

**AWM52**  
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**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/15**

**2/15 Infantry Battalion**

**September 1942**

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WAR DIARY

24. OCT. 1942

Army Form C. 2118.

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Month and Year Sep 42

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Commanding Officer *Shay*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TELL EL EISA	1		Previously planned Bn raid ( <sup>code word</sup> <del>new known as</del> "BULIMBA") carried out. ZERO 0535 hrs. C O, Lt-Col OGLE wounded. casualties - killed 2 Offrs and 24 ORs, missing 2 Offrs and 31 ORs, wounded 5 Offrs and 108 ORs. PW taken 1 Offr and 107 ORs. Estimated over 150 enemy killed. During the afternoon Bn moved back to bivouac area, near EL ALAMEIN rd hunc (88812946) and came under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde	<u>See Report</u> <u>See Casualty return</u> Ref map: EL ALAMEIN 1: 100000
	2	2000	Lt-Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD with Brig GODFREY visited bn area. Bn moved back to original area (Trig 26) relieving 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, without incident and reverted to comd 20 Aust Inf Bde. 2 ORs from B Coy reported in over night to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn from Pt 23 area. Lieut ENGLAND POSTED TO 11 Pl	
	3		Brig WINDEYER called to see Maj GRACE, Adm Comd. Day of Prayer, Chaplain GIBSON held services at RAP, B Ech, coys held service under own arrangements, using short service issued by Div. Postings: Lieut REA to 10 Pl. Lieut MAY to 15 Pl and <del>Lieut DOUGLAS to 17 Pl.</del>	
	4		Capt NEWCOMB posted OC C Coy and Capt LUTHER as QM.	
	5		Gen Sir Harold ALEXANDER C in C M E F visited Bn, and very highly praised Bn on the BULIMBA Op, said the Bn did all that was asked to do. Op caused the desired diversion. Capt COBB, Lieuts YATES, MURRISON, BACON, BETTS, rejoined unit. Postings Capt COBB to OC A Coy, Capt ANGUS to Carrier Pl, Lieut YATES to 8 Pl, Lieut MURISON to Mortar Pl, Lieut BACON Carrier Pl, Lieut CHILDS to 12 Pl, Lieut BETTS to 13 Pl,	

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TELL EL EISA	5		<u>CONTINUED.</u> Lieut KAY and Lieut DUFFY to A Tk Pl. Lieuts SEENEY & MURPHY taken on strength.	
	7		A, C & D Coys re-aligned their battle posns. A Coy patrol (Comd Lieut BEATTY).	<u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>
	8		Carrier and A Tk Pls fix def posns near Bn H Q.	
	9		Lt-Gen MONTGOMERY G O C EIGHTH ARMY visited Bn. Lt-Col C K M MAGNO appointed to temporary comd of Bn. QX20302 Pte ROOS T C killed and QX7600 Pte DOOLAN W H wounded by enemy shell fire. Patrol by A Coy (Comd Lieut YATES)	<u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>
	10		Gen-PIENAAR and Maj-Gen THERON, U D F visited Bn. QX7600 Pte DOOLAN WH died of wounds Small recce patrol from B Coy (Comd Lieut REA) contacted a large enemy patrol and had to withdraw	EL ALAMEIN Grave No 101 <u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>
	11		Day's shelling 4 shells D Coy area and 2 Bn HQ area.	
	12		Lieut DOUGLAS evacuated sick. Fighting patrol from C Coy (Comd Capt CHRISTIE), no enemy encountered.	<u>SEE REPORT</u>
	14		Fighting patrol from D Coy (Comd Capt JUBB), no enemy encountered. 12 shells in D Coy area, no damage.	<u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>
	15		Lt-Col OLIVER C O 7 BLACK WATCH visited bn and arranged for 2 gps from 7 B W to be att to unit for experience. 9 shells D Coy area.	

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TELL EL EISA	16		Warning Order received to relieve 2/17 Aust Inf Bn in left fwd sub-sector on 17 Sep. Adv parties to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	<u>See SITUATION MAP</u>
	17	2000	Gp from 7 BLACK WATCH joined Bn. Bn commenced relief of 2/17 Bn. Relief completed without incident Capt CHRISTIE and Lieut WEIR marched out to schools. Lieut MAHONEY rejoined unit. Carrier Pl (dismounted) patrol (comd Cpl DOBBS) went out as covering party on recce of enemy minefields.	do.  <u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>
	18		Lt-Gen MONTGOMERY G O C EIGHTH ARMY, Lt-Gen LEESE GOC 30 Corps, Lt-Gen LUMSDEN and party accompanied by C O inspected Coy posns. Lt-Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD visited bn area. Shelling, 40 C Coy area, 11 B Coy area, 18 HQ area 3 casualties QX10440 Sjt MCKENZIE, H A, QX18242 Pte ROSE H A, QX15390 Pte SMITH L A F wounded by shell fire.	
	19		Patrols from A Coy (Comd Lieut BEATTY) and C Coy (Comd Cpl WHITE) acting as covering parties for engrsp. Day's shelling: 60-HQ Coy area. 2 casualties NX16095 Pte WILLIAMS A, QX 11746 Pte COLEMAN M G wounded by enemy shell fire.	<u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>
	20		Patrols from A Coy (Comd Lieut YATES) B Coy (Comd Lieut ENGLAND) D Coy (Comd Lieut Seeney). A & D Coy patrols were covering parties for engrsp making recce of enemy minefields.	<u>SEE PATROL REPORTS</u>
	21		Col OLIVER with gp of Offrs and men from 7 BLACK WATCH joined the Bn for experience. Patrols A Coy (Comd Sjt GIRVAN) C Coy (Comd Lieut May).	<u>SEE PATROL REPORT</u>

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TELL EL EISA	21		<u>CONTINUED.</u> A Coy patrol acted as covering party to engrs recce of enemy minefields. Shelling, 9 HQ Coy area.	
	22		A Coy sent out a fighting patrol (Comd Lieut YATES), enemy was heard but could not be engaged. D Coy recce patrol (Comd Lieut MAHONEY) including 2 Offrs and 1 Sjt from 7 BLACK WATCH, who were out for experience. Shelling: A Coy area 9, B Coy 13, C Coy 11, D Coy 7, no damage. Warning Order received that the Bde would be relieved by the 26 Bde and that the Bn be relieved by the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on night 23/24 Sept. Adv parties from both units moved.	
	23		On night 22/23 patrols were sent out by B Coy (Comd Sjt WILLIAMSON) C Coy (Comd Lieut MURPHY) both returning safely. Shelling for the day 125 shells. A Coy area 23, B Coy area 17, C Coy area 25, D Coy area 38, HQ Coy area 22.	
EL QASABA EL SHARQIYA		2000	Relief by 2/48 Bn commenced and completed by 0300 hrs. Some enemy shelling but no casualties. Bn occupying posn previously held by 2/48 Bn, at EL QASABA EL SHARQIYA area. A & D Coys provided patrols during the change over, Comds Lieut GRIMSTONE and Cpl ELSE (MM)	Ref Map EL QASABA 1: 50,000 - Map ref 43318898 <u>SEE PATROL REPORTS</u>
	24		Capt WHALLEY rejoined unit from Reinft Bn and 5 ORs from Con Depot. Capt WHALLEY posted O C B Coy.	
	25		March to beach and swimming parades by Coys.	
	26		Night 25/26 exercises by A & B Coys; using lights on F U P	
	27		Night 26/27 exercises by C & D Coys. Maj SUTHERS, Lieut PARKER and four staff instrs marched out to Aust Inf Trg Bn	

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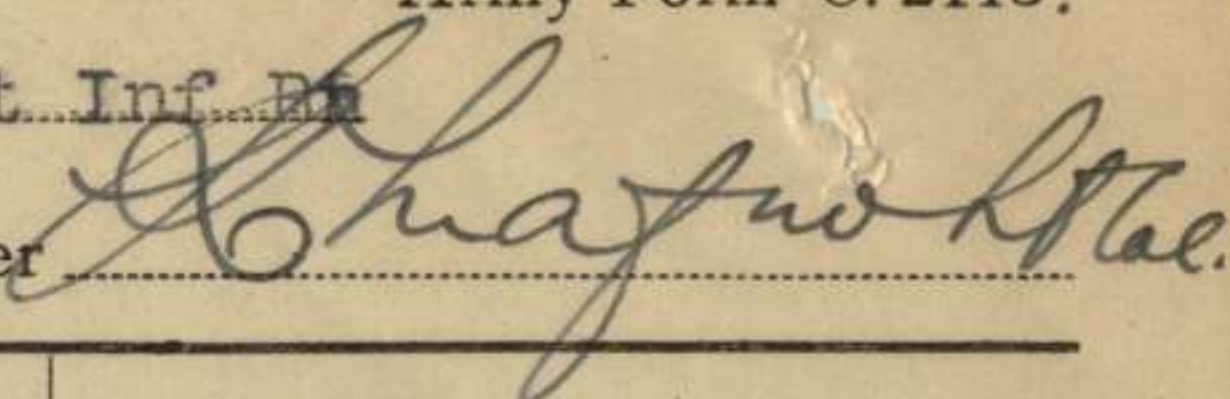
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EL QASABA EL SHARQIYA	28		Swimming parades by coys. Lieut GRAY evacuated sick.	
	29	Lt-Col	FINUCANE, 40 RTR lectured Offrs and Senior NCOs on "Tank Support".	
	30		Night 29/30 Bn night exercise using lights, control and exercise in night formations. <del>New</del> Brigade Comd, Brig WRIGLEY visited Bn area. <b>ACTING</b>	

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Commanding Officer *Shaywitz*

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			<u>SUMMARY - MONTH OF SEPT</u>	
			<p>On the first of the month the bn, and a sqn of 40 RTR supported by the whole of the div arty and a med regt RA, carried out an attack on enemy posns near West Pt 23, South of Tel el Eisa, with the object of establishing a "firm base" through which an exploiting force could pass to raid the enemy L of C. Though it proved impracticable to carry out this second phase of the plan, the initial attack by the bn achieved considerable success and the C-in-C, who visited the bn a few days after the op, said that it had had "exactly the result desired" (i.e., to divert the enemy's attention and if possible some of his forces from the South). The C-in-C further said that in spite of the casualties in personnel and material the op had been well worth while. For the op the bn was awarded a DSO, an MC, two DCMs and two MMs.</p>	
			<p>After a day spent reorganising in the 24 Bde sector of the ALAMEIN posn the unit returned to the res sub-sector of the 20 Bde sector for 2 weeks, after which it moved at short notice to relieve 2/17 Bn in the left fwd sub-sector.</p>	
			<p>Seven days later the bde was relieved by 26 Bde and 2/15 Bn after a quiet period in the line moved to the area El Qasaba El Sharqiya. Intensive tng began at once, taking the form of route marches and other hardening tng by day and exercises in attack by night involving the use of tanks and all other sp arms. The object of this tng was to develop a system by which depth could be got into the attack, enabling it to penetrate quickly to the enemy's gun line after breaking through his fwd defences. The tng included practice in the use of coloured lamps for marking axes of adv and mined gaps and great attention was devoted to a search for methods by which the bn's own sp weapons and consolidation stores could be got up quickly to fwd coys. The bn 2 i/c (Maj C H Grace) acted as chief umpire for all the exercises carried out by 20 Bde. During this period a limited number of personnel were granted leave for four days at a time to Alexandria and Cairo.</p>	
			<p>Reviewing the month, it can be said that in spite of the loss of such excellent offrns as Lt-Col Ogle, Capt Bode, and Lieuts Bannister, Patrick, and Wxton, together with a number of other casualties, morale was exceedingly high after the successful op of 1 Sep. All tps felt that they had had their first real chance to come to grips with the German. When the opportunity came they found that they had been well trained and that the enemy could not face them at close quarters. The unit came out of the line with the confidence that it had proved itself in battle and applied itself to the tng in night ops with interest and enthusiasm.</p>	

## WESTERN DESERT

LOCATION

TEL EL EISA

until 23 Sep. when moved back to  
Qasaba - Sharqiya.2/15 AUST INF  
BN SEP. 42TRAININGBLACK WATCH  
PERSONNEL7 join regt. for battle experience  
17 and 21 Sep.2/15 AUST INF  
BN SEP. 42NIGHT  
EXERCISESby all coys between 25 and 30 Sep.  
Object: to develop depth of attack.C IN C'S  
PRAISESPECIAL MESSAGE SGen Sir H. Alexander called at Bn,  
5 Sep. 42, and said it had done  
all that it was asked to do.  
"Exactly the result desired" to  
divert enemy's attention and, if  
possible some of his troops from  
the South where he was making attack.2/15 AUST. INF.  
BN. SEP. 42OPERATIONS"BULIMBA"  
1 SEP. 42Plan for operation fully set out in 2/15 Bn. OO No 10  
24 AUG.42.PRECIS OF  
ATTACK.Infantry advance began 0535 hrs.-- no enemy fire until  
arty support and MG came down---enemy obviously surprised  
and we crossed minefd into enemy postn with little  
difficulty.FIRST TASK  
COMPLETEDBY 0630 hrs when all infantry were through and Bn HQ  
established 150 yds on enemy side of wire. et

C.O WOUNDED

Lt. COL. Ogle wounded when his carrier ran on unmarked  
minefd (on his second trip forward). 2 i/c Maj. Grace  
sent for. CO's carrier gunner (Williams) showed great  
bravery acting as runner later.

NO COMMS

When Grace arrived at Bn HQ 0645 hrs no communications  
could be established with any coy.TANK ASSISTANCE  
NEEDEDB Coy, 0705, asked for tank support to assist them getting  
forward on to Pt 23, but no direct communication with  
tanks. Later 4 tanks, led through wire by one of Bn's  
carriers, but halted half-way and would not go further  
without orders from their squadron comd, who was killed.  
3 Bn carriers previously crossed minefd on right end  
gave Coy some assistance.TANKS DECLINE  
BUT BN CARRIERS  
GOT THROUGHAt 0710 A Coy on objective. Later B Coy asked for and  
received arty support: then 2 more tanks got through,  
but 2 i/c killed and they went back to Bn HQ.: B Coy  
in trouble & withdrawn through wire, 0725, some being on  
other side of Pt 23.POSITION AT  
0840 hrs.Just before withdrawal:- Left coy pinned down, short of  
amm.; right forward coy out of touch; left reserve coy.  
reported reduced to 12; right reserve coy. only two  
platoon strong; no mortars or amm. vehicles through.  
So A/CO ordered withdrawal to take place at 0900 hrs.

WITHDRAWAL

O.C COMMENTS ON  
TANKS 40 RTRDisappointing to infantry. Only one tank gave fire support  
and proved how useful they would have been. Tank men  
nervous particularly after loss of comds.

COMMUNICATIONS

bad -- lines cut--FOO's could not give accurate fire  
orders --- W/T more useful. Sappers quick and efficient  
in opening gaps.

Enemy Methods

Surprise spur of unmarked minefd at angle to main field.

C.O PRAISES  
TROOPSValue of operation to Bn high. Troops showed great  
courage and steadiness.SPECIAL REPORT  
ON BULIMBA

attached with trace of operations.

CASUALTIES

to Bn.-Killed, 2 Offrs, 24 O.R's; missing, 2 Offrs, 31 O.R's  
wounded.-5 Offrs, 108 O.R's. To enemy.- POW taken, 1 Offr  
107 O.R's. Estimated more than 150 killed.  
for next three weeks in Tel el Iesa area. Reports attd.

FIGHTING PATROLS

on 17 Sep. in left forward sub sector Tel el Eisa.

RELIEVED

2/17 BN

BACK FOR REST

Bn goes back to Qasaba-Sharqiya area. 23 Sep. 42.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I

by

Maj C H GRACE

ADM COMD 2/15 AUST INF BNIn the Field  
3 Sep 42

No. 125

1. WITHDRAWAL OF JERRICANS

Instructions have been received that all JERRICANS are to be withdrawn from units and sub-units for re-issue on priority laid down by EIGHTH ARMY.

Coys will therefore take steps to ensure that all JERRICANS at present held by Coys, or that are in Coy areas, are returned to QM before 0900 hrs 10 Sep 42.

Should any further JERRICANS be acquired from time to time, these will also be returned to QM as soon as possible.

As a certificate to this effect has to be rendered to higher authority every care will be taken to see that this order is observed.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS- ALEXANDRIA

(a) The attention of all ranks is drawn to the 20 m.p.h. speed limit in force in ALEXANDRIA.

(b) The CORNICHE- the Coast road- is closed to all traffic after 2130 hrs for operational reasons. This will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

3. PETROL - IMPROPER USE OF

ARO 341 is republished hereunder.

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

4. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS MAILS.

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

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

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

5. SECURITY- CONTROL OF ARABS

Below are instns received from HQ EIGHTH ARMY regarding control of civilians:-

(1) "The Egyptian Government has decreed that the line west of

which Arabs will not be permitted to move will, in future, be the 49 easting grid.

The evacuation of Arabs now between 46 and 49 grids has commenced under order of the Western Desert LO. This evacuation which is being assisted by WD tpt was expected to be finished by 25 Aug 42. After the evacuation is completed; the only Arabs permitted to be west of the 49 grid will be certain Arabs exempted by the Western Desert LO, British Military Authorities and the Egyptian Authorities.

(2) The object of the following security measures is to restrict the westward movements of Arabs, in order to prevent Arabs from reaching the enemy lines. Any movement of Arabs eastwards will not be restricted since Arabs coming from the direction of the enemy are likely to be in possession of valuable info.

