent German losses is available.

c. SYRIA. It is reported that the Turkish offrs from URFA who come to pay the guard at the tomb of SULTAN SULEIMAN at QALAAAT JABER mentioned on their last visit to RAQQA that when the tracks improve they would pay the guard every fortnight instead of every month.

Comment. This will give them more frequent opportunities for observation of tps and work in progress in the area they traverse.

2. SPECIAL NOTICE ( From 9 Div Summary No 215 ).

There are many indications that 1942 may be a bad year for locusts in this area. Recipients of this summary are requested to note this fact and report immediately all details of locusts seen in their area.

3. SNAP CONTROLS have been carried out as usual in the IDLIB - ALEPPO area. Three civilians and 455 kilos of salt were handed over to Poste D'octroi on 8 Mar 42.

4. SECURITY NOTICE.

All branches of BSM have been warned of the activities of ABDULLA EL BARAZI, a Kurd, who is reported to come from the small village of HAJI SAFAR, near ALEPPO.

He is a known swindler who roams the country posing as the "Emir Abdulla Yousef el BARAZI" and ingratiates himself with influential people, mostly with British, with Australian Offrs, on the strength of his professed loyalty to the British, with apparently remunerative results. From each contact he obtains a letter of introduction to another.

He is a complete imposter and an immoral scoundrel. He has no right to the title of Emir and no permit to carry arms. He was imprisoned by the French in 1938 for falsely wearing the Legion D'Honneur.

The infamy of this man should be as widely circulated as possible and his plausible approaches should be firmly dealt with, whenever and wherever he appears.

5. COMPASS BEARINGS. 2/13 Bn reported considerable magnetic variation in the mountainous country of NORTH ALAOUITE. In one case a 13 degree variation in readings of the same bearing from two points along the line of the bearing only 150 yds apart, was reported.

6. VISITORS.

On 4 Mar, Lt-Gen Sir Henry Maitland Wilson visited IDLIB and HARIM.

On 5 Mar, The Minister for the Interior visited IDLIB. On the same day Lieut Tunson of the F S S delivered a lecture on Security.

On 6 Mar, 3 Offrs with advance party of 25 N.Z. Bn staged to IDLIB.

In 7 Mar Brig Windeyer and Maj Barkam visited IDLIB to sanction the proposed march of the Bn.

On 11 Mar, Lt-Gen Holmes ( GOC 10 Corps ), Brig De Foublanque ( BGS 10 Corps ) and Brig Wallis ( DA & QM ) visited IDLIB.

On 13 Mar, Maj-Gen Sir Leslie Moorshead visited the camp area in LATTAKIA.

7. ENTERTAINMENTS. On 4 & 5 Mar, the N A A F I concert party visited IDLIB and gave two performances.

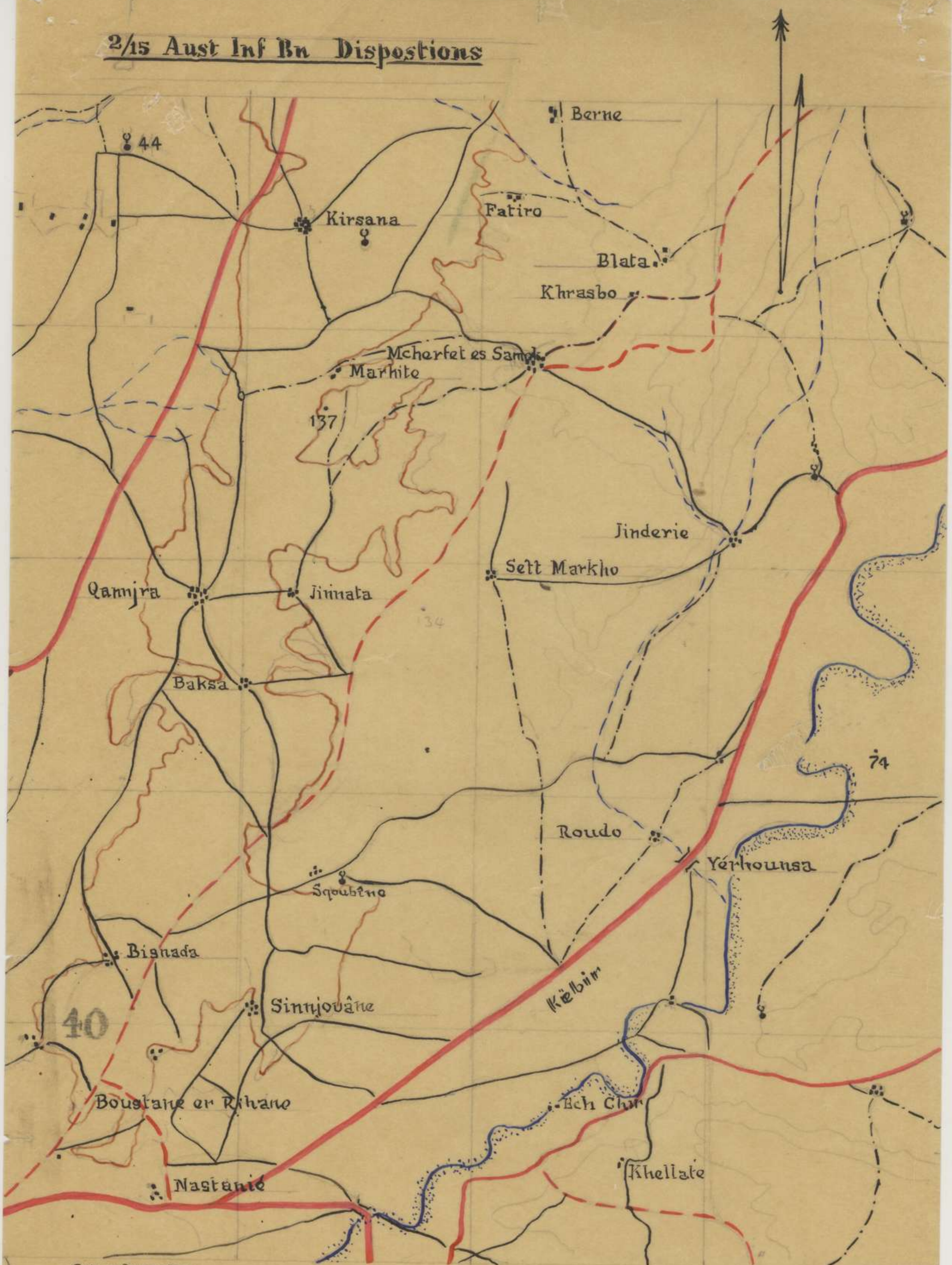
B. MOVEMENT. On 9 Mar the Im commenced to move to the LATTAKIA area. B Coy group left IMLIB at 0900 hrs and in the six stages reached the area at 1900 hrs, 14 Mar. C Coy group left IMLIB on 10 Mar and reached LATTAKIA at 1000 hrs 15 Mar. B Coy group has completed three days of the march. A Coy group is awaiting the completion of the relief by 25 N 3 Im before it starts out on the march.

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le (G A Gonnell-Smith) Lieut  
10 2/15 Aust Inf Bn



2/15 Aust Inf Bn Dispositions



ENLARGEMENT  
~~2/15 Aust Inf Bn~~ LATTAGUIE 1:200,000 SHEET

Scale 1:50,000

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8 Mar 42

2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No 2

Ref Map: ANTIOCHE - 1/200000

INFORMATION:

1. 25 Bn NZ Forces will relieve 2/15 Aust Inf Bn at an early date.

INTENTION:

2. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will march by stages in Coy Groups to CAMP SITE, LATTAQUIE (163403) commencing 9 Feb 42.

METHOD:

3. ROUTE Axis of March -- Main ALEPPO - LATTAQUIE RD
4. SP IDLIB
5. STAGES March will comprise six stages
- (i) IDLIB to vicinity OUREM-EJ-JOZ (226426)
- (ii) OUREM EJ JOZ to foothills vicinity DJISR-ECH CHOUHOUR (206430)
- (iii) DJISR-ECH-CHOUHOUR to former post site BEDRIYE (19754310)
- (iv) BEDRIYE to vicinity RHEMIE (18554170)  
(wooded foothills on left of RD)
- (v) RHEMIE to vicinity RASBINE (17254090)  
(rising ground N GMT of RD in Olive Grove)
- (vi) RASBINE to CAMP SITE (163403-4)  
(leave RD 165401)

6. ORDER OF MOVE

- (a) Monday 9 Mar 42.  
B Coy and att personnel plus one sec CARRIERS - one det MORTARS.  
(AA Pl and spare drivers IDLIB relieve 13 PL)  
C Coy at ALEPPO. on 8 Mar 42.
- (b) Tuesday 10 Mar 42  
C Coy and att personnel plus CARRIER Pl less one SEC - MORTAR Pl less one Det.
- (c) Morning following relief by 25 Bn NZ Forces.  
A Coy and att personnel plus AA Pl and spare personnel HQ Coy.  
D Coy and att personnel.

7. TRAINING:

Training en route to follow general instructions as detailed in Appx A Part 1.

8. TRAFFIC CONTROL:

When moving on roads and in addition to any tactical formation Coys will provide 2 men with flags to move 200-300 yds ahead and in rear of Coys to signal traffic to slow down while passing through troops.

9. PICQUETS:

All Coy areas will be securely picquetted each night during march. Picquets to be armed and all personnel challenged

10. ADV PARTY: As detailed

ADM  
11.ARMS & AMN

- (a) Coys in IDLIB will return to CQMS BARRACKS prior to departure all E2 Scale equipment, except TSMGs, correctly labelled, for delivery to LATTAQUIE. Rifles of men carrying TSMGs will also be labelled and handed to CQMS
- (b) Coys will draw 50 rds SAA per Pl from RSM for use of sentries etc en route.

12. TRANSPORT:

1/3 Ton truck will be provided each Coy Group, to report to Coy HQ on night prior to move - See Appx "A" Part II

13. RATIONS:

- (a) Coys will continue to draw rations daily from IDLIB.
- (b) After passing BEDRIYE rations will be drawn from LATTAQUIE.
- (c) 2 days Reserve rations will be drawn and carried on Coy truck, only to be used in emergency.

14. WATER:

Subject to testing water points will be as follows:-

- Stage (i) Well at OUREM-EJ-JOZ.  
 (ii) JAIL at DJISR-ECH-CHOUHOUR.  
 (iii) CREEK - BEDRIYE.  
 (iv) (v) and (vi) by water truck from LATTAQUIE (capt. SNELL to arrange)

15. DRESS:

FS and Battle Order and groundsheet in haversack. Khaki Drill trousers may be worn in lieu of trousers. SHORTS will NOT be worn.

16. GREATCOATS & BLANKETS:

Each day prior to move Blankets and Greatcoats will be tied and labelled in convenient section rolls ready for Tpt.

17. PACKS & KIT BAGS:

- (a) To be marked, labelled and stacked under cover in Coy areas prior to initial move.
- (b) Markings to be as follows:-
- |        |                 |       |              |
|--------|-----------------|-------|--------------|
| HQ Coy | H (Letter H)    | C Coy | X (Cross)    |
| A Coy  | △ (Triangle)    | D Coy | ○ (Circle)   |
| B Coy  | 8 (Two Circles) | Bn HQ | = (Two Bars) |
- (c) Steel helmets to be carried in Kit bags

18. COY STORES:

- (a) IDLIB- All Coy Stores (except picks and shovels, E2 Scale equipment (except personal equipment and TSMGs), Pressure Lamps, Primus Cookers etc) will be labelled and returned to CQMS HQ Coy for Tpt to LATTAQUIE.
- (b) ALEPPO- As above but return to QM.
- (c) All camp equipt - bed boards etc except Barrack furniture will be stacked in Coy lines under cover, for Tpt when available.

19. LEAVE:

From date of this order no leave will be granted to tps to ALEPPO or to any villages en route to LATTAQUIE.

20. MEDICAL:  
 (a) Casualties will be returned to RAP IDLIB or LATTAQUIE whichever is the nearer.  
 (b) Owing to danger of malaria, staging sites are situated as far as possible from water or infectious areas. If nets are issued prior to move all troops will carry and erect them at night.

21. HYGIENE:  
 (a) Latrine trenches will be dug at each Staging Site and filled in before leaving.  
 (b) Staging and Camp areas will be left in a clean and tidy condition. Areas will be inspected by an Offr before departure.

22. FOOT INSPECTION:  
 (a) Foot inspections will be held on completion of each days march and footbaths provided.  
 (b) Men whose boots are unfit to march will be detailed as baggage guards, socks offiders, &c

23. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:  
 Every care will be taken to ensure no unnecessary damage is done to trees, crops etc and that olive trees are not cut to be used as firewood.

24. SECURITY:  
 The necessity for strict security must be impressed on all ranks. The move is not to be discussed any more than necessity demands. Gds and picquets are to be extremely vigilant at all times.

INTERCOMN

25. (a) Bn HQ will close present position 0900 hrs on day after relief and will re-open at LATTAQUIE at same time.  
 (b) Div Sigs will move independently and will close down as respective coys move out.  
 (c) Coys moving out will signal Bn HQ when vacating present position.

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Signed at .....hrs

*M. Harland*  
 (M. HARLAND) Capt  
 Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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3 - C Coy	9 - QM	Inf Bde
4 - D Coy	10 - RMO	16 - 25 Bn NZ For
5 - HQ Coy	11 - T/O	17 - File
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APPENDIX "A"

2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No 2

P A R T I

TRAINING AND MOVEMENT DURING MARCH.

- Stage (i) Route across country by compass bearing.  
Distance by Rd - 12.5 miles  
Dispersed movement - possibility mock air attack.  
Planes to be engaged from dispersed formations.
- " (ii) From Camp area to Valley - movement down dry creek bed  
(NOT on Rd) to BRIDGE 220426  
TRAINING - Picquet Heights.  
BRIDGE to BANIS JAFOURA along Rd thence across country  
via track to BECHLAMOUNE.  
Tactical crossing over ORONTES RIVER.  
Distance by Rd - 18.2 miles to foothills W of DJISR.
- " (iii) From DJISR across rocky outcrop by compass bearing to  
204430 - Carriers by RD.  
Distance to BEDRIYE by RD - 9 miles.
- " (iv) From BEDRIYE move clear of RD when possible in dispersed  
formations.  
Coy exercises on isolated features on route to RHMEMIE  
Distance by RD approx 15 miles.  
Camp Site in Fir thicket on left of Rd well away from  
creek.
- " (v) Along RD to approx 180413 thence by stiff climb over  
steep PASS (goat track) to 177410  
Carriers and Tpt only by RD  
Distance approx 12 miles by Rd to RASBINE.
- " (vi) Along Rd to approx 165401 - thence across country to  
163403 - Attack Camp feature.  
Distance to be covered by tps - 8 miles.

P A R T II

EMPLOYMENT OF 3 TON TRUCK BY COYS.

The following procedure will be adopted by all Coys during  
march:-

1. After breakfast truck will load with days rations, cooking gear, CQMS, cook and offsidars and move to next staging site and be off-loaded then return to former site.
2. Truck will reload with Blankets & Greatcoats, baggage Gd and personnel unable to march and return to next staging site and off-load.
3. Truck will load midday meal prepared by CQMS and return to approx half way between stagings (at point selected by Coy Comd) and await troops.
4. After midday meal truck will move to rationing point (IDLIB or LATTIQUIE) and pick up following days rations then return to evening staging site

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PART III

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUIDANCE QM AND T/O

1. Rations for Coys during march for first three days to be fwdcd by ASC to IDLIB.
2. RATIONS for remainder of journey to be drawn from DID LATTAQUIE
3. All available spare Tpt at ALEPPO for use of QM during move.
4. CQMS Dexter who will supervise splitting of rations will remain at IDLIB until last Coy has passed BEDRIYE.
5. Loaded Tpt moving to LATTAQUIE will depart before 0900 hrs and return same day to avoid loss of one day by over-night staging at LATTAQUIE.
6. 2/3 Ton trucks from IDLIB will be used for B and C Coy Group TRUCKS  
Trucks to be provided by T/O *FOR REMAINDER OF COYS*
7. All spare drivers and spare Bn HQ and HQ Coy personnel from ALEPPO will march with A Coy.
8. Approx strength of Coys during march will be as follows:

B Coy Group -	Approx	145	All ranks
C Coy Group -	"	134	" "
D Coy Group -	"	128	" "
A Coy Group -	Coy Strength plus 1st Pl, element of Mortar Pl, Carrier Pl and Sig Pl and all spare personnel ALEPPO and IDLIB.		

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
8 Mar 42

20 Aust Inf Bde

2/15 BN MARCH TO LATTAQUIE - AIR COOPERATION

1. The following programme will apply regarding the march of 2/15 BN from IDLIB to LATTAQUIE.

Ser No.	Date	Time	Group	Troops	Location	Camping areas at Nights
1	Monday 9 Mar	Morning	B	B COY One det Mortars in one carrier, Portion carrier pl in three carriers.	Cross country between IDLIB and MOKBLE (232434)	EL JOZ (2260426)
		Afternoon			Cross country between vicinity MOKBLE and vic OUREM EL JOZ (226427)	
		Evening				
2	Tuesday 10 Mar	Morning	C	C COY One det Mortars in one carrier. Portion carrier pl in two carriers.	As for Serial 1.	(2260426)
		Afternoon Evening				
3	Tuesday 10 Mar	Morning	B	B COY Group	From 226426 following - Creek to Bridge 220426 thence along road to BANIS JAFOURA (215423)	DJISR ECH CHOGHOUR (206430)
		Afternoon			BANIS JAFOURA along track to BECHIAMOUNE (208428) thence cross DJISR	
		Evening				
4	Wednesday 11 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	C	C COY Group	As for Serial 3	(206430)

Ser No.	Date	Time	Group	Troops	Location	Camping areas at night
5	Wednesday 11 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	B	B COY Group	Climb mountain approximately along 43 Grid Line to road at 204430 Thence along side of road to BEDRIYE 19754310 Carriers along road for complete distance	ni BEDRIYE 19754310
6	Thursday 12 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	C	C COY Group	As for Serial 5	19754310
7	Thursday 12 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	B	B COY Group	Move off the road on both sides thereof to vicinity RHEMIE	RHEMIE 18554170
8	Friday 13 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	C	C COY Group	As for Serial 7	18554170
9	Friday 13 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	B	B COY Group	Move off the road on both sides thereof to vicinity RASBINE (17254090). Leave the road about B. Ch. RHANEM 179413 and climb mountain side along goat track. Rejoin axis of road about RFEA 178410	RASBINE 17254090
10	Saturday 14 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	C	C COY Group	As for Serial 9	17254090
11	Saturday 14 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	B	B COY Group	Move off the road on both sides thereof to vicinity 166401, then strike cross country to camp site at 163403	Premament camp site 163403
12	Sunday 15 Mar	Morning Afternoon Evening	C	C COY Group	As for Serial 11	163403

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Ser No.	Date	Time	Group	Troops	Location	Camping area at night
13		When relief has been completed by N.Z Forces	A	A Coy + D Coy (Less two Secs) + M. Pl.	Transport A Coy + M. Pl from ALEPPO to IDLIB on the early morning following relief. Transport BAB EL HAIQA and HARIM personnel to IDLIB on the night of relief.	
14		On the morning following relief ie D 1	A	A COY Group	Commence march from IDLIB and observe same programme as previous groups.	

*W. G. OGLE*  
 (R. W. G. OGLE) Lt.-Col.  
 Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held in the LATTAQUIE area on Friday 20 Mar commencing at 0845 hrs and ending about 1500 hrs near 2/13 Bn lines.
2. TPS TAKING PART 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
3. LESSONS (a) Battle procedure (Unit notes and previous exercises)  
(b) Maintaining direction in wooded country.  
(c) Fire and movement.
4. ENEMY  
Coys will be organised at fighting strength. Remainder will report with cut lunches to Lieut GRAY at Bn HQ at 0900 hrs, 20 Mar  
No. 2 Pl will also act as enemy.  
Enemy personnel will wear white hat-bands.
5. DIRECTING STAFF, UMPIRES ETC  
DIRECTOR: - Lt-Col R W G OGLE  
Chief Umpire: - Lieut G A Gemmell-Smith  
Umpires: - One Offr & three NCOs each Rifle Coy  
- One NCO Mortar Pl, two NCOs Carrier Pl
6. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE  
Red Screens  
White with green diagonal bar - m.g. fire  
Blank will NOT be used. A/Tk Gun
7. COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE  
Exercise will commence at rd junc map ref 16014050 (1 : 50000 LATTAQUIE) when unit will be halted in dispersed formation along the rd QASSAB-LATTAQUIE facing SOUTH.  
Frontage occupied by Bn in this position 500 yds.
8. ROUTE FROM CAMP  
CAMP RD to tr junc CHIEK HASSEN 16354046 -  
JINNATA 16204042 - KANJRA 16084041 -  
rd junc 16014050.
9. FINAL CONFERENCE  
will be held on open ground between 2/13 Bn HQ and BISSNADA on completion of exercise.
10. OPENING SITUATION-  
20 Aust Inf Bde is moving from TURKEY along the road QASSAB - LATTAQUIE with the object of capturing the port of LATTAQUIE. The movement is covered by an advanced guard consisting of:-  
Comd: - Maj A C RALSTON  
Adv Gd Mob Tps: - C Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt(x)  
Main Gd. - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
  
(x) imaginary for purpose of exercise

War Diary

At 1030 hrs on Friday 20 Mar, the situation is as follows:-

Main Body: - Vicinity village KIRSANA - 162408.

Main Guard: - Dispersed astride road about road junc 16014050

Adv Gd Mobile Tps: -

(a) One Carrier Tp moved along track towards village of BISNADA 159400, but was driven back by med m.g. and anti-tank rifle fire. It has now taken up hull down positions in the olive groves about Pt 43 (16024019)

(b) One Carrier Tp came under plunging fire from the ridge WEST of BISNADA on reaching vicinity tr. and cr. crossing 15874012 and was forced to ground.

(c) Two lt tk tps moving along axis of main road has been held up by fire of A/Tk gun from direction of DARSARKO VILLAGE

(d) One carrier tp at JABRO (160403)

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TRAINING PROGRAMME- WEEK ENDING 29 MAR 42

DAY	DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	NIGHT
Monday	23	Bn Attack Exercise No. 4		
Tuesday	24	A Coy- Embussing exercise	Patrols and Assault Dets	
		B Coy- Patrols and Assault Dets	Practice-Night attack formations	
		C Coy- Patrols and Assault Dets	Embussing exercise	
		D Coy-Night attack formations	Patrols and Assault Dets	
Wednesday	25	A Coy- Night attack formations	Coy exercise-Defensive Position	
		B Coy- Embussing exercise	Coy exercise-Defensive Posn	
		C Coy- Coy exercise-Defensive Posn	Night attack formations	
		D Coy- Coy exercise-Defensive Posn	Embussing exercise	
Thursday	26	Bn night attack rehearsal	Rest	Bn night attack
Friday	27	Bn exercise - Occupation of Defensive position		
Saturday	28	Weapon Tng Revision Gas training Guards & ceremonial drill	Sports	

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GENERAL IDEA

The NAHR KEBIR is an unfordable stream which forms the frontier between WESTLAND and EASTLAND. WESTLAND has been occupied by British tps for three months and they have developed LATTAQUIE as an up-to-date port.

EASTLAND possesses a small army, equipped with a few medium tanks and having prompt call on their small air force.

NAZI propoganda has been very active in EASTLAND and has been directed against the British occupation of WESTLAND and specially against the denial of their use of the port which, before the present hostilities commenced, had been used by both countries.

By 21 Mar, WESTLAND'S Intelligence had indicated:-

- (a) That an attack on LATTAQUIE may be expected before the end of the month.
- (b) That frontier guards had been relieved with Reserve personnel while all tps were engaged on manoeuvres which included heavy bridging.
- (c) That a strong German mission had arrived in BEDRIYE (seat of EASTLAND'S Government) and were exercising control over the "Quisling" Group.

OPENING SITUATION

At 1900 hrs 22 Mar, Comd 20 Aust Bde Gp. at LATTAQUIE called a conference of Unit Comds at which he stated his intention of moving into EASTLAND on the following day with the object of capturing the seat of government at BEDRIYE.

The main advance would be along the axis of the rd LATTAQUIE-ALEPPO but in view of the known presence of enemy tps in the ZANNQUOTE area, he decided to protect the right flank of the advance with:-

- (a) A flank guard comprising-

Comd:- Maj A C RALSTON

Tps:- C Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt  
 One tp 2/7 Fd Bty  
 One tp 9 Bty 3 A/Tk Regt  
 One Pl 2/2 MG Bn  
 Det 2/9 Fd Coy  
 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 Det 8 Fd Amb.

This flank guard would move along the general axis of the rd LATTAQUIE-SLENFL.

- (b) One Sqn F.F.L. to cross the frontier with the flank guard and secure the high ground covering the approach from TRIPOLI.

Time of crossing the frontier of the foremost elements of all tps was fixed at 1000 hrs on 23 Mar.

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2/15 AUST- INF BN

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held in the LATAQUIE area on 23 Mar 42.

2. TIMINGS

Exercise commences at present BN area (SKOUBINE) at 0830 hrs and finishes about 1430 hrs at the crossing of rd LATAQUIE-SLENFIE with NAHR EL KICH (16613995).

3. TPS TAKING PART

"C" Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt.  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

4. LESSONS

- (a) Protection when advancing  
I.T. Chap X Sec 58:- "Rece will generally entail offensive action to force the enemy to disclose his strength ..... to locate the enemys flanks will be of special importance"

and

"If the enemy is met in force .....the ground necessary to protect the deployment should be seized, also the observation posts necessary for the preparation and execution of further operations."

- (b) Attack with Arty support - necessity for pushing on rapidly after first contact is made (I.T. Sec 62 para 4)  
"He will employ his reserve where any weakness is discovered in the enemy's defences and by penetration will endeavour to turn the flanks of the defences. Success at any one point will usually be sufficient." Read also Sec 63 of F.S.R. Vol. II dealing with Arty in the attack.

- (c) Attack on gaining objective - Keeping contact with enemy by fighting patrols (Sec 71)

Consolidation - Use of a tk weapons and machine guns - provision of tools - anti tank defence including laying of mines.

5. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY

Each section will be organised at fighting strength, the remaining personnel, under Lieut. GRAY, will represent the enemy. No. 2 Pl will also act as enemy. Enemy will wear white hajt bands.

6. UMPIRES AND DIRECTING STAFF

Director	- Lt.-Col. R.W.G. OGLE.
Chief Umpire	- Lieut. G.A. GEMMELL-SMITH
A Coy Umpires	- Lieut.....
	- NCO .....
B Coy "	- Lieut.....
	- NCO .....
C Coy "	- Lieut.....
	- NCO .....
D Coy "	- Lieut.....
	- NCO .....
Carrier Pl	- NCO .....
Mortar Pl	- NCO .....

7. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

R.S.M. will prepare 100 rds blank from live amm allotted for training.

Enemy m g	- Red Screen
Enemy a tk gun	- White Screen with green diagonal bar

8. UMPIRES & O.C. ENEMY RECCE - will be held on Saturday morning, reporting Bn HQ 0900 hrs. HQ Coy will supply two 15 cwt trucks for tpt. Recce will finish before lunch.
9. OPENING SITUATION - will be issued the night prior to exercise.
10. FINAL CONFERENCE. - will be held in the re-entrant 200 yds SOUTH of Bridge 16613995. Signal for completion of exercise and closing on to conference area will be four whistle blasts and waving of white flag from Knoll 16633990.