(3) All Arabs who are permitted to remain west of the the 49 grid line must be in possession of a pass to that effect. The issue of these passes will be the responsibility of the OC 263 FS Section. Every Arab should be in possession of an Egyptian Permit, which bears a photograph, and Arabs who cannot produce such a permit will not be issued with a pass. The penalty for being west of 49 grid without a pass will be 10 days imprisonment by the Egyptian Authorities."

(4) All Arabs found in this area will be sent under escort to Bde HQ

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

NOTICE

A. C. F. ISSUE

The following were received from Bde on 6 Sep 42 and issued to Coys:-

Soap	677	cakes
Pipe tobacco	169	ozs
Cigarette tobacco	503	"
Tooth paste	169	tubes
Shaving soap	503	sticks
Handkerchiefs	677	

ROUTINE ORDERSPART I

by

Lt-Col C K M MAGNO  
Comd 2/15 AUST INF BNIn the Field  
13 Sep 42

No. 126

1. PUNISHMENTS BY COURT MARTIAL

The following punishments imposed by Courts Martial recently held in this area are published for information.

1. A private soldier convicted of stealing property belonging to a person subject to military law (ES 35) was sentenced to 120 days detention.

2. A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful command was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with hard labour and to be discharged with ignominy.

3. A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful command was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with hard labour and to be discharged.

4. A lieutenant convicted of striking a soldier and conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (using obscene language to the soldier) was sentenced to be severely reprimanded and to the loss of 12 months seniority.

5. A private soldier convicted of one charge of desertion and two of AWL was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 18 months and to be discharged.

6. A private soldier convicted of three charges of AWL was sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour.

7. A Staff Sergeant convicted of neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (negligently leaving a military vehicle unattended in ALEXANDRIA) was sentenced to be severely reprimanded and to forfeit 23 days pay.

8. A private soldier convicted of failing to appear at a place of parade and disobeying a lawful command was sentenced to 90 days Field Punishment with forfeiture of pay for that period.

9. A private soldier, convicted of two offences of disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer (A.A. Sec 9 (2)) was sentenced to 60 days field punishment and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of 60 days.

10. A private soldier, convicted of two offences of obtaining rations by false pretences contrary to Section 32(1) of the Larceny Act 1916 (A.A. Sec 41) and of an offence of fraudulently misapplying rations, public property (A.A. Sec 18(4)), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for 23 months.

2. MILITARY CAR PARKS

The official Military Car Parks in ALEXANDRIA are:-

(a) C.M.P. Barracks & Kommel-Dik (accommodation 120).

(b) "The Military Car Park" which is now open. This is the largest (accommodation 600) and is situated on the Corniche overlooking the Eastern Harbour approximately 700 yards West of the Cecil Hotel near the Native Law Courts.

3. RESTRICTIONS UPON MOVEMENT OUT OF ARMY AREA.

All Ranks are forbidden to proceed on or EAST of the CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA Road unless in possession of a duty pass issued by their unit.

4. EIGHTH ARMY ROUTINE ORDERS Nos. 218 and 359 of 1942 ARE REPUBLISHED FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE

Motor Vehicles- Discipline-Control of.

A.R.O. 218/42

(a) No Army MT Vehicles may leave the Army Area unless on duty with a written authority signed by a Staff Officer of a Formation not

below Bde.

This authority will be made out in the following form:-

x.....is/are authorised to proceed out of the EIGHTH ARMY Area on duty, in Motor Vehicle No.....

Period of Absence .....  
(Office stamp of Formation etc., with date).

.....  
Signature of Staff Officer

x To give names of all individuals in the vehicle.

5. GREEN ENVELOPES - FIELD CENSORSHIP

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

6. PROCEDURE'S PHONE CALLS

Persons originating phone calls often ask to be called back as soon as connection is through.

To obviate the delay and annoyance thus caused, and originator will remain on phone until call is through.

This practice will be adopted throughout the unit.

7. HONOURS & AWARDS

The Commander-in-Chief Middle East Forces has approved the following immediate awards for courage and initiative in the field.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS

QX 6223 Capt W. W. COBB.

THE MILITARY CROSS

QX 6243 Capt W. ANGUS

THE MILITARY MEDAL

QX 5495 Cpl ELSE, A.

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

DISTRIBUTION. List A.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col C. K. M. MAGNO  
COMD 2/15 AUST IIF BN

In the Field  
24 Sep 42

127  
No. 100

1. DISCIPLINE

- (a) The C in C has noted that when driving in a car his flag is not being saluted.
- (b) All Coy Comds will warn their men that cars flying the authorised flags on the bonnet must be saluted.

2. VEHICLES - BATHING PARTIES

When MT is used to carry bathing parties one man will be detailed to disperse each veh and remain with it while personnel are swimming. 150 yards dispersion will be maintained approaching while at and leaving beaches.

3. E.F.M. STANDARD TEXTS

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

4. INCREASES IN AIF PAY

(a) ACTIVE PAY

As from 14 Aug 42 the following increases in AIF pay are effective:

Offrs and ORs	SIXPENCE per diem (Aust Currency)
AANS Masseuses VADS	FOURPENCE per diem " "

The adjustment and amendment of Paybooks in accordance with above will be carried out by unit Pay Representatives immediately as set out in separate instructions. The increase will affect members' active pay and nett drawing rate only.

(b) ALLOTMENTS

No alteration in existing allotments will be permitted until such time as work in connection with the increase of pay has been completed.

The standing rates of allotments (i.e. the minimum allotment in respect of which full dependant's allowance is payable) remain unaltered, viz.,

- Offrs 5/6 per diem - ORs 3/6 per Diem (Aust)
- Matron-in-Chief, Principal Matron and Matron 5/-per diem
- Other members of AANS and Masseuses 3/4 per diem

(c) DEPENDANT'S ALLOWANCE

There has been an increase in dependant's allowance also from 14 Aug 42. The effective rates from that date are:

- One full dependant - e.g. wife- 4/6 per diem (Aust)
- Two full dependants- e.g. wife and one children- 7/6 per diem (Aust)
- Three full dependants- e.g. wife and two children- 9/6 per diem ("
- Each additional dependant above three- 1/6 per diem.

The above represents an increase of 1/- per diem for wife or other first full dependant and 6d for first child or other second full dependant.

(d) PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETIES

Members of philanthropic organisations do not at this juncture participate in the above increases in pay. Increase in these instances is dependant upon the approval of the controlling office of the organisation concerned. Later advice will be given in this connection.

(e) FORFEITURES ETC.

Any forfeiture of pay or credit entry in respect of a remission of sentence involving any period subsequent to 13 Aug will be adjusted in accordance with the abovementioned increases of pay.

5. MOTOR VEHICLES - DISCIPLINE- CONTROL OF  
2/15 Bn R.O No 126 Para 4 is amended.

(a) DUTY PASS

No Army MT vehicles may leave EIGHTH Army Area unless on duty and with a written authority signed by a Staff Officer of a Formation not below Bde.

The authority will be made out in the following form:-

-----DUTY PASS -----

#.....) }  
 .....) } is/are  
 .....) }  
 authorised to proceed out of the EIGHTH ARMY AREA, on duty,  
 in Motor vehicle No.....  
 Period of Absence from      hrs      / 42  
                                          to      hrs      / 42

(Office stamp of formation  
 Etc to be affixed here)      Destination.....

Purpose of Journey.....

Date.....      Signature of Staff Officer

# To give names of all personnel in the vehicle  
P To be filled in on duplicate copy only.  
NOTE: This authority will be prepared in duplicate for each journey, and the duplicate handed in at Traffic Control post on the EASTWARD journey.

Original will be carried by driver and will, when requested by authorised persons, be shown as authority for journey. On completion of journey original 'Duty Pass' will be destroyed.

6. USE OF TRANSPORT WORK TICKETS AF G 3513

- i. Work tickets will NOT be used in EIGHTH Army area.
- ii. EIGHTH Army units located outside EIGHTH Army area will comply with the local orders in force, and will provide Work tickets for all vehs.
- iii. All drivers will be informed of these arrangements.

7. FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL -

The following statement is published for information:

Name of Accused:- QX 2369 Pte GILLET, Clancy

ON THE CHARGES: (1) AA Sec 3(1) When on Active Service offering violence to his superior officer being in the execution of his office,

- (2) AA Sec 9 (2) When on Active Service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer.
- (3) AA Sec 8 (2) When on Active Service using insubordinate language to his superior officer.

FINDING Not Guilty on Charge 1 and Guilty Charges 2 & 3

SENTENCE 90 Days Detention dating from 15-9-42

CONFIRMATION: Confirmed by GOC 9 Aust Div 19-9-42

8. TELEGRAPH LINES

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

*M. Harland*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col C K M MAGNO  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BNIn the Field  
12 Oct 42

No 128

1. AIF (ME) Orders Nos 256, 298 and 516 are repeated and Comds will ensure that these are strictly observed by all ranks.

Trophies of war and other captured material

1(a) Captured material which may be claimed by units as trophies of war will be notified through HQ AIF to GHQ (ME), with particulars of the circumstances of capture, when a decision will be given on the claim.

(b) If the material claimed cannot be retained by the unit, it will be clearly marked with the unit's name and evacuated through Salvage channels to be taken charge of by the Deputy Controller of Salvage in accordance with PER Vol 1, 1930, Sec 157 Para 5.

2(a) Captured material required for issue for further use will not, as a general rule, be regarded as trophies of war. Against this material are the following items:-

Revolvers and Pistols	Signalling Instruments and parts
Rifles	Surveying & Drawing Instruments
Ammunition	Gun Parts, Tools, Spares, Magazines etc
Rangefinders	MT Spares and tools
Dial sights and parts	Typewriters Duplicators etc
Telescopes	Military literature including Maps and Manuals
Binoculars	Private Cars & other vehicles
Optical Stores	Medical Equipmt
Technical Equipmt	Money in Italian Currency
Cine and other Cameras	Other items which are clearly of value.
Wireless Sets	

(b) It is known however that large quantities of the items listed are in the possession of units and individual officers and ORs. Formation will accordingly take all possible steps to recover such items. These will include the publication by units and establishments (incl hospitals services, depots, workshops etc) of orders to the effect that:

- i All items will be handed over immediately to the Salvage Organisation or to Ordnance Depots.
- ii The retention of any such articles will involve disciplinary action.

(c) Formations and heads of establishments etc will, thereafter, ensure that disciplinary action is taken in all such cases.

3. Lists of items handed over in accordance with para 2(b)(i) will be forwarded to HQ AIF through Formation Headquarters

4. It is notified that loot includes any property or money in the possession or under the control of any officer or soldier which has not been obtained by issue, by free gift on the part of the lawful owner, or by lawful purchase for fair value. So called souvenirs of battle are included in the term. The possession of loot by any member of the AIF is forbidden.

5. Any officer of the AIF detected in the possession of loot will be tried by Court Martial. Other ranks will be dealt with as may be considered fit by superior authority not below the rank of Colonel.

6. This order will be read three times on parades and posted on Unit Notice Boards.

Explosives in Kits

Numerous instances have occurred recently of explosives of various types having been discovered in Kits deposited in the AIF Kit Stores for safe keeping. On no account will ammunition of any kind whether enemy or otherwise be deposited in AIF Kit Stores.



## Loot and Traffic in Arms

It has been definitely established that members of HM Fordes have been selling captured arms and ammunition.

From this, it is clear that the existing orders on this subject are not being obeyed. All ranks are reminded that it is forbidden to retain in their possession any public enemy property found on the battlefield. Anyone who disposes of captured arms to other persons is directly assisting the enemy, since such arms find their way to those who work for the enemy. Such action is an offence punishable by a sentence of two years imprisonment.

Any captured war material in the possession of army personnel will be surrendered immediately.

This order will be repeated twice monthly on parade and brought to the notice of all ranks.

## 2. ARMS - RETENTION OF NON-SERVICE TYPES

(a) All members of AIF are forbidden to have any arms, weapons or ammunition other than WD service types unless they are in possession of a certificate signed by the CO of this unit, authorising the retention of such weapons.

(b) The CO is authorised to sign such certificates only when:-

- i Exigencies of the service require that 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.

(c) In the case of sub para ii, these arms are to be held only in addition to, and not in lieu of, WD issue.

(d) All ranks will hand in all arms and weapons for which a certificate is not granted.

(e) This order will be read on parade twice monthly.

(f) The certificate will be in the following form:-

No	Rank	Name	Unit
is authorised to be in possession of as (Private property			
(full description of weapon)			
( A souvenir			
( A weapon			

(g) All ranks in possession of and desirous to retain such arms, ammunition or weapons will make application to Bn HQ through the usual channels.

## 3. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by courts martial are published for information:

On Private soldiers convicted of Deserting His Majesty's service

(a) Imprisonment with hard labour for 2 years and to be discharged with ignominy from His Majesty's service.

(b) Imprisonment with hard labour for 18 months and to be discharged from His Majesty's service

(c) 2 years detention

On Private soldiers convicted of AWL

AWL 5 days ~ 6 months imprisonment

AWL 36 hrs ~ 6 " "

AWL 1 day ~ 6 " detention

AWL 1 day ~ 9 " "

AWL 5 days ~ Imprisonment with hard labour for 1 year

AWL 3 days ~ 6 months detention

AWL 2 days ~ 6 " "

AWL 5 days ~ Imprisonment with hard labour for 1 year

AWL 7 days ~ " " " " " 6 months

i. A private soldier convicted of manslaughter - 18 months detention

ii. Two private soldiers convicted of Disobeying a lawful command given by their superior officer to join a gun crew were respectively sentenced to (a) Detention for 6 months and to be discharged (b) Imprisonment with hard labour for six months and to be discharged with ignominy.

iii. A private soldier convicted of Deserting His Majesty's service, AWL for 3 days when under close arrest and AWL for 1 day when under close arrest ~ Imprisonment with hard labour for 18 months and to be discharged.

- iv. A private soldier convicted of AWL for 3 days and AWL for twenty days when under open arrest - 1 years detention
- v. A private soldier convicted of AWL for 2 days during an engagement with the enemy and AWL for 1 day when in close arrest - Imprisonment with hard labour for 2 years
- vi. A private soldier convicted of fraudulently misapplying public property - Imprisonment with hard labour for 1 year.
- vii. A S/Sgt convicted of neglect to the prejudice etc in leaving a military vehicle unattended in a public street thereby enabling it to be stolen - Severely reprimanded and forfeit all ordinary pay for 28 days.
- viii. Two private soldiers, convicted of stealing clothing belonging to a person subject to military law and conduct to the prejudice etc in being improperly in possession of two blankets, public property - each nine months detention.
- ix. A corporal, convicted of using insubordinate language to his superior officer - reduced to the ranks.
- x. A private soldier, convicted of three offences of disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer - 6 months detention.
- xi. A private soldier convicted of AWL for 4 days during engagement with the enemy; conduct to the prejudice etc in improperly using a military vehicle and in being improperly in possession of public property - imprisonment without hard labour for fifteen months.
- xii. Two officers, convicted of charges of fraudulent misapplication of Regimental Funds and a charge of conspiracy to fraudulently convert property - both sentenced to be cashiered and one to be imprisoned without hard labour for two years, the other to be imprisoned with hard labour for twenty-one months; both put under stoppages of pay until they have made good the amounts so misapplied
- xiii. A private soldier convicted of disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer to take part in an attack launched by his company on an enemy position - imprisonment with hard labour for eighteen months and to be discharged from the Defence Force of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- xiv. A private soldier convicted of AWL from his unit in the field and wilfully destroying his paybook - nine months detention.

4. SECURITY MEASURES WHILST ON LEAVE

All ranks are warned that to give their names and addresses to persons or business houses is a breach of security regulations. Personnel desirous of having parcels or goods despatched will give only number, name, AIF abroad, as their address.

5. PAC

(a) The following centres are available in ALEXANDRIA:-

- Sgts- 5 Rue MATUNETY (Pension V)
- ORs - 54 Rue Aly el Kobir (6 Sister Street)
- LONDONDERRY Camp (Rue Corniche)
- SIDI BISHR Staging Camp
- Mustapha Barracks.

(b) CAIRO

- Kasr-el-Nil Barracks - Midam Ismailia
- Bab-el-Hadid Barracks - Midam Bab-el-Hadid

6. ACCOMMODATION - LEAVE

All other ranks prior to proceeding on ALEXANDRIA leave are to be advised that accommodation up to a total of 100 beds has been reserved for AUSTRALIAN tps at UNITED FORCES hostel MOHAMED ALI square. Those desiring to avail themselves of this accommodation must book in prior to 1400 hrs on the day of arrival. UNITED FORCES hostel is highly recommended and as other accommodation is scarce those desiring to stay in ALEXANDRIA are strongly advised to take advantage of this accommodation. Tariff:- bed and breakfast 15 pt. complete board 25 pt per day.

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

NOTICES

**VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER.** A letter has been received from the Prime Minister asking that his thanks be conveyed to those responsible for the arrangements made for his various visits to the front and elsewhere.

The Prime Minister asks that his personal thanks be conveyed to car drivers, despatch riders, and military police, who rendered him excellent service.

Coy comds will ensure that the Prime Minister's thanks are brought to the notice of all ranks.

**CHRISTMAS PARCELS.**

1. It is advised that parcels lodged for transmission by post must not exceed the following dimensions and weights:-

LENGTH - Maximum 3 feet.

GIRTH - Maximum 3 feet, except that where the length is LESS than 3 feet, the GIRTH may be increased until LENGTH plus GIRTH measures 6 feet (e.g. a parcel 3 feet long may measure 1 foot wide x 6 inches high; a parcel 2 feet long may measure 1 foot wide x 1 foot high).

WEIGHT - Maximum 11 lbs.

2. Articles weighing up to 16 ozs may be registered; it is recommended that all small articles are so registered.

**ACF ISSUE**

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

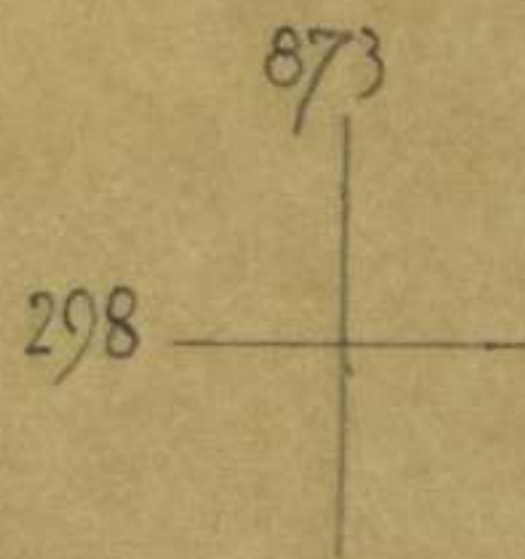
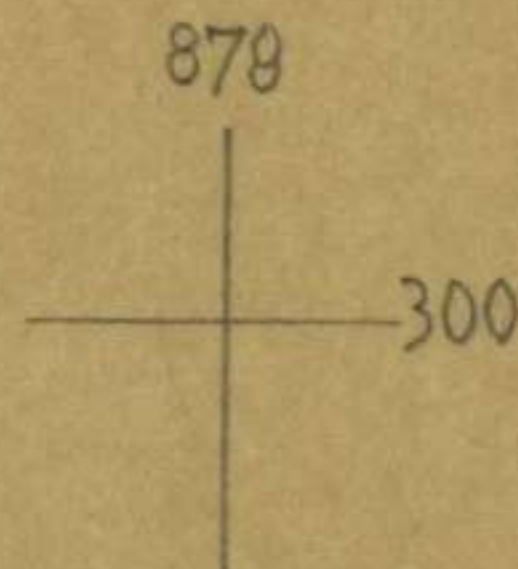
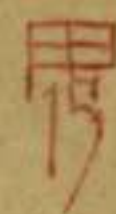
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Razor Blades	705	Pkts
Foot Powder	24	Tins
Writing Pads	50	
Envelopes	1250	
Housewives	25	
Playing Cards	34	
Woollen Socks	65	prs.

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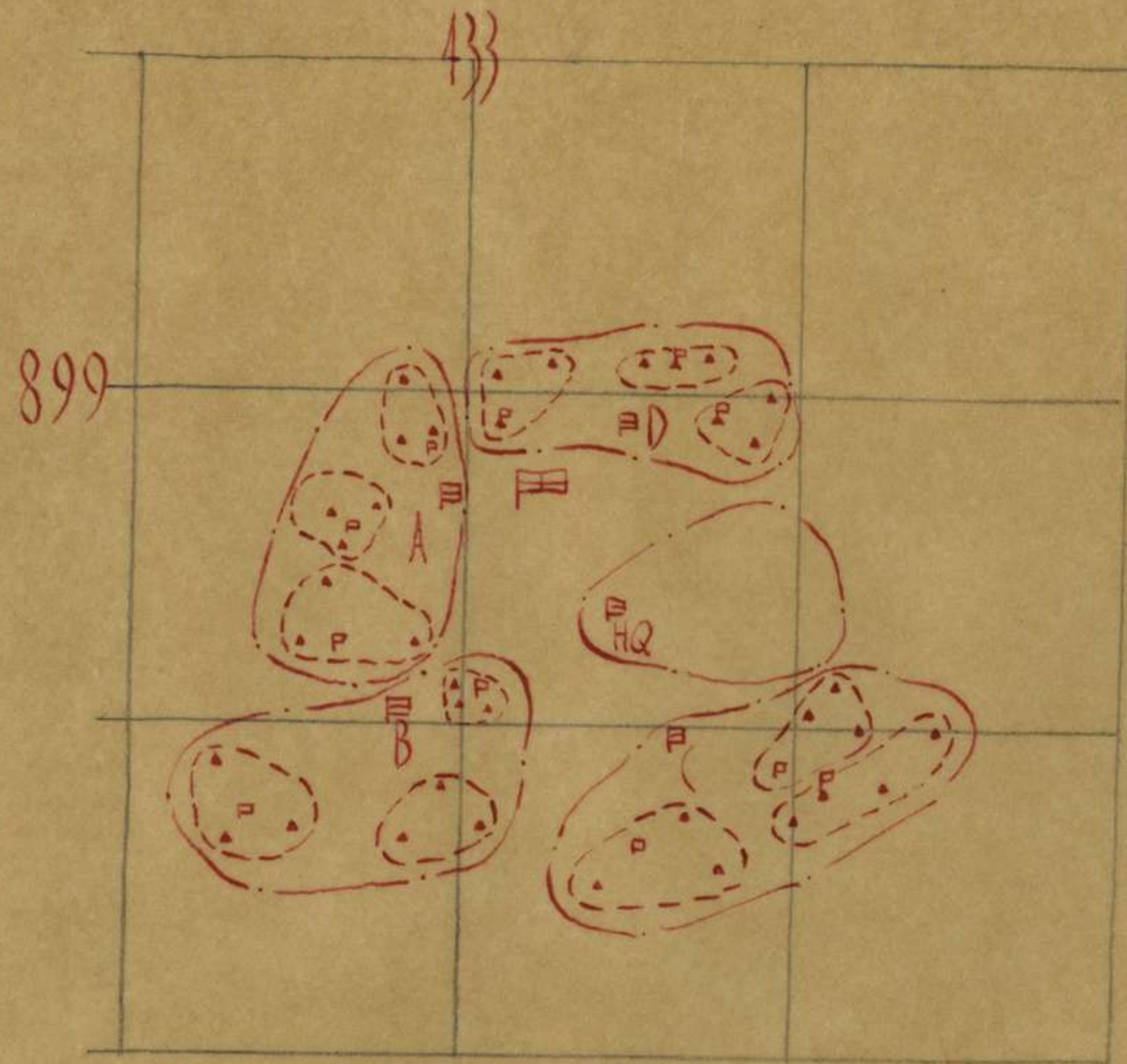
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SECRET  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
8 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORT- Night 7/8 Sep 42

A COY

Comd Lieut BEATTY.

STRENGTH: 1 Gffr 7 ORs

TIME OUT: 2030 hrs - TIME IN: 2350 hrs

ROUTE: From SP 8752529760 to 87342972 and home via same route.

REPORT: During the first leg occasional sounds of pickets being driven could be heard. Apparently some muffling device was used. At 8738029725 a dog was heard clearly on right of patrol. Sounds of movement and low voices were heard on the right during the remainder of the course and when at 87342972 patrol sighted five men about 120 paces away. Patrol went to ground and so did the enemy. An automatic opened up from approx 87342967 firing on a fixed line parallel with the line of advance of the patrol. Eleven men were seen directly to the front dispersed over a wide area and about 100 yds in front. Enemy did not move or resume work during the time patrol was there. Patrol withdrew after having waited at 87342972 for 40 mins. As patrol withdrew a flare was fired and dog was heard again.

SECRET

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
10 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORT -Night 9/10 Sep 42.

A COY

COMD: Lieut YATES

STRENGTH: 1 Offr 2 ORs

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs

TIME IN: 0015 hrs

ROUTE: 8752529760 to 8732729686 to 8736429636 and thence to SP.

REPORT: Movement of MT could be heard, estimated to be in the area 87302968, also a considerable amount of talking and sounds of tools being unloaded from a veh in the same area. At 87312968 sounds of picks being used could be heard and a Spandau started firing about 1000 yds away at about 87272965. On closer investigation of the activity at 87312968 the party was heard using picks and driving pickets. No talking was heard. Position in which party was working was in a depression. Diggings were passed on the second leg at 8734529661, 8735029655 and 8735829646, these were narrow slit trenches and weapon pits, near one was a German water tin containing water and patrol comd states that they may have been used for a standing patrol.

SECRET

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
11 Sep 42

REPORT OF PATROLS - Night 10/11 Sep 42.

B COY

Comd: Lieut A A Rea.

STRENGTH: 1 offr & ORs

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs

TIME IN: 2300 hrs.

ROUTE: From 8753229724 to 87422965 to SP.

REPORT: By M.E.F. movement was heard ahead on the line of adv. Movement was noticed at 87422965, patrol went to ground and heard voices. After observing here for some time patrol tried to move to the left of the enemy party but had only gone 100 yds when two high pitched imitation bird whistles were heard from left front. These were answered in a similar manner from further ahead of patrol, and in rear of first whistler. Then a Breda LMG fired two bursts followed at a short interval by another two bursts. Patrol then attempted to by-pass enemy party on the right flank, but additional enemy movement observed here also. Patrol withdrew slowly by bounds, enemy party believed 20 or 30 men observed to be following. Enemy was still following when patrol was fired on by patrol (Protective) from 2/17 Bn, who took patrol to be vanguard of enemy main body.

ON RIGHT FRONT

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Recognition having been established patrol returned to SP. Any flanking manoeuvre was prevented owing to the narrow patrol area.



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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
13 Sep 48.

PATROL REPORT - Night 12/13 Sep 48

COOY

COMP: Capt CHRISTIE

STRENGTH: 2 Offrs 14 ORs

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs

TIME IN: 2400 hrs

ROUTE: From 8750229794 to 874322966 (Reece patrol to 873022966 to 874022966 to 874322966) to SP.

(8740329636)

REPORT: Standing patrol lay up at 874322966. Reece party moved out on bearing of 270 degrees and at approx 874022966 located sig wire, patrol moved on to 873022966 and lay up here for 30 mins. No but sounds of picks being used and pickets being driven could be heard to the WEST and NW not closer than 800 to 1000 yds. An LMG (probably Breda) was firing, from approx 873322963, occasional bursts to the NE, EAST and SE, this precluded possibility of enemy patrols being active in the area. Party moved back towards standing patrol and at approx 874022966 located a well constructed dug out. Though the sig wire previously referred to was not located right at this dug out it is thought that it may be an OP. Reasons being its thorough camouflage and good construction and location. Party returned to standing patrol and again went out this time to 874022966 from here working activity could be heard to the NW, a wheel barrow and shovel were being used in addition to previous activity and also a shovel was being used about 873822962, this ceased on the approach of the party. The same Breda fired a burst which fell between the Reece party and the standing patrol. It is not thought that the fire was directed at either Reece party or standing patrol.

As it seemed unlikely that enemy had any patrols out, our patrol moved back at 2300 hrs.

(8740329636)

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R/25 AUGUST 1942  
15 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORT - Night 14/15 Sep 42.

D COY

Comd Capt JUNE

STRENGTH: 8 of the 14 on

TIME OUT: 2030 hrs

TIME IN: 0030 hrs

ROUTE: From 8730000734 to 8740000000 (Recco patrol to 8740000000  
8730000057) to SP.

REPORT: Patrol moved out to 8740000000 where standing patrol lay <sup>up</sup>  
in old diggings. From here Spandax were observed firing at 8730000000  
and 8730000001. Guns apparently firing at random, 1 gun also fired  
into air with tracer burst of 2 - 4 rds, this was answered from 1000 yds  
in rear of gun by a red flare. This happened on two occasions. From  
a bearing of 300 degrees enemy could be heard driving pickets.

Recco party moved fwd and at 8740000000 a tel wire was encountered  
and cut. At 8740000000 patrol went to ground in old diggings and heard  
voices about 400 yds on left front. Three men were observed moving  
across party's front from left to right. Recco party moved out towards  
enemy who went to ground and could be heard moving on ground. Recco  
party did not see enemy again so withdrew to standing patrol.

Then Recco party moved out to 8740000000 where diggings were  
encountered and sig cable cut and another sig cable cut and at 8740000000  
and patrol lay up in diggings at 8730000057. MS of B

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E/15 Aust Inf Bn  
17 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORT - Night 16/17 Sep 42.

CARRIER PL (DISMOUNTED)

Comd: Cpl DOWNS

STRENGTH: 1 NCO, 3 ORs and 3 Sappers.

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs

TIME IN: 2400 hrs.

ROUTE: From 8753229724 to 8733029706 to 8733029688 to 8753229724

REPORT: Particularly by RT movement and a M.C could be heard directly ahead on the line of advance from 8737729710. Directly ahead from 8731829708 voices and the sound of picks being used and pickets being driven could be heard. The patrol continued to 8733029706 where a single row of demerit was encountered. On a bearing of 285 degrees a working party could be heard (estimated strength 50) who appeared to be laying a minefield or digging new posts. Further observation was stopped by what appeared to be a standing patrol of 8 strong (German), who were 250 yds directly in front.

The patrol comd investigated the demerit wire and found it ran due NORTH for approx 60 yds and then on a bearing of 350 degrees and also on a bearing of 180 degrees for 50 yds. *the wire appears to continue due SOUTH* No mines or diggings were found in the vicinity of the wire. There were three breaks in the wire and through the middle break (about 8733029706) there was a well defined track. The patrol then moved to 8733029688, from here a Spaniard was spotted at 8731829644.

Patrol returned to SP on bearing of 80 degrees. At 8740529700 two derelict trucks were passed.

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORT - Night 18/19 Sep 42.

A COY

COMD: Lieut DEATY.

STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 4 ORs and 3 Sappers.

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs Time In: 0135 hrs.

ROUTE: From 87532973 to 87332961 to 87332759 to 87432963 and then home.

REPORT: At 87342964 encountered gap in old single darnert fence. Gap appeared to have been recently used by vehs. From here patrol heard muffled sounds of pickets being driven and also voices from 87332969, also low voices were heard at about 87332966. Patrol moved on another 50 y's and here located recently occupied listening post and a sangar near the track. A spandau was firing from 87332957. A new taut sig wire was encountered at 87332962. During the second leg patrol followed a road which had apparently been used recently, an explosion occurred about 800 yds to the SW and a veh left the area hurriedly. A number of MG bursts at this stage indicate what was probably a post at 87332956. At 87332961 crossed another sig wire and at **87362963** located recently dug listening post.

NOTE: Single darnert fence was not crossed on way home.

C COY

COMD: L/Cpl WHITE

STRENGTH: 1 NCO, 2 ORs and 3 Sappers.

TIME OUT: 2130 hrs TIME IN: 2340 hrs.

ROUTE: From SP gap 87422997 to 87342996 to 87222996 to SP.

REPORT: From 87342996 movement of a working party (using shovels and hammering pickets) was heard at 87162996, the patrol laid up for 20 mins and then moved fwd 200 yds to 87222996. At this point an enemy party (unknown strength) was heard moving towards the patrol.

The patrol withdrew as the comd considered it was not possible to complete the recce.

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
20 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORTS - Night 19/20 Sep 42.

A COY COMD: Lieut R A YATES.

STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 2 ORS and 2 Sappers.

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs TIME IN: 0200 hrs

ROUTE: From 87532973 to 87532968 to 87252952 to 87252954 and then to SP.

REPORT: Sounds of pickets being driven in were heard from 87342962. Patrol comd and Engr NCO made a further recce in this area, on which the sounds ceased. Patrol waited 30 mins but work was not resumed. Further on patrol saw footprints of men made that night, probably by the working party. At 87322956 patrol crossed taut sig wire and a similar one was crossed at 87282956. From 87232956 sounds of talkin and of boxes being dropped from a truck could be heard about 600 yds from patrol who did not investigate further as they were skylined and the moon was still bright. At 87262953 crossed recently used road running on approx 200 deg, voices on front were still audible.

B COY COMD: Lieut R F ENGLAND.

STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 1 Sjt and 12 ORs.

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs TIME IN: -0135 hrs

ROUTE: From 87432997 to 87422996

REPORT: Standing patrol lay up in diggings at 87242996 and patrol comd and 2 ORs went fwd due WEST towards enemy working activity which could also be heard to the NW. At 87192996 a row of 5 E P Mk II mines were encountered running NORTH-SOUTH covering about 30 yds. At 87182996 patrol lay up for 20 mins, during which time the work which had ceased was not resumed. Recce party returned to standing patrol and then moved NORTH to 87243003 where NMS or H, except a compressor at about 87283016. Patrol comd considered cessation of work was quite likely due to HF. A new sig wire found here was cut.

D COY COMD: Lieut D SEENEY

STRENGTH: 1 Offr 2 ORs, 1 Enge NCO and 5 Sappers.

TIME OUT: 2140-hrs TIME IN: 0320 hrs

ROUTE: 87522976 to 87272981 to 87272983, to SP.

REPORT : Patrol moved through knocked out BULEMBA vehs at approx ~~87302981~~ 87302981. Working party could be observed at 87262981, a truck could be seen 50 yds ahead of the patrol, believed to belong to the working party, those to the front could be observed driving in long steel pickets. Patrol moved back to 87292981 with a view to moving north and around the working party. At 87292981 an enemy patrol (18 counted) were observed to have taken up a posn SW of our patrol, which went to ground and later crawled north to vicinity of derelict AFVs where it lay up until moonset. It was thought by patrol comd that his early movements were seen and these 18 men had been sent out to ambush him on the return. When patrol was on way in, mortar and spandau fire were brought down on area of AFVs and 6 white flares were fired in quick succession.