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UNIT AND DIVISION STAFF

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 4 Coy Umpires  
 3 Coy  
 2 Coy  
 1 Coy

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## TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No. 4.

The following notes were taken by B Coy Comd, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn at his COs conference on the night of 22 Mar.

### Additional Info.

1. The bridge is guarded by a NCO and six enemy soldiers and small patrols move along the river bank. Change of sentries and guard always occurs on the even-numbered hours.
2. Enemy posts are named on STONE HOUSE HILL, THE OASIS, THE FORT, CAMEL BLUFF and GREEN HILL. The village of ECH CHEH appears to be the HQ of the garrison on that feature.
3. All enemy frontier posts 'Stand To' between 0500 and 0730 hrs daily.

### INTENTION:

7. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with att'd tps will cover the right flank of the advance of the 20 Aust Inf Bde.

### METHOD:

8. Bn G (R) Gp will capture guards on bridge at 0930 hrs. This should be done stealthily and all telephone lines leading from the bridge should be cut prior to the capture.
9. C Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav will establish a bridgehead covering approaches to the bridge from TRIPOLI and from ZANNQUOTE, crossing the frontier at 0945 hrs.
10. Tp 9 Bty 3 Aust A/Tk Regt comes under Comd C Sqn for this operation.
11. Fire Plan:-  
ARTY:-  
The establishment of the bridgehead will be supported by Bty 2/7 Pd Regt as follows:-
  - (a) 0935 to 0955 concentration on STONE HOUSE, ECH CHEH and GREEN HILL. Rate - rapid.
  - (b) 0935 to 1005 concentration on FORT. Rate - normal. From 0940, this tp to be at call of F.O.O. travelling with C Sqn.
  - (c) 0935 to 1015 concentration on NORTHERN end of  $\Delta$  100. Rate - normal.
  - (d) One Tp to be at call second F.O.O. accompanying C Sqn for engaging targets on TRIPOLI Rd sector.
12. Guns will not move across frontier until the pass at DAHER OUDI HASSAN 16733995 is secured by the leading infantry.
13. Infantry Assembly Area:  
Infantry will be formed up in dispersed formation by 0945 hrs as follows:  
Under Cover of Knoll 1609384 - A Coy with one Pl mg  
Under Cover of KNOLL 64 (16103990) - B Coy,  
Under Cover of Ridge about 16133995 - C Coy  
About MONASTERY BUILDINGS 16033994 - D Coy  
Det 2/9 Fd Coy  
Det 2/8 Fd Amb.
14. Route to Assembly Area - Rd SKOUBINE - BOUKA thence by covered approach to Coy Assembly areas.
15. Movement of Inf to Bridge - Direct route from Assembly area in the following order A, B, C, D. Wide dispersion within Coys will obtain and there will be at least 500 yds distance between Coys.



16. Control of Movement

- (a) Commencement by visual signal from Bn HQ.
- (b) After crossing bridge: by direction of HQ Coy Comd at control point at creek junct 16323978. Control point marked with BLUE FLAG.
- (c) Tps will cross bridge at the double and will continue running for 100 yds after crossing bridge before being reformed in dispersed formation by Pl groups.
- (d) Each Tpt, including that of C Sqn will remain at Assembly Areas under Comd Coy 2 i/c until directed fwd by Bn 2 i/c from Assembly HQ.

17. Right Flank Protection:

C Sqn FFL will assemble in olive orchard about BOURK MONASTERY and be directed fwd by Bn 2 i/c on advice from Comd C Sqn that the crossing is secure. FFL Sqn will relieve any Div Cav Sections engaged in right flank protection.

18. INTERCOMMUNICATION:

C Sqn to provide wireless link between Assembly HQ, Control Point across bridge and Sqn Comd.

The notes continued with various administrative details, time for synchronisation of watches etc and were initialled by Adj 2/15 Bn as having been checked prior to completion of conference.

26 Mar 42.

2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER No. 99

Ref Map LATTAKUIE 1:50000

INFORMATION

1. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is holding a line SPUR 16194049-SHIKES TOMB 16124050 - ORCHARD 16084053.
2. C Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt is disposed as follows:-  
 One Carrier tp - In Orchard 16274048  
 One Carrier tp - JINNA, TA  
 One Carrier tp - KANJRA  
 One lt tk tp - KANJRA  
 One lt th tp - CHEIK HASSEN EL MAZRET  
 One carrier tp - Creek junct 16164069
3. 20 Aust Inf Bde, less 2/17 BN, is halted in the area SKOUBINE-BISNADA.
4. Enemy a/tk guns have been located at 16284057, about DINGO HILL 16154053, HASSEN RIDGE 16194061, MARHIT VILLAGE 16234066.
5. Enemy defended posts, each of approximate strength one platoon have been located at DINGO HILL, KANGA KOPSE 16154057, WINTON ORCH 16184057, ROUGH RIDGE 16164060, HASSEN RIDGE 16194061, while enemy in dug positions can be seen at MARHIT VILLAGE, Trig 137, SQUARE GROVE 16234062.
6. One tp 2/7 Fd Regt will be at call 2/15 BN from 0500 hrs 27 Mar 42.

INTENTION

7. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will capture SQUARE GROVE - TRIG 137 feature during the night 26/27 Mar 42.

METHOD

8. Forward tps  
 Right - B Coy  
 Left - C Coy.
9. Objectives  
 B Coy - SQUARE GROVE to Eastern boundary thereof.  
 C Coy - TRIG 137 feature.
10. Reserve  
 Right - A Coy  
 Left - D Coy.
11. Role of Reserve  
 Follow attack at 50 yds distance and be prepared to exploit at dawn to a line SPUR 16324062-OLIVE GROVE 16324070.
12. Arty  
 52 Bty is supporting the attack by concentrations on DINGO HILL, KANGA COPSE and WINTON ORCH but fire will not be opened unless called for by 2/15 BN. Arty F.O.O. is moving with BN HQ.  
 One tp 2/7 Fd Regt is at call 2/15 BN from 0500 hrs 27 Mar.
13. Position of Assembly  
 In OLIVE GROVE at 16054060.  
 Fwd edge of assembly position, main road. Right of front edge of assembly posn at BRIDGE 16054059.

14. Formation at Posn Assy - Fwd Coys :- Two pls fwd, one reserve. Each pl with secs in single file at five yards interval. Interval between fwd pls 70 yds. Interval between inner pls of fwd Coys 120 yds. Reserve pl follows behind outer flank pl at 25 yds distance.

Reserve Coys - Each Coy in line of platoons. Each platoon with secs in single file at 5 yds interval. Interval between pls 20 yds. Flanking pls will follow behind outer flank pls fwd coys. Distance between rear of fwd Coys and front of Res Coys 50 yds.

Carrying parties - With tools, mines etc will move behind Reserve Coys at 25 yds distance.

15. Route to F.U.P.  
Compass bearing from Pt of Assembly to F.U.P.  
Distance 700 yds.

16. F.U.P.  
Marked with white tape by Adj. Lt.  
Formation on Appx. A.

17. Objective  
Compass bearing F U P to Objective

18. Order of March - to Posn of Assembly - D, BN HQ, A, C, B, No. 3 Pl, No. 4 Pl.

19. Timings

Arrive P of A	- 0400	(For exercise 2030 hrs)
Leave P of A	- 0430	(For Exercise 2100 hrs)
Arrive F U P	- 0450	(For Exercise 2120 hrs)
Zero	- 0500	(For Exercise 2130 hrs)

20. Patrols  
D Coy will provide a protective patrol of one sec to protect left flank of P of A and F U P.  
A Coy will provide protective patrol of one sec to protect tape-laying party at F U P.  
Both patrols to report to I.O. at BN HQ at 2300 hrs (For exercise, 1830 hrs).

21. Taping F U P  
Adj. Lt. and Lieut. GRIMSTONE will tape F U P.  
Coys will supply two guides each platoon to Adj. Lt's party. To report BN HQ 2300 hrs. (For exercise 1830 hrs)

22. Taping P of A etc  
I.O. to

- (a) Provides guides to lead BN to Posn of Assy.
- (b) Layout Posn of Assy. Each Coy will supply two guides per pl to rep I.O. at BN HQ 2300 hrs. (For exercise 1830 hrs).
- (c) Personally lead BN from P of A to F U P.

23. Mortars  
To manhandle mortars to position in olive trees near right of F U P and be prepared to engage MARHIT village. Firing will not commence until one minute after arty supporting fire commences. On capture objective, move to ORCH 16174060 for covering consolidation or to support further advance. Am expenditure first task 70 rds.

24. Carriers  
Move to KANJRA village. After ZERO, move to olive grove P of A, then to be prepared to move fwd to ORCH 16174060.

- 25. Lights  
Shaded lamps to mark each flank of P of A. and F U P.
- 26. Loading of Rifles  
Rifles will NOT be loaded but magazines will be full.  
The bayonet will be the only weapon used before daylight.
- 27. Advance  
To be continued in the event of enemy opening fire.
- 28. Rate of Advance  
From P of A. to Objective - 100 yds in 3 mins.
- 29. Smoking - Lights etc  
NO smoking or use of lights will be permitted. Rigid control will be observed to maintain silence from the commencement of the march until contact is made.
- 30. Connecting Files  
Units in rear will be responsible for provision of connecting files to keep contact with fwd units. Contact laterally will be the responsibility of tps on the left.
- 31. Maintaining Direction  
"I" Sec personnel with each Coy will check compasses with I. Sec before 1800 hrs 26 Mar. Directing compass will take position on centre line of attack on line of fwd attacking tps.

A D M

- 32. S.A.A. Res to move to P of A after Zero.
- 33. Four men each sec to carry two 73 Hand Grenades.
- 34. Pl trucks r.v. at KANJRA village
- 35. Q.M. to arrange hot meal at SKOUBINE prior to commencement of march.
- 36. R.A.P. established at P of A.

INTERCOMN

- 37. BN HQ moves at head an between Reserve Coys  
On capture objective, establish at SQUARE GROVE 16234062
- 38. Success Signals - B Coy Objective - One Green  
C Coy Objective - Green over White
- 39. Synchronisation of watches  
BY Sig 0 at 1830, 2230, 0300, 0400.

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BN TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS No. 5

2/15 AUST INF BN

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held on Thursday 26 Mar 42, commencing at about 1900 hrs and finishing at the Camp Area, SKOUBINE, at about 2330 hrs.

2. TPS TAKING PART

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

3. LESSONS - BN NIGHT ATTACK.

- (a) Night March in close country.
- (b) Night Advance from Assembly posn to F.U.P.
- (c) Attack.
- (d) Reorganisation for consolidation.

4. SPECIAL NOTE

Since this exercise is the first of its type, it will be rehearsed in daylight over the actual ground on which the attack will take place. This is being done in order to teach formations and to indicate the difficulty of traversing ground at night even though the same ground has been walked over during the day. Offrs will explain to all tps that in future night exercises they will only receive a distant view of the ground in daylight.

5. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY

As for previous exercises under Comd. Lieut. GRAY. 50 rds blank is allotted for the exercise.

6. UMPIRES, DIRECTOR ETC

As for previous exercises. They will accompany the main column to the F.U.P. on the day of the rehearsal.

7. CARRIER & MORTAR PERSONNEL

Will attend the night exercise as spectators and will be formed into one group under Comd. Capt. BODE, to move through the attack 20 yds behind BN HQ.

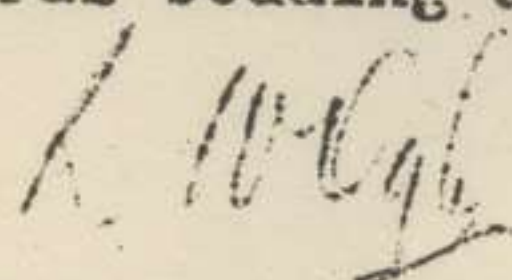
8. HOT 'SOUP

Q.M. to arrange hot soup for tps on return from exercise. Estimated time of return will be supplied by I.O. on return from rehearsal on the morning of 26 Mar.

9. END OF EXERCISE

Will be signalled by two red flares fired from the gully behind the final objective by the Chief Umpire. Coys will close on the point from which the signal has been fired, moving in column of route.

10. FINAL CONFERENCE - Of Offrs in Offrs Mess on return from exercise. 2 i/c's Coys will NOT attend the conference but will supervise issue of soup and general bedding down.

  
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2/15 AUST INF BN1. OPENING SITUATION

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BN TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS - No. 6

2/15 AUST INF BN

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held on Friday 27 Mar 42 in the vicinity of CHIEK HASSEN EL MEZRAT 16124061, commencing at about 1000 hrs and finishing about 1630 hrs.
2. Tps Taking Part - 2/15 AUST INF BN.
3. LESSONS - Occupation of Defensive Position by a BN.
  - (a) Reconnaissance Procedure.
  - (b) Siting for Mutual Support.
  - (c) Range Cards and section duties.
  - (d) Patrol arrangements.
4. Enemy Will not be represented.
5. Umpires Not required.
6. Tools

All picks and shovels will be returned from Coy Lines to Q.M. Store during night of 26 Mar. They will be loaded on two carriers and a tool dump established at end of road 16224053. Two men from Carrier Pl will remain at this dump while any tools are present. At the end of the exercise, tools will be returned to the dump and transported back to camp by the same carrier.
7. Mortars One Carrier will be used for one mortar det.
8. Commencement Tps will be on camp road in following order at 1000 hrs, head of column opposite QM Store - No. 2 Pl, D Coy, BN HQ, A Coy, C Coy, B Coy, No. 3 Pl (Facing NORTH).
9. Opening Situation As part of a scheme for holding the high ground overlooking the coast to prevent penetration of possible landing forces and to harrass the flank of forces approaching SOUTH WARD from TURKEY, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with one tp A Tk guns under comd has been ordered to take up a defensive position from incl village MARHIT 16234068 to incl DINGO HILL 16194056. By 0900 hrs 27 Mar reports had been received of movement of enemy tps across the frontier at QASSAB and that parachute tps which had seized the bridge over the R. QUANDIL had been forced into the hills by one Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt. This Sqn was continuing recce in the QUANDIL area.

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2/15 AUST INF BN  
TRAINING PROGRAMME - WEEK ENDING 5 APR 42.

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon	Night
Monday	30	BN Attack exercise set by Brigade (Lunch in Field)		
Tuesday	31	D Coy - 30 yds Range Remainder - Defensive exercise prepared by Coys (Lunch in Field)	D Coy - 30 yds Range	
Wednesday	1 Apr	BN Attack exercise		
Thursday	2	A Coy - 30 yds Range Remaining Coys - Night attack formations	A Coy - 30 yds Range Weapon tng incl 2" Mortar, TSMG Grenade tng Gas tng	Night attack by BN, extending into early morning of 3 Apr
Friday	3	Rest. Early lunch, then move to NAHR KEBIR for washing and swimming. March back to camp in dispersed formation at night.		
Saturday	4	Coy Attack exercises prepared by Capt GREEN. (Lunch in Field) C Coy - 30 yds Range - - - - C Coy - 30 yds Range		
Sunday	5	Church Parade	B Coy - 30 yds Range	

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 War Diary (2)  
 File

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
31 Mar 42.

All Coys  
C.M.  
20 Aust Inf Bde  
War Diary.

TRAINING PROGRAMME WEEK ENDING 5 APR 42

Amended table is as follows:-

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon	Night
Tuesday	31 Mar	B Coy on 30 yds Range Remainder Route March		
Wednesday	1 Apr	BN Attack exercise (See lunch)		
Thursday	2 Apr	BN Attack exercise (See lunch)		
Friday	3 Apr	Rest. Early Lunch	Night attack formations. Evening meal in camp.	Night Attack. (Reveille 2400 hrs) Extending into early morning 4 APR.
Saturday	4 Apr	Sleep	A Coy 30 yds Range. Weapon Tng incl 2" Mortar and TSMG. Grenade. Gas Tng and check of personal anti gas eqpt.	
Sunday	5 Apr	Church Pde	B Coy - 30 yds range	

*for* *W. G. OGLE* *Capt*  
(R. W. G. OGLE) Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS - BDE No. 1

W a h a r y

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held in the LATTAKUEN area on Monday 30 Mar 42 commencing at 0800 hrs and finishing in the late afternoon.

2. TPS TAKING PART:

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
Mob. Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb  
One Offr 2/7 Fd Regt.

3. LESSONS:

- (a) Battle Procedure
- (b) Attack and consolidation.

4. ENEMY : Provided by HQ Gd Pl. Blank amm will be used by enemy only.

5. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE : LMG - white sig flag  
MMG - blue screen  
A/Tk Gun - red screen

6. NEUTRAL VEHICLES: will fly a white sig flag.

7. DRESS: Fighting order with steel helmets. Respirators will NOT be carried or worn.

8. SCALE OF TRANSPORT :

The following scale of tpt will be used:-

Bn HQ: 1 Car  
1 Carrier, Bren for CO  
1 motor cycle  
1 - 15 cwt utility (BHQ)

HQ Coy: 6- 15 cwt utilities as follows:-  
One Sig truck (sig)  
One AA Pl truck (AA)  
One mortar truck (M)  
Three for Carrier Pl (C)

Rifle Coy: 2 - 15 cwt utilities each Rifle Coy  
(A1, A2, B1, etc )

Carriers: 13 Bren carriers for No. 4 Pl

T.O. will contact Bde T.O. on 29 Mar and arrange that trucks will report to 2/15 Bn tpt lines at 0800 hrs 30 Mar. Suitable chalk markings will be placed on each vehicle as indicated in brackets above.

9. TPT 2/8 Aust Fd Amb comprising four trucks will assemble on BOUMA Rd opposite the MONASTERY at 0925 hrs, facing SOUTH. T.O. 2/15 Bn will control all tpt of tps taking part in exercise.

10. DIGGING AND WIRING STORES:

Each Carrier and each truck will be provided with one pick and one shovel. Remaining tools and wire will be equally divided between Rifle Coy trucks.

On completion of exercise, before trucks are returned to their units, Pl Comds will see that all picks and shovels are stacked on one 2/15 Bn truck and returned to Q. Store. This truck will be marked "TOOLS" by T.O. and will bear this number in addition to its allotted Coy number.

In the exercise, no digging or wiring will be carried out. Tasks, however, will be spitlocked.

12. CASUALTIES will be evacuated by R.A.P. to the existing CRS which will be regarded as an ADS.

13. LUNCH- Carried on the man and eaten as opportunity offers.

14. COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE :

Bn will assemble on CAMP Rd facing SOUTH at 0800 in the following order:-

- One det. AA Pl
- D Coy
- Bn HQ under Comd Maj RALSTON
- No. 1 Pl
- No. 3 Pl
- B Coy
- C Coy
- A Coy

Coys will be dispersed in single file on both sides of road, 5 yds between secs, 100 yds between Coys. Head of column will be at RED SOIL HILL. Vehicles, in the undermentioned order will move by short bounds through the marching tps:-

- D Coy Comds Utility followed by AA truck.
- BHQ and Sig truck " " 1 Sec Carriers
- B, C, A Coy Comds' utility
- Mortar truck
- Carrier trucks
- Rifle Coy trucks (less Coy Comds)
- Carrier Pl (less one sec)

One Regimental Police will ride on D Coy Comd's utility and on the last carrier of the group.

15. ROUTE :

By 0930 hrs, Bn is to be halted in dispersed formation about the area.

- ORCH 15973988 - B Coy
- tr junc 16003989 - D Coy
- tr junc 15993983 - A Coy
- ORCH 15933986 - C Coy
- tr junc 15943988 - Bn HQ, No. 1 Pl
- In area 16023990- rd junc 16033982 -16003984:-
- Carrier Pl dispersed by secs
- RAP truck with A Coy
- AA Pl with guns mounted to protect halt.

Dispersal when under cover of cactus hedges or olive trees may be by Pl groups, but when in the open fields will be in sec groups not less than 20 yds between secs.

16. BN COMDS "R" Group.:

In carrier: CO, IO, crew  
In car: Sig O, orderlies  
will leave Bn HQ at 0830 hrs.

17. END OF EXERCISE:

by sounding of 3 G's on bugle.  
Bn will then return to Camp Area.

18. FINAL CONFERENCE :

Maj. RALSTON and Coy Comds will accompany the CO to a conference at Bde HQ at 1930 hrs on 30 Mar.

19. OPENING SITUATION: (to be explained to all tps by 0800 hrs  
30 Mar)

In the early morning of 30 Mar, F F L dets were forced back by a considerable enemy force which landed at the mouth of NAHR EL KANDIL and then pushed south towards LATTAQUIE.

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp with under comd one sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt had been bivouaced in the vicinity of BANIAS and on receipt of information of the landing were moving north along the rd TRIPOLI-LATTAQUIE to regain the landing places before nightfall when enemy reinforcements were expected to try to land.

No tp carrying tpt was available until 1200 hrs

By 0900 hrs, Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt had passed north of LATTAQUIE and for that particular time the Bde Comd had made a RV with the leading Bn Comd (2/15 Bn) at rd junc 15863981.

2/15 Bn with under Comd one fd bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt and attd one mob sec 2/9 Aust Fd Amb was to reach a rv (para 15 herein) at 1000 hrs.



(R W G OGLE) Lt-Col  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

All Officers  
RMO  
RSM  
20 Aust Inf Bde  
2/17 Bn  
2/15 Bn  
War Diary (2)  
File  
Spares (4)

Unit Ser no 15

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/15 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

(Unit) 7 MAR 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	5	-	-
Serjeants.	29	-	2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	57	-	12
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	665	-	35
TOTALS.	762.	* -	* 50

\* 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.
Pay Sgt	AAFC	CN. Plummer	ASOC
Medical ✓	✓	v. Jellay	✓
epi. ✓	✓	Plk ✓	✓
MCAM ✓	✓	Plk ✓	✓
OR ✓	✓	Ralman	ASCH D
Postal CM.	HA Postal R.		

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)

2/15 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks																		6	6	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																		2	2	
" " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel...											1			2				12	27	42
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)											1			2				12	35	50

12/15 AUST INF BN

Date of Despatch 7 MAR 42

*[Signature]*  
 Signature of Commander.  
 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

LT-Col.

*Lieut Sec to 15*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ...	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>12</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>29</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>15</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>BODE</i>	<i>FL</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>UNRAR</i> <i>Evac beyond MDS.</i> <i>Offered &amp; lost.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>FERGUSON</i>	<i>W.A</i>	<i>2/15</i> <i>20 H.I.T.B.</i>



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL.	C.O.	R.W.G. DGLE.	2/15	YES	
MAJ.		L.H. GRACE		NO	Sent off to course
CAPT.		S. TOPHAM		YES	
		A. SKINNER			
		A.C. RALSTON			
	1/MAJ.	E.G. GREEN		NO	Capt General Wing.
		A.E.H.L. PEER.		YES	
		B.D. STRANGE.			
		<del>F.L. BONE</del>		NO	H.D.S.
		W.W. COBB		YES	
		L. SHELL.			
LIEUT.		T.P. DAVIES			
	1/CHPT.	H. HARLAND			
		F.F. LUTHER			
		W. HUGHES.			
		W.H.V. JUBB			
		E.M.H. CHRISTIE			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
		G.H. GEMMILL-SMITH			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE			
		J. KEYS.			
		A.R. BEITTY.			
		W.G. HURISON		NO	H.E. GOS SEN
		I.D.V. GUNGLY		NO	do
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM		YES	
		R.F. ENGLAND.			
		J.F.S. BROWN		NO	H.D.S.
		G.V. HELM		NO	H.R.(H.E) Sch. of Sup.
		L.L. GRINSTONE.		YES	
		C.J. GRINSTONE		NO	H.D.S.
		R.D. EATON; W.H. MINNOMEY		YES	
		H.L. HARPAN; H.G. GUNDS; G.G. GRAY		YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.		S. ROSE	RAMEL	10 Feb 42	RMO
Chaplain		G. GIBSON	HACHD	21 Feb 42	Chaplain

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

8 MAR 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

2nd Lt. J. B. G. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

*Serial 101 to 116.*

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.* (Unit) *15 FEB 1942* 194 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
W.Os. Class II.	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
W.Os. Class III.	<i>5</i>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	<i>5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Serjeants.	<i>39</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	<i>56</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>659</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>41</i>
TOTALS.	<i>754</i>	<i>* -</i>	<i>* 57</i>

\* 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.
<i>Pay</i>	<i>AAAC</i>	<i>Cpl. Amour</i>	<i>AAAC</i>
<i>Medical</i>	<i>AAAC</i>	<i>v Jell</i>	<i>v</i>
<i>v</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>Plc v</i>	<i>v</i>
<i>v</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>Plc v</i>	<i>v</i>
<i>v</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>Palman</i>	<i>AAACD</i>
<i>Postal</i>	<i>AA Postal Corps.</i>		

**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 TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																		6	6	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																		2	2	
"    "    (Wheeled)																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel										2			2				13	33	50	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)										2			2				13	44	57	

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 FEB 1942

Signature of Commander  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

*Serial No 16.*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*12/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
•			
•			
•			
•			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>7</i>		<i>3</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>18</i>		<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>29</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### 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.)
<i>LIEUT.</i>	<i>W. H. FERGUSON</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>50 11/1 113.</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	C.O.	R.W.G. OGLE.	3/15	YES	
Maj.	Bvt Maj.	C.H. GRACE.		NO	Saw. Ofcs Course
Capt.	OC Coy.	S. TORRAN.		YES	
	DN	A. SKINNER.		✓	
	OC Coy	A.C. RALSTON.		✓	
	✓	E.G. GREEN.		NO	Coy Comd'g along
	✓	H.E. MIL. PARK.		YES	
	✓	B.D. STRANGE.			
	Coy Mtr	W.W. COBB.			
	✓	L. SNELL.			
Lieut.	✓	T.P. DAVIES.			
	1st Lt.	M. HARKLAND.			
	T/CAPT.	E.F. LUTHER.			
		W. ANGUS.			
	TO.	W.H.V. JUBB.			
		E.M. CHRISTIE.			
		R.G. JENKINSON.			
	I.O.	G.A. GEMMELL-SMITH.			
		J. KAY.			
		D. PARKER.			
		G. OSBORNE.			
		J.T. KEYS.			
		A.P. BEATTY.			
		W.G. MURISON.			
		I.D.V. QUINLEY.		NO	HE. GAS Sect
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM.		YES	
		R.F. ENGLAND.		✓	
		J.F.S. BROWN.		NO	MDS
		G.V. HELM.		NO	ADJUTANT Secy of Sigs
		L.L. GRIMSTONE.		YES	
		C.J. GRIMSTONE.		NO	MDS
		R.D. FITON; W.A. MANDREY.		YES	
		M.L. HARRHAM; H.C. CHILDS.		✓	
		G.G. GRAY.		✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		S. ROSE	ARMC	10 Feb 42	RMO
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	ANGD	21 Nov 41	Chaplain

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

15 MAR 42

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
20 April 42 / 1st Lt. - 4th Div. Bde.