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
21 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORTS - Night 20/21 Sep 42.

A COY

Comd: Sit GIRVAN

STRENGTH: 1 NCO, 2 ORs plus 3 Sappers

TIME OUT: 2000 hrs

TIME IN: 2330 hrs

ROUTE: Out 87532973 on 265 deg to 873297, back on same route.  
87362971

REPORT: At ~~XXXXXX~~ heard large working party directly in front driving pickets and running wire. At 87342970 crossed  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rubber cable (new) and looked like searchlight cable. At 87332970 all voices ceased and work stopped. At 87322970 a few people began working and truck was heard. No voices and party expected they had been seen. At approx 87302970 patrol went to ground and observed. Barrel on 23 West could be seen approx 500 yds on left front. Then party of 18 about 2 paces apart approached our patrol. The patrol observed them until they approached to within 150 yds. Every man wore a great-coat and every man was carrying a Tommy-gun or automatic of some description. The patrol withdrew 100 yds and observed. The enemy patrol then split up and 6 men moved around to one flank and remainder came on. Patrol withdrew another 200 yds and found that enemy were gaining on them. They could be seen in detail by the naked eye. When the patrol had withdrawn a further 200 yds the enemy could not be seen. The patrol waited for 10 mins but NMS and patrol withdrew.

The patrol comd had the impression that the enemy patrol was either uncertain that the patrol may have been a decoy or what was more likely were bent on capturing them. No shot was fired. What appeared to be 2 knocked-out tks were seen about 300 yds on rt fwd flank at 87312970. Two tracers were fired fairly close to patrol's right flank just before enemy working party stopped work. The working party were working on wide front and the pickets were being driven in fairly wide apart, possibly marking a minefd. The voices of the working party were GERMAN.

C COY

COMD: Lieut N D MAY

STRENGTH: 2 Offrs and 12 ORs

TIME OUT: 2120 hrs

TIME IN: 0230 hrs

ROUTE: 87432997 to 87302986

REPORT: Recce party of one offr and 2 ORs went fwd in square 872298 reported Spandau firing from 871300 across their front. Enemy working activity was heard, estimated at about 87162983, NMS. Recce party returned to SP and went out again but did not contact enemy parties or see working party.



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2/15 Aust Inf Bn

22 Sep 42.

PATROL REPORTS- Night 21/22 Sep 42.

ACOY

COMD: Lieut R A YATES

STRENGTH: 1 offr, 1 Sjt and 12 ORs  
TIME OUT: 1930 hrs  
TIME IN: 0130 hrs  
ROUTE: From 87532973 to 87352971 to SP

REPORT: From 87402971 heard working party and truck dropping stores at 87372971. At 87372971 crossed new cable, bearing 300 deg and at this stage working stopped completely. At 87352971 there was still no sound in front. The patrol waited here and after about 45 mins, enemy patrol was seen 400 to 500 yds on the right and through glasses the patrol was seen going to ground. Patrol comd moved his patrol towards away (18 counted) who passed across front of our patrol about 400 yds away. Patrol lay up here for 30 mins and saw 12 men returning from our lines. Again they moved out of range of SAfire and the bright moonlight precluded any manouevre on the part of our patrol.

D COY

COMD: Lieut W A MAHONEY

STRENGTH: 1 Offr 6 ORs ( 2 Offrs 1 Sjt Att)  
TIME OUT: 2400 hrs  
TIME IN: 0415 hrs.  
ROUTE: From SP 87483002 to 87233004 to 87252990 to SP  
REPORT: From the vicinity of Pt 17 sound of pickets being driven could be heard at a considerable distance to the NORTH, otherwise NMS or H.

SECRET

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
23 Sep 42.

PATROLS REPORT- Night 22/23 Sep 42.

C COY

COMD: Lieut MURPHY

STRENGTH: 2 Offr and 8 ORs (incl 1 Offr and 4 ORs from other units)

TIME OUT: 2300 hrs

TIME IN: 0300 hrs

ROUTE: SP BULIMBA GAP 8752529760 to 87332972 to 87352977 to SP

REPORT: On first leg 87382973 flank man reported movement of a figure 215 deg about 150 yds away. Patrol comd investigated but saw nothing. Lay up for 50 mins at end of first leg, NMSO r N. On second leg at 87332974 a new signal wire was cut. Patrol again laid up for a short time at end of second leg and on return signal wire was cut at 87392976

B COY

COMD: Sjt WILLIAMSON

STRENGTH: 1 Sjt and 8 ORs (incl 4 from 7 BW)

TIME OUT: 1945 hrs

TIME IN: 0030 hrs

ROUTE: From 87432997 to 87342991 to 87192995.

REPORT: Sounds of digging were heard to come from approx 87202980, pickets were being driven about the area of THOMPSON'S POST square 872301. Patrol completed course without incident.



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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Sep 42.

2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 1942  
(Based on info received from 0500 hrs 18 Sep to 0500 hrs 19 Sep)

1. GENERAL. Shelling was unusually light - 65 shells falling in the area, none on the cutting.

Patrols report enemy working activity in the area of his FULs.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(i) ARTY. What was probably a tp of 25 prs fired a short area shoot in HQ coy area causing 3 casualties in Carrier Pl. The remainder of the shelling was distributed from 1000 hrs to 1945 hrs.

3. MT MOVEMENT. At 1105 hrs a smoke producing veh laid a screen on SKYLINE TRACK, this was effective for about 15 mins. No unusual movement was noticed before or after. Average 50 vehs per hour till 1100 hrs, approx equal numbers each way.

4. OWN ACTIVITY

(i) ARTY. Arty harassed the following <sup>targets during the night</sup> strong post area in-square 871307, enemy posts and diggings at 87043003, 8712988, 87182978, 86942959, 87222951 and area 87242972.

(ii) Patrols. Patrol from A Coy (Lieut BEATTY) to 87382759; reported working at 87292969 and what may have been a post at 87292956.

Patrol from C Coy (L/Cpl WHITE) reported working party using shovels and driving pickets at approx 87182986.

5. ENEMY METHODS.

It is reported by the T O that in recent bombing of B Ech area a smoke bomb which bursts in the air over the target is dropped as a preliminary.

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I O 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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20 Sep 42.

2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 24

(Based on info received from 0500 hrs 19 Sep to 0500 hrs 20 Sep 42)

1. GENERAL. With the exception of an arty concentration in HQ coy area, the day was again comparatively quiet.

Patrols report continued enemy working on the whole front, B Coy patrol drew mortar and spandau fire at S7302981.

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

Spandau at S7322957

Wire- old single demerit wire with gaps in several places runs from S7322960 to S7332963 to S7322967 and from here on 340 deg to about S7312970.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY

(1) ARTY. Hostile 25 prs again shelled HQ coy area, 60 shells landing in about 10 mins. There were two casualties.

Shelling of cutting and East Pt B4 was again less than usual.

Nine air bursts fired from an easterly direction burst over A Coy area.

4. HF MOVEMENT.

Up till 1100 hrs there were about 20 vehs per hour but after this, till 1200 hrs, there was an increase to about 50 per hour, approx equal numbers moving each way.

5. OWN ACTIVITY.

(1) ARTY. Arty harassed a number of targets during the day and between 2030 and 2400 hrs engaged the following in Bn sector: Thompson's Post, area, S7023002 and S7102987.

(ii) Patrols. A Coy (Lieut. YATES) moved out 3500 yds to S7252954 without encountering enemy wire, though enemy markings were driving pickets at S7342962.

B COY (Lieut ENGLAND) reported seeing enemy working square S712990, work ceased on approach of patrol probably because of our HF.

D COY (Lieut D SENEY) reported seeing parties driving long pickets in area S7262981 and an enemy patrol moved out and took up a poen SW of our patrol, which lay up and withdrew at moonset, later Spandau and mortar fire was brought down in area where patrol had been laying up.

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21 Sep 42

2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 25

(Based on infm received from 0500 hrs 20 Sep to 0500 hrs 21 Sep 42)

1. GENERAL. Marked quiet continues. Only 9 shells being reported in Bn area.  
Patrols - A Coy patrol of 6 (incl 3 Sappers) to 87302970 encountered enemy patrol of 18, who followed them for 500 yds towards our lines.
2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. Infm indicates that enemy wire in square 872295 is WEST of easting 8724 and may follow the contour line.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY.
  - (i) ARTY. 7 shells in the Sta area and 2 shells on PIMPLE BARREL area. That 25 prs were used in the area NORTH of the main ridge on the 19 Sep is confirmed by arty examination of a fragment.
  - (ii) Right fwd sec post of A Coy reported a sniper firing on their post from a NW direction.
4. ENEMY MT MOVEMENT. - Skyline track. Below normal up to 1100 hrs, about 10 vehs per hr, equal numbers moving NORTH and SOUTH. At 1400 hrs a convoy of 16 -20 vehs were reported moving NORTH in square 871303.
5. OWN ACTIVITY. Arty harassed enemy posns during the day and also targets mainly NORTH of ry line during the night.  
PATROLS. C Coy patrol (Lieut MAY) in square 872298 had nothing of interest to report.  
A COY patrol ( Sjt GIRVAN) to 87302970 of 6 (incl 3 sappers) observed enemy working party at about 87272970. A party of 18 enemy approached them to within 150 yds and patrol withdrew and were followed by enemy for 100 yds, who then split, 6 men moving round to flank and remainder coming straight on. Enemy patrol continued to follow for about 500 yds when comd lost sight of them. No fire was exchanged. Working party were on a wide front and pickets were being driven in fairly wide apart, possibly marking a minefd.
6. The right flanking unit engaged FAIRBAIRN'S post(87413017) with mortar fire during yesterday afternoon. OP fwd of cutting reported fire to be falling on a white patch on NE end of low spur about 200 yds west of map ref.

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2/15 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 27  
(Based on infm received from 0500 hrs 22 Sep to 0500 hrs 23 Sep)

1. GENERAL. West Pt 24 and Pt 17 received close attention from enemy arty yesterday - apparently the enemy suspected an OP on Pt 17. Extensive blasting is reported on 25 contour which is believed to be enemy's main defence line.

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

87142987 - POST with at least 2 MGS and 1 Mortar.  
87132991 - Bren  
87162985 - Breda LMG  
87083011 - MMG  
87182985 - MG in Urguhart's post.  
87042988 - 20 mm gun.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY

(i) MGS in above para were spotted when they opened fire at about 1830 hrs.  
(ii) Arty. Sig wire to BOB OP was cut during the day by enemy shelling fwd of our FDLs which incl 75s and 88s and some mortars and fell around Pt 17 and West Pt 24. In addition the following were reported:  
Sta area 11, East Pt 24 13, Cutting 7, Hut area near Pt 23 on main ridge 9.

4. MT MOVEMENT. Movement on SKYLINE TRACK normal after 0930 hrs, but below normal up till then.

5. OWN ACTIVITY

Patrols. C Coy (Lieut MURPHY) to 87332974 had nothing of importance to ~~report~~ report. B Coy (Sjt WILLIAMSON) reported digging at about 87202980 and also pickets being driven near THOMPSON'S POST.

6. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY At 1150 hrs an Me conducted an extensive high level recce over Bn area.

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2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO. X

Ref Map :EL QASARA 1/50000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy Our patrols have established that enemy working parties have been observed digging in vicinity of Pt 21 (43128950)
2. Aerial photographs have indicated that enemy arty have been located in vicinity of Pt 32 (43078940) with waggon lines SOUTH of Pt 34 (43048937)
3. Own Tps  
Present FDLs - high ground running EAST-WEST easting grid 898.

INTENTION

- 4 2/15 Bn will attack and capture Pt 21 (43128950) and 32 (43078940) on night 29/30 Sept 42.

METHOD

5. Attack will be in two phases using an exploitation force to execute Phase II.
6. Phase I - Capture of Pt 21  
Fwd Coys B Coy right  
C " left  
Reserve D "  
Pl A/Tk guns 2/15 Bn
7. Phase II - Exploiting Force to capture of Pts 32 and 34  
OC Capt W W COBB  
A Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
One Sec Mortars 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
Two Secs Carriers ( less 1 carrier)  
One Sqn-9 Aust Div Cav (if available)  
One Tp 3 Aust A/Tk Regt { " " }  
One Pl 2/2 MG Bn { " " }  
Det 13 Fd Coy
8. Carriers (a) 1 Carrier each rifle coy for amm.  
(b) 1 Carrier for each mortar det. After placing mortars in posn carriers with main force will leaguer to rear of Bn HQ. Carriers with exploiting force will rally and will come under Comd OC carrier pl.  
(c) Carriers in phase I to advance from the assembly area at Zero plus 22
9. Mortars  
(a) One det under comd each B & C Coys  
(b) One sec in reserve with D Coy  
(c) One sec under comd OC Expl Force

10 Leaguer Area In square 433898.

11 Starting Point Rly crossing near RAP.

12 Assembly Area Immediately SOUTH of rd at 43138983

13 FUP below skyline of ridge at 43168977.

14 Bearings and distances of advance

- (a) From Leaguer area to assembly area and from SP along rd parallel with rly line for 2400 X
- (b) Assembly area to FUP - Bearing 153 degrees for approx 1000 X.

15 Order of move and timings

- (a) Inf move from SP at Zero minus 72 in the order B C D BnHQ A Coys at 5 min intervals. One sig line laying truck and one engnr truck containing apparatus for detecting and marking of minefields to accompany inf.
- (b) Leave assembly area at Zero minus 19
- (c) MT to move from SP to assembly area at Zero in following order

- (i) Mortar dets and Coy amn carriers
- (ii) A Tk pl 2/15 Bn
- (iii) Tp 3 Aust A Tk Regt ( if available)
- (iv) Coy stores trucks
- (v) Bn SAA reserve
- (vi) Vehicles for phase 11.

16 Rate of advance of Inf 150 x in 2 mins

17 Zero 0000 hrs

18 Traffic Control and Manning of FUP

Party to report to I.O. as follows

- 1 Sgt and 5 ORs I Sec
- 1 Cpl and 8 ORs Pioneer Pl
- 2 Bn HQ Ord rm staff

19 Guides for FUP

Guides from rifle coys to report to I.O. at Bn HQ at hrs as follows

- 3 for each fwd coy
- 2 " res coy
- 2 " exploiting coy

20 Lighting and marking of axis of advance

as detailed in appx A

ADM

- 21 Arm No live rounds to be carried on the man and no magazines to be charged. Bn SAA res and coy stores trucks with res arm to move fwd from assembly area on capture of objective which will be notified by R/T or L/T.
- 22 Weapons WE scale
- 23 Dress Battle order less respirators, shirts shorts and pull-over and individual man loads of tools and sandbags.
- 24 Medical RAP will be established at assembly area before zero
- 25 Guarding present posn Coys will ensure sufficient personnel remain present posn to guard arm, stores and blankets.

INTERCOMM

- 26 Bn HQ opens Leaguer area at Zero minus 30 and moves on axis of adv with report centres at Leaguer area, assembly area, and FUP and on capture of objective in vicinity of Pt 21 (43128950)
- 27 L/T from leaguer area with cable along axis of advance with phones at report centres. Communication to all coys and supporting arms on capture of obj.
- 28 R/T wireless silence until zero  
Rifle coys carriers and Bn HQ on group 'A'  
Bn HQ and TO at assembly area on group 'B'
- 29 VS - as alternative means
- Lucas lamp to be carried in Coy stores trucks with spare cable.
- 30 Orderlies - two per coy to report to RSM at Bn HQ on capture of objective. One remains - one returns to coy and guides line party.