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

*Sand Ser no 17.*

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.* (Unit)

*21 MAR 1942*

194 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	4	-	2
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	5	-	-
Serjeants.	32	1	(2 at SETD)
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	56		13.
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	651		119
TOTALS.	749	* 1	* 64

\* 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.
Pay Sgt	RAMC	Remount PM	RAMC.
Medical ✓	RAMC	letter ✓	✓
✓ ep.	✓	✓ ple	✓
✓ A/Cpl	✓	✓ ple	✓
✓ OR	✓	Balman	RAMC.
Postal PM.	RA Postal Corps		

**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 TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers .. .. .																				
Butchers .. .. .																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks .. .. .																		6	6	
Cooks .. .. .																				
Despatch Riders .. .. .																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																		2	2	
"    " (Wheeled)...																		2	2	
Driver-Mechanics... .. .																				
Driver-Operators .. .. .																				
Electricians... .. .																				
Equipment Repairers .. ..																				
Farriers .. .. .																				
Fitters .. .. .																				
Machine Gunners .. .. .																				
Masons .. .. .																				
Motor Mechanics... .. .																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers .. .. .																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers .. ..																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers .. .. .																				
Storemen technical .. .. .																				
Tailors .. .. .																				
Wheelers .. .. .																				
General duty personnel...							1				2						13	39	54	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)							1				2						13	49	64	

8/15 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit  
Date of Despatch 20 MAR 42

*W. J. ...*  
Signature of Commander.  
Ede., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.  
20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

*Lieut. S. Ho M.*

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . . . . .	1	-	-
Majors . . . . .	2	-	1
Captains . . . . .	9	-	2
Lieutenants . . . . .	16	-	3
2nd Lieutenants . . . . .			
Quartermasters . . . . .	1	-	-
District Officers . . . . .			
Totals . . . . .	28	-	6

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>(This section is crossed out with a blue diagonal line.)</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	J.F.S. BROWN	2/15		Evac. beyond 1000m Spent 4000 ft.
LIEUT	C. J. BRUNSTONE	10/10		do.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
LIEUT	V.H. FERGUSON	2/15	20 A.I.T.B.
CAPT	R.H. SUTHERS		20 H.I.T.B.
V	F.L. BULL		20 H.I.T.B.
LIEUT	J.F.S. BROWN		20 H.I.T.B.
✓	G.B. BANNISTER		20 A.I.T.B.



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col.	C.O.	R.W.G. OGLE	2/15	YES	
Major	Brig. 2/15	C.H. GIBBER		NO	See above
✓	Brig. 2/15	H.C. RAYSTON		YES	
CAPT.	✓	S. TOPHAM		✓	
	Brig. 2/15	H. SKINNER		✓	
	Brig. 2/15	E.G. GREEN		NO	Coy Comd. 2/15
✓	✓	J.E.H. L. PERK		YES	
✓	✓	B.D. STRANGE			
	Brig. 2/15	W.W. COBB			
	✓	L. SNELL			
	✓	T.P. DAVIES			
LIEUT.	Brig. 2/15	M. HARLAND			
	Brig. 2/15	E.F. LUTHER			
	Brig. 2/15	W. ANGUS			
	T.O.	W.H. JIBB			
		E.M. CHRISTIE			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
	Brig. 2/15	G. GEMMELL - SMITH			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE			
		J. T. KEYS			
		H.P. BENTLEY			
		W.G. MURSON			
		I.D.V. QUINCY		NO	Inf. Gas Sec.
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM		YES	
		R.F. ENGLAND		✓	
		G.Y. HEAL		NO	(Inf. Sec.) S/L/S
		L.L. GRINSTONE		YES	
		W.H. MARONEY		✓	
		R.D. FITZGERALD		✓	
		N.L. HARRISON		✓	
		G.G. GRAY		✓	
		H.G. CHURCH		✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		S. ROSE	ARMY	10 FEB 42	R.M.O.
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	ARMY	21 NOV 40	Dep'ty

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

22 MAR 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
(Signature of Commander.)

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

*Level 10 to 12*

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2175 (Unit). 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	11	-	2
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	5	-	
Serjeants.	33	2	2nd BCTH2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	57	-	12
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	675	-	25
TOTALS.	775	* 2	* 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.
Boy	Regt	Armourer	Regt
Medical	✓	Doctor	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
Porter	CM	Bulman	NA CD

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

2/15 AUST. INF. BN. Unit.  
Date of Despatch 29 Mar 42

Signature of Commander. Col.  
Comd. 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*Unit No 18.*

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.* (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
.....*			
.....*			
.....*			
.....*			
Lieut.-Colonels .....	<i>1.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Majors .....	<i>2.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains .....	<i>10.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Lieutenants .....	<i>19.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
2nd Lieutenants .....			
Quartermasters .....	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers .....			
Totals .....	<i>33</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt.</i>	<i>R.A. Suthers</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>23 Mar</i>	<i>X. List</i>
	<i>FL. Bards</i>	<i>;</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>W.A. Ferguson</i>	<i>;</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>20 A.I.T.B</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>C.W. Heatley</i>	<i>;</i>	<i>21 Mar</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>C.W.J. Logan</i>	<i>;</i>	<i>23 Mar</i>	<i>✓</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>J.F.S. Brown.</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>20 A.I.T.B.</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>G. Bonmister.</i>	<i>;</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>✓</i>	<i>D.B. Weir</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	C.O.	R.W.G. Ogle	15	Yes	
Major	Bn. 2/c	C.H. Grace		No	Sen. Offs Course.
✓	O.C. Coy.	A.C. Rastan		Yes	
Capt	✓	S. Tuppin		✓	
	Q.M.	A. Skinner		✓	
		E.L. Green		✓	
	O.C. Coy	A.E. Ash Park		✓	
✓	✓	B.D. Strange		✓	
✓		R.A. Suthers		✓	
		F.L. Bode		✓	
	2/c Coy	W.W. Cobb		✓	
✓	✓	L. Snell		✓	
✓		T.P. Davies		✓	
Lieut	Major	T/Capt. M. Harland		✓	
		E.F. Luther		✓	
		W. Angus		✓	
	T.O.	W.H.V. Job		✓	
		E.M.N. Christie		✓	
		W.A. Ferguson		✓	
		C.W. Hentley		✓	
		R.E. Jenkinson		✓	
	I.O.	L.J. Gummell-Smith		✓	
		J. Kay		✓	
		D. Parker		✓	
		G. Osborne		✓	
		J.T. Keys		✓	
		C.W. Logan		✓	
		A.P. Beatty		✓	
		W.G. Morrison		✓	
		I.D.V. Wrigley		No	M.E. Gas School.
		J.W. Cunningham		Yes	
		R.F. England		✓	
		G.V. Helm, Lt. 3rd Coy		✓	
		W.A. Mahoney, 2/c Bde		✓	
		N.L. Harpley, 126 Group		✓	
		H.G. Childs		No	M.E. - W.T.S.

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		S. Rose	9 A.M.C.	10 Feb 42	R.M.O.
Chaplain		G.R. Gibson	9 A.Ch.D	21 Nov 41	Chaplain

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

29 Mar. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col. (Signature of Commander.)  
Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
20. Aust. Inf. Bde. 9. Aust. Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

6 MAR 42

by  
Lt-Col R W G OMLE  
SMB 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

No. 82

1. LIBRARY BOOKS:

All library books will be returned to Canteen Sgt DELIB by 1600 hrs, 9 Mar 42.

2. USE OF PETROL: REPAIR LAMP etc:

It is brought to notice of all ranks that the use of PETROL in Pressure Lamps, Primus Stoves, etc is PROHIBITED. Accidents have already occurred through this injudicious use of PETROL and tps are warned that in future action will be taken against offenders.

3. CHURCH SERVICES:

Bn Church Pde will be held in DELIB BKS on Sunday 8 Mar 42, 1000 hrs. Ord Offr will attend to seating.

4. AIR MAIL LETTER SERVICE TO U.K.

Owing to unforeseen difficulties in providing sufficient transport facilities, a heavy accumulation of Air Mail Letter Cards to U.K. has arisen.

Posters of these cards between 14th December 1941 and the present time are advised therefore, that whilst every effort is being made to clear the accumulation as soon as possible, the delivery of this mail will take longer than usual to effect.

5. LIQUOR - LEAVE PARTIES:

(1) No beer or other liquor will be carried, by personnel proceeding on or returning from leave and no purchases of liquor will be made en route.

(2) Picquet Offrs and Offrs in Charge of leave parties will be responsible that this instrn is carried out.

*M. Harland*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt  
Adjt, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.CHURCH SERVICE:

Church of England Holy Communion will be held following Church Pde on Sun 8 Mar 42.

BROADCASTING OF AUSTRALIAN NEWS:

Short wave broadcast of news bulletins, prepared in AUSTRALIA by the Department of Information, are being re-issued through two MIDDLE EAST radiostations daily in A.I.F. sessions

Particulars of these broadcasts are:-

From P.B.S. JERUSALEM - at 1745 hrs, PALESTINE summer time, on a wave length of 449.1 metres and frequency of 668 kilocycles per second.

From Radio Levant - at 1900 hrs, PALESTINE and SYRIAN summer time, on wave length of 239.5 metres and frequency of 1022 kilocycles per sec.

The BEIRUT programme is also audible on the shortwave band on 37.34 metres and frequency of 8036 kilocycles per second.

MAIL:

It is notified that air mail letters from all States, except NEW SOUTH WALES and QUEENSLAND, posted between 1st January, 1942 and 25th January 1942 have been destroyed by enemy action.

Consequent upon cancellation of the airmail service from AUSTRALIA, letters and mails to and from the AIF are now being dispatched by sea. Sea conveyance will be combined with air conveyance over certain stages of the route in order to get air mails through as quickly as possible.

It is probable that the time for air letters between AUSTRALIA - MIDDLE EAST will be at least five weeks. However, the use of air mail is still recommended as surface routes will probably take much longer.

LITERARY COMPETITION - EYEWITNESS STORIES:

It is proposed to hold a competition for the best eyewitness accounts of actions in the Middle East between the beginning of June 40 and 1 Feb 42. The purpose of this competition is to provide for the Imperial War History better and more descriptive narratives of actions than are usually obtainable from Unit War Diaries.

The competition is open to all ranks in the M.E.F. and is in two classes, one for Offrs and one for ORs. No entrant may send in more than one story and all stories must be certified as to general authenticity and - as far as possible - accuracy - by the Commanding Officer or Adjutant.

As a guide, it may be said that stories should be descriptive of actions of which the writer was an eyewitness and in which he was engaged. They may include details of Units, place names, locations and the names of Offrs and men.

Stories should be forwarded to this HQ, not later than 31 Mar 42

Certain preliminary judging and elimination will take place, and the final adjudication will be done at GHQ by independent panel of judges.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

- (1) Three prizes of Five Pounds each for the three best stories from Offrs.
- and (2) Three prizes of Five Pounds each for the three best stories from Other Ranks.

A selection of the best stories will be sent to the War Office for use in compiling the Imperial War History and the right is reserved to publish them if desired.

It is hoped that a wide response will be received.

HAIFA CASH OFFICE:

It is advised that AIF Cash Office at HAIFA has closed.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES**  
**ROUTINE ORDERS PART I**

by  
**Lt-Col R W G OGLE**  
**COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN**

14 MAR 42

No. 83

**1. DAILY ROUTINE**

REVEILLE	-	0630
ADM PARADE	-	0700
SICK PARADE	-	0710
BREAKFAST	-	0745
1st TNG PERIOD	-	0830-1230
LUNCH	-	1300
2nd TNG PERIOD	-	1400-1600
EVENING MEAL	-	1700
RETREAT	-	1800
OPFRS MESS	-	1830
FIRST POST	-	2130
TATTOO	-	2200
LIGHTS OUT	-	2215

**2. DUTIES**

- (a) ORDERLY OFFICER - Lieut W G MURISON  
 NEXT FOR DUTY - " H G CHILDS  
 ORDERLY SGT - QX 5926 A/Sgt EGGERBURN C K  
 NEXT FOR DUTY - QX 2380 Sgt DUTTON F  
 ORDERLY CPL - QX 5218 Cpl FINK J W  
 NEXT FOR DUTY - QX 14942 A/Cpl BROOKS A H
- (b) DUTY COY - HQ COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY - B COY

**(c) UNIT GUARD**

Duty Coy will provide a guard consisting of 1 Sgt 2 Cpls and 18 ORs to mount at 1800 hrs daily on Bn Parade Ground. For detailed instructions see "Duties of Unit Quarter Guard" One (1) Runner will also be detailed daily.

**(d) PROWLER PICQUETS**

Coy's will detail prowler picquets to patrol Coy lines as follows:-

By Day 1  
" Night 3

Prowlers will be armed and carry 5 rds in the magazine but rounds will NOT be inserted in the breech. All ammunition <sup>on issue</sup> ~~as usual~~ to sentries, prowlers etc will be carefully checked and accounted for at completion of tour of duty.

**3. SECURITY****(a) ARMS, AMN & PROPERTY**

All security measures issued by this Bn from time to time will be strictly adhered to, particularly in reference to ARMS and AMN. Rifles will be chained and locked to tent posts, and belts removed and stored under Guard in Coy Q Store when not in use.

**(b) CAMP SECURITY**

On no account, at any times, will civilians of any description be allowed in Unit Lines, except to move along the Main Road. Any person found in possession of a pass issued by any previous Unit will be detained and sent under escort to HQ so that the cancellation of the pass may be explained to him.

Dealings with individuals for laundering will NOT be permitted. Separate instructions are being issued re Bdc Laundry arrangements.



4. P A D MEASURES

- (a) MUD SPLASHING - Within 72 hrs after arrival in the area Coys will ensure that all tents are COMPLETELY mud splashed, to conform with the colour of surrounding soil.
- (b) SLIT TRENCHES - As soon as possible Coys will commence digging Slit Trenches. Trenches will be dug beneath tent ropes in vicinity of doorways.
- (c) AIR RAID WARNINGS - A hand operated siren will be placed in BN GD Tent and will be operated by the Gd when the warning is to be sounded.

5. TREES

It is brought to the notice of all tps that Olive and Fruit trees are highly valued by the natives and any damage done to these trees in the area will have to be paid for from Regtl Funds.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

6. BOUNDS

- (a) All native villages and dwellings are "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks at all times.
- (b) All cafes are "IN BOUNDS".
- (c) Hotel CASINO is "IN BOUNDS" to Sgts and above ONLY.
- (d) Native Bazaar - That portion of the town where the native Bazaar is situated is "OUT OF BOUNDS" TO ALL RANKS.
- (e) The beach is "OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL RANKS" after Retreat. The Coastal Patrol have orders to shoot on sight any person using the beach during hours of darkness.

7. BLACKOUT

Blackout will be observed within the Unit area. Coy Offrs and NCOs will be responsible for enforcing these regulations.

8. TREATMENT OF NATIVE POPULATION

The greatest care will be taken not to antagonise the native population by interference with them in any way in their own sphere. Strict measures will be taken to teach them that they must not enter Camp Boundaries, and fraternising with natives will be strongly discouraged. All tps will be warned that the selling of any articles to natives will be treated as a very serious offence, no matter how small the subject for sale.

9. VENEREAL DISEASE

All troops will be warned of the danger of intercourse with native women from the point of view of VD risk. They will also be warned of the religious objections that are strongly held by Mohammedans regarding any advances towards their womenfolk.

10. ALLIED TROOPS BARRACKS

All barracks or other buildings occupied by Free French Forces are OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks at all times unless on duty or with the express permission of Bde HQ.

11. LEAVE

25 per cent of each Coy will be allowed Town Leave from 1800 hrs to 2300 hrs daily. Leave personnel MUST be clear of town by 2230 hrs.

12. R.C. ORPHANAGE

All ranks are reminded that the use of the Orphanage is by courtesy only. Full respect of property and persons will be shown by all ranks in the vicinity.

*M. Harland*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

T/Maj A.C. RALSTON  
ADM COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

15 ~~MAJ~~ 42

No 84

1. DUTIES.

- |     |               |   |                            |
|-----|---------------|---|----------------------------|
| (a) | ORDERLY OFFR  | - | Lieut H.G. CHILDS          |
|     | Next for Duty |   | Lieut J. KAY               |
|     | ORDERLY SGT   |   | QX 2380 Sgt DUTTON, F.     |
|     | Next for Duty |   | QX 8327 Sgt HANSEN, L.T.A. |
|     | ORDERLY CPL   |   | QX14942 A/Cpl BROOKS, A.H. |
|     | Next for Duty |   | QX 8336 Cpl McNEILL, J.P.  |
|     |               |   |                            |
| (b) | Duty Coy      | - | B Coy.                     |
|     | Next for Duty |   | C Coy.                     |

2. APPENDIX.

Duties of Gds and sentries as contained in RO 19 of 15 Nov 41 Appx "G" is amended and attached hereto.

3. DISPOSAL OF GOVT PROPERTY:

All ranks are warned of the consequences of disposing of Govt property. Any member apprehended or reported for selling or giving Govt property to natives or other unauthorised parties will be dealt with to the full extent of the Army Act.

4. LOSS AND PILFERING OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY:

(i) Examination by censorship has revealed that parcels despatched by members of the AIF to relatives and friends contain certain articles classified as loot and also Government Property.

(ii) This practice will cease forthwith and disciplinary action will be taken against both the sender and the franking Offr, when breaches are detected.

(iii) In this regard it is stressed that extra-unit censorship has recently been greatly extended.

(iv) It is forbidden to despatch to any private address any article of Government property or loot in the form of captured enemy clothing, material of any type including live ammunition and explosives, or documents, books or any other articles of value to the Intelligence service in determining identification and acquiring information regarding the enemy.

(v) Objects which are only curios or souvenirs and are of no military value may be despatched.

5. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE:

(a) In future travelling allowances for Offrs below the rank of Colonel will not be permissible, except in special circumstances. Such offrs should be accommodated during journeys with the HQ or unit in the area.

(b) Under no circumstances will travelling allowance be permitted for drivers or ORs, who will be accommodated at units, or alternatively, at Staging Camps.

(c) Meal allowance will not be permitted at any time as all personnel are expected to carry sufficient rations to cover the journey.

6. LEAVE - ISSUE OF RAILWAY TICKETS:

Instns have been issued to officials of E.S.R. at CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA, PORT SAID, SUEZ, PORT TEWFIK, FAYID, GENDEFA, ISMAILIA, QASSABIN, TEL-EL-KEBIR, ZAGAZIG, BENHA, MANTARA, and AMIRIYA, that with effect from 1st Mar 1942, railway tickets will not be issued to soldiers in uniform unless either a warrant or a leave pass stamped by the RTO is presented at the time the ticket is demanded.

7. GERMAN TYPE RETURNABLE CONTAINERS:

20 litre captured German Petrol Containers of the pressed and welded type, with hinged quick-acting cap, will in future be referred to, for the sake of brevity as JERRICANS

8. BRITISH BATTLE DRESS - Not to be worn.

- (a) Wearing of the type of uniform known as "British Battle Dress" is an infringement of AIF (ME) Orders in which is laid down Order of Dress for the AIF.
- (b) Wearing of "British Battle Dress" will cease forthwith and any disregard of this Order will be treated as a matter for disciplinary action

9. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANKS:

DO/10/530	- QX	5694	L/Sgt	NEWTON	R	Promoted to Sgt	24.2.42
		531	- QX	3351	L/Cpl	DONACHIE J	Prom A/Cpl 23.2.42
		532	- QX	953	A/Sgt	McGILL, F.J	Rank of Sgt confirmed 23.2.42
DO/ 9/425	- QX	2371	L/Cpl	LAIRD,	R	Promoted A/Cpl	17.2.42

10. TRADE GROUPINGS.

DO/10/589	QX14676	Pte	SULLIVAN-BRAMLEY	Relinquished Group III	
				Butcher -	23.2.42
590	QX 8645	Pte	BRITTON,	J.D. Relinquished Group II	
				Cook -	21.2.42
591	QX 8502	Pte	BONNEY,	G.R. Graded Group III	
				Rangetaker	24.2.42
593	QX11627	Pte	McMAHON,	W.A. Grading of Group II Cook	
				confirmed	23.2.42
594	QX15410	Pte	BUCKLAR,	A.E. Grading of Group II Cook	
				confirmed	23.2.42

11. MAISON DOREE:

- (a) The MAISON DOREE is the only brothel in LATTAKIA "IN BOUNDS" to BRITISH TROOPS.
- (b) ALL PERSONNEL entering the MAISON DOREE MUST receive P/C treatment. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

12. PRESSURE LAMPS:

All pressure lamps will be returned by Coys to unit Technical Store for checking and repair and will be re-issued under new allocation.

13. LEAVE:

Leave passes will NOT be required for leave in LATTAKIE up to 2230 hrs, but troops must be warned that personnel found without a leave pass after 2230 hrs will be detained and charged. A leave roster will be kept by all Coys and will be submitted to and signed by an Offr prior to men going on leave.

14. CANTEEN PICQUET.

Duty Coy will provide a Canteen Picquet of 2 ORs during the hrs the Wet Canteen is open. The Picquet will report to the Canteen Sgt at 1800 hrs and will assist him in the maintenance of order and will remain on duty until dismissed by him at 2100 hrs.

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APPENDIX "G"

DUTIES OF BN GUARDS AND SENTRIES

**1. GUARD:**

- (a) The regimental guard will turn out at **REVEILLE, RETREAT** and **TATTOO**, and at any such time when required to fall out for inspection, or for presenting compliments.
  - (b) Guards are to turn out at all times when an armed party of any branch of the service approaches their post.
  - (c) The following compliments will be paid:-
    - Present Arms           (i) To armed parties
    - (ii) General and Field Offrs.
    - Salute (Butt)           (i) Unarmed parties.
    - (ii) Offrs below Field Rank.
- They are not to pay compliments between **RETREAT** and **REVEILLE** except to Grand Rounds and are not to turn out to unarmed parties.
- (d) Guards will at all times turn out at the double, with sloped Arms and in open order.

**2. DUTIES OF GUARD COMD:**

- (a) The Gd Comd will at all times be responsible for:-
  - (i) The conduct and behaviour of the Guard
  - (ii) The correct posting of reliefs by the NCOs under his Comd.
  - (iii) The cleanliness and tidiness of the Guard Tent and its surroundings.
  - (iv) The proper surveillance of all personnel placed in the Gd Tent under arrest or detention.
  - (v) All sentries being thoroughly conversant with their duties before they are posted.

**3. SENTRIES:**

- (a) Sentries will present Arms to
  - (i) Armed parties of greater strength than one Platoon.
  - (ii) General and Field Offrs.
  - (iii) Grand and Visiting Rounds.
- (b) Sentries will salute
  - (i) Unarmed parties
  - (ii) Armed parties of one Platoon or less.
  - (iii) Offrs below Field Rank
- (c) Sentries at all times will strictly observe all **CAMP SECURITY REGULATIONS**, with particular reference to civilians, natives or any unauthorised persons.
- (d) Sentries will be regimental in their manner and their dress and will not leave their posts unless relieved or ordered to do so by their Guard Comd.
- (e) Sentries posted on or in vicinity of Road will examine natives passing along Road at night to see that none are in possession of Government property or Stores.
- (f) It is the duty of sentries at all times to see that no unauthorised person enters the buildings or tents that they are guarding or has access to Government property or Stores without permission

**4. SENTRY POSTS:**

Sentry posts for unit Quarter Gd as from 15 Mar 42 will be as follows:-

BY NIGHT - (from 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs)

- (i) On RD and in vicinity of RQ Store and Tents.
- (ii) Ammunition Hut - beat to encircle vicinity of hut.
- (iii) Rear Offrs Mess - beat to extend from D Coy lines to No. 4 Sentry, and sentries at either end to contact periodically.
- (iv) Beat - Rear Bn HQ lines to rear Sgts Mess - No. 3 sentry to be contacted
- (v) On RD and in vicinity of A, B, and C Coy Kitchens
- (vi) HQ and D Coy Kitchen - to contact No. 1 Sentry.

BY DAY:

Posts Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4 as detailed above  
Post No. 5 - At entrance to HQ leading to Bn HQ (outside  
(Guard Hut)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col. R.W.G. OGLE  
COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN

16 MAR 42

No. 85

1. DUTIES

- (a) ORDERLY OFFR - Lieut. J.W. CUNNINGHAM  
Next for Duty Lieut. N.H. HARPHAM  
To Follow Lieut. G.G. GRAY  
ORDERLY SGT QX5183 L/Sgt. HORSFALL. A.L.  
Next for Duty QX853 Cpl. CARSON. K.S.  
To follow QX5910 Sgt. WICKS. R.W.  
ORDERLY CPL QX2447 Cpl. CROSS. F.A.  
Next for Duty QX5622 A/Cpl. CLARKE. L.W.  
To Follow QX10440 Cpl. MCKENZIE. A.A.
- (b) Duty Coy - A Coy  
Next for Duty D Coy  
To follow HQ Coy

(c) KITCHEN FATIGUES

- (i) Weekly - 2 men from each Coy will report to cooks at 0700 hrs daily for kitchen fatigues.  
Tour of duty one week.
- (ii) Serving Orderlies  
3 per Coy will report to CQMS's 15 minutes before each meal hour.

HQ Coy will provide double these numbers and will detail 1 OR from BN HQ as serving orderly each meal.

2. INTER COY TRANSFERS

QX1942	Pte.	MURDOCH	D.K.	C Coy	to	BN HQ
QX854	Pte.	CLARRIS	J.J.	B Coy	to	HQ Coy

3. INCREASE IN AIF PAY

All personnel with allotments of 3/- and over whose allottees were in receipt of dependents allowance as at 7.11.41 and whose drawing rate was increased by 1/- per day at that date are instructed to have their paybooks adjusted forthwith.

4. PHOTOGRAPHY

Authorised photographers in LATTAQUIE are :-

KRIKOR PAPAZIAN	-	Phara SYRIE
MANOUK ALAMIAN	-	Photo MANOUK

5. LEAVE

There will be no leave until further orders.  
Arrangements are being made for organised leave parties at a later date.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
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by

Lt-Col R W G OGLE  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

19 MAR 42

No. 86

1. DUTIES.

- (a) ORDERLY OFFR - Lieut G.G. GRAY.  
Next for Duty - Lieut D. PARKER.  
To Follow - Lieut E. McN CHRISTIE  
ORDERLY SGT - QX 5910 Sgt WICKS, R.W.  
Next for Duty - QX 824 Sgt BARBAT, A.J.  
To Follow - QX 5769 L/Sgt LANE, H.J.  
ORDERLY CPL - QX 10440 Cpl MCKENZIE, H.A.  
Next for Duty - QX 2390 Cpl DEBNEY, H.S.  
To Follow - QX 3644 Cpl PICKERING, C.K.
- (b) Duty Coy - HQ Coy.  
Next for Duty - B Coy.  
To Follow - C Coy.

2. DAILY ROUTINE:

Ref RO 83 Para 1. Amend 2nd Tng Period to read 1345 - 1630 hrs and Offrs Mess to read 1300 hrs.

3. BOUNDS:

The town of LATTAKUIE is OUT OF BOUNDS to all tps unless on duty; in which case tps will be in possession of a Laty. Pass

4. PUNISHMENTS BY COURT MARTIAL:

The following sentences awarded by Courts Martial held recently are published for information.

- (a) A private soldier convicted of selling public property (blankets) was sentenced to 6 months detention.
- (b) A private soldier convicted of selling public property (blankets) was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment with hard labour.
- (c) A sergeant LAFPC convicted of attempting to obtain money by false pretences and wearing badges of rank to which he was not entitled was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 6 months imprisonment without hard labour.
- (d) A warrant Offr (Class 1) convicted of forgery was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 60 days detention.
- (e) Three private soldiers convicted of striking a superior officer were sentenced to 12 months and 9 months detention.
- (f) A private soldier convicted of stealing property belonging to a person subject to military law was sentenced to 6 months detention.
- (g) A private soldier convicted of sleeping on his post and escaping from confinement was sentenced to 90 days detention.
- (h) A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful command and striking his superior officer was sentenced to 60 days detention.

5. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA.

Tps are warned NOT to affix stamps to letters addressed to AUSTRALIA, as word has been received that Air-mail to Australia has been cancelled

6. LEADED PETROL PRECAUTIONS.

- (a) Almost all the petrol now being supplied ex Military Depots and ex Civil Pumps in Middle East contain a proportion of TETRA-ETHYL LEAD which is poisonous and care will be taken by all concerned in its use. Petrol should not be used for the cleaning of garments or washing utensils, or any part of the body.
- (b) The practice of sucking petrol up a rubber tube in order to syphon it out of the tanks of motor vehicles will be discontinued.
- (c) If for any reason the hands have become contaminated with petrol they should be washed as soon as possible. When petrol comes into contact with open wounds (scratches etc) the wound should be thoroughly cleaned immediately.

7. RABIES - PREVENTATIVE MEASURES.

- (a) In view of the prevalence of rabies in SYRIA and THE LEBANON permission will not be extended to AIF units to retain dogs.
- (b) In the event of any person being bitten by any animal suspected of rabies or by any stray dog he should report at once for first aid treatment.
- (c) If the animal is known and is traced and appears in good health, arrangements should be made for it to be tied up and kept under observation by a Medical Officer for 10 days. If at the end of this period it is in good health, there is no possibility of it having been infected at the time of biting. If the animal has been killed it should be taken to the nearest MO. If possible it should not be shot in the head or the brain damaged.

8. DEFAULTERS.

Coys will ensure that procedure in respect to Defaulters as laid down in Appx E to RO 13 of 9 Nov 41 is strictly adhered to.

9. CORRIGENDA.

Ref RO 13 Appx "E" delete "DRESS for Defaulters Parade -- Marching Order" and substitute "DRESS for Defaulters Parade will be Drill Order."

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NOTICE.

The officiating Minister for Christian Scientists M.E.F., Mr. T.E. Price intends to tour SYRIA from 6 Apr 42 to 13 Apr 42.

Personnel desiring to communicate with him should write to him at the following address:-

By a Fig Tree, Greek Colony, Jerusalem.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col R W G OGLE  
COMD 2/15 AUST IMP BN

21 MAR 42

No. 87

1. DUTIES:

- (a) ORDERLY OFFR - Lieut E. McN. CHRISTIE.  
Next for Duty - Lieut R.D. JEXTON.  
To follow - Lieut W.G. MURISON.  
ORDERLY SGT - QX 5769 L/Sgt LANE, H.J.  
Next for Duty - QX 5150 A/Sgt HOLE, G.A.  
To Follow - QX 5175 Sgt ANDREASON, A.J.  
ORDERLY CPL - QX 8644 Cpl PICKERING, A.K.  
Next for Duty - QX 3210 Cpl PESKETT, D.G.  
To Follow - QX 5818 A/Cpl DAWE, T.A.  
Bn Orderly (1) - To be detailed by Duty Coy
- (b) DUTY COY - C Coy  
Next for Duty - D Coy.  
To Follow - HQ Coy.

2. SUMMER DRESS:

- (a) Summer dress will be taken into wear on 1 Apr
- (b) Special attention is drawn to Orders for Dress (AIF Order 296) and in particular to the following:-
- (i) Shirts - Sleeves must not be cut short, and will be worn buttoned down to the wrist after nightfall.
- (ii) Medal Ribbons - will be worn on shirts (AIF Order 770)
- (iii) Rank Badges (Offrs) and Titles "AUSTRALIA" -  
Embroidered badges and titles may be worn by Offrs only on Shirts KD ONLY at own expense (AIF Order 458).  
Metal Badges and titles will be worn on jackets.  
Embroidered titles will NOT be worn by ORs.
- (iv) Rank Badges. (WOs and NCOs) -  
WOs will NOT wear badges on wrist bands or detachable arm-bands.
- (v) SAFARI SHIRTS - With reference to AIF Order 568 safari shirts will not be worn by personnel of 9 Aust Div

3. MAIL:

- (a) As direct sea communication provides generally the most expeditious form of mail connection with AUSTRALIA no further air mail rates will be charged on correspondence for AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND. Air Mail covers may be used but no stamps are required.
- (b) Air mail correspondence may, however, continue to be accepted at the existing rates for other parts of the world, including INDIA, but excluding of course the Far Eastern countries now in enemy possession.

4. ANTI-FLY MEASURES:

- (a) Fly-breeding is now well established in the Divisional Area.
- (b) Diarrhoeal diseases, dysentery and typhoid are very common in SYRIA.
- (c) Cleanliness of lines, flyproofing of latrines and food containers are essential as is the provision of flyproof refuse bins.
- (d) Refuse disposal MUST be by incineration and burial so that flybreeding material is not provided by us. Removal of refuse by native contractors is not permitted.
- (e) It is impossible to prevent flies from breeding and becoming infected in native villages therefore they must be prevented from coming in contact with food and eating utensils.

5. CHURCH PDE:

Combined Church Pde will be held on Bn Pde Ground at 0845 hrs, Sunday 22 Mar 42 and Coys will be in position by 0830 hrs. Markers from each Coy will report to RSM by 0825 hrs with Pde State. Duty Coy will detail one (1) R C marker.

6. CARRIER DVRS for MORTAR PL:

A few vacancies exist for carrier drivers for Mortar Pl and nominations are called for from Coys to be fwded to HQ Coy Ord Room by 0900 hrs, 24 Mar 42.

7. INTER COY TRANSFERS:

The undermentioned transfers will take effect as from 0900 hrs 22 Mar 42.

					From		To	
QX	7598	Pte	MacARTHUR,	H.		A Coy	HQ Coy	No. 4 Pl
QX	960	"	O'KEEFE,	C H J		A Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	1658	"	C/HILL,	J L		B Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	5930	"	BOYETT	D H V		B Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	6646	Cpl	WILSON,	R F		C Coy	HQ Coy	No. 3 Pl
QX	12992	Pte	HILLEARY	E		C Coy	HQ Coy	No. 4 Pl
QX	12990	"	GENTRY,	J P		C Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	10627	"	BLACK,	F G		C Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	20190	"	McKENZIE	W D		D Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	10215	"	MATTHEWS	C E		D Coy	HQ Coy	do.
QX	12802	"	CLARKE	R F		D Coy	HQ Coy	do.
NX	45365	"	DEARING	R W N		HQ Coy	A Coy	
QX	13480	"	LEANEY	H		HQ Coy	A Coy	
QX	8536	"	LEU	L		HQ Coy	D Coy	

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NOTICE.

Church of England Holy Communion will be held in the Recreation Tent at 0715 hrs, Sunday 22 Mar 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col. R.W.G. OGLE  
COHD 2/15 AUST INF BN.

24 MAR 42

No. 88

1. DUTIES

- (a) ORDERLY OFFR - Lieut. A.P. BEATTY  
 Next for Duty - Lieut. R.F. ENGLAND  
 To follow - Lieut. L.L. GRIMSTONE  
 ORDERLY SGT - QX831 Sgt. NEAL. E.J.  
 Next for Duty - QX842 Sgt. STRAPHEL. G.S.  
 To follow - QX2994 A/Sgt. KAY A.W.  
 ORDERLY CPL - QX2856 L/Cpl. MOLONY J.P.  
 Next for Duty - QX2371 A/Cpl. LAIRD. M  
 To follow - QX6815 Cpl. PLATER L.C.  
 Bn Orderly (1) - To be detailed by Duty Coy
- (b) DUTY COY - A Coy  
 Next for Duty - B Coy  
 To Follow - C Coy.

2. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANKS

DO/11/595 - QX5926 Cpl. COCKBURN C K Promoted A/Sgt. 2.3.42  
 596 - QX5818 Pte. DAWE T A Promoted A/Cpl 2.3.42

3. REVERSIONS

DO/11/608 - QX1750 Cpl. BAILLIE G G Reverts to Pte 7.3.42  
 (At own request)

4. TRADE GROUPINGS

DO/11/616 - QX20689 Pte. MATHER R M Relinquished A/Group II  
 28.2.42

5. TRANSFERS - INTER COY - As from 0900 hrs 25 Mar 42

QX8536 Pte. LEU L From D Coy to HQ Coy  
 QX7698 L/Cpl PARK J B Coy to HQ Coy No. 4 Pl  
 QX11604 Pte GIRARD V C Coy to HQ Coy No. 4 Pl.

6. SECURITY - CIVILIANS

Despite repeated warnings, it is noticed that Sentries are not displaying sufficient care in keeping natives or civilians at a distance from the Camp Area, or from loitering on the roads through the Camp Area.

Troops will not fraternise with natives nor buy foodstuffs or drink for sale by natives, and any native found in Camp area attempting to sell, will be apprehended.

7. TENT - VALISES

All Tent Valises and Coir peg containers, or any other surplus tent stores will be returned by Coys to RQMS Store forthwith.

8. BOUNDS

The term of HOMS is placed "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all troops.

9. MOTOR CYCLISTS - CARRIER PL

A few vacancies exist in the Carrier Pl for Motor Cyclists. Only personnel with previous experience need apply. Applications to reach HQ Coy Ord Room by 0900 hrs 27 Mar 42.

1.10. AIR MAIL STAMPS

Arrangements have been made to enable personnel so desirous to return any previously purchased Air Mail stamps and have the money refunded. Stamps must be in a good order and condition to be accepted. Collection will be done on a Coy basis and the stamps returned to Postal Cpl.

11. COY CLEANING AREAS

Coys at all times will be responsible for the cleanliness of their own lines.

In addition the following areas will be Coy responsibilities:-

- A Coy - (1) Creek on Northern side of Coy area from position where sig wire crosses.  
(2) Rear (Western & Southern) side of Coy area.
- B Coy - (1) Drains on both sides of Rd in front of Coy area.  
(2) ~~Lower Kitchen~~ and Creek as far as sig wire.  
(3) Southern boundary of BN area.
- C Coy - (1) Area on Western boundary of Coy.  
(2) Drains on both sides of Rd adjacent to Coy.  
(3) Vicinity of Canteen, RAP and BN Pde Ground.
- D Coy - (1) Northern and Eastern boundaries of area.  
(2) Drains on both sides of Rds adjacent to Coys.
- HQ Coy - (1) Rear and Northern boundaries of BN area.  
(2) Drains on both sides of Rd adjacent to Coy area.  
(3) Kitchen and area encompassed by BN HQ, QM, Offrs Mess and Adm Buildings.
- BN HQ - (1) Eastern boundary adjacent to area.  
(2) Vicinity of Sgts Mess.

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by

Lt-Col H W G COLE  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

28 MAR 42

No 89

1. DUTIES:

(a) ORDERLY OFFR - Lieut G. OSBORNE  
 Next for Duty - Lieut J. P. KEYS  
 To follow - Lieut W. ANGUS  
 ORDERLY SGT - QX 953 Sgt MCGILL, P. J.  
 Next for Duty - QX 9594 " DUKE, J. A.  
 To Follow - QX 829 " GIRVAN, J. A.  
 ORDERLY CPL - QX 8691L/Cpl QUINCEY, G. H.  
 Next for Duty - QX 9005 Cpl JAMES, P. F.  
 To Follow - QX 5892L/Cpl CHAMBERLIN, A.

(b) DUTY COY - D Coy  
 Next for Duty - HQ Coy  
 To Follow - A Coy

2. DAMAGE TO CROPS, PROPERTY ETC. - COMPENSATION

Damage to crops will be avoided as far as is possible without totally destroying the tactical value of an exercise. Carriers and MT do most damage and there should seldom occur the necessity to run either vehicle across a standing crop. In many cases it has been noticed that drivers attempt to get further forward with their vehicles than battle conditions would allow rather than force their passenger(s) to walk. This must be discouraged as it is tactically unsound and also results in unnecessary destruction of crops. When grapevines, olive trees etc. are accidentally damaged, all drivers should immediately report the matter to an officer who will notify Lieut GRIMSTONE of the location and extent of the damage. Troops are to be made understand that this method will result in a considerable saving of time as the alternative is to await the receipt of claim from the owner and then establish the authenticity of the claim. Thus no attempt should be made to "cover up" damage without reporting it.

3. BOTTLED LIQUOR

Troops are forbidden to carry bottled liquor in the town of LATTAKIA.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEAVE & PICTURE PARTIES.

Coys will ensure that the following instructions are read to all personnel on leave and attending the pictures:-

- (a) At all times whilst on leave troops must be correctly dressed.
- (b) The need for good conduct by troops will be explained to leave parties.
- (c) All troops will be warned that bad behaviour will be dealt with seriously.
- (d) All men who are absent without leave at Tattoo are to be dealt with summarily.

- (e) Men who have previously proved unreliable whilst on leave should not be included in the parties and the privilege of leave granted to those who merit it.
- (f) Leave privileges will continue only so long as they are not abused.

5. MAISON DOREE

All personnel entering brothel will have their number and unit entered in the record book kept by picquet at the door.

Prophylactic treatment will be given to each soldier before he leaves; No. and Unit will then be entered in Medical Book.

These two record books will be compared when the brothel closes.

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

6. GAMBLING IN PUBLIC OR SEMI-PUBLIC PLACES

1. Members of the AIF are forbidden to congregate in public or semi-public places for the purpose of gambling, either as participants or spectators.
2. Without limiting the definition of gambling, this Order includes in its scope "two-up" and "crown and anchor".
3. Infringements of this Order will be dealt with under Section 40 of the Army Act, offenders being charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

(AIF (ME) ORDER No. 1037)

7. CHURCH PARADE

PROTESTANT Combined Church Parade with 2/17 Bn will be held on the Bn Parade Ground at 0915 hrs on Sunday 29 Mar 42. Bn Parade at 0900 hrs. Marker will report to RSM with the Parade States at 0855 hrs. Duty Coy will provide marker for R.C.s.

R. C. Times for parade similar to above. Service will be held in Recreation Tents.

INTER-COY TRANSFERS

The undermentioned transfers will take effect as from 1700 hrs 27 Mar 42.

QX	Rank	Name	From	To
10445	Pte	ROBERTON, A. L.	A Coy	HQ Coy-No.4 Pl
9534	L/Cpl	MEDDLETON, R. J.	A Coy	do.
5655	Pte	FRASER, E. K.	A Coy	HQ Coy-No.3 Pl
13720	Pte	BYRNE, W.	A Coy	do.
19677	Pte	GROOM, A.	B Coy	do.
11623	Pte	McCLUSKEY, W. J.	D Coy	do.
16555	Pte	HITZKE, V.	D Coy	do.

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NOTICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Tent at 0715 hrs Sunday 29 Mar 42 and again at 1000hrs following Church Parade.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
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by

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COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN.

MAR 42

No. 90

DUTIES

- (a) ORDERLY OFFR -- Lieut. E.F. LUTHER  
 Next for Duty -- Lieut. J. KAY  
 To Follow -- Lieut. W.A. MAHONEY  
 ORDERLY SGT -- QX2380 Sgt. DUTTON.F.  
 Next for Duty -- QX5769 L/Sgt. LANE.H.J.  
 To Follow -- QX5412 Sgt. VAUGHAN.E.F.  
 ORDERLY CPL -- QX7646 Cpl. WALLACE.W.G.  
 Next for Duty -- QX8644 Cpl. PICKERING.A.K.  
 To Follow -- QX5634 Cpl. McLACHLAN.H.F.
- (b) DUTY COY -- B Coy  
 Next for Duty -- C Coy  
 To Follow -- D Coy

HEAD DRESS

Head-dress must be worn by all personnel when on duty, or moving about whether on foot or in vehicles.

TRANSFERS - INTER COY

The following Inter Coy transfer takes effect as from 0900 hrs 31 Mar 42. -  
 QX11746 Pte. COLEMAN.M.G. from D Coy to HQ Coy 3 Pl.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK

DO/12/618 - QX17429 Pte. CRAIG. K R Appointed L/Cpl. 10.3.42

REVERSIONS

DO/12/649 - QX7807 A/Cpl. SMITH.S.C. Reverts to Pte 27.2.42  
 (Tfer to X List)  
 /12/650 - QX9359 A/Cpl. OSTBERG.C.F.B. Reverts to Pte 12.3.42

DISTRIBUTION

The following Distribution List has been amended and shall be known as List "A".

Copy Nos.	1	-	2	A Coy	Copy No.	17	T.O.
	3	-	4	B Coy		18	Q.M.
	5	-	6	C Coy		19	R.M.O.
	7	-	8	D Coy		20	Chaplain
	9	-	10	HQ Coy		21	Canteen Sgt
	11			20 Aust Inf Bde		22	Pay.Sgt
	12			C.O.		23	Offrs Mess
	13			2 i/c.		24	Sgts Mess
	14			Adjt.		25-6	War Diary
	15			I.O.		27	File
	16			OSE		28-30	Spares

for (M.HARLAND) Capt.  
 Adit. 2/15

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Lt-Col. R.W.G. OGLE  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN.

31 MAR 42

No. 91

1. DRESS

- (a) Summer Dress- Shirts and shorts will be worn by all ranks as from 1 Apr 42.
- (b) Between hrs of sunset and sunrise trousers KD must be worn and shirt sleeves buttoned at wrist.
- (c) Personnel on leave or attending entertainments etc will continue to wear FS.

2. STACKING OF P.O.L. CONTAINERS

- (a) All types of P.O.L. containers now in use in MIDEAST, except Jerry-cans and 40/44 - gall. barrels, if stacked upright retain water above the level of the orifice when exposed to rain or snow. There is, therefore, a risk of water infiltration into such containers in localities liable to rain and snowfall, when containers are stacked upright without cover and the caps or bungs do not provide a perfect seal.
- (b) In order to obviate the risk of P.O.L. becoming contaminated by water when stacked exposed to rain and snow, the following procedure will be followed :-
  - (i) 5-gall Lubricating Oil drums, 4-gall Petrol returnable round drums and square cans, with screw bungs, and 2-gall Rectangular Petrol and M.B.C. cans, will be stacked on their sides, with the cap or screw bung uppermost when the container is resting in a horizontal position.
  - (ii) All containers with screw bungs will have bungs tightened up at time of stacking.
  - (iii) Petrol, 4-gall. tins, light; and 5-(American gall.) Lubricating Oil tins both cased and naked, will continue to be stacked upright at all times and in all localities.
- (c) Petrol, 4-gall. tins, light, will be given first priority for all available cover.
- (d) All containers will be loaded into vehicles in an upright position, with cap or screw bung uppermost in accordance with existing practice.

3. AMMUNITION - DEFECTIVE - DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE

- (a) Instances have recently occurred where valuable evidence of possible defects in Ammunition has been lost through demolition of faulty rounds or neglect to retain material evidence for full expert investigation.
- (b) When the behaviour of any ammunition is reported, the rounds or fragments concerned must be retained until definite disposal instructions are issued by R.A.O.C. Exception will only be made when the rounds are in a dangerous condition and it is impossible for them to be left in situ for examination. Package markings will be recorded in all cases.
- (c) The above instructions do not apply to the disposal of "blinds", for which no report or complaint has been submitted. These will be dealt with in the normal manner.

(M. HARLAND) Capt.  
AdjT 2/15 Aust Inf Bn



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or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Commanding Officer *[Signature]*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
LATTAKIA	1		Bn carried out Tactical exercise in attack under Comd Maj RALSTON, to SOUTH along LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI Rd.	
	2	0830	Lecture on mines delivered by an NCO from RE. Bn commenced exercise EL JOZIE area under Comd Lt-Col OGLE, travelling in MT. Practiced embussing and debussing and in attack	see Appdx B
	3		Bn rested in morning in preparation for dawn attack MARHIT area.	" " "
	4		Reveille 0230 hrs. Bn marched to MARHIT area and carried out exercise in dawn attack, returning to camp at 0800 hrs.	
	5		B Coy range practice in afternoon. C Coy range practice. Lt-Col OGLE and Lieut PARKER went to MASSIEF on recce. Lieut C J GRIMSTONE rejoined unit.	
	-		Warning Order to move received.	
	6		D Coy and BHQ range practice. Other Coys on general tng.	see Appdx B
	7		D Coy range practice. Other Coys general tng. Recce party of one Offr and batman from each coy under Maj RALSTON left for 26 Aust Inf Bde area at TRIPOLI	
	8		Morning spent in resting and washing. Maj Grace rejoined unit from Senior Offrs Course.	
		1300	Nucleus party under Capt COBB left camp as part of Tactical Exercise in rearguard actions, for KHRASBO - KHEURBE EL JOZIE area. Bn carried out exercise on way and arrived at KHRASBO at 1630 hrs and bivouaced.	see Appdx B
	9	1730 0330	Nucleus party left for KHEURBE EL JOZIE Bn left KHRASBO in rearguard action exercise and arrived KHEURBE EL JOZIE at 0530 hrs and took up and consolidated defensive posns.	
	10	1315	Marched back to camp.	
	11		C Coy Mortar range. Other Coys General Tng. Bn took part in Bde exercise in attack KANJRA-BAKSA-BISNADA AREA.	see Appdx B

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Army Form C. 2118.

### or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Month and Year Apr 42.

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Commanding Officer *[Signature]*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
LATTAKIA	12		Sports in afternoon. Lt-Col OGLE and Capt HARLAND went to Bde for conference on previous day's exercise.	
	13		Lt-Col OGLE, Maj GRACE, Capt ROSE (RMO), Capt HARLAND, Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH, reced route of proposed march to TRIPOLI and inspected new camp site.	
	14		Bn took part in Bde exercise in attack, KHEURBE EL JOSIE area. Evening meal in field and ferried back to camp by MT at 1900 hrs. Capt SKINNER(QM) and Lieut GEMMELL-SMITH went to TRIPOLI camp site, leaving Lieut ENGLAND and 10 ORs as advance working party. Maj RALSTON returned from TRIPOLI	
	15		Notification received of the following "Mentioned in Despatches (London Gazette Dec.):- Lt-Col OGLE, Lieuts E McN Christie, R.A. Yates, J.F.S. Brown (then Sjt), D.S. Cubitt (Posthumous) Sjt J W Christsen, L/Sjt Newton, Pte J P Dolgner (Posthumous). Tng of 2 snipers from each Coy in Field Work commenced. A Coy Mortar range, other Coys general tng. Lt-Col OGLE and Capt HARLAND attended conference at Bde on previous day's Bde exercise, during the morning. Lt-Col OGLE and Maj GRACE went to KASSAB on recce in afternoon.	
	16		Order to move received. Lieut J F S Brown and 5 ORs rejoined unit from 20 AITB. General tng throughout the day.	see O O Appdx B
	17	0945	Advance party under Capt TOPHAM left for TRIPOLI area Bn spent day striking tents and packing.	
	18	0800	Bn commenced march to TRIPOLI arriving at NAHR EL BOURGHOL (17553760) approx 21 miles at 1630 hrs. 697 men (incl CQMS and cooks who did not march) started - 30 fell out. Day hot and sunny. Bn bathed in stream at evening halt.	See O O Appdx B Ref Map LATTAQUIE-HAMA 1:200000

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Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Commanding Officer *[Signature]*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
LATTAKIA	19	0800	Bn resumed march 682 strong, arriving at beach 16753518= approx 18 miles at 1530 hrs and camped. 72 fell out.	See O O Appdx B Ref Map LATTAQUIE- HAMA 1:200000
	20	0800	Day very hot and no running water at lunch halt to bathe feet. Bn resumed march 668 strong arriving at 16753255 approx 18 miles at 1530 hrs. 46 fell out. Lunch at NAHR EL HAUSSEIN where opportunity to bathe feet in fresh running water. All ranks given opportunity to visit Crusader Church at TARTOUSSE en route. At evening bivouac both fresh and salt water available for bathing and washing clothes. HQ Coy provided Community singing.	
	21	0730	Bn resumed march 661 strong and reached beach near EL ABIB - approx 19 miles at 1530 hrs. 20 fell out. Official notification received of awards of MC to Lieut R A YATES and DCM to CSM J W CHRISTSEN for meritorious conduct at TOBRUCH.	
EL BEDAOUI TRIPOLI FORTRESS	22	0900	Handing over from 2/48 Bn completed at TRIPOLI area. Bn commenced last stage of march 658 strong and arrived EL BEDAOUI in TRIPOLI FORTRESS- approx 16 miles at 1530 hrs. Acting Comd 9 Aust Div, Brig TOVELL and Brig WINDEYER took salute at 1515 hrs as Bn entered perimeter; 2/13 Aust Inf Bn band playing the Bn past the saluting base. CD post at el ABDE ( 9 Aust Div rifle range) taken over with 1 NCO and 6 ORs. A Coy assuming Mobile Role.	
	23		Bn spent day resting and settling in. Lt-Col OGLE liased with 2/2 MG Bn and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and recced C Coy battle posn at EL AMAR.	
	24		Lt-Col OGLE attends conference at Bde on Beach Defence. Movement orders for Mobile Coy and Bn in Mobile role drafted. Coy Comds recced general area.	
	25		Lt-Col OGLE recced Beach Defence area. Coy tng carried out and recces by Comds of general CD posns.	

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Commanding Officer [Signature]

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
EL BEDAOUI	26		ANZAC Service held - with an address by Lieut PARKER.	
TRIPOLI FORTRESS	27		Lt-Col OGLE attends lectures at 9 Aust Div HQ on "German Air Force" by Flying Officer LYONS of RAF, "RUSSIA" by <u>Officer from HQ 9 Army.</u>	
	28		and at night a lecture on the "Syria campaign by Col WELLS (GSO I). Lieut GRAY rejoined unit. Lt-Col OGLE reced Beach Defence Schemes with Coy Comds.	
			Tactical exercise carried out at KLEIATE Aerodrome 2100 - 2400 hrs by A Coy in Mobile role. Bn Stood to.	
	30		Lt-Col OGLE went to TOURBOL and 2/17 Bn on general recce re Anti-paratroop defence role. Capt Suthers rejoined unit. Lieut LUTHER evacuated to ADS.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt.-Col. R.W.G. OGLE  
COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN.

2 APR 42

No. 92

1. DUTIES

- (a) ORDERLY OFFR - Lieut. G.V. HELM  
 Next for Duty - Lieut. R.G. JENKINSON  
 To Follow - Lieut. H.M. DOUGLAS  
 ORDERLY SGT - QX5098 Sgt. DUELL. J.R.  
 Next for Duty - QX8657 Sgt. CUSKELLY. J.H.  
 To Follow - QX2385 A/Sgt. MEAD. H.A.  
 ORDERLY CPL - QX8222 A/Cpl. GREEN. P.H.  
 Next for Duty - QX5383 Cpl. CRAN. A.  
 To Follow - QX10732A/Cpl. L'ESTRANGE. R.S.
- (b) DUTY COY - HQ Coy  
 Next for Duty - A Coy  
 To Follow - B Coy.