ACK

Time of Signature 1745

*M. Harland*  
(M. HARLAND)

CAPT

Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
CO	6
Adjt	7
RMO	8
TO	9
Carriers	10
Sigs	11
Mort ars	12
Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	13
Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	14
2 Pl B Coy 2/2 MG Bn	15
13 Fd Coy	16
War Diary	17-18
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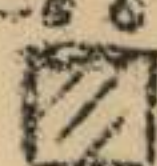
# 2/13 BN EXERCISE No 1

# APPX "A"

LAYOUT OF LIGHTS & FORMATIONS FROM LEAGUER AREA TO ORBIT

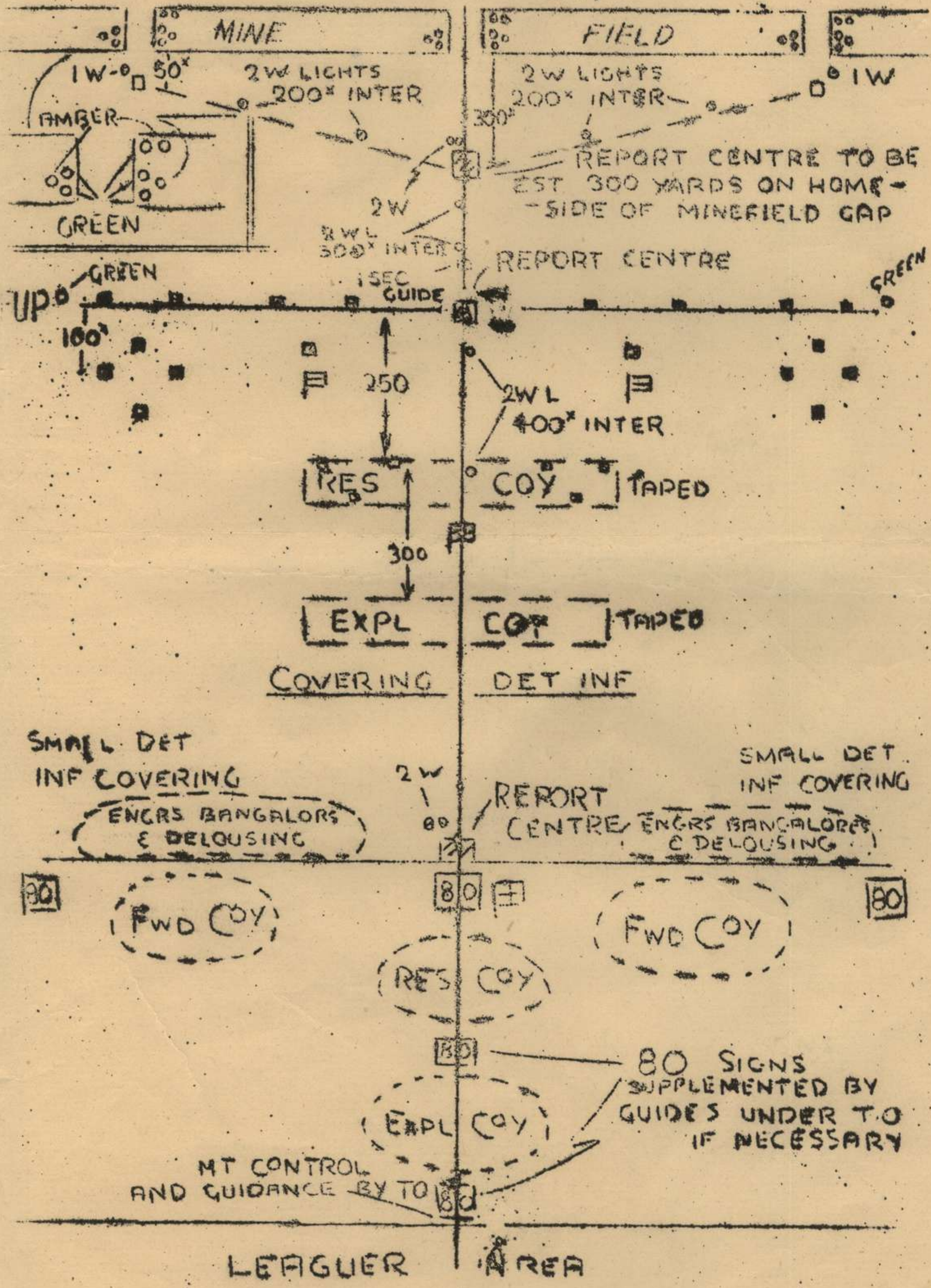
## OBJECTIVE

2 WHITE LIGHTS



REPORT CENTRE EST. ON LINE OF ADVANCE IN CENTRE OF GAP

MARKING MINEFIELD ENGR RESPONSIBILITY





War Diary

EXERCISE SECRET  
Copy No 17  
28 Sept 42

2/15 AUST INF BN TACTICAL EXERCISE No. 1  
NIGHT EXERCISE

Ref Map EL QASABA 1/50000

OBJECT

1. Light control in night attack using coloured lights as detailed in annex 'A'
2. To exercise the bn in night formations and the keeping of correct distances and intervals.
3. The use of continual and alternative communication and the passing back of information.
4. Immediate reorganisation of posn during hours of darkness
5. Rapid exploitation of composite exploiting force immediately upon re organisation of first objective.

TPS TAKING PART

6. Main Force 2/15 Bn less 'B' Ech details and details for exploiting force  
Det 13 Fd Coy (if available)  
One tp 3 Aust A/Tk Regt (if available)
7. Exploitation Force O/C Capt W W COBB  
A Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
One Sec Mortars 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
One Sen-9 Aust Div Cav Regt (if available)  
One Tp 3 Aust A/Tk Regt (if available)

OPENING SITUATION

8. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn is at present occupying present location and elements of enemy have gained high ground RUWEISAT RIDGE vicinity GEBEL BEIN GABIR 43.2801) and TRIG 98 (42.912800)  
9 Aust Div is to attack and recapture high ground RUWEISAT RIDGE.

(M. HARLAND) CAPT  
Adjnt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

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No.	Rank	Name			
<u>Bn HQ</u>					
NX12305	Lt-Col	R W G OGLE			
457	Maj	C H GRACE			
QX 6242	Capt	M HARLAND			
6647	Lieut	N L HARPHAM			
6940	A/ WO I	CHRISTSEN	J	W	
11446	Sgt	McCREADY	R	L	
13780	"	SCHULTZ	T	S	
5869	"	SHERA	J	A	W
8714	L/Sgt	GRIMSHAW	H		
8659	A/Cpl	GARDNER	J		
NX16095	L/Cpl	WILLIAMS	A		
59332	"	PITMAN	E	P	
QX12219	Pte	ROSS	T		
NGX 79	"	ATKINSON	S		
87	"	COUTTS	W	P	
15358	"	O'GORMAN	V	G	
8144	"	BRAMLEY	L	L	
5949	"	WILLIAMS	R		
6883	"	TOOTH	A	E	
2386	"	RINGUET	C	E	
<del>XXXXX</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>SMYTH</del>	<del>KX</del>		
8704	"	ROBERTS	G		
18692	"	YEO	A	J	
1978	"	SMITH	B	A	
20175	"	HAMILTON	R		
20427	"	PHILLIPS	J	D	A
15523	"	FULLER	H	G	
17891	"	ROSE	H	J	
18535	"	DICK	W	G	
16742	"	BISHOP	J	C	
17950	"	SCHY	F		
5877	"	GILLESPIE	J	S	
21996	"	WADE	J	V	
12818	"	FEENEY	F		
15409	"	LOLBACH	J	D	
10443	"	NASH	A	V	
20095	"	FLENADY	E	H	E
15504	"	BRABON	R		
10604	"	WILLIAMS	C	G	
9713	"	CORNISH	C	F	

9 DIV SIG ATT

QX3925 Pte MCGILL P

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No.	Rank	Name			
<u>A COY</u>					
QX 6243	Capt	ANGUS	W		
14802	Lieut	GRIMSTONE	C	J	
835	WO II	WALSH	S	R	
8657	Sgt	CUSKELLY	J	H	
11441	"	CONDON	F	J	
5183	L/Sgt	HORSFALL	A	L	
1942	Cpl	MURDOCH	D	K	
3383	"	CRAN	A		
2493	"	COLLYER	J	T	
7696	A/Cpl	GERSBACH	J	L	
6861	Cpl	GORMAN	V	J	
7684	L/Cpl	CAMP	A	C	
5443	Pte	STOCKWELL	G	E	
2393	"	JESSUP	R	W	
3398	"	BRENNAN	D	H	
8176	"	WENITONG	R	B	
5605	"	POLLITT	M		
11842	"	NASH	C	F	
11649	"	MILLION	R		
11639	"	EASTON	C	F	
11640	"	EASTON	W	J	
18316	"	SOMMERFELD	E	J	
2341	"	MORRISON	E	W	
18303	"	DICKSON	A	D	
5855	"	KEYS	C		
NX54365	"	DEARING	R	W	N
QX 5892	"	CHAMBERLIN	A		
20304	"	WOOD	K	E	
5806	"	KEALY	T		
8533	"	LUTTON	R	J	
11626	"	McGUIRE	W		
21402	"	COWIE	L	A	
5789	"	GLEESON	W		
19698	"	CLARK	J		
21053	"	BEIRNE	V	P	
20121	"	WUST	R	A	
20123	"	ZEIDLER	W		
16582	"	GILLIES	D	W	
16583	"	GILLIES	A	F	
19854	"	BEAMES	T	H	
18295	"	STACK	L	G	
14247	"	COX	E		
14245	"	BARBER	B	C	O
21525	"	GEORGE	J		
16888	"	IRVINE	W	H	
12805	"	WOLFGRAM	F	G	
8671	"	LUSCOMBE	N		
3406	"	HOLT	N	J	
7588	"	HUDDY	C		
15393	"	CARTWRIGHT	R	J	
7683	"	HUDDY	W	G	
7470	"	STAINES	E	M	
18740	"	HOWELL	A	J	
18556	"	GILMORE	A	E	J
20416	"	GILMORE	S	I	
12630	"	GRAHAM	L	L	
10764	"	LIST	P	L	
19829	"	ISELIN	A	E	
13284	"	HOWIE	J	N	

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No. Rank Name

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<u>A</u> COY	QX15542	Pte	CHAPMAN	T	W	
	5825	"	CLARKE	M	F	
	11595	"	JESSUP	J	R	
	20070	"	FORTESCUE	L	R	
	18742	"	MOIR	G	D	R
	15671	"	HUTCHISON	S	M	
	13771	"	PICKUP	V	G	
	20116	"	STEWART	K	J	
	15394	"	ARMBRUST	F	J	
	19878	"	HAWKINS	M	W	F

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No.	Rank	Name			
<u>B COY</u>					
QX 6221	Maj	SUTHERS	R	A	
19142	Lieut	EXTON	R	D	
6231	"	HEATLEY	C	W	
17354	"	REA	A	A	
2380	A/WO II	DUTTON	F		
2404	A/Sgt	DUNSTAN	J	D	
8183	"	COLLINS	N	H	C
11448	L/Sgt	BELL	A	G	
2994	Cpl	KAY	A	W	
2390	"	DEBNEY	H	S	
15641	"	KIDD	T	R	
2371	Cpl	LAIRD	M		
8560	A/Cpl	JORY	W	R	
17429	"	CRAIG	K	R	
13030	"	LAWLER	J	F	
TX 4222	"	JONES	G	A	
QX 7587	L/Cpl	PASHEN	A	V	
2414	"	ROWE	E	J	
7665	"	RANDALL	E		
17894	"	JOHNSON	P	C	
14730	Cpl	GUILFOYLE	C	C	
20613	Pte	GRANT	R	J	
2396	"	LESINA	C	P	
12629	"	NEAL	W	C	
21504	"	O'MARA	K	P	
16614	"	GREEN	L	H	
15286	"	KILPATRICK		W	
12749	"	KENNELLY	W	J	
19684	"	MILBURN	J	W	
21216	"	HILL	A	J	M
12624	"	GLEESON	J	J	
12635	"	WATSON	R	J	
18737	"	PINDER	P	S	
9109	"	CAMPBELL	A	B	
11636	"	MILLION	V	R	J
2389	"	DEBNEY	D	R	
9110	"	CROSS	F	N	
22762	"	BRIGGS	T	M	
6671	"	POOLE	H	S	
17894	"	HALKETT-HAY	R	A	
6828	"	SCROGINGS	H	R	
8519	"	SIMPSON	V	G	
1733	"	CARLTON	E	N	
TX 3718	"	WELLS	M	G	
QX13019	"	ANDERSON	H	G	
QX18540	"	KRIEGER	W	G	
2419	"	JORGESON	E	G	
13019	"	KINNEST	R		
7669	"	UREN	H		
7667	"	WOODS	E	A	
8054	"	TOWNSEND	S		
TX 666	"	READE	N	P	A
QX 5127	"	BERRIMAN	R	D	
8320	"	CADZHOW	B	T	
13011	"	JENSEN	J		
19668	"	DAFT	L	B	
12799	"	ROSS	D		

No.	Rank	Name	
QX 7655	Pte	PARRISH	J
10001	"	WHITE	L
15514	"	THOMAS	J F
19732	"	L'ESTRANGE	R S
13018	"	MULLALY	T L
17979	"	LARKIN	R
2183	"	FLEMING	W V B
21912	"	COLDHAM-FUSSELL	A
15405	"	WALKER	H J
NGX 187	"	MOLONY	I C
QX 7607	"	CAREY	G
15207	"	FRANCIS	D H M
7643	"	CINI	J
7666	"	DENMAN	B G
4534	"	MORRISON	A M
21196	"	PEDERSEN	L C
18111	"	TAIT	P A
19674	"	SORRENSEN	P A
11628	"	McPHEE	D
20679	"	TAYLOR	H W
19894	"	PARROTT	V J
12811	"	TREGEAR	L W
17875	"	GAVIN	P
7988	"	McSWAN	H
19603	"	GAMBLE	J W
8363	"	DEVONSHIRE	W R
16598	"	TSCHUMY	E J
14452	"	LEAN	A W S
21462	"	RUSSELL	C S H
18278	"	IRVINE	H G S
11890	"	PARRY	J R
3584	"	MEYER	I K
7712	"	PARKER	R
18746	"	St. HILAIRE	H A
11888	"	McDERMOTT	A
TX 314	"	FRITH	G H
QX 7983	"	McNAB	A G

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No.	Rank	Name			
<u>C COY</u>					
QX6225	Capt	BODE	F	L	
6939	Lieut	BROWN	J	F	S
19344	"	MAY	N	D	S
3000	"	PATRICK	R	A	
5921	WO II	DANN	H	G	R
6815	Sgt	PLATER	L	C	
8001	"	STARMER	A	C	
8337	L/Sgt	O'BRIEN	C	M	
8041	Cpl	DONOVAN	E	D	
2663	"	SMITH	R	J	
8336	"	McNEALE	J	P	
8109	"	ANDERSON	V		
8677	"	BAXTER	V	L	
11596	A/Cpl	McINTYRE	W	L	
13557	L/Cpl	ROSS	K	H	
10270	"	JAMES	G	A	
8682	"	WHITE	J	C	
11634	Pte	JOHNSON	W		
6907	"	EVANS	R		
8230	"	PIERCE	G	E	
12052	"	REILLY	M		
11608	"	BELL	R	L	C
19889	"	CLARENCE	N		
11653	"	SMITH	E	M	
10949	"	ISLES	T	W	
11654	"	STANBROOK	F	C	
20109	"	PICKERING	M		
12810	"	HARDIMAN	N	W	J
2421	"	SHAND	G	H	
8546	"	DUNCAN	A	R	
15274	"	HUTSON	E	A	
13299	"	MULGREW	L		
15253	"	OWENS	M		
22696	"	TRUDGIAN	L	C	T
6996	"	LAWSON	D	A	
8124	"	KERR	W	M	J C
20088	"	BOWDEN	P	J	
14859	"	LANES	R	C	F
11635	"	YORKE	P	A	
15259	"	LUCAS	S	G	
15267	"	SHEPHARD	A	W	
8214	"	COLLINS	F	G	
15287	"	GREEN	W	M	
12633	"	PILKINGTON	H		
12643	"	CAMPBELL	T		
18545	"	PHILLIPS	B	Y	
11589	"	BELL	N	F	
1856	"	FLORES	R	W	
11801	"	THOMAS	L	G	
19869	"	WALMSLEY	R	G	
5459	"	ANGELO	C	K	
10669	"	EVERETT	F	V	
20060	"	WEBER	W	J	
12634	"	SINCLAIR	J	G	
11001	"	McCALL	F	J	
11247	"	McCOMISKIE	D		

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>		
QX15392	Pte	MEADE	L	J
11029	"	HOCKINGS	L	J
13753	"	CAMPBELL	J	W
15402	"	BUCHBACH	A	W
6935	"	MCCARTHY	J	J
12924	"	CHARD	G	E
15527	"	BYRON	R	A
12976	"	BANKS	G	E
8232	"	ROSE	D	G
12982	"	BROWN	W	E
3255	"	WATSON	E	W
12657	"	SCOTT	W	G
18000	"	AMOS	F	
12981	"	BRICE	G	E
13723	"	MYERS	H	D
12694	"	LEONARD	L	C
16765	"	TART	R	
11364	"	COUSENS	H	M
11041	"	LONDOS	C	J
18569	"	PANKHURST	M	A
3254	"	BLAKE	C	W
20154	"	CONDON	S	R
15539	"	ELLIS	J	L
15554	"	FISHER	H	S
15548	"	GATE	W	W
15545	"	GILL	J	H
20150	"	CLIFFORD	N	J
12986	"	EDWARDS	C	D
5861	"	DALTON	V	A
11613	"	COYNE	R	A
15834	"	ALLEN	R	G
11614	"	CULLEN	E	J
12996	"	MORGAN	J	
12795	"	HARPER	K	F
11616	"	DONALD	R	G
3353	"	O'DONOHUE	N	J
3190	"	ADAMS	W	J
3251	"	BEAN	J	E
11610	"	CLEARY	W	
3272	"	EMERICK	J	F
11757	"	BELL	J	R
12803	"	NORTHEY	E	G

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DX 48      Sgt      ROGERS      W      E