2. TRANSFERS - INTER COY

The following Inter Coy transfers take effect as from 0900 hrs 3 Apr 42 :-

QX15533	Pte. SMITH. A.	C Coy	to	BN HQ
QX8514	Pte. LOUDON. A.K.M.D.	D Coy	to	C Coy
QX8221	Pte. GILMORE. A.J.	A Coy	to	HQ Coy No.6 Pl
QX6820	Pte. ROBINSON. W.J.	B Coy	to	HQ Coy No.6 Pl
QX8047	Pte. PERRY. R.	C Coy	to	HQ Coy No.3 Pl.

3. CHURCH PARADE

General Church Parade with 2/17 BN will be held on the BN Parade Ground at 0915 hrs on Sunday 5 Apr 42.  
 BN Parade at 0900 hrs.  
 Marker will report to the RSM with the Parade States at 0855 hrs.  
 Duty Coy will provide marker for R.Cs.

R.C. - Times for parade similar to above. Service will be held in the olive grove between 2/15 BN and 2/17 BN lines.

*Marker*  
 (M. HARLAND) Capt.  
 Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICESCHURCH SERVICES

On Good Friday 3 Apr 42, a voluntary service will be held in recreational tent commencing at 0930 hrs.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Recreational Tent at ~~0915 hrs~~ Sunday 5 Apr and again at 1000 hrs following Church Parade.

O.P.D. - The Presbyterian Chaplain will hold Communion Service at 1115 hrs in Recreational Tent.

RECREATIONAL TENT

The Recreational Tent is out of bounds to all ranks before 1000 hrs daily.

The sum of Lsy.30 was contributed by personnel of this BN towards the cost of memorial carpet placed in Armenian Church ALEPPO.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

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COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN

5 APR 42

No. 93

1. DUTIES

(a)	ORDERLY OFFR	-	Lieut. C.W. HEATLEY
	Next for Duty	-	Lieut. D.B. WEIR
	To Follow	-	Lieut. I.D.V. QUIGLEY
	ORDERLY SGT	-	QX2992 A/Sgt. HANSEN. L.O.
	Next for Duty	-	QX5150 A/Sgt. HOLE. G.A.
	To Follow	-	QX8706 L/Sgt. McDONALD. K.B.
	ORDERLY CPL	-	QX8677 L/Cpl. BAXTER. V.L.
	Next for Duty	-	QX10535 L/Cpl. KLING. A.C.
	To Follow	-	QX6576 Cpl. CLARKE. A.
	Orderly	-	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
(b)	DUTY COY	-	C Coy
	Next for Duty	-	D Coy
	To Follow	-	HQ Coy

2. USE OF WATER FOR DRINKING

It is reported that troops have been drinking water from creeks and other unauthorised sources. These creeks run through native villages and are therefore contaminated with human and animal excreta as everyone should have noticed on passing through the area. This water is therefore liable to be a carrier of Dysentery, both amoebic and bacillary, also typhoid and occasionally cholera. Bacillary dysentery is a type commonly experienced; amoebic dysentery may cause death or invalidism for life. Many cases were contracted last summer in Syria with consequent unnecessary illness and loss of man power.

Troops may wash but will not drink from any unauthorised source. Officers and NCOs must see that this order is carried out rigidly and offenders dealt with.

3. UNAUTHORISED ROUTES

Troops will at all times follow the regular route when moving to or from BOUKA MONASTERY and not jump over the wall or move through the olive trees and vineyard as a short cut.

Disciplinary action is to be taken against any person who disregards the instructions in this matter.

4. TENT SIDES

Will normally be rolled back every day. During wet weather or heavy winds, permission may be obtained to leave the tent sides down, but on all other occasions sides will be rolled during ADM PDE.

5. INTER COY TRANSFERS

The following Inter Coy transfers took effect as from yesterday, 3 Apr 42. :-

QX22067	Pte. COLLINS. M.W..	from HQ Coy	to C Coy
QX7505	Pte. ROWE. J.R.	do	do

*M. Harland*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

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COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

8 Apr 42

No. 9

1. DUTIES

(a) ORDERLY OFFICER	QX 14802	Lieut	C. J. GRIMSTONE
Next for Duty	QX 11366	"	J. W. CUNNINGHAM
To follow	QX 6019	"	R. F. ENGLAND
( ) ORDERLY SGT	QX 8706	L/Sgt	McDONALD K. B.
Next for Duty	QX 831	Sgt	NEAL E. J.
To follow	QX 2380	"	DUTTON F.
ORDERLY CPL	QX 6576	Cpl	CLARKE A.
Next for Duty	QX 19599	L/Cpl	PRIOR S. J. B.
To follow	QX 8183	Cpl	COLLINS N. H. C.
(b) Duty Coy	HQ Coy		
Next for Duty	A Coy		
To follow	B Coy		

2. ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES

The following special individual measures will be adopted immediately:-

- (a) Between sundown and sunrise all exposed portions of the body must be protected.
  - (i) Sleeves of shirts will be worn down.
  - (ii) Trousers (not shorts) will be worn.
  - (iii) Personnel necessarily on duty will wear mosquito veils and gloves, or use mosquito ointment (dover's cream)
- (b) All personnel MUST sleep under sandfly nets.
- (c) Sentries and personnel on duty will be issued with mosquito nets and gloves, the use of which must be rigidly enforced. Where these stores are not available in sufficient quantities, mosquito ointment must be applied. (Application at approx one hour intervals is necessary)
- (d) Huts and tents will be sprayed frequently.

All Coy Comds will take action to enforce anti-malarial discipline.

3. BOUKA ORPHANAGE- MOVEMENT OF M.T.

Vehicles will NOT enter BOUKA MONASTERY other than vehicles on charge to C.R.S.

Personnel will debuss on main road and be marched in by Officer or NCO.

4. AACS- BEIRUT

(a) The following A.A.C.S. establishments in BEIRUT have been taken over by E.F.I. :-

AIF Officers Club.

Other Ranks Canteen and Restuarant.

(b) Although facilities will be available for AIF officers and ORs, it will be realised that the same rights and privileges previously exercised by AIF cannot now apply.

(c) All personnel will be specifically informed of the changed status and conditions under which the Club and Canteen are managed. All ranks must realise that the establishments are no longer AIF property, and that their use by AIF personnel will be on the basis of visitors to whom E.F.I. are extending the utmost facilities.

(d) AIF control of the Hotel METROPOLE will be retained for the present.

## ARMS- RETENTION OF NON-SERVICE TYPES:

(1) All members of AIF are forbidden to have any arms, weapons or ammunition other than W.D. Service types unless they are in possession of a certificate signed by the C.O. of this unit, authorising the retention of such weapons.

(2) The C.O. is authorized to sign such certificates only when:-  
(i) exigencies of the service require the member should be armed with a weapon not of service type.  
(ii) the weapon is personal property obtained from a legitimate source, or  
(iii) is unserviceable and its only value is as a souvenir.

(3) In the case of sub-para.(ii), these arms are to be held only in addition to, and not in lieu of, W.D. issue.

(4) All ranks will hand in all arms and weapons for which a certificate is not granted, by 0900 hrs 11 Apr 42 to unit QM Store.

(5) This order will be read on parade twice monthly.

(6) The certificate will be in the following form:-

No.	Rank	Name	Unit
		is authorised to be in possession of	(Private property
		(full description of weapon) as	(A souvenir
			(A weapon

(7) All ranks will therefore make application for a certificate, if applicable, to Bn HQ before the date mentioned in para 4.

## 6. USE OF FIELD FIRING RANGES

When Coys use ranges in the open country for firing S.A., 2" and 3" Mortars, grenades etc, the following precautions will be taken:

(1) An officer must be present at the firing mound or firing points.

(2) The area will be patrolled by a small patrol under an NCO prior to the practice. This is to ensure that all natives and animals are clear of the area where projectiles will fall.

(3) Standing piquets will be provided during the whole progress of the practice. Duties will be to watch all approaches (whether by track or over open country) and prevent civilians or animals moving into the target area.

(4) In the event of "dud" mortar bombs, immediately cease firing and mark the position of the bomb by a flag or stick planted in the ground adjacent to the bomb. At the completion of the exercise, all such "duds" are to be destroyed on the spot by using gelignite. This may be carried out by the Pioneer Officer, G (R) Officer, RSM, Pioneer Sgt, G (R) Sgt. Grenades will NOT be used for the destruction of "dud" mortar bombs as the 4 sec fuse renders this operation dangerous.

## 7. INTER-COY TRANSFERS:

The following transfers will take effect at once.

QX 15390	Pte	SMITH,	L.A.F.	A Coy	to	HQ Coy, No. 4 Pl
QX 10834	"	KUMMERFIELD	E.W.	A Coy	to	do.
QX 7659	"	WEBB,	H.G.	B Coy	to	do.
QX 11638	"	Day,	S.A.	B Coy	to	do.
QX 13014	"	BASON,	T.F.	B Coy	to	do.
QX 1750	"	BAILEY,	G.G.	B Coy	to	do.
QX 13000	"	PARKER,	H.G.	C Coy	to	do.
QX 8057	"	WARDROP,	N.D.	C Coy	to	do.

*M. Harland*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt  
Adjt, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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by

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COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN11 APR 42

No. 95

1. DUTIES

- |     |               |                                |
|-----|---------------|--------------------------------|
| (a) | ORDERLY OFFR  | Lieut. J. KAY                  |
|     | Next for Duty | Lieut. N. L. HARPAM            |
|     | To Follow     | Lieut. W. G. MURISON           |
|     | ORDERLY SGT   | QX5769 L/Sgt. LANE. H. J.      |
|     | Next for Duty | QX5412 Sgt. VAUGHAN. E. E.     |
|     | To Follow     | QX5911 L/Sgt. WRIGHT. V. H. E. |
|     | ORDERLY CPL   | QX5614 Cpl. O'BRIEN. C. M.     |
|     | Next for Duty | QX3196 A/Cpl. DOYLE. T. L.     |
|     | To Follow     | QX5614 Cpl. SPENCE. L. J.      |
| (b) | DUTY COY      | C Coy                          |
|     | Next for Duty | D Coy                          |
|     | To Follow     | HQ Coy                         |

2. CHURCH PARADE

General Church Parade with 2/17 BN will be held on the BN Parade Ground at 0915 hrs on Sunday 12 Apr 42. BN Parade at 0900 hrs. Marker will report to the RSM with the Parade States at 0855 hrs. Duty Coy will provide marker for R.C.'s.

R.C. - Times for parade similar to above. Service will be held in the olive groves between 2/15 BN and 2/17 BN lines.

3. FRONT SEAT ACCOMMODATION - AIF VEHICLES

- (a) Only one person and the driver will occupy the front of any Australian Military Motor Vehicle with the exception of cars and light vans fitted with gear change on the steering column.
- (b) In the case where the driver of an Australian Military Motor Vehicle commits a breach of these orders, and an Officer or soldier senior to the driver is travelling in the vehicle, the officer or senior soldier may be charged with "permitting" the offence. Should the officer or soldier senior to the driver be charged with "permitting" the offence the driver will not be charged with committing the offence.

*Harland*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Recreational Tent at 0715 hrs on Sunday 12 Apr, and again at 1000 hrs following the Church Parade.

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by

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COMD. 2/15 AUST INF BN

13 APR 42

No. 96

1. DUTIES

(a)	ORDERLY OFFR	-	Lieut. W.G. MURISON
	Next for Duty	-	Lieut. A.P. BEATTY
	To Follow	-	Lieut. W.A. FERGUSON
	ORDERLY SGT	-	QX5911 L/Sgt. WRIGHT, V.H.E
	Next for Duty	-	QX 829 Sgt. GIRVAN, J.A.
	To Follow	-	QX 824 Sgt. BARBAT, A.J.
	ORDERLY CPL	-	QX5614 Cpl. SPENCE, L.J.
	Next for Duty	-	QX5573 L/Cpl. CHAMBERLIN, A.
	To Follow	-	QX7945 L/Cpl. COLOMBUS, A.S.
(b)	DUTY COY	-	HQ Coy
	Next for Duty	-	A Coy
	To Follow	-	B Coy.

2. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION OF RANKS

DO/13/657	QX 853	Cpl. CARSON, K.S.	Promoted A/Sgt. 19.3.42
13/658	QX5150	Cpl. HOLE, G.A.	do do
13/659	QX10440	Cpl. MCKENZIE, H A	do
13/660	QX12144	Pte. DOBBS, C.J.	Promoted A/Cpl. 19.3.42
13/661	QX8222	Pte. GREEN, P.H.	do
13/662	QX10502	Pte. SORENSEN, G.H.	do
13/663	QX20114	Pte. SLATYER, G.	do
13/664	QX7672	Pte. de LACY, N.	Apptd L/Cpl. 19.3.42
DO/14/742	QX5639	A/Cpl. POWER, F.C.	Rank Confirmed 13.2.42
14/743	QX5641	A/Cpl. SPENCE, L.J.	do

3. REVERSIONS

DO/14/774	QX8158	A/Cpl. HURST, E.	Reverts to Pte (tfer to X List 4.3.42
14/775	QX8110	A/Cpl. ANDERSON, A.1.	do 27.3.42

4. TRADE GROUPINGS

DO/14/777	QX10982	Pte. JAKEMAN, W.	Grading Gp. II Confirmed 21.3.42
14/778	QX8221	Pte. GILMORE, J.H.	Graded A/Gp. II 21.3.42
14/779	QX6820	Pte. ROBINSON, W.J.	do
14/780	QX6933	Pte. JOLLIFFE, J.B.	Graded Gp. III 1.3.42
14/781	QX9573	Pte. MILLER, C.V.	Graded Gp. III 25.3.42
14/782	QX12403	Pte. JENNINGS, V.	Relinquished Gp. II. 27.3.42
DO/13/736	QX20723	Pte. DAVIES, W.L.	Graded Gp. II. 1.3.42
13/737	QX8222	Pte. GREEN, P.H.	Relinquished Gp. III 18.3.42
13/738	QX12144	Pte. DOBBS, C.J.	do
13/739	QX6935	Pte. MCCARTHY, J.J	Relinquished Gp. II. 21.3.42
13/740	QX11240	Pte. OAKHILL, C.O.W	do

5. LEAVE

NO leave (including Picture Parties) will be granted to LATTAQUIE until further notice.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt.-Col R.W.G. OGIE  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

23 APR 42

No. 97

1. DUTIES

- |                  |   |                              |
|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| (a) ORDERLY OFFR | - | Lieut G.V. HELM              |
| Next for Duty    | - | Lieut H.G. CHILDS            |
| ORDERLY SGT      | - | QX 5911 L/Sgt WRIGHT, V.H.E. |
| Next for Duty    | - | QX 842 Sgt SHRAPNEL, G.S.    |
| ORDERLY CPL      | - | QX 6646 Cpl WILSON, R.F.     |
| Next for Duty    | - | QX 7641 L/Cpl MARTIN, R.     |
|                  |   |                              |
| (b) DUTY COY     | - | HQ Coy                       |
| Next for Duty    | - | B Coy                        |

2. PRESERVATION OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

All ranks must understand the importance of preserving the clothing and equipment on issue to them. Since the entry of JAPAN into the war, her occupation of countries from which we receive vital raw materials and the difficulties associated with the maintenance of shipping lanes, has made it even more necessary for us to economize in materials than previously. Every small tear in a uniform must be immediately repaired by the man himself - every button which falls off must be sewn on without delay. The equipment and uniform must not be allowed to become unserviceable by neglect of minor repairs. Pl Comds will conduct regular inspections of clothing and equipment within their pls to ensure that this order is being complied with.

3. PREVENTION OF FLY-BORNE DISEASE

All Coy Comds will ensure that tps are warned against throwing refuse of any kind on the ground. This includes fruit peelings, papers and food scraps.

Tps will be warned against the practice of putting mess tins out in the sun to dry. After use mess tins should be covered until again required.

NO food will be left exposed in tents or elsewhere.

Tents will be sprayed daily with flysol.

Tps will be warned of the necessity for strict latrine discipline and for keeping refuse tins covered.

Coy Comds will ensure that all offr and NCOs fully understand the nature of these precautions and the need for them, and will take disciplinary action in cases where they are not observed.

4. COURTS MARTIAL

All officers attending Courts Martial will wear authorised summer dress only. Pistols will be worn.

5. CLUTCH DISC FAILURE

The practice of coasting vehicles downhill with the clutch disengaged and the transmission in gear is bad driving, and is liable to cause serious damage to the clutch. The attention of all MT drivers is drawn to this and the practice must cease forthwith.

6. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS:

(a) In the event of any accident, premature explosion, serious misfire or hangfire occurring with any type of ammunition in any weapon, a signal will be sent by the O.C. concerned immediately to General Headquarters, Middle East, vide para 759 Section VII of Kings Regulations 1935 stating:-

- (i) Location of Unit.
- (ii) Nature of accident.
- (iii) Calibre, type of weapon, registered number of piece.
- (iv) Type of ammunition lot and date of manufacture.
- (v) Fuse, primer, etc as applicable. Also lot number, date of filling etc.

(b) The signal will be followed as soon as possible by full details as per pro forma hereunder, together with a brief report on the accident.

(c) Fragments of ammunition found after a premature explosion will be sent with the report.

(d) If a Court of Inquiry is ordered to assemble to investigate the occurrence, the time and place of assembly will also be notified to D.D.O.S. of the nearest Corps, or to the A.D.O.S. of Formation, who will arrange for an Ordnance Technical Officer to attend the Court.

(e) Similar action will be taken by COs in the event of any explosion or fire affecting ammunition or explosives in store on their charge.

PRO FORMA

REPORT ON ACCIDENT OR PREMATURE EXPLOSION WITH AMMUNITION

Station ..... Unit .....

Nature of Accident  
 (i.e. premature, misfire Etc).....  
 Type of Weapon .....  
 Reg. No. of Piece .....  
 Calibre (Where applicable) .....

AMMUNITION

Type .....  
 Lot No .....  
 Date of Manufacture .....  
 Fuze No ..... Mk. .... Lot No.....  
 Date of Filling .....  
 Primer No..... Mk..... Lot No.....  
 (as applicable) Date of Filling .....  
 Type of tube (PSA etc) ..... Mk ..... Lot No.....  
 (as applicable) Date of filling .....

REMARKS

7. BOUNDS:

The following Cafes and Bars are 'IN BOUNDS'.

(a) TRIPOLI -

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Floride Cafe and Bar | Star Bar                  |
| Aussie Bar and Cafe  | Baby Tea Room             |
| Refuge Bar           | Patisserie Moderne        |
| The Diggers Home Bar | Restuarant New Patisserie |
| Ajamis Tea Room      | Amoynie and Hadid         |
| Kookaburra Bar       | Golden Cup                |
| Casino Tripoli       | Antoni's Kayrouz          |
| Egyptian Bar         | Hakins Bar and Restuarant |
| Panama Restuarant    | Kardens Bros              |
| Oriental Patisserie  | Middle East Allies Bar    |
| Jallad Bar           | Australians Bar           |

- (b) QOUBBE (The area immediately surrounding LEGOULT and DE GAULLE Barracks)

Bar & Restuarant Carrillion Bar	and Restuarant Sans Pariel
Victory Restuarant & Bar	Alex Bar
De Nice Bar & Restuarant	Bar Marie Crothcelet
Australian Bar	The Red Hen Bar
Bar Quick.	

- (c) All other Cafes and Bars are placed out of Bounds.

- (d) The canteen of the Coastal Bty which is situated SOUTH of this units area is OUT OF BOUNDS to all tps from this unit, unless special permission is obtained.

8. SMUGGLING OF HASHISH.

- (a) It is known that large sums of money are offered to drivers of military vehicles to smuggle hashish, possibly under the guise of something else, into EGYPT.
- (b) Rewards will be given to any NCO or man giving information which leads to the arrest of a hashish dealer.
- (c) Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any man caught attempting to smuggle the drug.

9. WASTAGE OF PETROL:

1. Considerable wastage of petrol is incurred through:-
- (a) Filling vehicle tanks from pumps at a rate which causes air locks and overflowing.
- (b) Drivers of vehicles insisting upon their vehicle tanks being filled to overflowing both at pumps and from containers.
2. The driver is responsible for supervising the refueling of his vehicle. A reasonable degree of care will obviate all losses from too-rapid filling from pumps. Filling vehicle tanks to overflowing is deliberate waste.

10. PUNISHMENTS BY COURT MARTIAL:-

The following punishments awarded by Courts Martial held recently under direction of HQ 9 Aust Div are published for information.

- (a) A private soldier convicted of AWL, striking another private soldier, striking a superior officer, resisting an escort and discharging his rifle without sufficient cause was sentenced to 120 days detention.
- (b) A private soldier convicted of leaving his post before he was regularly relieved was sentenced to 40 days detention.
- (c) A private soldier convicted of striking his superior officer and resisting an escort was sentenced to 60 days detention.
- (d) A warrant officer (class 11) convicted of being found out of bounds was sentenced to be reduced to the rank of serjeant and to be severely reprimanded.
- (e) A corporal convicted of AWL and when in open arrest escaping was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 60 days detention.
- (f) A private soldier convicted of AWL, failing to appear at a place of parade and losing by neglect his clothing was sentenced to 60 days detention.
- (g) A private soldier convicted of striking his superior officer was sentenced to 50 days detention.
- (h) Two private soldiers each convicted of receiving public property (one motor tyre) knowing it to have been stolen were each sentenced to 90 days detention.

- (i) A private soldier convicted of S.I.W. was sentenced to 90 days detention.
- (j) A Private soldier convicted of striking his superior officer was sentenced to 60 days detention.
- (k) A private soldier convicted of striking his superior officer and resisting an escort was sentenced to 160 days detention.
- (l) A private soldier convicted of leaving his post before he was regularly relieved was sentenced to 60 days detention.

#### 11. BATTERIES, GASKETS AND SPARKING PLUGS:

1. Owing to the need for rigorous economy, installations have been set up for the repair and remaking of batteries, gaskets and sparking plugs.
2. All repairable and unserviceable stores of these types will be carefully packed and returned to the Ordnance Field Park or Depot from which replacements were issued.
3. Ordnance Field Parks and Ordnance Depots will return these items to 6 Advanced Ordnance Depot for repair and remaking in "B" Base Ordnance Workshops.
4. It is essential when replacements are made by the issue of serviceable stores that immediate action be taken to return an equal quantity of the repairable or unserviceable stores to the Issuing Ordnance Field Park or Depot. If the stores are not available for return, a Certificate will be rendered to this HQ stating the reasons.

#### 12. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

1. In terms of Army Act 175 and 176 all non-enlisted persons who are employed by, or in the service of, any troops and all persons who are followers of or accompany any troops are subject to Military Law.
2. The above will be brought to the notice of all civilians employed by the Forces in any capacity and all such civilians will be required to complete the proforma below:-

"I understand that when employed by, or in the service of, or accompany His Majesty's Forces now on active service I become subject to Military Law under the Army Act.

Place ..... Signature .....

Date ..... Witnessed by .....

#### 13. WHAT HAPPENS TO UNATTENDED VEHICLES.

A Ford Utility Car recently broke down on the ALEXANDRIA - CAIRO Road. The driver left it unattended but took the precaution of removing all loose fittings. On arrival in CAIRO he immediately reported the matter. By the time the car could be recovered the following articles had been stripped from it:-

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Radiator.                    | 4 Body Window Glasses.  |
| 2 Radiator Top Hoses           | 2 Windscreens.          |
| 1 Generator.                   | 4 Inside Door Handles.  |
| 1 Carburetter                  | 2 Outside Door Handles. |
| 1 Air Cleaner                  | 1 Rear Seat.            |
| 1 Distributor.                 | 2 Dornelights.          |
| 1 Coil and Condensor           | 3 Window Blinds.        |
| 1 HT Lead Assembly             | 1 Front Bumper.         |
| 1 Battery                      | 2 Headlamp Glasses.     |
| 2 Battery cables               | 2 Headlamps             |
| 1 Wheel, Tyre & Tube, complete |                         |

DON'T IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES LEAVE A VEHICLE UNATTENDED

**14. SALVAGE OF WASTE OIL:**

1. There are three main grades of oil other than petrol and A.G.O. in general use in the Army:-

- (a) Engine Oil (M.160 and M.220)
- (b) Gear and Axle Oil (C.600)
- (c) Furnace Fuel, Diesel or Pan Oil.

(a) and (b) are MT Oils supplied entirely from abroad. (c) is produced locally and costs only about one-third of the present market price in EGYPT of waste M.T. Oil.

2. It has now been decided in order to economise in shipping space, waste MT Oils will be handed over to Oil Refining Companies for re-generation and re-issue for further use.

3. Therefore, the use of waste MT Oils for sanitary, cooking and other purposes will cease forthwith:-

- (a) In Base and L. of C. Areas where fuel Oil should always be available from DIDs on demand.
- (b) In Forward Areas, if Fuel is obtainable.

4. The procedure for recovery of waste MT Oils is as follows:-

- (a) All waste MT Oils will be collected and handed over either direct to Salvage Depots or Units via Petrol Depots in empty returning transport.
- (b) Waste Engine and Gear Oil will be collected in separate containers. A mixture of the two grades cannot be successfully regenerated, and would therefore present a complete waste of effort.
- (c) Waste engine oils from sumps will be collected in empty drums which have previously contained M.160 or M.220
- (d) Waste gear and axle oils will be collected together in drums which have previously contained C.600.
- (e) Drums containing used oils will be securely stoppered, and the greatest care must be taken to distinguish between

- i. Drums of new MT Oils.
- ii. Drums of waste Mt Oil.
- iii. Drums of fuel oil.

5. The above order will be explained personally to all ranks handling oils for MT, sanitary, cooking and other purposes. Disciplinary action will be taken in every case where these orders are not complied with.

6. It may be explained that if only one-tenth of the oil issued to the Army in the Middle East is recovered, regenerated and re-used, over a million gallons of new oil will be saved in one year, resulting in a corresponding saving in shipping space and risk to sailors' lives.

**15. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS.**

1. Petrol tins are now being issued packed singly in wooden crates.
2. The tin is NOT to be withdrawn from these crates, which are to be returned with the tin.
3. Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col R W G OGLE.  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

25 Apr 42

No. 98

1. DUTIES:

- |     |               |    |                              |
|-----|---------------|----|------------------------------|
| (a) | Orderly Offr  | -- | Lieut. J.F.S. BROWN          |
|     | Next for Duty | -- | Lieut. G. OSBORNE            |
|     | To Follow     | -- | Lieut. H.M. DOUGLAS          |
|     | Orderly Sgt   | -- | QX 2992 Sgt HANSEN, L.O.     |
|     | Next for Duty | -- | QX 853 A/Sgt CARSON, K.S.    |
|     | To Follow     | -- | QX 5926 A/Sgt COCKBURN, C.K. |
|     | Orderly Cpl   | -- | QX 8644 Cpl PICKERING, A.K.  |
|     | Next for Duty | -- | QX 3210 Cpl PESKETT, D.G.    |
|     | To Follow     | -- | QX 1928 L/Cpl ANNING, J.M.   |
|     | Bn Runner (1) | -- | To be detailed by Duty Coy.  |
| (b) | Duty Coy      | -- | C Coy                        |
|     | Next for Duty | -- | D Coy                        |
|     | To Follow     | -- | HQ Coy                       |

2. CHURCH PARADE:

- (a) General Church Pde with 'B' Ech 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, 'B' Echelon 2/17 Aust Inf Bn and HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will be held on Bn Pde Ground at 0900 hrs, Sunday 26 Apr 42.  
Markers will report to RSM with Pde States at 0840 hrs.
- (b) R.C. Church Pde will be held in Recreation Tent 2/15 Aust Inf Bn lines at 1000 hrs, Sunday 26 Apr 42.
- (c) DRESS.- Shorts, shirts, stockings, boots and gaiters, hats KF (turned up). Belts waist W.E. and sidearms will be worn.

3. ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE:

ANZAC DAY 1942 will be officially observed on Sunday 26 Apr 42.

(Vide AIF ME ORDER 1068)

4. HONOURS and AWARDS:

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East for the period February 1941 to July 1941.

M.C.

QX 6223 Capt Wilton Winstanley COBB.

MENTIONS in DISPATCHES

Lt-Col R W G OGLE,  
Lieut E.McN. CHRISTIE,  
Lieut R.A. YATES,  
QX 6934 Sgt BROWN, J.F.S.  
QX 6940 Sgt CHRISTSEN, J.W.  
QX 5694 L/Sgt NEWTON, R  
QX 8629 Pte DOLGNER, J.F. (Posthumous)

4 (a) DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT:

It has been directed by the G.O.C. in C. (ME) that the Distinguished Conduct of the undermentioned soldier be recorded:-



4 (a) Contd

"In that he, by his effort, performed in the face of personal danger prevented a fire from spreading to adjoining property, with the result that no damage to W D property or injury to personnel was sustained."

QX 6604 Pto CONAGHAN, C.J.

(Vide 9 Aust Div RO para 234)

5. BOUNDS:

The village of EL BEDAOUI is 'OUT OF BOUNDS' to all troops both by day and by night. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

6. CIVILIANS & NATIVES:

It is brought to the notice of all troops that dealing with natives or civilians is forbidden.

Civilians or natives WILL NOT BE PERMITTED within the camp boundaries unless in possession of a pass and all sentries, guards and prowler picquets are warned that it is neglect of duty to permit these civilians or natives to move through the camp area or along the road running through the camp.

Natives engaged on Camp works are in possession of a pass with a relative number. These will be checked by sentries and if any doubt exists will be referred to this HQ.

7. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS:

Coys will ensure that when BALL AMN is issued to Prowlers or Guards that indiscriminate discharging of firearms is strictly forbidden as this will endanger the lives of tps in this area. Should BALL AMN be expended at any time, a written report will be submitted to this HQ as soon as possible after the episode stating the circumstances involved.

8. DENTAL TREATMENT:

Coys will submit to RAP by 1100 hrs 27 Apr 42 a list of personnel requiring Dental Treatment. List will be prepared under following headings:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Plate (Repair or New)</u>	<u>Extractions</u>	<u>Fillings</u>
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DISTRIBUTION -

List 'A'  
'B' Echelon 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

C. of E. Holy Communion will be held in Recreation Tent, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn lines at 0700 hrs, Sunday 26 Apr 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col R W G OGLE.  
COMD 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

27 Apr 42

No. 99

1. DUTIES: Commencing Tuesday 28 Apr 42
- (a)
- |               |   |                            |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|
| ORDERLY OFFR  | - | Lieut E F LUTHER           |
| Next for Duty | - | Lieut G BANNISTER.         |
| To Follow     | - | Lieut D B WEIR.            |
| ORDERLY SGT   | - | QX 2380 Sgt DUTTON, F.     |
| Next for Duty | - | QX 5769 L/Sgt LANE, H.J.   |
| To Follow     | - | QX 5412 Sgt VAUGHAN, E.E.  |
| ORDERLY CPL   | - | QX 8560 L/Cpl JORY, W.R.   |
| Next for Duty | - | QX 8336 Cpl McNEALE, J.P.  |
| To Follow     | - | QX 5622 A/Cpl CLARKE, L.W. |
| Bn Runner (1) | - | To be detailed by Duty Coy |
- (b)
- |               |   |        |
|---------------|---|--------|
| DUTY COY      | - | B Coy. |
| Next for Duty | - | C Coy. |
| To Follow     | - | D Coy. |
2. BOUNDS: The village of MADJLAYA is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all tps.
3. LAUNDRY:
- (a) In order to reduce the number of natives in the vicinity of the camp, the Field Security Service has been requested to approve five washerwomen (one per Coy) and passes authorising these women to collect washing from the camp will be issued on 28 Apr 42. A similar pass will be issued to one person in respect of B Ech washing. The names of authorised personnel will be notified to Coys by 28 Apr.
- (b) From 27 Apr 42 no washing will be given to any other person.
- (c) The women to whom passes are issued will NOT be allowed to enter the camp area. Washing will be handed over and collected at the sentry post at the Southern end of the main camp rd.
4. PREVENTION OF LOITERING BY CIVILIANS:
- (a) An order is now in force prohibiting natives or other civilians from loitering within 100 yds of the boundaries of any camp. It is the duty of all Tps to move any civilians disregarding this order. If they refuse to go away or are found persistently loitering within 100 yds of the camp, they will be placed in the Gd compound and the action taken will be immediately reported to Bn HQ.
- (b) This prohibition applies to barbers, bootblacks and all other non-military personnel.
5. CAR PARK - H.Q. 9 AUST DIV.
- (a) Visitors car park at HQ 9 Aust Div is for the use of vehicles conveying personnel to the HQ on duty.
- (b) Vehicles conveying troops into TRIPOLI on leave will not be left on this park.

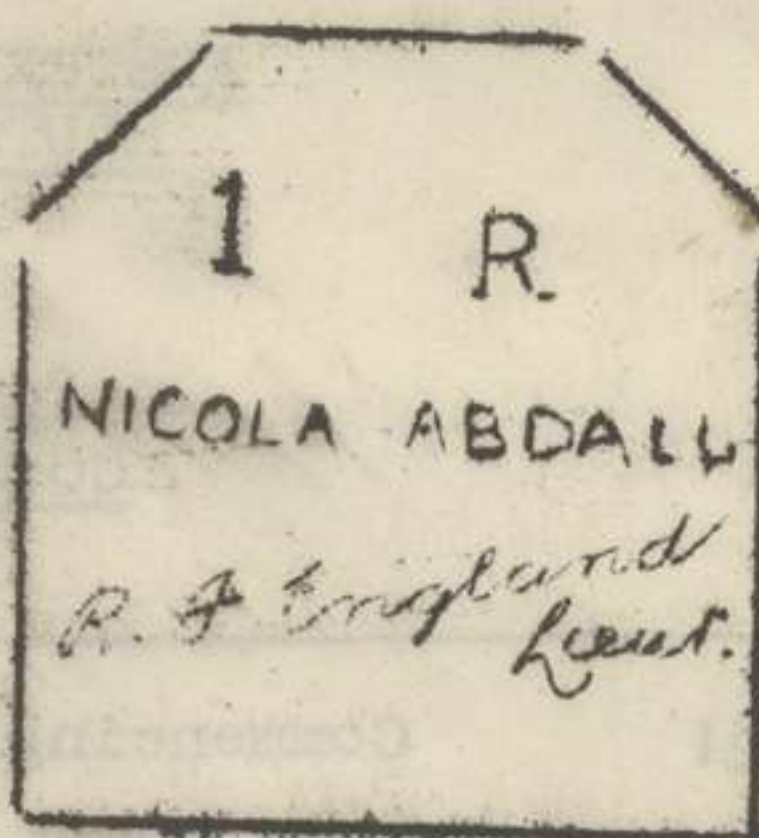
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**6. CIVILIAN AND NATIVE PASSES:**

A facsimile of the pass issued by this unit to natives employed on defence works within the unit boundary is reproduced for information

The pass is of cardboard and shows:

- (a) The individual roll number (1)
- (b) Labour classification (R)
- (c) Name.
- (d) Offrs Signature.



The pass is collected each day at the termination of the days work. NO OTHER PASS will be recognised.

**7. APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK:**

DO 15/785	- QX	6940	Sgt	CHRISTSEN, J.W.	Promoted to WO II	1.3.42
15/786	- QX	11448	Pte	BELL, A.G.	Promoted Cpl	25.3.42
15/787	- QX	8552	Pte	TRAILL, V.G.	Promoted A/Cpl	21.3.42
16/836					Cpl confirmed	1.4.42
16/834	- QX	2992	A/Sgt	HANSEN, L.O.	Sgt confirmed	1.4.42
16/835	- QX	8041	A/Cpl	DONOVAN, E.D.	Cpl confirmed	1.4.42
16/837	- QX	8677	L/Cpl	BAXTER, V.L.	Promoted to Cpl	1.1.42
16/838	- QX	9382	L/Cpl	SMALES, D.	Promoted to Cpl	6.4.42
16/839	- QX	5911	Cpl	WRIGHT, V.H.E.	Apptd L/Sgt	5.4.42
16/840	- QX	8682	Pte	WHITE, J.C.	Apptd L/Cpl	1.4.42
16/841	- QX	19599	Pte	PRIOR, S.J.B.	Apptd L/Cpl	7.4.42

**8. REVERSIONS:**

DO 16/877	- QX	19599	A/Cpl	PRIOR S.J.B.	Reverted to Pte	6.4.42
/878	- QX	9714	Sgt	GRIMSHAW, H.	Reverted to Cpl (at own request)	10.4.42
/879	- QX	7690	Cpl	TAYLOR J.F.	Reverted to Pte (at own request)	10.4.42

**9. TRADE GROUPINGS:**

DO 15/832	QX	7505	Pte	ROWE J.R.-	Relinquished GpII Cook	1.4.42
833	QX	22067	Pte	COLLINS, M.W.-	do Gp II Cook	1.4.42

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**DISTRIBUTION**

List "A"

**NOTICES.**

The following articles have been received by this unit from A C F:

Razor Blades (Pkts of 5)	842	Chewing Gum (Pkts)	1682
Handkerchiefs	842	Fruit (1 lb tins)	213
Fruit Cake (11lbs)	140	Cricket Bats	2
Cricket Balls	3	Footballs	1
Soccer Ball	1	Basket Ball	1
Pump	1	Lacer	1
Hockey Balls	6	Cricket Bat Oil (tins)	1

*Unit No. 19*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.* (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . . . . .	<i>1.</i>	<i>-</i>	
Majors . . . . .	<i>2.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.</i>
Captains . . . . .	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Lieutenants . . . . .	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>
2nd Lieutenants . . . . .			
Quartermasters . . . . .	<i>1.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers . . . . .			
Totals . . . . .	<i>35</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1.</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>D.B. Weir.</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>31. Mar</i>	<i>X. List.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>G. Bannister</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>20. A.I.T.B</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>H.M. Douglas.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>J.F.S. Brown.</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>20. A.I.T.B.</i>

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	C.O.	R.W.G. Ogle	2/15	Yes	
Maj	Bn 2/15c	C.H. Grace		No	Sen Offrs Course
✓ Capt.	O.C. Coy	A.C. Ralston		Yes	
	✓ Q.M.	S. Topham		✓	
		A. Skinner		✓	
		E.G. Green		✓	
	O.C. Coy	A.E. deL. Peck		✓	
	✓	B.D. Strange		<del>No</del>	ADS
	✓	R.A. Suthers		Yes	
		F.L. Bode		✓	
	2/15c Coy	W.W. Cobb		✓	
	✓	L. Snell		✓	
	✓	T.P. Davies		✓	
Lieut.	Adj. T/Capt.	M. Harland		✓	
		E.F. Luther		✓	
		W. Angus		✓	
	T.O.	W.H.V. Jubb		✓	
		E.McN. Christie		No	Special Duty
		W.A. Ferguson		Yes	
		C.W. Heatley		✓	
		R.G. Jenkinson		✓	
	I.O.	G.A. Gemmell-Smith		✓	
		D.B. Weir		✓	
		J. Kay		✓	
		D. Parker		✓	
		G. Osborne		✓	
		J.T. Keys		✓	
		C.W.J. Logan		No	Special Duty
		A.P. Beatty		Yes	
		W.G. Murison		✓	
		I.D.V. Quigley		✓	
		J.W. Cunningham		✓	
		R.F. England		✓	
		G.V. Helm		✓	
		G. Baanister		✓	
		L.L. Grimstone		✓	
		W.A. Mahoney		✓	
		R.D. Evans		✓	
		N.L. Harbham		✓	
		H.M. Douglas		✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		H.G. Childs		No	M.E. W.T.S.
		G.G. Gray		No	M.E. Gas School.
Capt.		S. Rose	A.A.M.C.	10 Feb 42	R.M.O.
Chaplain		G.R. Gibson	A.A.Ch.D.	23 Nov 41	Chaplain

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

5. Apr. 42.

(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
20 Aust. Inf. Bde. 9. Aust. Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

(Signature of Commander.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

5 Apr 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	5	-	
Serjeants.	32	1	(20 OCTU.)
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	60	-	9
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	683		17
TOTALS.	786	* 1	* 27

\* 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.
Pay. Sgt.	A.A.B.C.	Armurer Cpl	A.A.C.
Medical. ✓	A.A.M.C.	Fitter. ✓	✓
✓ Cpl.	✓	✓ P.C.	✓
✓ LICB	✓	✓	✓
✓ O.R.	✓	Botman	A.A.Ch.D.
Postal Cpl.	A.A. Postal.C.		

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

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

2/15 Aust. Inf Bn.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers . . .																				
Butchers . . .																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks . . .																			6	6
Cooks . . .																				
Despatch Riders ...																			2	2
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																			2	2
"    " (Wheeled)...																			2	2
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers . . .																				
Fitters . . .																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons . . .																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers . . .																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers . . .																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors . . .																				
Wheelers . . .																				
General duty personnel...																				9 7 17
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																				9 7 27

2/15 Aust. Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 5 Feb. 22

*[Signature]*  
Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Signature of Commander.

20 Aust. Inf. Bde

9. Aust. Div.

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

W/D

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*Sent Sat 10/22*

**2/15 AUST. INF. BN.**

(Unit) *25 April 1942* 194 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	<i>6</i>	-	-
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	<i>5</i>	-	-
Serjeants.	<i>31</i>	-	<i>1 incl 2 at P.C. 74</i>
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	<i>63</i>	-	<i>6</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>697</i>	-	<i>3</i>
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<i>903</i>	* -	* <i>9</i>

\* 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.	
<i>Pay</i>	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>AAAC</i>	<i>Armourer</i>	<i>Cpl</i>	<i>AAAC</i>
<i>Medical</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>AAAC</i>	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>v</i>
<i>v</i>	<i>Cpl.</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>PLC</i>	<i>v</i>
<i>v</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>v</i>
<i>Postal</i>	<i>Cpl.</i>	<i>AA Postal C.</i>			
<i>Palmer</i>		<i>AA C.D.</i>			

**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)





W/D

*Sept 22*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/15 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . . . . .	1	—	—
Majors . . . . .	2	—	1
Captains . . . . .	10	—	—
Lieutenants . . . . .	20	1	—
2nd Lieutenants . . . . .			
Quartermasters . . . . .	1	—	—
District Officers . . . . .			
Totals . . . . .	34	1	1

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	GRINSTONE, CJ	2/15 (all)	20 Sept	Leave 2/11/19 Amb.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	C.O	R.W.G. OGLE	2/15	YES	
MAJ	Br 2/4	C.H. GRACE			
"	OC Coy	R.C. RALSTON			
CAPT	"	S. TOPHAM			
	DM	A. SKINNER			
	OC Coy	E.G. GREEN			
	"	A.E. de L. PEEK			
	"	A.D. STRANGE			
	3/4 Coy	R.A. SUTHERS		No	HE Comb. Inv Centre
	Company	K.L. BOBE		YES	
	2/4 Coy	W.W. COBB			
	"	L. SNELL			
	"	T.P. DAVIES			
	ADJT	M. HARLAND			
W/MT		E.F. LUTHER			
		W. ANGUS			
	T.O	W.H.V. JUBB			
		E.M.N. CHRISTIE			
		W.A. FERGUSON			
		C.W. HEATLEY			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
	1.0	G.A. GEMMEL - SMITH			
		D.B. WEIR			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE			
		J.T. KEYS			
		A.P. BERRY, I.D.V. QUIGLEY			
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM; R.F. ENGLAND			
		J.F.S. BROWN; G. WHELAN; G. BANISTER			
		L.L. GRANSTON; H.N. DOUGLAS			
		H.I. HARRHAM; H.G. CHILDS; R.D. FATIMA			
		G.G. GRAY		No	HE GIB SCH
		W.A. MANDNEY		"	HE-SME

(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	ARCHD	21 Nov 41	Chaplain
CAPT		S. ROSE	RAMC	10 Feb 42	RMO

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

06 Apr 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*L. Weir*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn - 9 West Coy  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

*Unit Ser 2-20.*

*2/15 AUST INF BN* (Unit), *11 APR* 194*42* (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
W.Os. Class II.	<i>6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	<i>5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Serjeants.	<i>32</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(incl 2 a/c etc) 1</i>
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	<i>62</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>697</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>
TOTALS.	<i>803</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i> <i>11</i>

\* 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.
<i>Pay Sqd</i>	<i>ANAC</i>	<i>Ammunition CPL</i>	<i>ANOC</i>
<i>Medical ✓</i>	<i>ANMC</i>	<i>Driver CPL</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>✓ CPL</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓ PL</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>✓ HQR</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓ PL</i>	<i>✓</i>
<i>Postals Cpl</i>	<i>AA Postal L</i>	<i>Postman</i>	<i>AACD</i>
<i>Medical PL</i>	<i>ANMC</i>		

**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)
<i>57 9213</i>	<i>WO2</i>	<i>PULLSPOON</i>	<i>Inf</i>	<i>20 APR 42 DELETED</i>

2/15 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Army Form W.3009  
(page 2.)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																		4	4	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																			7	7
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)																			7	11

2/15 AUST INF BN  
Unit.

*P. J. Holland*  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *13 APR 42*

*20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div*  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

*Serial No 1020*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/15 AUST. INF. BN.*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . . . . .	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors . . . . .	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains . . . . .	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Lieutenants . . . . .	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>
2nd Lieutenants . . . . .			
Quartermasters . . . . .	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers . . . . .			
Totals . . . . .	<i>35</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>GRIMSTONE C.J.</i>	<i>2/15 (att)</i>	<i>2/15/15</i>	<i>Reassigned to unit &amp; strength of 1st Lieut &amp; att for 1st Lieut.</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>BROWN J.F.S.</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>20 AITB</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL	C.O	R.W.G. OGLE	2/15	YES	
MAJ	bn ofc	C.H. GRACE			
MAJ		A.C. RAISTON			
CAPT	bc Coy	S. TOPHAM			
	Q.M.	A. SKINNER			
		E.G. GREEN			
	oc Coy	A.E. de L. PECK			
	v	B. D. STRANGE			
	v	R.A. SUTHERS			
	Company	F.L. BODE			
	of Coy	W.W. COBB			
	v	L. SNELL			
	v	T.P. DAVIES			
	I.O	M. HARLAND			
LIEUT		F.F. LUTHER			
		W. ANGLIS			
	T.O	W.H.Y. JUBB			
		E.M.N. CHRISTIE		NO	Special Duty
		W.A. FERGUSON		YES	
		D.W. HEATLEY			
		R.G. JENKINSON			
		G.A. GEMMEL-SMITH			
		D.B. WEIR			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE			
		J.T. KEYS			
		C.W.J. LOGAN		NO	Special Duty
		A.P. BEATTY		YES	
		W.G. HURISON; I.D.V. QUIGLEY			
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM; R.F. ENGLAND			
		G.V. HELM; G. BANNISTER			
		L.L. GRIMSTONE; C.J. GRIMSTONE			
		R.D. EATON; H.M. DOUGLAS			
		N.L. HARRHAM			
		W.B. HARMONY		NO	HE. S.M.P
		H.G. CHILDS		v	ME - WTS
		G.G. GRAY		v	HE GAS SN

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		S. ROSE	1 A.M.L.	10 FEB 42	R.M.O
chap		G.R. GIBSON	A.I.C.M.D	21 NOV 41	Chaplain

2/15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

12 MAR 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*W. G. Harland*  
Commander  
(Signature of Commander.)  
20th Aust Inf Bde 9th Div  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

*Unit No 4021*

*2/12th Cavalry Inf Bn*

(Unit)

*12 April*

194*2* (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		=	=
W.Os. Class II.	<i>6</i>	=	=
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	<i>4</i>	=	
Serjeants.	<i>31</i>	=	<i>1 (incl 2 ad DC70)</i>
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	<i>63</i>	-	<i>6</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>702</i>	<i>2</i>	
TOTALS.	<i>807</i>	* <i>2</i>	* <i>7</i>

\* 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.
<i>Ray Spt</i>	<i>A.A.P.C</i>	<i>Remington CPL</i>	<i>A.A.D.F</i>
<i>Medical "</i>	<i>A.A.M.C</i>	<i>Jaffer "</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>" CPL</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" Plt</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>" Mtr</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" Plt</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>" OR</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Belton</i>	<i>A.A.G.D.</i>
<i>Postal CM</i>	<i>A.A. Post Corps</i>		

**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)



2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.		Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel									2 2				1			6			7	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)									2 2				1			6			7	

2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

Apr 42

Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bn - 9 Aust Div.

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

*Lieut. Col. 10091*

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/15 MUST INF BN*

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels . . . . .	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors . . . . .	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains . . . . .	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Lieutenants . . . . .	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>
2nd Lieutenants . . . . .			
Quartermasters . . . . .	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
District Officers . . . . .			
Totals . . . . .	<i>34</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>BROWN JFS</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>15 APR</i>	<i>from 2nd hest</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>LOGAN C.W.J.</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>30 MAR</i>	<i>leaves to be relieved</i>
				<i>Seconded.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>HARRON W.G.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>17 APR</i>	<i>Seconded 9th Aust Div Specialist Coy.</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	C.O.	R.W.G. DGLE	2/15	YES	
Major	Brade	C.H. GRACE			
"	BC Coy	A.C. RAISTON			
CAPT	BC Coy	S. TOPHAM			
	A.M.	A. SKINNER			
	BC Coy	E.G. GREEN			
	"	A.E. de L. PEEK			
	"	B.D. STRANGE			
		R.A. SUTHERS		NO	HE Combined Coy
	Lieut	F.L. BODE		YES	
	3/4 Coy	W.W. COBB			
	"	L. SNELL			
	"	T.P. DAVIES			
	ADJUT.	M. HARLAND			
		E.F. LUTHER			
		W. ANGUS			
	T.O.	W.H.V. JUBB			
		E. McCHRISTIE			
		W.A. FERGUSON			
		C.W. HERTLEY			
		A.G. JENKINSON			
	I.O.	G.A. GEMMELL-SMITH			
		D.B. WEIR			
		J. KAY			
		D. PARKER			
		G. OSBORNE			
		J.T. KEYS			
		A.P. BEATTY			
		W. WARRIN; I.D.V. QUIGLEY			
		J.W. CUNNINGHAM; R.F. ENGLAND			
		J.F.S. BROWN; G.V. HELM; G. BANNISTER			
		L.L. GRINSTONE; L.J. GRINSTONE; H.M. DOUGLAS			
		M.L. HARRHAM; R.D. EXTON			
		H.G. CHILDS		NO	HE-WTS
		G.A. GRAY		"	HE GAG SM
		W.A. MAHONEY		"	HE-SMB

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		G.R. GIBSON	A.A.Ch.D.	21 Nov 41	Chaplain
CAPT		S. ROSE	A.A.M.C.	10 FEB 42	RMO

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
19 APR 42

(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
30 Aust Inf Bde - 9 Aust Div  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

24 Apr 42.

2/15 BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.4COASTAL DEFENCERef Maps TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE - HAMA 1/200000INFORMATION

1. It is considered probable that enemy activity of all kinds in SYRIA and PALESTINE will be coordinated with enemy action in LIBYA, with the increased possibility of enemy landings on the SYRIAN coast.
2. The threats considered likely consist of
  - (a) Agents and small sabotage parties landed from submarines.
  - (b) Commandos and raiding parties of varying strengths from fast motor craft.
3. Sectors of Responsibility
  - (b) 9 Aust Cav Regt - DJEBLE Sector - excl NAHR EL KEBIR to excl NAHR EL SENE.
  - (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde - TRIPOLI Sector - incl NAHR EL SENE to incl CARA COL 159274.
  - (c) 26 Aust Inf Bde - SOUTHERN Sector - excl CARACOL.
4. Own Tps
  - (a) Motor craft of F.F. Marines patrol the coast at night and examine shipping within 6 miles of coast.
  - (b) Coast watching dets of F.F. Marines are established along the coast from NAHR SENE to EL MINA. These consist of an average strength of 6 men. Guards are placed about 1 K.M. apart between posts at night and are provided with signal pistols for comm with posts.
  - (c) 1 Offr, 66 ORs are stationed at KLEIATE Aerodrome  
3 S.O's, 29 ORs and 4 MGs are stationed at the REFINERY.  
 In addition, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn has three section posts established at V.P's along the Refinery Oil Terminal.  
  
One Pl 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is on guard duty at EL MINA PORT

INTENTION

5. (a) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a Mobile Coy to move at 30 mins notice during the hours of darkness.
- (b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn (less Mob Coy) will be ready to move ONE HOUR after the Mob Coy has left.

METHOD

6. MOBILE COY will consist of

Comd:- OC Coy  
 Tps :- One Rifle Coy  
       One sec carriers  
       One pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

7. MG Pl will move on orders from Div HQ and will RV with OC Coy at a location ordered by Div HQ. The pl normally allotted for this purpose is camped within  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and will probably RV at 2/15 BN camp.
8. TASKS - Mob Tps may be ordered to
  - (a) Reinforce positional tps at EL MONA PORT, KLEIATE AERODROME.
  - (b) Oppose enemy landings in the 20 Aust Inf Bde (TRIPOLI) Sector.

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9. RECCE PARTY of BN HQ will move with Mob Coy. This will normally comprise -  
Assistant Adjt  
"I" Sgt  
2 men AA Pl with Bren guns and 6 filled mags.  
Two M.C. D.R's (one supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde)
- A relief Recce party will comprise -  
One Offr  
L/Cp I Sec  
2 men AA Pl with Bren Gun and 6 filled mags  
Two M.C. D.Rs (one supplied by 20 Aust Inf Bde)
- Tour of duty for each party will be two weeks.  
Tpt - one 15 cwt truck.

10. RELIEF  
Each Mob Coy will remain on duty for two weeks. Relief will take place at 1800 hrs on the Saturday.  
A Coy will remain as Mob Coy until 1800 hrs Saturday 9 May when it will be relieved by B Coy. Thereafter, reliefs will be in alphabetical order of Coys, viz., C, D, A, B etc.  
Prior to relief, the relieving Coy Comd will visit B Coy HQ 2/2 MG Bn and contact the Pl Comd of the supporting Pl.  
Carrier secs will be relieved at the end of each week, relief being carried out at 1800 hrs on Saturday.