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*D. Coy*

No.	Rank	Name				
QX 6226	Capt	SNELL	L			
19134	Lieut	MAHONEY	W	A		
17633	"	GRIMSTONE	L	L		
815	"	WEIR	D	B		
8164	WO II	MITCHELL	J	M		
5412	Sgt	VAUGHAN	E	E		
756	"	STORY	I	D		
953	"	McGILL	F	J		
5571	Cpl	LESLIE	A	D	M	
7907	"	FERRIS	W	N	G	
5802	"	NORRIS	R	C		
5873	"	ALLEN	D	J		
3351	"	DONACHIE	J			
5634	"	McLACHLAN	H	F		
3196	A/Cpl	DOYLE	T	L		
17242	L/Cpl	HUTCHINSON	S			
3192	L/Cpl	BRENNAN	F	C		
5791	L/Cpl	CAMPBELL	A	G	P	
8691	L/Cpl	QUINCEY	G	H		
10535	L/Cpl	KLING	A	C		
5217	L/Cpl	SPARKS	J	C		
5844	L/Cpl	REIMANN	E	J		
5636	Pte	McLEAN	J			
7999	"	KEAST	F	L		
5449	"	RICHMOND	T	G		
2402	"	BURTON	A	J		
10942	"	FAGG	G	A		
8007	"	COSTIN	G			
20187	"	KOOSNEY	P	J		
6669	"	ANDERSON	H	J		
16623	"	WALTERS	H	E		
16634	"	GREEN	C	M		
18293	"	SLATTERY	J	W		
17948	"	ROSSOW	J	W		
20291	"	CHAINNEY	A	H		
20299	"	LEWIS	H	J	A	
10611	"	BENZIE	F			
18286	"	NEVILLE	T	S		
3201	"	HOOOPER	V	H		
3199	"	FLEWELL-SMITH	E	J		
3213	"	READETT	W			
12815	"	BAIRD	C			
19233	"	WHITE	R	L		
19817	"	WEBB	G	B		
5103	"	CASTLES	W	H		
17194	"	COOTE	K			
20709	"	McKAY	G	M		
17997	"	FRANKLIN	H	J		
15424	"	ROBERTS	E	F		
12978	"	BISHOP-KENLYSIDE			A A	
751	"	COLLINS	R	M		
15653	"	SWALLOW	J			
19696	"	KING	A	C		
20093	"	FEDDERSEN	R	W		
5740	"	WYLIE	R			
10574	"	BUZZA	V	C		
16693	"	FRAHM	H			

No.	Rank	Name			
QX 12800	Pte	STIRLING	J	R	
3220	"	STREHLAU	N	F	
12798	"	McPHERSON	J	H	
11729	"	MORRIS	E	O	
16887	"	HADDOCK	R	J	
16647	"	RABBITT	A	W	L
1968	"	KELLY	E	C	
12807	"	BURGE	W	C	
16738	"	TAYLOR	C	H	
3309	"	LECHMERE	L	A	
11484	"	JOHNSTON	I		
6943	"	BAMBLING	R	H	
21108	"	BURNS	G	E	
11846	"	GAULT	J	F	
5422	"	RENDELL	E	S	
20103	"	KIRKMAN	F	C	
12977	"	BAYLEY	J		
13008	"	HALL	J	E	
12699	"	WILSON	F		
20102	"	JOHNSON	M	W	
5708	"	DEWSBURY	W		
16283	"	WHITE	J	L	
12806	"	AMBROSE	R	L	E
13027	"	PUNTER	M	A	
3271	"	WILLIAMSON	D	J	
15389	"	LEES	C	W	
9084	"	McCAFFERTY	R	G	
11591	"	BENHAM	J	H	S
13026	"	WALLIS	J	C	E
17905	"	JACKSON	L		
18394	"	BELL	J	H	
5337	"	GENGOS	S		
6604	"	CONAGHAN	C	J	
3293	"	McGRATH	W		
1970	"	LENTELL	S		
19686	"	ERNEST	T	E	
7727	"	SMITH	A	V	
5340	"	STUART	S		
VX 41732	"	MILTON	C	A	C

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No.	Rank	Name			
<u>HQ COY</u>					
QX 6222	Maj	STRANGE	B	D	
NX60324	Lieut	HELM	G	V	
QX 2907	"	BANNISTER	G		
QX 5431	"	PARKER	D		
8709	Sgt	OVERELL	W	A	W
9594	"	DUKE	J	A	
5926	"	COCKBURN	C	K	
5818	"	DAWE	T	A	
5910	"	WICKS	R	W	
8706	L/Sgt	McDONALD	K	B	
5641	Cpl	SPENCE	L		
5600	"	LEWIS	R	A	
7974	"	TOMES	J	E	
3263	"	EVERETT	R	C	
1928	"	ANNING	J	M	
12144	"	DOBBS	C	J	
8222	"	GREEN	P	H	
7672	"	deLACY	N		
8239	L/Cpl	WRIGHT	D	T	
5624	"	GILTROW	J		
19032	Pte	ADAIR	R	H	
9473	"	WILTSHIRE	S	J	
17895	"	WILLETT	J	D	
5638	"	McDONALD	N		
20707	"	SNOECK	L		
20712	"	COTTERELL	M	K	
20113	"	SKEHAN	K	C	
9532	"	HOLLOWAY	J	A	
11710	"	LAURIE	T	J	
52	"	DOUGLAS	J		
21531	"	WATSON	N	F	
2392	"	HAYES	F	J	
19611	"	SAUNDERS	E	J	
13320	"	BOWLES	H	G	
13950	"	BROWN	R	K	
16530	"	SHERIFF	C	J	
7473	"	STORM	G	H	
20724	"	BOYES	C	J	
19041	"	DUCK	C	H	
21115	"	GREEN	L	W	
7776	"	WOOD	J	L	
7598	"	MACARTHUR	H		
2460	"	SCARR	R	J	
1932	"	FRASER	W		
1666	"	RITCHIE	W		
5213	"	JORDAN	D		
10215	"	MATTHEWS	C	E	J
960	"	O'KEEFE	C	H	J
11307	"	CARTER	S	J	
12403	"	JENNINGS	V		
18241	"	ROBERTS	R	S	
8660	"	VICTOR	R	J	
16985	"	KENDALL	A	T	
12990	"	GENTRY	J	P	
15506	"	ALFORD	E	J	
15390	"	SMITH	L	A	F
13670	"	SNOW	R	L	
1658	"	CAHILL	J	L	

No.	Rank	Name			
<u>HQ COY</u>	QX 18242	Pte	ROSE	J	A
	20190	"	McKENZIE	W	D
	12789	"	HILL	W	H
	3636	"	JAMES	J	
	6958	"	LYALL	P	D
	13000	"	PARKER	H	G
	3311	"	GOUGH	E	A
	11638	"	DAY	S	A
	10627	"	BLACK	F	G
	9592	"	BRUMPTON	W	L
	11241	"	WALES	K	C
	9753	"	WARD	F	L
	5149	"	McELLAGOTT	W	A
	16052	"	EDWARDS	J	H
	20095	"	O'CONNELL	P	J
	5941	"	PESKETT	R	J
	16578	"	CONLEY	J	W
	11399	"	WARBURTON	E	J
	11631	"	DAY	A	W
	16987	"	McKAY	R	W
	17728	"	MACKAY	C	H
	17690	"	STUBBINS	L	W
	5876	"	THOMPSON	J	A
	9543	"	WALKER	A	
	11277	"	ZORICH	P	J
	18217	"	DABELSTEIN	A	C
	13875	"	BONNER	E	W
	8668	"	O'ROURKE	V	J
	5887	"	STARK	A	F
	15638	"	ANDERSON	T	
	8380	"	MADSEN	M	
	11245	"	KIPPEN	N	E
	5915	"	KINGSMAN	L	
	5456	"	ALFORD	R	
	18554	"	DYNE	C	A
	20708	"	WREATHEN	K	H
	7689	"	Maclean	D	
	5840	"	GRACE	P	A
	16588	"	McINTYRE	L	J
	20681	"	PREUSS	A	
	15648	"	FAVELL	N	S
	13468	"	WOOD	W	A
	9589	"	HOGG	A	
	8628	"	McCLUSKIE	M	J
	1948	"	SMALPAGE	F	
	9543	"	WALKER	A	E

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PLAN.

1. The plan for the op is fully set out in 2/15 Aust Inf Bn OO No 10 of 24 Aug, a SECRET document issued by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn on 26 Aug 42 and headed "Ref 2/15 Bn OO No 10", and RAA 9 Aust Div OO No 8 of 25 Aug 42.

PRELIMINARY PASE

2. Zero hr was 0535 hrs. By 0400 hrs Bn Rear HQ was established at 87622976 and guides were in posn to direct tp carrying tpt through the gaps in our minefd to the debussing pt. Coys arrived at 15 min intervals and were debussed and the vehs led off with no confusion and little noise.

3. At about 20 min before zero Lt-Col OGLE came back to Bn Rear HQ from the starting line and told Maj GRACE he was looking for the Arty LO and FOOs. He said that the inf were forming up on the tape laid by the Bn IO and everything was going well.

ATTACK PHASE

4. Exactly on zero time the inf adv began. Distances and intervals were well observed, and there was no bunching or loss of control throughout the attack. Up to Z plus 15, when sp arty and MG fire came down, there was no enemy fire and the enemy obviously knew nothing of the attack being launched against him.

5. Under cover of the arty concentrations our inf reached the outer wire of the enemy minefd just before our arty lifted. D Coy (Capt SNELL) on the left pressed closely behind out shelling and crossed the minefd into the enemy posn with very little difficulty. C Coy (Capt BODE MC) on the right, however, came under the enemy's DF.

6. Engrs with the leading coys at once began to break the minefd and by the time the rear coys passed the wire at least one gap was two-thirds completed. By 0630 hrs all attacking inf had got into the enemy posn.

7. At about 0605 hrs Lt-Col OGLE was wounded when his carrier ran on an unmarked minefd. He had been fwd as far as the wire and had returned to look for the arty FOOs, being on his way fwd again when he was wounded. He sent a message ordering Maj GRACE to take comd of the op and was himself taken back to the RAP in a carrier. His carrier gunner, Pte WILLIAMS, who had been in the mined carrier, accompanied him to the RAP and then returned to Bn HQ, where he acted as a runner during the remainder of the action under very hy shell fire and with complete disregard of personal danger.

8. Adjut established Bn HQ at 0625 hrs about 150 yds inside the minefd on the axis of adv.

9. Up to this stage the attack had been a complete success.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

10. Maj GRACE received the message at about 0630 hrs and went fwd, arriving at Bn HQ at about 0645 hrs. No comn could be established with any coy at this stage. Adjnt on establishing Bn HQ had sent fwd some men of C Coy to find their coy (whose wireless operator had been knocked out) and report its posn, but these men subsequently returned without having been able to find their coy. Elements of B Coy (Maj SUTHERS) could be seen inside the wire just North of Pt 23.
11. Maj JOHNSON, Arty LO, arrived just before 0700 hrs, with Maj COPELAND, 3 Aust A Tk Regt. Lieut LAVAN, 2/2 MG Bn was already there.
12. At 0705 hrs B Coy (by wireless) asked for tank sp to assist them in getting fwd on to Pt 23. As the No 11 Set on the 40 RTR frequency was in Lt-Col OGLE'S carrier no direct comn with the tanks existed and Lieut BANNISTER was sent in a carrier to lead them in. Some time later four tanks came through the gap behind Bn HQ and were directed on to B Coy's objective. They moved towards B Coy but halted half way there and declined to operate except on the orders of their sqn comd. They were again ordered to move fwd and a message was sent to Bde. Three 2/15 Bn carriers had previously crossed the minefd on the right of B Coy and had given the coy some assistance on the right flank.
13. At 0710 A Coy (right res - Capt ANGUS) reported that they were on their objective. At about the same time Bn HQ got through to D Coy (left fwd) on the wireles and the operator was instructed to find his OC and report the situation.
14. Between 0710 and 0735 several messages were received from D Coy asking for arty fire on MG posns in front of them and asking for line for their FOO, who was out of comn with his bty. Another FOO was sent fwd and in the meantime fire was brought down by Maj JOHNSON on the infm supplied by D Coy.
15. About 0720 hrs a wireless message was sent to Bn Rear HQ asking for the bn mortars and res SAA.
16. About 0730 hrs two more tanks, with 2 i/c of the tank sqn, came through the Bn HQ gap and were directed to collect the other four and assist D Coy to repel a counter attack which the coy now reported to be forming up. These tanks were brought through the gap and given their instns by the Bn IO (Lieut HARPHAM), who stood on the back of one of them during extremely heavy shell fire and gave directions to the tank comd through the partly closed turret. The 2 i/c's tank, followed by two others, went on to the crest of a low ridge running NW from Pt 23 and was immediately knocked out. The two remaining tanks rejoined the others and remained stationary near Bn HQ for a considerable time.
17. About 0725 hrs a wireless message was received from B Coy saying "Coy reduced to 12 men. Cannot rely on me for further support". About the same time B Coy was withdrawn through the wire. (Actually elements of 10 and 12 Pls were on the other side of Pt 23. The following

extracts from report by Comd B Coy are relevant :

" Coy went through wire behind D Coy, who had gone through wire and turned North towards where C Coy had got through wire. Instead of being where we were expecting to be we found ourselves within 150 yds of Pt 23. 12 Pl here did some mopping up and 15 to 20 prisoners were taken and sent back. Coy HQ was immediately established inside the wire in enemy diggings, and 10 Pl was sent to exploit South beyond the ridge running Approx SE from Pt 23, and 12 Pl to do likewise to West beyond the ridge running West of N from 23. Orderly was sent to 11 Pl to occupy enemy diggings inside wire, on low ground fwd of fwd slopes of Pt 23 ridge. (This orderly apparently was killed and 11 Pl apparently did NOT get my orders).

Shortly afterwards by MG and mortar fire was laid down on ridges around 23. 11 Pl not having received my order were following behind 12 Pl, according to original arrangements when it was expected that D Coy would go through wire several hundred yards further North. This fire caused casualties in 12 Pl who were not quite clear of the ridge. These casualties included Pl Comd and Pl Sjt of 11 Pl (Lieut EXTON and A/Sjt DUNSTAN) killed, and Pl Comd and Pl Sgt of 12 Pl (Lieut HEATLEY and Cpl KAY) wounded. I was unable to see what happened to 10 Pl, but shortly afterwards was informed that Pl sgt was killed and Pl Comd missing. I immediately gave orders for withdrawal of coy through enemy wire, in order to cover the ground from the wire to Pt 23 and the ridges running from it. I then returned to Coy HQ to inform Bn by wireless. In the meantime the whole area was subjected to a heavy barrage of arty and mortar fire, and occasional MGs.

I then tried to contact the pls, and discovered that with the exception of 4 men from one sec of 11 Pl who were kept with Coy HQ, no other tps of B Coy were on the outside of the enemy wire. The only ones left inside were killed and wounded.

To make sure that no tps had got beyond the ridge to the S of Pt 23 I sent an orderly, who was not able to get to the ridge because of the intensity of the fire, and I was later prevented from doing so myself for the same reason. An Engr Sjt who had been working on the minefd just E of Pt 23, taping the gap, assured me that none of our tps had crossed the ridge.

As it appeared that the whole Coy with the exception of those I had with me ( and excluding casualties) were no longer in the area, I considered it advisable for protection to withdraw to our side of the minefd").

18. About 0730 hrs D Coy asked for SAA, saying that they were still pinned down by MG fire and running short of amm. A further message calling for mortars and amm was sent down to Bn Rear HQ.

19. From 0730 hrs to 0830 hrs Bn HQ was under heavy arty fire. D Coy was pinned down on its objective though receiving arty assistance. Its casualties were reported to be not less than 50 per cent (This coy's casualties were actually 2 and 35). A Coy was on its objective and its casualties were relatively light. B Coy had withdrawn outside the wire. There was still no contact with C Coy though a runner had been sent out to look for it.

20. By 0830 D Coy had again reported shortage of amm and by MG and arty fire on its posn. Coy was told to hang on.
21. About 0835 mortar pl comd arrived and reported that his mortar vehicles had been blown up in a minefd outside the enemy wire. In the meantime the RSM had been sent to find the mortar and amm vehs but had not returned.
22. By 0840 hrs the situation as known to comd was as follows:
- (a) Left fwd coy was pinned down, short of amm, and reported to have suffered casualties that would materially affect its fighting strength.
  - (b) Right fwd coy was out of touch but known to have been under hy fire after crossing the minefd.
  - (c) Left res coy was reported to be reduced to 12.
  - (d) Right res coy had had comparatively light casualties but had consisted of only two pls at the beginning of the action.
  - (e) No mortars were available and it appeared that res SAA would still take some time to get up.
23. On this infm comd appreciated that he could not hold the posn against an organised counter attack, and that since this was the case the raiding force could not safely be sent through. Comd **therefore** decided to withdraw 2/15 Bn, as the casualties being casued by enemy arty could not be justified unless the posn could be held long enough to permit the raiding force to carry out its task.

WITHDRAWAL

24. Accordingly at 0845 hrs orders were issued for the withdrawal of the Bn to begin at 0900 in order B, A, C, D Coys. The five tanks remaining were ordered to take up posns outside the enemy minefd to cover the withdrawal of the inf and the A Tk and MMG comds were asked to cover the withdrawal of tanks and inf from posns about SANDY KNOLL. Arty LO was asked to provide the prearranged smoke from 0905 hrs.
25. The withdrawal took place satisfactorily, Bn HQ moving after C Coy, though the smoke programme did not begin until 0935 hrs. D Coy had to leave three badly wounded men in their fwd posns.

SP ARMS

TANKS

26. The sp given by the tanks was in general disappointing to ~~the~~ our inf, who had not previously worked with them. The value of the aid they are able to give was illustrated by the case of one tank, which enfiladed a posn resisting D Coy and rapidly brought the occupants out with a couple of 2-pr rounds, but so far as is known this was the only tank that produced any aimed fire against enemy posns. Nine ( three subsequently recovered) were lost outside the enemy wire, and they were extremely nervous about coming through the gap. The unfortunate loss of the sqn comd early in the op and the subsequent death of the sqn.



2 i/c undoubtedly greatly affected the work of the sqn.

ARTY

27. The concentrations fired during the inf advance began exactly on time and were extremely effective both in assisting the inf to get on their objectives and in killing a number of enemy.
28. Assistance in the later stages was not so effective for the following reasons:
- (a) the FOO allotted to B Coy never made touch with the Coycmd.
  - (b) the FOO with D Coy had comn difficulties. His line was continually cut and his calls for fire had to be sent by 18 Set to BN HQ and thence by the arty LOs link to RAA. In these circumstances accurate fire direction was impossible.
  - (c) the FOO with C Coy was badly wounded during the action.
29. CB, so far as it could be judged from the fwd area, was disappointing, as enemy arty seemed to intensify rather than slacken during the morning.

ENGRS

30. RAE personnel did everything asked of them. Gaps were quickly and methodically made and marked and engr remained as guides, at one gap at least, until every man had been wounded.

LESSONS

31. Few new lessons, if any, emerged from the operation. The absolutely vital importance of reliable coms was again apparent. 18 sets worked well throughout but comn with Bde was greatly hampered by the loss of Lt-Col OGLE's 11 set, and the 108 set at Bn Rear HQ did not work satisfactorily. Line where laid was invariably cut; on one length of line 30 breaks were repaired before the supply of insulating tape was exhausted.
32. The importance of satisfactory arrangements for guiding and traffic control before and during the ops were exemplified by:
- (a) the complete smoothness with which the inf were led to and debussed on the starting line and the A Ech vehs and sp arms assembled behind the gaps.
  - (b) the loss of vehs on a concealed "spur" minefd, in which they would probably not have been involved if the two carriers arranged to guide them up had not been knocked out.
33. New light on enemy methods was provided by the discovery (by trial and error) that he had laid a "spur" minefd at an angle of about 30 degrees to his marked fd, which was completely unmarked and in places very well concealed. This apparently ran out about 500 yds at least and is thought to have been recently laid.

34. The lesson was again emphasised that while it is practicable for inf with hy arty to get on to their objectives, some foolproof method of getting their own sp weapons and reserve amn up to them is necessary. In view of the speed with which engrsr worked in this op it appears worth considering whether such vehs as mortar and amn trucks could not follow the rear coys immediately and get across no-man's land under the cover of the arty fire, passing through the gaps as these were made instead of having to be guided to them afterwards.

GENERAL

35. It is considered that the value of the op to the bn was high. All who participated learned much from it and gained some sense of confidence. The behaviour of all tps in the action was of a high standard and a number of acts of great courage and steadiness were observed.

It is estimated conservatively that at least 150 enemy dead were left on the battlefd.

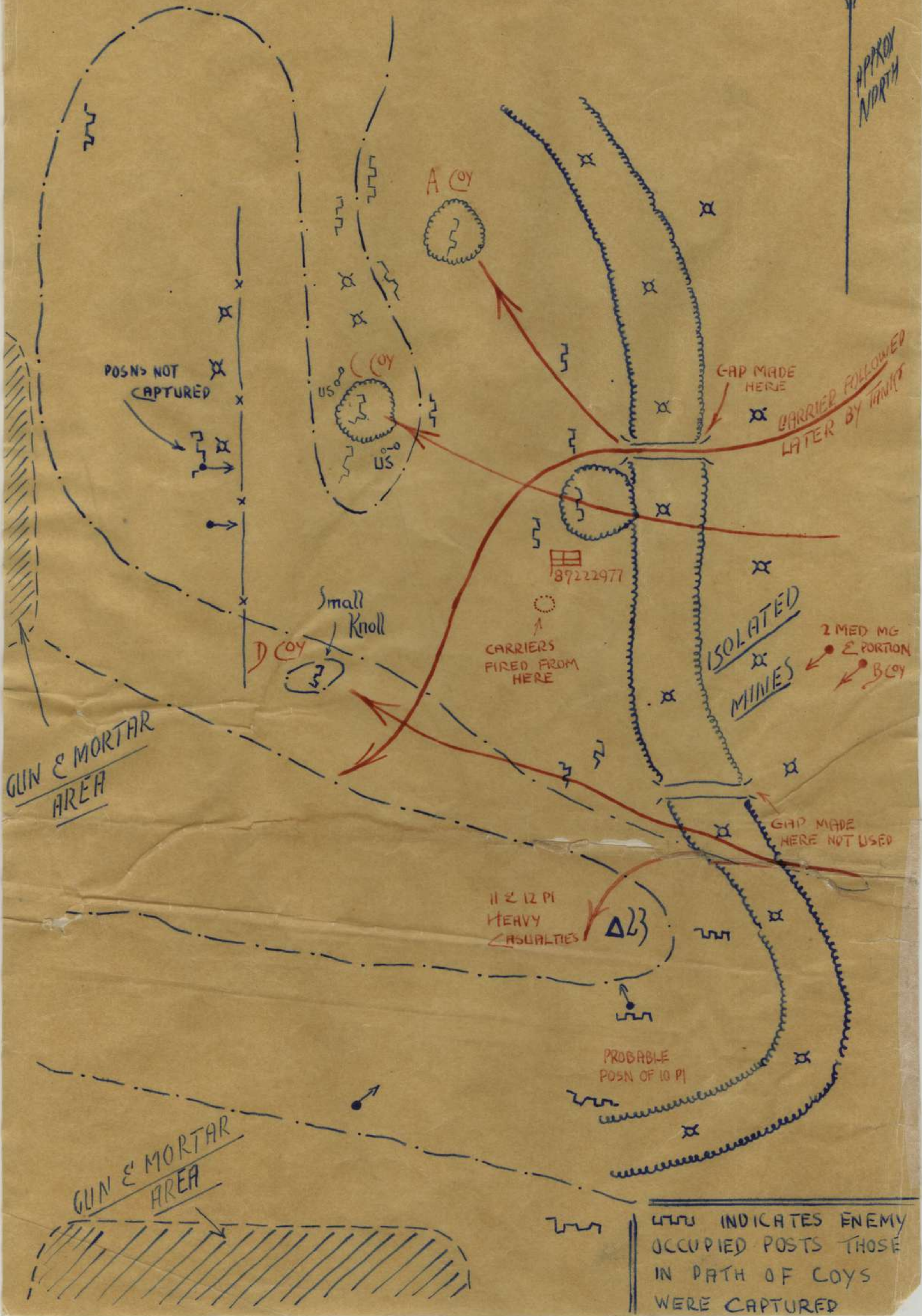
Sgd C H Grace  
(C H GRACE) Maj

Adm Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Sketch

Scale 1/2" = 100' APPROX

APPROX NORTH



Wavy lines INDICATES ENEMY OCCUPIED POSTS THOSE IN PATH OF COYS WERE CAPTURED

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - ATTACK 1-9-42

The following list of Casualties is published for information.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

QX 5443	Pte	STOCKWELL	G E	SW Head
QX 20709	Pte	McKAY	G M	GSW Abdomen
QX 6943	Pte	BAMBLING	R H	GSW Hip
QX 16738	Pte	TAYLOR	C H	Mult SW Amputation Lt Arm
QX 8546	Pte	DUNCAN	A R	SW Pen Chest
QX 12976	Pte	BANKS	G T	GSW Rt Buttock, Fract Ilium
QX 15259	Pte	LUCAS	S G	Amputation Lt Leg
QX 2389	Pte	DEENEY	D R	Comp Fract Lt Humerus Comp Fract neck of Lt Humerus
QX 3203	Pte	JONES	M	GSW Abdomen
QX 8124	Pte	KERR W M	J C	
QX 11729	Pte	MORRIS	E O	GSW ABDOMEN & Rt Elbow
QX 19611	Pte	SAUNDERS	E J	SW Rt Loin Comp Fract (Probable) Spine
QX 15548	Pte	GATE	W W	GSW Rt Eye and Chest
QX 5873	Cpl	ALLEN	D J	SW Buttock
QX 13091	Pte	ANDERSON	H G	SW Lt Hand
QX 5459	Pte	ANGELO	C K	SW Lt Knee
QX 11608	Pte	BELL	R L C	GSW Lt Forearm
QX 8144	Pte	BRAMLEY	L L	SW Rt Knee
QX 1733	Pte	CARLTON	E.N.	SW legs, arms and buttock
QX 8214	Pte	COLLINS	P G	SW lt hand and lt arm and mouth
QX 21402	Pte	COWIE	L A	GSW Lt leg
QX 8657	Sgt	CUSHALLY	J H	GSW Rt thigh
QX 5861	Pte	DALTON	V A	GSW Rt knee
QX 12818	Pte	FRENCH	F	GSW Lt leg
QX 1932	Pte	FRASER	W	SW Lt ear
QX 17894	Pte	HALCKETT-HAY	R A	GSW shoulder
QX 12775	Pte	HARPER	K F	SW back and leg
QX 11029	Pte	HOCKINGS	L J	GSW Rt arm
QX 13284	Pte	HOWIE	J W	Wound to back and thigh
QX 17242	L/Cpl	HUTCHINSON	S	GSW Scalp
QX 8240	Pte	JOHNS	M D	SW buttock
QX 20102	Pte	ROBINSON	M W	GSW Jaw and hand
QX 5213	Pte	JORDAN	D	GSW Rt Foreman
QX 7999	Pte	KRAST	P L	GSW face
QX 16985	Pte	KENDALL	A T	GSW Lt leg
QX 18540	Pte	KRIEGER	W G	SW Lt buttock
QX 3386	Pte	LANGUSCH	N A	Comp Fract Lt Humerus, GSW Foreman Lt
QX 13030	A/Cpl	LAWLER	J F	SW wrist
QX 6996	Pte	LAWSON	D A	GS Lt leg
QX 1970	Pte	LENTELL	S	GSW Lt arm
QX 11001	L/Cpl	McCALL	F J	GSW Lt shoulder
QX 8356	Cpl	McNEALE	J F	GSW Rt arm
QX 11636	Pte	MILLION	V R J	GSW Lt shoulder, Lt knee, Rt thigh
QX 10443	Pte	HASH	A E	GSW Rt arm
QX 15253	Pte	OWENS	M J	GSW Rt knee
QX 5941	Pte	PESKETT	R J	SW Rt leg
QX 12052	Pte	REILLY	M	SW Lt leg
QX 5844	L/Cpl	REIMANN	E J	GSW Rt wrist and Rt leg
QX 15424	Pte	ROBERTS	E F	GSW Thigh and buttock
QX 2421	Pte	SHAND	G H	SW Rt thigh
QX 8519	Pte	SIMPSON	V G	SW Rt shoulder
QX 13670	Pte	SNOW	R L	SW Lt hand
QX 20116	Pte	SWEWART	K J	Eye injury from blast
QX 756	Sgt	STORY	I D	SW hand Fract 5th Phalanx
QX 5340	Pte	STUART	S	Mult SW both legs thigh and back
QX 7974	Cpl	TOMES	J E	Mult GSWs
QX 20060	Pte	WEBER	W J	GSW of hand
QX 8176	Pte	WHITTON	R B	GSW Lt knee
QX 20213	Pte	ZEIDLER	W J	SW Neck and Rt leg
QX 11757	Pte	BELL	J R G	GSW Scalp and back Lt Arm & Lt leg
QX 20088	Pte	BOWDEN	P J	GSW Both legs
QX 22762	Pte	BRIGGS	T M	GSW Rt foot

QX 12982	Pte	BROWN	W K	GSW Rt thigh
QX 5791	L/Cpl	CAMPBELL	A G P	GSW Rt Loim
QX 5103	Pte	CASTLES	W H	GSW Rt Arm and Chest
QX 12984	Pte	CHARD	G E	SW back perf right lung
QX 19889	Pte	CLARENCE	H	SW Both legs
QX 11610	Pte	CLEARY	W	GSW Chest pen wound Rt thigh & buttock
QX 9110	Pte	CROSS	F N	GSW Chest
QX 5921	Woll	DANN	H G R	SW Neck and elbow
QX 5818	Sgt	DAWE	T A	GSW Lt Arm
QX 5708	Pte	DEWSBURY	W	SW Lt arm
QX 3196	A/Cpl	DOYLE	T L	GSW Lt arm
QX 13028	Pte	GIDDINS	F L	GSW Buttock and thigh
QX 20416	Pte	GILMORE	D I	GSW Buttock Lt
QX 9714	L/Sgt	GRIMSHAW	H	GSW back
QX 13008	Pte	HALL	J E	Chest wound
QX 10270	L/Cpl	JAMES	G A	GSW Buttock
QX 8419	Pte	JORGENSEN	E G	BW head
QX 2994	Cpl	KAY	A W	GSW Rt shoulder
QX 14889	Pte	LANES	R C P	GSW Lower lip
QX 6935	Pte	MCCARTHY	J J	GSW chest
QX 11247	Pte	MCCOMOSKIE	D	GSW Rt wrist
QX 5149	Pte	McELLIOTT	W A J	SW chest
QX 12798	Pte	McPHERSON	J H	GSW Abdomen
QX 15299	Pte	MULGREW	L	SW both legs
QX 7537	L/Cpl	PASHEN	A V	GSW Rt forearm
QX 18737	Pte	PINDER	P S	SW Lt shoulder
QX 12633	Pte	PILKINGTON	H	SW Rt side
QX 6678	Pte	POOLE	H F	GSW scalp
QX 20681	Pte	PREUSS	A	SW head
QX 3213	Pte	READETT	W	Perf MG wound Rt foot (sole)
QX 2414	L/Cpl	ROSE	E J	GSW Rt chest
QX 6828	Pte	SCROGINGS	H R	Lacerated wound back of skull
QX 15267	Pte	SHEPHERD	A W	GSW Cheek (?) Fract Mandible
QX 16530	Pte	SHERIFF	C J	SW Both legs
QX 5217	L/Cpl	SPARKS	J C	GSW Lt wrist
QX 11654	Pte	STANBROOK	F C	GSW Rt Knee; SW Lt thigh
QX 7473	Pte	STORM	G H	SW Buttock
QX 19617	Pte	WEBB	G B	GSW Chest
QX 12899	Pte	WILSON	F	GSW Rt thigh
QX 8289	L/Cpl	WRIGHT	D T	SW Lt shoulder
QX 2592	Pte	HAYES	F J	GSW Lt Groin
QX 9109	Pte	CAMPBELL	A B	Comp Fract Lt Orbit; Destruction Lt Globe; GSW Lt Chest wall
QX 6604	Pte	CONOHLAN	C. J.	(Now reported missing believed killed)
QX 12403	Pte	JENNINGS	V	SW face, Fract Rt Femur
QX 13019	Pte	KINNEST	R	SW Rt eyebrow
QX 20103	Pte	KIRKMAN	F C	Blast shock
QX 1666	Pte	RITCHIE	W G	Perf SW Lt buttock
QX 19698	Pte	CLARK	J	SW Rt thigh

The following personnel were wounded in action and remained with Unit

QX 11710	Pte	LAURIE	T J
QX 13753	Pte	CAMPBELL	J W
QX 16765	Pte	TART	R
QX 10949	Pte	ISLES	T W
QX 15359	Pte	LEES	C W
QX 13723	Pte	MYERS	H D
QX 14452	Pte	LEAN	A W S
QX 11890	Pte	PARRY	J R

KILLED IN ACTION

The following personnel were killed in action on 1-9-42

QX 15506	Pte	ALFORD	H J
QX 12977	Pte	BAYLEY	J
QX 11539	Pte	BIBB	H F
QX 12931	Pte	BRICE	G E
QX 10574	Pte	BUZZA	V
QX 11607	Pte	CARTER	S J
QX 11613	Pte	COYNE	R A
QX 17429	A/Cpl	CRAIG	K R
QX 3351	Cpl	DONACHIE	J
QX 2404	A/Sgt	DUNSTAN	J D
QX 11846	Pte	GAULE	J F
QX 5337	Pte	GENGOS	S
QX 12990	Pte	GENTRY	J P
QX 20613	Pte	GRANT	R J
QX 21135	Pte	GREEN	L W
QX 8222	Cpl	GREEN	P H
QX 15274	Pte	HUTSON	E A
QX 11596	A/Cpl	McINTYRE	W L
QX 8164	WO 11	MITCHELL	J M
QX 15358	Pte	O'GORMAN	G V
QX 12669	Pte	PANSHURST	H A
QX 12657	Pte	SCOTT	W G
QX 8663	Cpl	SMITH	R J
QX 3220	Pte	STREHLAU	H F

The following personnel were reported missing in Action and t/rd to 'X' List on 1-9-42

QX 13027	Pte	PUNTER.	M A	Believed	Killed				
QX 2390	Cpl	DEBNEY	H S	"	"	Killed or	badly	wounded	
QX 21216	Pte	HILL	A J M	"	"	"	"	"	"
QX 12749	Pte	KENNELLY	W J	"	"	"	"	"	"
QX 12808	Pte	AMEROSE	R L E	Badly	wounded				
QX 11484	Pte	JOHNSTON	I	"	"				
QX 12696	Pte	TRUDGIAN	L C J	"	"				
QX 13026	Pte	WALLIS	J C E	"	"				
QX 8041	Cpl	DONOVAN	E D	Wounded					
QX 16614	Pte	GREEN	L H	"					
QX 8560	A/Cpl	JOXY	W R	"					
QX 12634	Pte	SINCLAIR	J G	"					
QX 10669	Pte	EVERETT	F V	Believed	badly	wounded			
QX 12624	Pte	GLENSON	J J	Believed	wounded				
QX 12643	Pte	CAMPBELL	T	"	"				
QX 13394	Pte	BELL	J H						
QX 12807	Pte	BURGE	W C						
QX 13636	Pte	BRUNST	T A						
QX 15545	Pte	GILL	J H						
QX 5377	Pte	GILLESPIE	J S						
QX 20175	Pte	HAMILTON	R						
QX 15236	Pte	KILPATRICK	W						
QX 2396	Pte	LEBINA	C P						
QX 19684	Pte	MILBURN	J W						
QX 12629	Pte	NEAL	W O						
QX 21504	Pte	O'MARA	K P						
QX 12655	Pte	WATSON	R J						
QX 10604	Pte	WILLIAMS	C G						
QX 7727	Pte	SMITH	A V	Believed	POW				
QX 16742	Pte	BISHOP	J U	Badly	wounded				

DIED OF WOUNDS

QX 15648	Pte	FAVELL	H S	1-9-42
QX 6815	A/Sgt	FLATER	L C	2-9-42
QX 10535	L/Cpl	KLING	A C	1-9-42

MONTHLY REPORT  
for period 1 Sep 42 to 30 Sep 42

Strength as at 30 Sep 42 31 Offrs 601 ORs

(1) General Sickness(a) Prevailing:

- (i) FUO. Marked increase on August figure
- (ii) Diarrhoea: Now quite low.
- (iii) Desert Sores: Also quite low.