11. RECCE  
OC Mob Coy and Sec Comds Carrier Pl will reconnoitre forthwith the following points:-

- (a) EL MINA PORT
- (b) KLEIATE AERODROME
- (c) RED BEACH north of EL ABDE
- (d) BLUE & RED BEACHES between posts T8 & T9 (infrm from I Sec regarding locality).
- (e) BLUE BEACH north of CARACOL.
- (f) BANIAS TOWN and beaches from incl BANIAS incl MARKAB TOWER 171358.
- (g) TARTOUS and liaison with post T2.
- (h) Beaches between TARTOUS and AIN KHRIABE (to be occupied only in event of threatened landings)

**NOTE:- NO RELIEF OF MOBILE COY WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL THE RELIEVING COY COMD HAS COMPLETED THE ABOVE RECCEs.**

12. TPT AND LOADING  
Eight three ton lorries, 12 Coy AMSC will report to Mob Coy Comd each day at 1800 hrs and will remain until 0600 hrs the following day (unless reqd longer for ops which may have commenced).  
Mob Coy Comd will ensure that the trucks are loaded with the following weapons, arm and equipment:-  
9 Brens with 9000 rds SAM (six mags being filled)  
3 A Tk rifles with 600 rds am  
3 - 2" Mortars - 81 rds HE and 27 rds Smoke  
9 TSMGs with 2250 rds .450  
124 Rifles @ 50 rds SAM per rifle = 6200 rds  
9 boxes 36 grenades = 108 grenades.  
15 S.T grenades.  
Hard rations for one day for 124 men.  
6 picks and 6 shovels.  
Loading will be carried out on a pl basis, stores and weapons being distributed accordingly.

13. The carrier sec will be loaded by 1800 hrs each day with the following:-  
3 Brens with 3000 rds SAM (six mags being filled)  
1 A Tk rifle and 250 rds .5  
1 - 2" Mortar with 27 rds HE and 9 rds Smoke  
1 - TBMG with 250 rds .450  
Petrol for 100 miles in addition to full tanks for each carrier.

**Hard rations for one day for crew.**

- 14. One 15 cwt van will be provided by TO to report to BN HQ at 1800 hrs daily. This will be loaded with  
 1 Bren with 1000 rds SAA (6 mags being filled)  
 Petrol for 100 mls run in addition to a full tank.  
 Hard rations for one day for seven men.

- 15. TPT FOR REMAINDER OF BN  
 Thirty one 3 ton lorries (18 from 37 Lt AA Regt RASC and 13 from 12 Coy AAC) will be held in AAC lines in vicinity AUGER BARRACKS at one hours call after 1800 hrs daily. Responsibility for ordering the lorries to report to 2/15 BN will be with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
 Distribution of lorries is as follows:-

Sub Unit	Personnel	Stores
Rifle Coy	6	1
Rifle Coy	6	1
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Sig Pl	1	1
Mortar Pl	3	
Carrier Pl	1	
Cooks and 6 Pl Personnel	3	
Pioneers, AA Pl	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4 = 31</b>

- 16. MARSHALLING OF TPT  
 On being ordered to 2/15 BN. tpt will proceed to the BN area in order to approach it from the SOUTH. The column will be met on the CAMP RD opposite the CANTEN HUT by the Tpt Sgt 2/15 BN who will direct the Rifle Coy trucks for B and D Coys. around the circuit via Sgts Mess. Remaining trucks will be marshalled on the CAMP RD facing NORTH with head at the GUARD TENT and with HQ Coy trucks leading. BN Prov Sgt will control marshalling and traffic at the GUARD TENT area. One Cook's truck will load stores at B Ech, being detached by BN TO en route, remainder will collect cooking gear from the kitchens in the CAMP area.

- 17. TO will contact representatives of both ASC units and indicate the route from LEGOULT BARRACKS to CAMP AREA.

- 18. LOADING OF TPT  
 Due to deficiencies in E2 scale of weapons, each Coy will load an approx equal number of Brens. At present, this will be four Brens each Rifle Coy.  
 RSM will arrange with Coy Comds (less Mob Coy) the necessary interchange. 1000 rds SAA per gun will be loaded and six mags per gun will be filled while awaiting arrival of lorries.  
 In addition, the following will be loaded:-

- (a) All available 2" Mortars with 27 rds HE and 9 rds Smoke per Mortar.
- (b) All TSMGs with 250 rds .450 amn per gun
- (c) Six boxes 36 grenades each Coy
- (d) Two cases ST grenades each Coy
- (e) One days hard ration each man.

One Bren will be retained for AA Pl in addition to that allotted for BN recce party.

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- 19. Hard rations for one day will be carried on the man and a similar ration for one day on the vehicle.

- 20. Hard rations for one day for the Mob Coy will be arranged in boxes in pl lots, nailed up and kept in Mob Coy HQ during the day, being loaded onto trucks as indicated herein. The rations to be carried on the man will also be arranged in

- 4 -

pl lots and kept in Mob Coy HQ until orders are received for a move of the Mob Coy when they will be issued by CQMS to each man.

21. Hard rations for the remainder of the Bn will be dealt with as follows:-

Coys will store in separate platoon lots, rations for one day for each man in the Coy. These will be loaded onto personnel trucks prior to a move.

Coys will store in separate lots, rations for one day for each man in the Coy. These will be issued by CQMS to each man while awaiting arrival of trucks.

22. AMN  
2/3 ton trucks (BN estab) will report to RSM at BN HQ as soon as Mob Coy has moved. These will be used to load BN reserve Amn.

23. On orders being given for the move of Mob Coy, RSM will arrange distribution of 3" Mortar amn to mortar truck and sub-distribution of amn reqd by Coys.

24. TPT  
In addition to tpt obtained from outside sources, the following allotment of Bn estab MT is made :-

1/15 cwt van - BN recce party with Mob Coy  
1/15 cwt van for each of three Rifle Coys.  
1/15 cwt van for 2 i/c  
1 Office van for BN HQ  
1-30 cwt truck for BN HQ  
1 - 3 ton truck for RAP  
2 - 3 ton trucks for SAA Res.

TO will arrange for these vehicles to report to BN HQ as soon as Mob Coy has left. All vehicles will have full tanks and sufficient petrol for 100 miles in addition.

25. DRESS  
Battle Order, steel helmet, respirator, water bottle filled, 2 blankets and groundsheet.

INTERCOMN

26. DR's - Two DR's will accompany Mob Coy. On arrival in threatened area one D.R will return and report location of Mob Coy to Bn and Bde HQ.

27. "J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div will allot one W/T set to accompany Mob Coy. This will report to BN HQ at 1830 hrs daily.

28. WIRELESS SILENCE - Until contact with enemy.

29. LIGHT SIGNALS at present in use by Coast Watching Service are as follows:-

GREEN - One or more enemy surface ships in sight.  
RED - Enemy in action against shore defences or disembarking tps.  
WHITE - Enemy submarine in vicinity.

30. Movement of Mob Coy will only take place on receipt of orders from HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Ack.

Time of Signature..1845 hrs...

Method of Issue ..Orderly & DR

*M. L. L. LAND*  
(M. L. L. LAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.	1	HQ Coy
	2	A Coy
	3	B Coy
	4	C Coy
	5	D Coy
	6	CO
	7	BN 2 i/c
	8	Adjt
	9	A/Adjt
	10	I O
	11	Q M
	12	T O
	13	R M O

Copy No.	14	R S M
	15	Carrier Pl
	16	2/13 Aust Inf Bn
	17	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
	18-20	12 AASC Coy
	21-23	37 Lt AA Regt RASC
	24	2/2 Aust MG Bn
	25	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG BN
	26-28	20 Aust Inf Bn
	29-30	War Diary
	31	File
	32-32	Spares.



25 Apr 42.

APPRECIATION

by

LT-COL.R.W.G.OGLE - 2/15 AUST INF BNat TRIPOLI - SYRIA

dealing with Defence against enemy attack from the Sea inside the TRIPOLI Box.

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Ref Map TRIPOLI 1/50000OBJECT

1. (a) To resist an enemy landing in the sector TRIG 37 excl (16672806) to the mouth of NAHR ABOU 16132795.
- (b) To deny to the enemy high ground which will assist him to capture JABAL TOURBOL.
- (c) To resist an enemy parachute landing in the area TRIG 37 - BOUCITE 16902775 - MERIATA 169275 - rd to LEGOULT BARRACKS - Mouth of NAHR ABOU 16132795.

FACTORSTOPOGRAPHY

2. TRIG 37 feature dominates the BEACH as far WEST as the point 16372800.  
  
Deduction - Machine guns firing from Trig 37 can enfilade the BEACH in this area.
3. The BEACH consists of a narrow belt of loose shingle, the average width being 30ft. The depth of water about 10ft from the shore appears to average 4ft. There is no surf.  
  
Deduction - No difficulty would be experienced in landing tanks as far as water and shore conditions are concerned.
4. For a length of 200 yds the shore in the vicinity of 16402800 is flanked by an almost vertical wall of rock about 10ft high, making it impossible for tanks to mount in this locality.
5. With the exception of the portion of the beach between TRIG 37 and the INNER A TK DITCH 16522802, the shore is "fenced" with a line of bamboo, small tree and scrub, varying in thickness from 2 ft to 4 ft. This fence separates the shingly beach from a jungle-like area consisting of closely planted citrus trees arranged in small groves. The groves are fenced with similar bamboo and ~~brgd~~ hedges and usually a wet drain about 2ft deep follows the line of the hedge. In many cases the groves are subdivided by these fences into areas less than 75yds square. The citrus trees have heavy foliage the height above ground to the lowest branches being about 5ft. Accordingly, visibility and field of view within the jungle area is limited to about 75 yds and is then interrupted by the trunks of trees. The jungle area extends in depth to the COASTAL RD, broken only by a long perfectly straight stretch of railway line. This passes through a narrow cut in the jungle about 30ft wide.

Conclusion -

- (a) The jungle will not stop tanks but will delay them considerably. Wheeled vehicles or towed (man handled) wheeled guns would have to follow existing tracks of which there are very few. These can be effectively blocked by cutting a ditch across the track and allowing it to fill

- fill with water. They can also be probably be covered with rifle fire and if available, sewn with mines.
- (b) As far as wiring is concerned, this can be conveniently fixed to the existing hedges and thus escape ready notice.
- (c) In some cases, by judicious <sup>trimming</sup> of the undergrowth of the hedges, Brens in position 200yds behind the line of the water's edge could enfilade the actual beach. In the larger number of cases, the fixed lines must fall just inside the boundary hedge. Alternative positions could be selected for each Bren to allow it a wider arc in the event of a landing occurring at a distance from its located position.
- (d) Tps placed in the jungle for defence purposes would find intercommunication very difficult and thus control would be sacrificed to a large extent.
- (e) The length of beach adjoining the jungle is about 4500yds. Thus, if tps were available, it would be possible to locate a complete Bn in this area and still not be certain that enemy infiltration would not take place. Such infiltration would enable the enemy to secure the high ground at the base of TOURBOL without opposition. Therefore, I should economise greatly in the tps committed to the jungle area, allowing them to hinder the landing, and to continually delay any advance through the jungle by harrassing guerilla tactics. For this, they will require a high proportion of hand grenades, and the area should be liberally provided with anti personnel booby trap devices. Since the front is so large they will probably find it possible to inflict many casualties by individual action but in order to maintain some degree of control (as for example, the necessity for withdrawal) sections should not split into an area larger than say, 250 yds square.
- (f) The railway presents an excellent coordinating line in the event of withdrawal of the jungle tps and provision should be made for it to be swept by fire of long range med mgs.
- (g) As far as Arty defensive fire tasks are concerned, observation of the effect of fire and of likely targets cannot be obtained from any of the features in rear of the jungle. From a position on the beach about 16332800, the whole of the beach area can be observed and consideration should be given to the provision of two concrete OP's built in the shingle beach line. A Bren post placed in the jungle could then be used to protect the OP staff. This would then enable two P.O.O's to direct fire on any targets along the whole of the beach. For ease in switching the whole of the beach area however, should be covered by separate concentration areas, each one being lettered or otherwise marked. With the use of a Bty, neutralising some 200 yds, this would involve about 22 separate defensive fire tasks in the jungle area. A continuation of d.f. tasks on the beach area NOT flanked by jungle would involve an additional 6 tasks.

6. The beach area NOT flanked by jungle extends from the mouth of the INNER A/TK DITCH to TRIG 37. This is dominated from TRIG 37 except for a short length of dead ground near the BENNIS COURT. Provision should be made for this to be covered by a Bren post inside the area of the A/TK DITCH and in the jungle.
- 7 Inland from this section of the BEACH the country opens out into a wide salient, flanked on the EAST and SOUTH by the foothills TOURBOL and on the WEST by the LEGOULT BKS feature, this latter overlooking the whole of the jungle area and the town of TRIPOLI. Approximately in the centre of the salient is a comparatively high feature at the rear of EL BEDAOUI village. To the NORTH of the salient lies the

OIL TANK FARM and this is separated from the BEDAOUI feature by the INNER A/TK DITCH.

Deduction.-

This area is more favourable for enemy tanks than through the jungle and is a more direct route to the high ground. Provision must be made to cover the area with A/Tk guns and possibly machineguns. In addition the high ground EAST of the Tank Farm should be held by me.

8. The EL BEDAOUI feature overlooks the jungle from a height of about 50 metres but observation from it is very limited due to the proximity of the jungle and a large cactus hedge which flanks the COASTAL RD. It is dominated by the high ground surrounding the TANK FARM and by the LEGOULT BKS feature.

Deduction.-

If held by me, it will give me little observation and it is easily turned by the enemy. If held by the enemy it will not assist him very greatly in attaining the high ground about TOURBOL. Therefore I will consider vacating it and covering portion of its front with fire.

9. The LEGOULT BARRACKS feature is reached by a well surfaced road branching from the main coastal road. The feature overlooks the whole of the Bn front, the town and Harbour of TRIPOLI. An approach to TOURBOL exists along the axis of the ALMA Rd which is well covered with olive groves.

Deduction.-

The possession of this feature would be of great value to the enemy. I must therefore hold it.

10. Anti-parachute responsibility covers a very wide area and with tps at my disposal can only be met by using a Mobile Coy. This may be placed in a fighting position but withdrawn to vehicles to move to any part of the area.

COURSES OPEN.

11. To the enemy

- (a) To land on the beaches in the jungle area.

Advantages - Difficulty of observation by defenders.  
Cover of jungle in initial stages.  
Landing occurs within the A/Tk ditch.

Disadvantages - Difficulty of transit and control through the jungle.  
Long approach towards high ground.

- (b) To land on the beach EAST of TRIG 37.

Advantages - Ability to get clear of danger area of beach quickly and advance towards objective.

Disadvantages - Landing is effected outside the INNER A/TK DITCH.  
Country is suggestive of A/Tk defence.

12. To OWN TPS

- (a) Defend with a large force in the jungle and retain mobile reserve to occupy high ground in rear of threat.

This would require two Coys in reserve as anti-parachute role would require additional tps.

Advantage would be a thickening of tps in the jungle area and a consequent ability to inflict greater damage on the enemy at the time of greatest weakness. It is doubtful if even two Coys in the jungle area would effectively prevent some infiltration and thus a move to a high area may have to be contested.

- (b) Hold jungle area with one Coy with all other Coys occupying high ground around SALIENT, one being capable of movement for anti-parachute role.  
Disadvantage is the giving up of the EL BEDAQUI feature but this may be covered with Mortar and m.g. fire and generally made untenable for the enemy.
- (c) As for (b) but pushing paratp Coy on to EL BEDAQUI feature. Disadvantage is that little observation is obtained therefrom, that Coy will probably become committed in very early stage and will not be available for Mobile role.

Decision - To adopt plan (b)

PLAN Fwd Coy - in jungle area from mouth of INNER A/TK DITCH to mouth of NAHR ABOU.

Flanking Coys -

- Right - On high ground EAST of TANK FARM from Trig feature adjoining COASTAL RD (16652802) to Pt 201 (16642789)  
Left - LEGOULT BKS feature from BEACON HILL 16322787 to incl LEGOULT BKS.

Reserve Coy

Astride TRIPOLI BY-PASS RD from re-entrant 16522783 to vicinity 2/15 Bn "B" BCH camp 16342775. Vehicles to be located in olive trees or re-entrants adjacent to Pl position for immediate use on mobile role.

Fire Plan - Arty

Phase I

Cover the whole beach with alternative D.F. tasks. 3 P.O.O's fwd in concrete shelters on beach with power to switch Bty to threatened points successively.

Phase II

Fire by observation on enemy tps or guns or tks emerging from the jungle on to the line of the COASTAL RD.

Phase III

Defensive fire tasks in front of F.D.L's of position occupied by Right flanking and Reserve Coys.

A/Tk guns.

One gun portee - primary task firing on targets on BEACH EAST of INNER A/TK DITCH. Secondary task to take position already prepared about 16692792.

One gun covering INNER A/TK DITCH from prepared position about 16532783.<sup>up</sup>

One gun covering approach wadi behind EL BEDAQUI Feature from prepared position about creek 16492784.

One gun portee - in reserve for possible use covering wadi running approx NORTH - SOUTH about 16352786.

Machine guns

One sec, located in vicinity 16622800.

Primary Task - Penetration task enfilading  
Railway Line.

Secondary Task Thickening defensive fire task  
on beach EAST of INNER TK DITCH.

Third Task - Enfilading COASTAL RD

One sec in position about 16402779 cover-  
ing approach up wadi 16392790. To be ready for  
immediate mobile role with paratp Coy or for  
reserve use to cover any threatened locality in  
coast defence sector.

CARRIERS - (5 only)

In reserve with Mob Coy sited to cover the  
OIL FARM.

Digs.

(a) Removal of bridges over INNER A/TK DITCH.

(b) Road demolition in culvert on road lead-  
ing from COASTAL RD to LEGOULT BKS, about  
16252780.

(c) Booby traps in jungle area.

Mortars

x (on Tps)

2 Secs on road in vicinity EL BEDAOUI  
village by observation<sup>x</sup> emerging from jungle -  
also to be prepared to fire on beach about ARTY O.P.  
area by observation.

1 Sec with Mobile Coy sited to fire fwd  
of DETACHED KNOLL 52 16482792.

.....Lt-Col  
Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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W/D

TRAINING PROGRAMME - WEEK ENDING 12 APR 42

Day	Date	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
Monday	6	Inoculation Weapon Tng Gas Tng Short Route March	30 yds range and Firing 2" Mortar	Inoculation As for A Coy	Inoculation 30 yds range at SKOUBINE
Tuesday	7	Coy defensive exercise prepared by Capt. GREEN	Ceremonial -Coy Drill Gas Tng Route march across country	30 yds range and Firing 2" Mortar	30 yds range at SKOUBINE
Wednesday	8	BN EXERCISE ON TRIPOLI RD. BIVOUAC SOUTH OF JEBLE. Night manning of defensive posn			
Thursday	9	BN EXERCISE vicinity BANIAS. Return to camp by MT			
Friday	10	BRIGADE EXERCISE			
Saturday	11	BN EXERCISE prepared by Capt. GREEN			
Sunday	12	Church Pde - Kit Inspection - Washing - Sports			

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All Coys  
Bde (4)  
War Diary (2)

*for R.W.G. OGLE*  
Caw  
(R.W.G. OGLE) Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

BN TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS No. 7.  
2/15 AUST INF BN

War diary

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held in the area two miles SOUTH of LATTAQUIE on the TRIPOLI Rd on 1 Apr 42 commencing at SKOUBINE CAMP at 0830 hrs and finishing at the same area at about 1700 hrs.

2. TPS TAKING PART

2/15 AUST INF BN  
(Imaginary) Sqn Aust Cav Regt  
(Imaginary) Bty 2/7 A st Fd Regt.  
Two carriers and one truck for Mortars.  
Three carriers, each representing one section, for Carrier Pl.

3. ENEMY

Under Lieut. GRAY. T.O. will make a truck available at 0830 hrs at BN HQ to take enemy out to positions. Director will accompany O.C. Enemy for this initial placing.

4. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

A/Tk gun - White screen with diagonal green bar.  
Med M.G, - Red Screen  
Blank will NOT be used.

5. LESSONS

- (a) Dispersed movement across country.
- (b) Recce and battle procedure.
- (c) BN attack with Arty support.
- (d) Transport and bringing up of tools.
- (e) Ferrying tps by M.T.

6. TPT

Will be formed up in the following order Rd ALEPPO - LATTAQUIE facing LATTAQUIE with headt at culvert 6 (16233990) at 0915 hrs. Tpt will comprise -

One 15 cwt van for C.O.  
One " " " " Sig O.  
One " " " each Rifle Coy Comd.  
One truck for each Rifle Coy for tools.  
One truck for R A P.  
One Office Van  
One truck and two Carriers for Mortar Pl.  
Carriers for Carrier Pl.

T.O. will accompany column and will ensure that at least one hundred yds is preserved between vehicles. If possible, some should be moved clear of the road onto the open field. Two members of BN Regtl Police will accompany the column for traffic control.

7. COMPLETION OF EXERCISE

Will be indicated by four whistle blasts by Chief Umpire from top of FLAT HILL. All tps will assemble at SOUTHERN SIDE of FLAT HILL for final conference.

8. FERRYING

All available tpt will be used for ferrying tps back to camp. These will report with head at a point 400 yds SOUTH of Bridge 16433957 at 1430 hrs, 100 yds between vehicles, facing LATTAQUIE. Coys will be lifted in the following order:-

- 1. D Coy Conveyed from 16433957 to ALEPPO Rd junc 16103981, then march across country to camp, vehicles returning to pick up Serial 2.
- 2. B Coy - Commence marching as soon as Ser 1 leaves - picked up tpt on route and conveyed to BOUKA MONASTERY rd junc, then march to camp.
- 3. A Coy - Commence marching as soon as Ser 2 leaves, picked up by tpt on route and conveyed to rd junc near Bde HQ.
- 4. C Coy and HQ Coy marching personnel - commence marching as soon as Ser 2 commences, picked by tpt en route and conveyed to camp.

Order of march from Exercise Area will therefore be

- C Coy and HQ personnel
- A Coy
- B Coy

Tps will march with no more than a single file on either side of the rd, 5 yds between sections, 100 yds between Coys.

9. DRESS

Shirts, shorts, steel helmets, Battle Order.

10. LUNCH

Section lunches will be carried with Secs.

11. OPENING SITUATION

The enemy garrison of LATTAQUIE has withdrawn along the LATTAQUIE - TRIPOLI Rd, protected by a rear guard, moving with the road as its axis.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde and attd tps NORTH of LATTAQUIE was pressing the withdrawal and had ordered an advanced guard comprising:-

- Comd - Major Lt. Col. RALSTON
- Mob Tps - C Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt
- Main Gd - Lt Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
- 1 Sub Sec 2/9 Fd Coy
- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

A bridge over the NAHR KEBIR was seized by F.F.L. troops who prevented its demolition. F.F.L. Tps were patrolling the far banks of NAHR KEBIR and no attempt has yet been made by the enemy to interfere with the passage of vehicles over the bridge. A warning order has been issued by Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde that enemy aircraft may be called upon to resist such passage and that he could not guarantee Eofors protection until after 1100 hrs.

(H.W.C. OGLE) Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- All Coys (2)
- T.O.
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*W/Gray*

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS No. 8

1. A tactical exercise with Tps will be held in the KHEURBE EL JOZIE area 163413 on 2 April 42, commencing at the CAMP area at 0900 and terminating at the same place at 1630 hrs.

2. Tps Taking Part.

One Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt - Imaginary for exercise  
11 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt - " " "  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

3. Enemy -

wearing w hite hat bands under Lieut GRAY. Blank will NOT be used. T.O. will make one truck available for transport of enemy from HQ lines at 0830 hrs. Truck may return to camp for administrative use during the day but will return to the appointed r.v. in the afternoon.

4. Lessons

- (a) Movement of BN by M.T. - piquetting route.
- (b) Debussing in fwd areas - A.A. protection - traffic control - protection on ground.
- (c) Battle procedure -
- (d) Consolidation including arrangements for tools.

5. Transport

Sufficient M.T., pooled from BNs, is being provided to move the BN by M.T.

The following will be the additional tpt provided by 2/15 BN:-

- One 15 cwt van for C.O.
- One 15 cwt van for Sig O.
- One 15 cwt van for each Rifle Coy
- One truck for tools for each Rifle Coy
- One Office van
- One R.A.P. truck
- One truck and one carrier for Mortar Pl
- One carrier representing each of three carrier secs.
- One carrier for C.O.

6. Assembly

Vehicles will be assembled on Camp Rd facing NORTH with head at a point 100 yds NORTH of D Coy Lines at 0845 hrs.

Order of Assembly

One tp carrying truck D Coy  
D Coy Comd's van  
D Coy tool truck  
Remaining tp carrying tpt D Coy  
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BN HQ Office van  
Sig truck  
Tp carrying tpt BN HQ personnel (Sigs etc)  
Mortar truck  
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C Coy Comd's van  
C Coy tool truck  
Tp carrying tpt C Coy  
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B Coy Comd's truck  
B Coy tool truck  
Tp carrying tpt B Coy  
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A Coy Comd's truck  
A Coy tool truck  
Tp carrying tpt A Coy  
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Vehicles will be assembled with 60 yds between vehs. Maj. RALSTON will control embussing and will travel in the sig truck. Marshalling of vehs by Tpt Sgt.

7. Starting Time - 0900 hrs.
  8. Road Discipline
    - (a) Speed - 15 m.p.h.
    - (b) Density - 20 v.t.m.
  9. Route  
CAMP ROAD to 16804107 - thence track to EL JOZIE.
  10. Marking Route  
Capt. GREEN will leave with T.O. in his van at 0830 hrs. He will place guides at all cross roads or by tracks likely to confuse drivers. These are to be picked up by the last vehicle of the convoy. In addition, he will take Provost Sgt and one Regtl Police to recce the debussing area.
  11. Carriers.  
With the exception of the C.O.'s Carrier, all carriers will move under Comd. Capt. BODE at 0835 hrs and r.v. at the Creek and tr. crossing on S.E. Side of the Knoll on which is EL JOZIE (about 16454114).
  12. R Gp  
Comprising the following vehicles will r.v. with head opposite BN HQ, facing NORTH at 0800 hrs:-
    - C.O.'s car containing C.O., Adjt, I.O. and driver
    - C.O.'s carrier containing driver, gunner, batman, orderly.
    - BN HQ 15 cwt truck containing two I. Personnel, one Regtl Police, one Sig Orderly, two men AA Pl with Bren gun
  13. Coy Comds Trucks  
Will carry in addition to normal orderlies, two men with Bren for protection O Gp.
  14. Protection Debussing Area.  
Will be the responsibility of tps in first tp carrying truck of D Coy. Bren gun will be mounted on tripod.
  15. Protection of O Gp  
Responsibility of C.S.M. A Coy. Regtl Police with R Gp will control dispersion of O Gp vehicles but C.S.M. will arrange defence thereof.
- A D M
16. Dress  
Battle Order, Shorts and Shirts, Steel Helmets.
  17. Lunch  
Section lunch will be carried with Secs.
  18. End of Exercise  
Four whistle blasts from Chief Umpire from vicinity LONE TREE. All tps will close on LONE TREE Area for final conference.
  19. Representation of fire  
As for previous exercises. In addition, a l.m.g. will be represented by a red screen with one peg only in the ground.
  20. Opening Situation  
Pressure exerted by 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp has cleared the enemy from the MARHIT area 162406 and forced him to retire NORTH to the NAHR EL KANDIL.