(b) Infections:

- (i) Infective hepatitis . About 20 cases evacuated during month. Most of cases presented fairly uniform train of symptoms.
- (ii) No VD during month.

(2) Battle Casualties

As result of Bn action 1.9.42

2 Offrs	25 ORs	killed
2 "	30 "	missing
8 "	125 "	wounded but of this number 2 offrs and 11 ORs did not require evacuation.

Varieties of Wounds

Fd Amb figures would be more accurate since at times no notes were being taken of casualties.

Before the action opportunity was taken of digging an RAP in a selected area. This however, due to the number of casualties could not be used at all.

During the action 5 Stretcher Bearers were missing or killed and three wounded.

Casualties were evacuated through one mobile section to the 8 Fd Amb MDS. Difficulty was encountered in clearing the RAP and at one stage 40-50 wounded men were awaiting evacuation.

(3) General Health and Fitness of Troops.

This had fallen somewhat during middle of month. A rest camp was organised on beach able to hold 20 men. Medical comforts and extra food e.g. eggs etc are supplied. At the end of 3 days a marked improvement in the general condition of those at the camp was noted.

Foot inspections were carried out on the 26-29 Sep 1942. Very little tinea noticed. Very few corns and general foot condition was excellent.

(4) Camp Sites. 4 moves during month.(5) Hygiene:

General hygiene quite good. Sufficient latrines. Seasonal fall off in flies.

(6) Line of Evacuation:

Through 2/8 Fd Amb and to latter end of month through 2/11 Fd Amb.

(7) Dental:

60 cases attended by 2/8 Fd Amb during week ending 26 Sep 42.  
108 (approx) still require dental attention.

(8) Medical Stores

- (a) Expendible - Satisfactory
- (b) Non-expendible - Still require thermometers (5)

(9) Training

Owing to loss of stretcher bearers (battle casualties) it was necessary to train 6 new stretcher bearers. This has been completed.

*John A. Samuel*  
RMO 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Capt

UNIT  
SERIAL  
NO 41

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit.) For Week Ending 5 SEP 42

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...		-	1
	Majors... ..		-	-
	Captains ... ..	8	-	2
	Lieutenants ... ..	16	-	5
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..	1		
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	28	-	8

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	R.F. ENGLAND	2/15 Bn.	29 AUG	RETAINS UNIT

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LTCOL	R.W.G. CALE	2/15 Bn	1 SEP 42	WOUNDED IN ACTION (EVAC 2/5 51 AMB)
CAPT	F.L. ...	"	"	WOUNDED IN ACTION (EVAC 2/5 51 AMB)
LIEUT	C. WHEATLEY	"	"	" (EVAC 2/5 51 AMB)
	C.P.S. BROWN	"	"	"
	G. RANNISTER	"	"	KILLED IN ACTION
	E. T. ...	"	"	WOUNDED IN ACTION (EVAC 2/5 51 AMB)
	A. ...	"	"	WOUNDED IN ACTION (EVAC 2/5 51 AMB)
	W.A. ...	"	"	KILLED IN ACTION
	F.A. PATRICK	"	"	KILLED IN ACTION

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

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



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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		MAJ	ADJUTANT	C H GRACE	2/15 Inf	Yes		
2			COY	B D STRANGE	"	"		
3				R A SUTHERS	"	"		
4		CAPT	R.M.	S T NEWCOMB	"	"		
5			COY	L. SNELL	"	"		
6			ADJT	M. HARLAND	"	"		
7			2nd Coy	E F LUTHER	"	"		
8			COY	W. ANGUS	"	"		
9			2nd Coy	W H V JONES	"	"		
10			ADJT	R G JENKINSON	"	"		
11			2nd Coy	E M CHRISTIE	"	"		
12				W A FERGUSON	"	"		
13		LIEUT	PL COY	J R WEIR	"	"		
14				J RAY	"	"		
15			T/O	D TARKER	"	"		

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
Attachment W3008 - No.41.

The following officers have rejoined since this return was compiled:-

Capt	O/C Coy	W W COBB	
Lieut	Pl Comd	R A YATES	8 PL
"	"	W G MURISON	
"	"	A J BACON	- Comm
"	"	R C BETTS	

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31							
32							
33							
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(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		D SPENCE	ARMY	SEP 42	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		R R GIBSON	ARMY	21 NOV 41	CHAPLAIN

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
5 Sep 42  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

Adjutant 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
70 Aust Inf Bde - 9 Aust Div  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		MA	1000/1000	C H GRACE	215 Inf	Yes		
2		"	1000	B D STRANGE	"	"		
3		"	"	R A SUTHERS	"	"		
4		CAPT	G.M.	S T NEWCOMB	"	"		
5		"	1000	L. SNELL	"	"		
6		"	ADST	M. HARLAND	"	"		
7		"	2nd Lt	E F LUTHER	"	"		
8		"	1000	W. ANGUS	"	"		
9		"	2nd Lt	W H V JOBB	"	"		
10		"	ADST	R G JENKINSON	"	"		
11		"	2nd Lt	E M CHRISTIE	"	"		
12		"	"	W A FERGUSON	"	"		
13		LIEUT	1000	D B WEIR	"	"		
14		"	"	J RAY	"	"		
15		"	1000	D PARKER	"	"		
		"	1000	A F BEATTY	"	"		
		"	"	I D V QUIRLEY	"	"		
		"	"	T W CUNNINGHAM	"	"		
		"	"	R F ENGLAND	"	"		
		"	"	G V HELM	"	"		
		"	"	E L BRIMSTONE	"	"		
		"	"	A H REA	"	"		
		"	1000	N L HARTHAM	"	"		
		"	1000	N B S MAV	"	"		
		"	"	A E DUFFY	"	"		
		"	"	H G CHILDS	"	"		
		"	"	G G GRAY	"	"		
		"	"	H M DOUGLAS	"	"		
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(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		D SPENCE	ARMY	SEP 42	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		R R GIBSON	ARMY	21-11-41	CHAPLAIN

215 Inf  
5 Sep 42  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

Army Commandant  
20th Aust Int Bde - 9th Aust Div  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

UNIT SERIAL  
No. 42

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 12 SEP 42

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
	Majors... ..	2	-	-
	Captains ... ..	9	-	1
	Lieutenants ... ..	22	1	
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..	1		
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	36	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.
CAPT	W. W. COBB	2/15 Bn.	5 SEP	RETAINS UNIT
LIEUT	R. A. YATES	"	"	"
"	W. G. MURISON	"	"	"
"	R. C. BETTS	"	"	TAKEN ON STRENGTH
"	A. J. BACON	"	"	"
"	D. H. SEENEY	"	"	"
"	A. M. MURPHY	"	"	"
LT-COL	C. K. M. MAGNO	2/15 Bn.	9 SEP	" FROM 2/17 Bn.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		LT COL	C.O.	C.K.M. MAGNO	2/15 Am	Yes		
2		MAJ	Bn 210	C.H. GRACE	"	"		
3		"	O.C. Coy	B.D. STRANGE	"	"		
4		"	"	R.A. SUTHERS	"	"		
5		Capt	"	W.W. COBB	"	"		
6		"	"	S.P. NEWSOMB	"	"		
7		"	"	L. SNELL	"	"		
8		"	ADJT	M. HARLAND	"	"		
9		"	Q.M.	E.F. LUTHER	"	"		
10		"	O.C. Coy	W. ANGUS	"	"		
11		"	2 110 Coy	W.H.V. JUBB	"	"		
12		"	A/Plt PL	R.G. JENKINSON	"	"		
13		"	2 110	E.M. CHRISTIE	"	"		
14		"	"	W.A. FERGUSON	"	"		
15		LIEUT	PL COMD	T.A. YATES	"	"		
16		"	"	D.B. WEIR	"	"		
17		"	"	J. KAY	"	"		
18		"	T/O	D. PARKER	"	"		
19		"	PL COMD	A.P. BEATTY	"	"		
20		"	"	W.G. MURISON	"	"		
21		"	"	I.D.V. GURLEY	"	"		
22		"	"	J.W. CUNNINGHAM	"	"		
23		"	"	R.F. ENGLAND	"	"		
24		"	"	A.V. HELM	"	"		
25		"	"	L.L. GRIMSTONE	"	"		
26		"	"	A.A. REA	"	"		
27		"	I.O.	N.L. HARTHAM	"	"		
28		"	PL COMD	N.D.S. MAY	"	"		
29		"	"	G.E. DUFFY	"	"		
30		"	"	R.C. BETTS	"	"		
31		"	"	H.G. CHILDS	"	"		
32		"	"	H.M. DOUGLAS	"	"		
33		"	"	A.M. BACON	"	"		
34		"	"	A.M. MURPHY	"	"		
		"	"	D.H. SEENEY	"	"		

(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		J.H. SAMUELS	RAMC	2 AUG 42	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN		G.R. GIBSON	RAMC	JUN 41	CHAPLAIN

2/15 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Unit.)  
12 Sep 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* LT. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
20 Aust Inf Bde - 9 Aust Bde.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

UNIT SERIAL NO 42

415 AVIATION INF BN (Unit), 12 SEP 19 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 authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	(at OCT)
W.Os. Class II.	6	-	1
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	-	-	-
Staff Serjeants	6	1	-
Serjeants	34	-	3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	60	-	11
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	538	-	212
TOTALS	645	1	227

\*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.
TAY SGT	AAPC	ARMOURER CPL	MAOC.
MEDICAL CPL	AAMC	FITTER PTE	"
" OR	"	" "	"
BATMAN	AACoD	" CPL	"
		SHOEMAKER PTE	"

**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.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-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 ... ..																			66	
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																			66	
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																			1212	
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																			22	
Saddlers & Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																			99	
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																			66	
General duty personnel ... ..					1						1		3						171 112227	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1		3						11212227	

2/15 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

Signature of Commander. LTCOL

Date of Despatch 12 SEPT 42

20 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

UNIT  
SEP No. 43

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

2/15 Aust Inf Bn (Unit), 19 SEP 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.	2	1	(1 at OCTU)
W.Os Class II.	6	-	1
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	5	-	-
Sergeants.	34		3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	60		11
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	544		206
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>* 1</b>	<b>*221</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
PAY SGT	AAPC	ARMOURER CPL	AAOC
MEDICAL CPL	AAMC	FITTER "	"
" OR	"	" PTE	"
BATMAN	AACHD	" "	"
		SHOEMAKER "	"

**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-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks...																			66	
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
»    »    (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																			66	
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters...																				
Machine Cunnners																			1214	
Masons..																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																			22	
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																			99	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors. .																				
Wheelers																				
Stretchers Bedders																			66	
General duty personnel .	1									1			3		11	165			180	
Totals ( to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)										1			3		11	206			221	

2/15 AUST INF BN

Unit.

COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN

Signature of Commander, LT. COL

Date of Despatch

19 SEP 42

20 AUST INF BDE

9 AUST DIV

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



UNIT SERIAL NO. 43

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 19 SEP 42

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
	Majors... ..	3	-	-
	Captains ... ..	9	-	1
	Lieutenants ... ..	22	1	
	2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
	Quartermasters ... ..	1		
	District Officers ... ..			
	TOTALS ... ..	36	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.
LIEUT	W. A. MAHONEY	2/15 BN	14 SEP 42	RETAINS UNIT

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	H. M. DOUGLAS	2/15 BN	12 SEP 42	EVAC 3/8 FEB AMB - P.U.O.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		LTCL	CO	C K M MARGNO	2/15 Bn	Yes		
2		MAJ	BN 2/15	C H GRACE				
3			OC Coy	B D STRANGE		No		(ME) S. H. DEARTY
4				R A SUTHERS		Yes		
5		CAPT		W W COBB				
6				S P NEWING MB				
7				L SNELL				
8			AD JT	M HARLAND				
9			R.M.	E F LUTHER				
10			OC Coy	W ANGLIS				
11			2/15	W H V TUBB				
12			ATK PL	R G JENKINSON				
13			2/15	F M CHRISTIE		No		METC
14				W A FERGUSON		Yes		
15		LIEUT	PL COMD	R A YATES				
16				D B WEIR		No		METC
17				J KAY		Yes		
18			TO	D PARKER				
19			PL COMD	A P BEATTY				
20				W G MURISON				
21				I D V QUHALEY				
22				J W CUNNINGHAM		No		GRV MRS SH
23				R F ENGLAND		Yes		
24				G V HELM				
25				L L GRIMSTONE				
26				A A TEA				
27			LO	N L HARRHAM				
28			PL COMD	N H S MAX				
29				G E BUEFFY				
30				R C BETTS				
31				W A MAHONEY				
32				H G CHILDS				
33				G G GRAY				
33				A J BACON				
34				A M MURPHY				
34				D H SEENEY				

(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		J H SAMUELS	AAME	2/15/42	R.M.C.
CHAPLAIN		G RAIBSON	AACD	2/15/41	CHAPLAIN

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
19 SEP 42  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
COMD 2/15 AUST INF BN. (Signature of Commander.)  
20 Aust Inf Bn - 9/4/42  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 26 Sep 42

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

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
Ranks.		Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*				
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*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels ...		1		
Majors... ..		3		
Captains ... ..		10		
Lieutenants ... ..		22	1	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..				
Quartermasters ... ..		1		
District Officers ... ..				
TOTALS ... ..		37	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.
	CAPT DD WHALLEY	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	23/9/42	From 1st (Mk) Sling Coy (attached to the ...)

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		1st Lt	CO	CKM MAGNO	2/15th	Yes		
2		MAJ	2/11	CH GURCE				
3		"	2/11	BD STRANGE				
4		"	2/11	RA SUTHERS				
5		CAPT	1	WH COBB				
6		"	1	SP NEWCOMB				
7		"	1	L SNELL				
8		"	2/11 Coy	DD WHIMPERY				
9		"	MAJ	M HARLAND				
10		"	RM	RF LUTHER				
11		"	2/11	W ANGLIS				
12		"	2/11 Coy	WHV TURR				
13		"	2/11	RG TENKINSON				
14		"	2/11 Coy	EMN CHRISTIE		No		METC
15		"	1	WA FERGUSON		Yes		
16		Lieut Pl Comd	1	RA YATES		No		
17		"	1	DB WEIR		No		METC
18		"	1	SI RAY		Yes		
19		"	1	S PARKER				
20		"	1	WA MURKINSON				
21		"	1	12V RUILEY				
22		"	1	JW CUNNINGHAM		No		7th Div
23		"	1	RF ENGLAND		Yes		
24		"	1	CV HARM				
25		"	1	22 GIBSON				
26		"	1	2A RIA				
27		"	1	NL HADHAM				
28		"	Pl Comd	NDS MAY				
29		"	1	GC DUFFY				
30		"	1	RC BETTS				
31		"	1	WA MATHONLY				
32		"	1	NO CHILDS				
33		"	1	AT BROWN				
34		"	1	RM MURPHY				
		"	1	DH SEENEY				

(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		JH SAMUELS	AAME	28.12	RMO
CHAP		GR GIBSON	AACHD	21.11.42	CHAPLAIN

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

LINK SERIAL  
NO. 44

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

215 just by (Unit) 26 SEP (Date)

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.	2	1	(1 at OCTU)
W.Os Class II.	7		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	5		
Sergeants.	35		2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	62		9
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	539		211
TOTALS.		*	*

\* 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.P.C.	ARMOURER CPL	AAOC.
MEDICAL CPL	A.A.M.C.	FITTER "	"
" PTE	"	" PTE	"
BATMAN	A.A.C.H.II	" "	"
		SHOEMAKER	"

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-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																			6 6	
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
"    (Wheeled) ..																			6 6	
Driver-Mechanics ...																			6 6	
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ... ..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners ...																			12 12	
Masons... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ... ..																			2 2	
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ... ..																			9 9	
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors. . . . .																				
Wheelers ... ..																			6 6	
<u>STRETCHER BEARERS</u>																				
General duty personnel .	1								1					2					9 170 181	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1								1					2					9 211 232	

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
Unit.  
Date of Despatch 27 SEP 42

Signature of Commander, *see above*  
20 AUST INF BDE - 9 AUST DIV.  
Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.