He is covering his withdrawal by a rear gd which has t  
taken up posns on the general line 16434138-KHEURBE EL JOZIL-  
16354133 - 16324134.

At 0800 hrs 1 Apr dispositions of C Sqn 9 Aust Cav  
were as follows:-

- 1 Carrier Tp on track at 16494126
- 1 Carrier Tp NORTH edge of olive grove (not shown on map)  
about 16484126
- 2 lt/tk tps in olive grove about 16254118
- 1 Carrier Tp at COPSE 16054137
- 1 Carrier Tp at COPSE 16104140

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde ordered 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to move  
forthwith by M.T. to force the retirement of the enemy rear  
elements from his present posn. C.O. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
was informed that rd LATTAKIA - KASSAB was under enemy  
observation from about KIRSANA 162408 - NORTH and was given  
trace of route for BN passable to M.T.

14 Bty 2/7 Fd Regt was placed under comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

(R.W.G. OGLE) Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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2/15 AUST INF BN

Ref Map LATTAGUIE 1:50000

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held in the KHRASBO area 165407 and in the KHEURBE EL JOZIE (163413) area on 8/9 April 42, commencing at Camp area at 1400 hrs 8 Apr and finish at same place at about 1700 hrs 9 Apr.

2. LESSONS

- (a) Occupation of a rear guard position I.T. Sec 60  
 (b) Night manning, patrols etc I.T. Sec 77  
 (c) Withdrawal by night I.T. Sec 86.

3. TPS TAKING PART

2/15 AUST INF BN

4. ENEMY No. 2 Pl under Lt. QUIGLEY, will wear felt hats but will NOT wear white bands.

5. SAFETY Sentries and patrols at night will fix bayonets but will place their scabbards over their bayonet.  
 Pl Comds will arrange a diligent search for live amm before the exercise begins.

Live rounds will NOT be used during the exercise. This includes defence against prowling "WOGS".

6. MEALS

The following meals will be cooked and eaten in the field-

<u>Wednesday-</u>	Evening meal 1700 hrs.	)	KHRASBO
	Soup at 2000 hrs	)	
<u>Thursday-</u>	Breakfast 0830 hrs	)	KHEURBE EL JOZIE
	Lunch 1200 hrs	)	

Meals will be eaten in section posts, being carried fwd in hot boxes from the Central BN Cooking area.

On completion of lunch on THURSDAY Cooks will load vehicles and return to camp.

No cooking or other gear not normally carried in the field will be taken onto the exercise.

Primus stoves will NOT be taken

7. WATER SUPPLY

By water cart. No tanks will be taken from the camp area. One water cart will refill before dark on Wednesday and report at water course 16394142 at 0530 hrs on Thursday 9 Apr with water for breakfast. Route - Main QUASSAB RD.

Water bottles will be carried by tps and will be filled before leaving camp.

8. TRANSPORT

- 3/ 3 ton lorries for Cooks.  
 2/ 3 ton lorries for blankets and tpt of nucleus party  
 2/15 cwt lorries for each Rifle Coy  
 1/ 1 ton Office van  
 1/30 cwt lorry for BN HQ  
 1/30 cwt lorry for R A P  
 1 carrier for Mortar det.

9. DRESS

Battle Order with K.D. slacks, Steel Helmet.  
 Respirator will not be carried.

10. PICKS, SHOVELS ETC - will be carried in Coy trucks.

11. BLANKETS AND KIT

Blankets and mosquito nets will be rolled in sec bundles and marked in the same manner as for the move from IDLIB. They will be stacked in Coy groups on Coy Pde Ground by 1200 hrs and two (2) men left as Guards. 2/3 ton lorries will be used to convey them to KHRASBO area where they will be off-loaded and stacked in Coy groups under direction Capt. COBB.

9 Apr they will be arranged in sec bundles and in Coy groups and left at Coy HQ (in field) with two men to guard them. During the morning of 9 Apr they will be returned to camp and stacked in Coy groups on Coy Pde Grounds, the guards travelling with them.

Three (3) blankets, one Ground Sheet and one Mosquito Net will be taken by each man. Officers may take valises but no other comforts.

12. 2 i/c's

Capt. COBB will carry out the tactical duties of BN 2 i/c (see Opening Situation). 2 i/c's Coys will attend the exercise.

13. OPENING SITUATION

20 Aust Inf Bde and attd tps is withdrawing NORTHWARDS from LATTAGUIE protected by a rear guard comprising -

- 14 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) Imaginary for the exercise
- One pl 2/2 M.G. BN
- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
- Det 8 Fd Amb - Imaginary for exercise

At 1345 hrs 8 Apr, the position of the rear guard is as follows:-

- (a) Recce and nucleus parties under 2 i/c BN laying out defensive position about KHRASBO 165407.
  - (b) Main guard moving along BOUKA RD with A Coy as adv gd about CHIEK HASSEN.
- D, C and part of HQ Coy about SKOUBINE CAMP  
B Coy, one Pl M.G., one sec M, as Rear guard about 16234024

Arty - one tp in position at KHRASBO  
one tp moving along BOUKA RD about CHIEK HASSEN

Note -

Capt. COBB with each Coy 2 i/c, each Pl Sgt, one NCO Mortar Pl, RSM, I Sgt and two I personnel, 2 Provost, one Sig NCO, one Sec A Coy, one Medical Orderly, one det No. 2 Pl, one NCO Carrier Pl - will be transported to KHRASBO area by M.T., leaving SKOUBINE camp at 1300 hrs.

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Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf. Bn

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WAR DIARY

10 Apr 42.

2/15 AUST INF BN  
TACTICAL EXERCISE with TROOPS No.10  
BDE IN ATTACK

Ref Map LATTAQUIE 1:50000

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held on the KANJRA area 161404 on 11 Apr 42 commencing from the camp area at 0830 hrs and finishing before dark same day.

2. TPS TAKING PART

- (a) 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns less adm details
- (b) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde " " "
- J Sec sigs " camp "
- 1 Pl HQ Gd Bn " " "
- Pro det
- (c) Det 2/7 Aust Fd Regt att 20 Aust Inf Bde
- 4 Offrs with R/T sets 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
- (d) 4 Offrs 2/2 MG BN
- (e) Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb

3. ENEMY

Enemy party from this unit will be as follows:-

- L/sgt. WRIGHT.V.H.E.
- 10 ORs from No. 4 Pl
- 10 ORs from No. 6 Pl.

Enemy will wear hats - white puggarees and carry 20 rds SAA blank each.

4. UMPIRES

As detailed previously.

5. ASSEMBLY

BN will assemble on CAMP RE facing NORTH at 0830 hrs with 100 yds between Coys in the order:-

- D Coy
- BN HQ
- HQ Coy less No.4 Pl and 1 det No.3 Pl
- C Coy
- B Coy
- A Coy

No. 4 Pl - 1 det No. 3 Pl in carriers

Tpt will move in rear of Bn and follow route stated in para (8).

6. R GP

Comprising the following will RV opposite BN HQ facing NORTH at 0815 hrs. -

- C.O.'s truck - C.O., Adjt, I.O., Sig orderly, 2 men AA Pl with Bron, 2 Regt Police
- C.O.'s carrier - driver, gunner, batman, orderly.

7. O GP

Will RV at the track junc 16144041 at 0845 hrs.

8. ROUTE

- Tps - From track junc 16294034 to JINNATA thence to assembly posn olive grove 16124042
- Tpt - Camp rd to track junc 16294039 - JINNATA - thence track and creek junc 16084051 At 0935 hrs move fwd to KANJRA.

9. D M

AMN

No live amn will be carried. Only enemy will carry blank.

10. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

- (a) LMG - White sig flag
- MMG - Blue Screen
- A Tk Gun - Red Screen
- (b) Neutral vehs will fly a white sig flag.

11. SCALE OF TPT

The following will be used:-

- BN HQ - C.O.'s truck. 1/15 cwt  
C.O.'s carrier  
1/1 ton office van  
1/3 ton RAP
- HQ Coy - 1/3 ton Mortar Pl  
1 Carrier Mortar Pl  
1/3 ton sigs  
Carrier Pl with 5 Bren Carriers.  
(each to represent one section)
- Rifle Coys - Each 1/15 cwt (Coy Comds)  
1/30 cwt (Tools)
- Chief Umpire - 1/30 cwt.

12. TOOLS - DIGGING & WIRING

- (a) All available tools will be carried in Coy trucks.
- (b) No digging or wiring beyond distribution of tools and issue of orders for tasks.

13. MEALS

Sec lunches will be carried on the man and eaten when opportunity occurs.

14. DRESS

- (a) BN - Fighting order and steel helmets less respirators
- (b) Umpires - Battle Dress with hats - white arm bands.
- (c) Enemy - Fighting order with hats, white puggarees
- (d) Spectators - Optional with caps.

*M. Harland*  
(M. HARLAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

SECRET

2/15 AUST INF BN EXERCISE - OPENING NARRATIVE

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, incl A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt, 2/7 Aust Fd Coy and C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, is advancing south on rd QASSAB-LATTAKIA-TRIPOLI with the object of gaining control of the coastal route through BANIAS.  
An enemy force based on TRIPOLI is opposing our adv by using a det, estimated about a bde, with some fd arty.  
On 10 Apr 42, 20 Aust Inf Bde encountered opposition at NAHR EL KANDIL but after a stiff fight, in which the enemy suffered heavily, overcame it. Opposition was again met on the KANJRA spur.
2. In the early morning of 11 Apr 42, 2/15 BN supported by one fd bty attacked KANJRA which was not strongly held and by 0900 hrs captured it. By this time A Sqn 9 Aust Cav Regt was in contact with enemy between the coast and BOUKA rd.
3. Enemy arc known to be lightly holding olive groves 1/2 mile SW of KANJRA and the ridge JABRO-BASKA.
4. At 0945 hrs,
  - (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde "R" Gp reached HQ 2/15 Bn.
  - (b) 2/15 Bn was re-organising at KANJRA and sending patrols fwd
  - (c) 2/13 Bn was deployed about 16004053
  - (d) 2/17 Bn was deployed about 16124086
  - (e) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde )  
HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) - 16094053  
HQ C Coy 2/2 MG Bn )
  - (f) Comds 13, 14 and 57 Fd Btys - 16164083
  - (g) "B" EchS were bded (NOT taking part in exercise)
  - (h) Det 2/8 Fd Amb area - 16124086.

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(M. HARLAND)  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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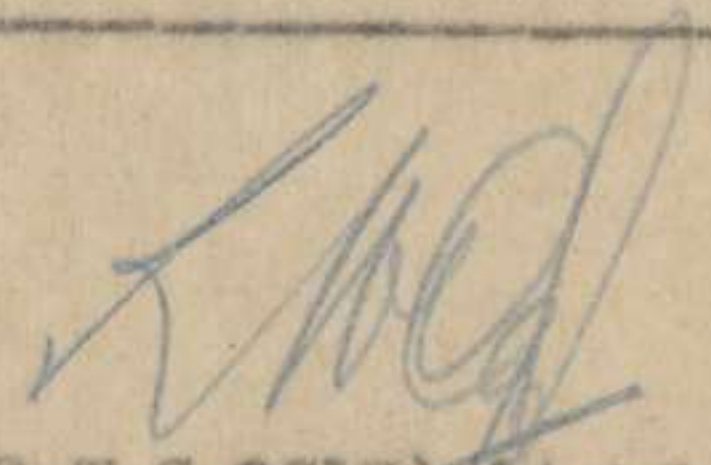
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Walkover

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
12 Apr 42

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	13 Apr	Weapon Tng and Gas Tng B Coy on 30 yds Range	One pl placed out as enemy. (Position recce during morning). Remaining pls move fwd as fighting patrols, using covered approach to objective. Keep enemy under observation and report back to Coy Hq all movements seen. Practice sending a sec fwd to occupy commanding ground, then advancing remainder of pl to occupy the ground gained.
Tuesday	14 Apr	BRIGADE EXERCISE	
Wednesday	15 Apr	Coy defensive exercise - Capt. GREEN's exercise available for two Coys. A Coy on Rifle Range SKOUBINE D Coy on 2" Mortar Range	
Thursday	16 Apr	BN EXERCISE	

  
(R.W.G. OGLE) Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn



13 Apr 42.

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2/15 AUST INF BN  
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No.11

BDE IN ATTACK

Ref Map LATTAQUIE 1:50000

1. A tactical exercise with tps will be held between the area KANJRA - NAHR EL KANDIL on 14 Apr 42 commencing from the camp area at 0730 hrs and finishing at approx 1930 hrs same day.

2. TPS TAKING PART

3. ENEMY

4. UMPIRES

5. ASSEMBLY

On CAMP RD facing NORTH at 0730 hrs.)

6. "R" & "O" GPS

To be notified later.

7. ROUTE

For tps and tpt as previously.

As in EXERCISE No. 10

A D M

8. AMN

9. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

10. SCALE OF TPT

But to include C.O's car and 1/30 cwt lorry for enemy.

As for EXERCISE No. 10

11. TOOLS & DIGGING

12. SIGNAL SECURITY

13. DRESS

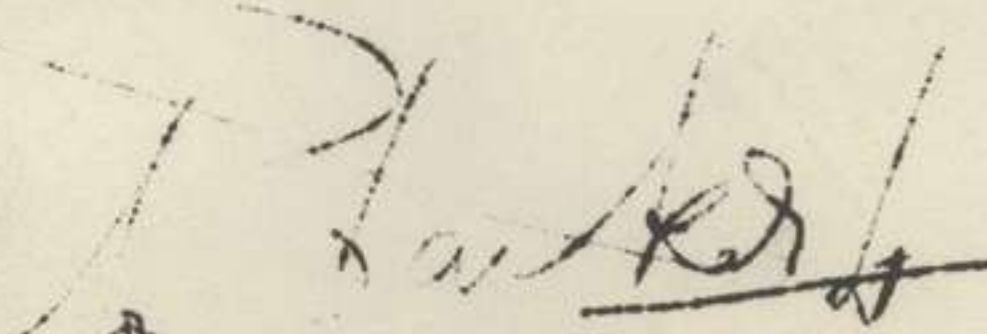
14. MEALS

Breakfast :- In camp at 0645 hrs.  
Midday Meal :- Sec lunches will be carried on the man.  
Evening Meal :- Will be served in the field.

Q.M. to prepare hot meal to be ready at 1700 hrs at rd and track junc 16524157.

15. REVEILLE

At 0615 hrs on 14 Apr 42.

  
(M. HARLAND) Capt.  
Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

All Offrs

R S M

20 Aust Inf Bde (3)

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15 Apr 42.

2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No.3

Ref Maps : LATTAQUIE) 1:50000  
 TRIPOLI )

INFORMATION

1. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on 22 Apr 42.

INTENTION

2. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will march by stages to Camp Site TRIPOLI vicinity (16412791) commencing 18 Apr 42.

METHOD

3. ROUTE  
Axis of March - Main LATTAQUIE - TRIPOLI RD.

4. S P  
Camp area SKOUBINE

5. STAGES  
The move will be completed in five stages:-

Day 1	- SKOUBINE (Camp area)	to NAHR EL BOURGHOL	17553760
Day 2	- NAHR EL BOURGHOL	to RIVER	16753518
Day 3	- RIVER	to ABOU AAFSA	16763218
Day 4	- ABOU AAFSA	to EL ARIB	17402992
Day 5	- EL ARIB	to TRIPOLI	

6. ORDER OF MARCH  
Day 1 - A, BN HQ, HQ, C, D Coys including att personnel.  
Thereafter in rotation the order B, HQ, C, D Coys at head of column on successive days.

7. TRAFFIC CONTROL
  - (a) Leading and rear Coys will provide 2 men with flags to march approx 200 yds in front and rear of the column to signal traffic to slow down whilst passing through tps.
  - (b) 2 members 9 Aust Div Pro Coy on MC will assist in control of MT traffic.
  - (c) Regtl Police will control all traffic on rd juncs and crossings and traffic passing through column.

8. PIQUETS  
All Coy areas will be securely piquetted each night during march with no less than 3 men on duty at a time.  
Piquets will be armed and all personnel challenged.  
Every precaution will be taken to avoid loss of arms or eqpt.

9. ADV PARTY  
Personnel for adv party or baggage guards will be selected from men who are suffering from foot disabilities or from lack of sound boots.  
Numbers reqd will be advised later.

A D M

10. ARMS AND AMN
  - (a) LMG Brens with 250 rds SAA per gun and TSMGs will accompany tps on unit tpt.
  - (b) 50 rds SAA per man will be taken of which 10 rds will be carried by Riflemen, and remainder in bulk by RSM together with 4000 rds TSMG on unit tpt.
  - (c) All other weapons will be packed - labelled - and put in Coy dumps, under guard.

11. TRANSPORT  
Tpt will be allotted as follows:-

- Each Rifle Coy - 1/30 cwt - for tpt of blankets, packs, 2 picks and shovels, guns etc
- HQ Coy - 1/30 cwt) - do
- BN HQ - 1/15 cwt) - do
- Q.M. - 1/15 cwt - do
- 1/1 ton office van
- C.O.'s car
- 1/30 cwt for daily rations and canteen truck.
- 1/3 ton cooking gear, surplus rations.
- 2/30 cwt water trucks.
- R A P - 1/3 ton (att 1 Amb)
- SAM Reserve - 2/15 cwt

Remainder of trucks will be under control of T.O. to be used to carry bulk stores and tentage to TRIPOLI.

12. P.O.L.

- (a) T.O. will arrange for dump of petrol, oil and lubricant. at Stage 2-RIVER 16753518 and STAGE 4- EL ARIB 17402992. for refuelling of Coy etc tpt.
- (b) Present BN reserve will be maintained and taken to TRIPOLI.
- (c) Requirements from TRIPOLI will be drawn from FSD at AUGER BARRACKS.

13. RATIONS

- (a) Supplies will be drawn from DID BOUKA for first 3 days of march.
- (b) From the fourth day onwards drawals will be made from the FSD AUGER BARRACKS, TRIPOLI.
- (c) On 18 Apr, indents will be lodged with Bde HQ covering the remaining days of the march.
- (d) Indents for personnel from BN moving as adv parties will be placed through Adv Bde HQ to coincide with arrival at destination.
- (e) During the move and whilst in new area unit tpt will be used to draw supplies and POL.

14. WATER

Drinking water will be drawn by BN-water trucks from Water Points at -

- LATTAQUIE
- BANIAS
- TARTOUSS (requires chlorinating)
- TRIPOLI AUGER BARRACKS.

On no account must other water be used for drinking purpose en route.

15. DRESS

- (a) Shirts and Shorts, with Battle Order.- Felt hats.
- (b) To be carried in haversack - Shaving gear, towel and soap, toothbrush, groundsheet under flap.
- (c) Spare socks in Bren pouch.

16. PACKS, GREATCOATS, BLANKETS AND MOSQUITO NETS

- (a) Each day prior to move, blankets, greatcoats and mosquito nets will be tied and labelled in convenient rolls ready for tpt.
- (b) Mosquito nets will be used at each Staging Area. Coys will improvise methods of using nets so that the exposed portion of the body is mosquito proof. A quantity of iron pickets and wire will be carried on Coy trucks and each night the mosquito nets will be hung from the wire suspended between the pickets driven into the ground.

(c) Trousers KD, pullovers, and spare boots will be included in packs.

17. KIT BAGS

(a) To be labelled, marked and stacked under cover in Coy areas on Friday, 17 Apr 42.

(b) Markings will be as follows:-

HQ Coy	H	(Letter H)	C Coy	+	(Cross)
A Coy	△	(Triangle)	D Coy	○	(Circle)
B Coy	8	(Two Circles)	BN HQ	=	(Two Bars)

(c) Steel Helmets will be carried in Kit Bags.

18. COY STORES

All Coy Stores (except 2 picks and shovels per Coy) & 2 Scale of Equipment (except personal eqpt and TSMGs and Brens).

Pressure lamps, primus cookers will be returned to technical by 1000 hrs Friday to be packed under unit arrangements.

All camp eqpt - bed boards etc will be stacked in Coy lines under cover for tpt when available.

Palliassees will be emptied and stacked with Coy Stores.

19. LEAVE

From date of this order, NO leave will be granted to LATTAQIYAH or any village en route to TRIPOLI. ALL towns are OUT OF BOUNDS.

20. SWIMMING

Swimming parades will be arranged under Coy supervision. Precautions will be taken by Coys for necessary piquets and for life savers to be posted.

21. MEDICAL

RAP and 1 Amb 2/8 Fd Amb will accompany the Bn and will move in bounds on each hourly halt.

Evacuations will be made to 2/11 Fd Amb TRIPOLI.

Amb will report to HQ 2/8 Fd Amb on completion of move.

22. HYGIENE

(a) Latrine trenches will be dug at each Staging area and filled in before leaving.

(b) Staging and camp areas will be left in a clean and tidy condition. Areas will be inspected by an offr before leaving.

23. FOOT INSPECTIONS

(a) Foot inspections will be held on completion of each days march and foot baths provided.

(b) Men whose boots are unfit to march will be detailed as baggage guards, cooks offsidiers etc.

24. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Every care will be taken to ensure that no unnecessary damage is done to crops, trees etc and that olive trees are not cut to be used as firewood.

25. SECURITY

The necessity for strict security must be impressed on all ranks. The move is not to be discussed any more than necessity demands. Guards and piquets are to be extremely vigilant at all times.

INTERCOMN

- 26. BN HQ will move with the column. Position in column to be notified daily.
- 27. Watches will be synchronised daily to ensure hourly halts being observed at the one time throughout the unit.

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Time of Signature.....*1530*.....hrs

Method of Issue *Orderly* .....

*M. Harland*  
 (M. HARLAND) Capt.  
 Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

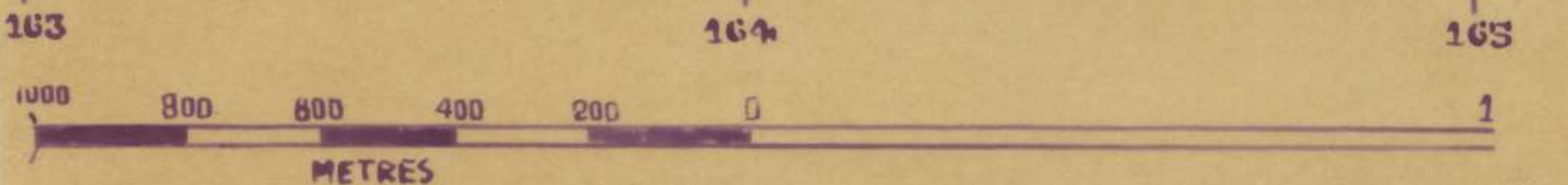
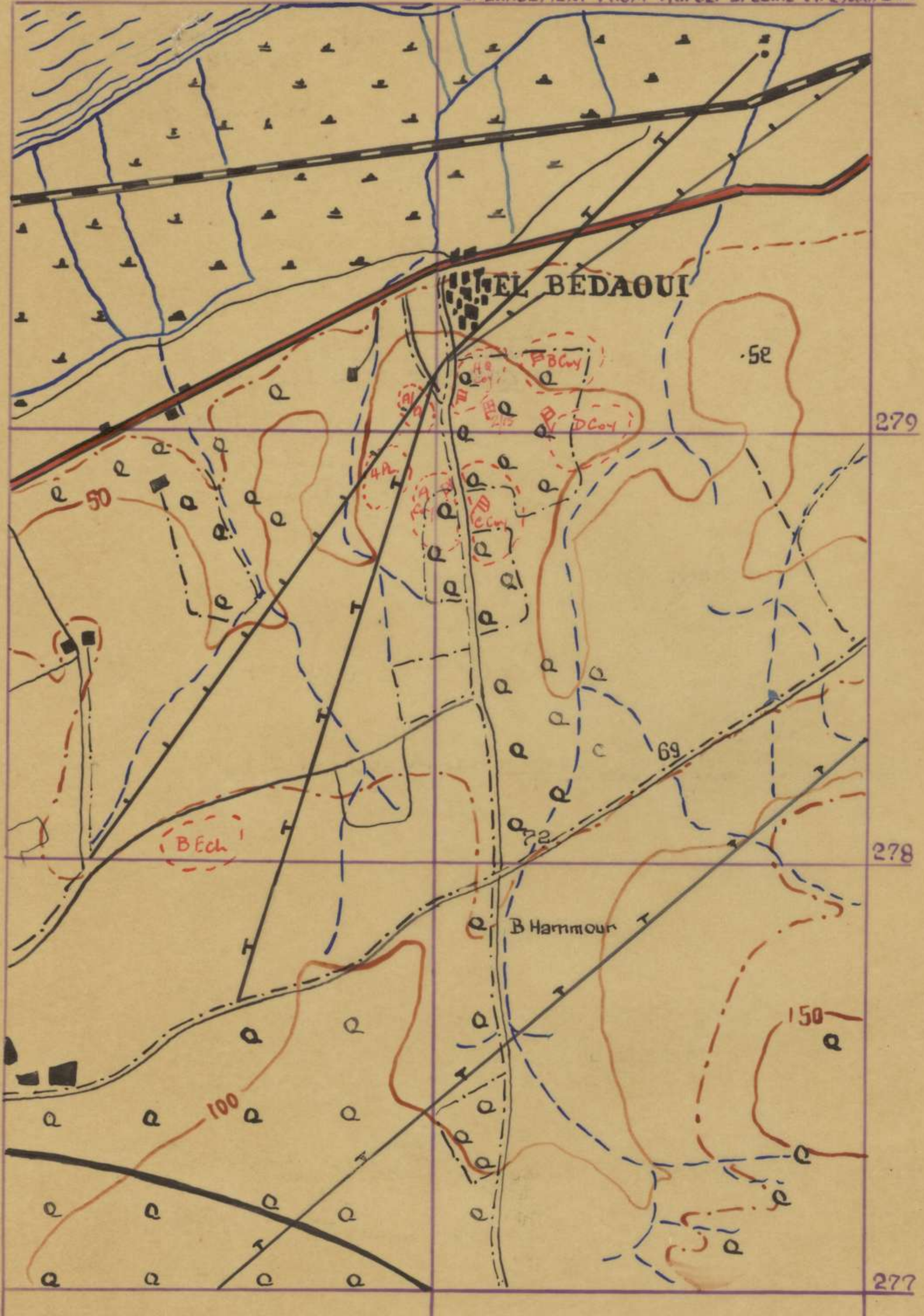
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| Copy No 1 - A Coy | Copy No 12 - OC Adv Party |
| 2 - B Coy         | 13 - RMO                  |
| 3 - C Coy         | 14 - 15 20 Aust Inf Bde   |
| 4 - D Coy         | 16 - 17 War Diary         |
| 5 - HQ Coy        | 18 - File                 |
| 6 - O O           | 19 - 20 Spare             |
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| 10 - QM           |                           |
| 11 - T/O          |                           |

2/15 AUST INF BN DISPOSITIONS 22 Apr 42

# EL BEDAOUI AREA

ENLARGEMENT FROM TRIPOLI SPECIAL (SHEET 1) 1:25000/200



- TARMAC MAIN ROAD
- " 2nd CLASS ROAD
- TRACK FIT FOR M.T.
- TRACK
- RAILWAY
- TELEPHONE LINE
- POWER LINE

2/15 1st. 25 Apr 42