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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 41 To 30 NOV 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WINNELLIE.	SAT 1 NOV 41.		Weather - Very hot. Syllabus included the return to camp of A Coy and attached troops, after completion of week's tactical tng and witnessing of "shoot" by 2/14 Fd Regt. Various Cadres and courses terminated their weeks syllabi. General adm occupied remainder of the morning, work parties or camp construction having ceased early. H.Q. Coy held parade and were exercised in close order drill in early morning. In morning, Bn.H.Q. Offrs and Coy Comds attended lecture on "Some Aspects of Intelligence" by Lt-Col A.L.Elliott (G.S.O. Int 7 M.D.) at LARRAKEYAH. In late afternoon Offrs held a "Cocktail Party" to which numerous guests were invited, incl Brig D.V.J.Blake, (Comd 7 M.D.), Brig E.F.Lind, C.B.E, D.S.O, V.D, (Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde), and Capt E.P.Thomas O.B.E.(N.O. i/c N.T.). Unit Band played in DARWIN. Strength now 37 Offrs and 881 O.R's.	
	SUN 2 NOV 41.		Weather - Humidity very noticeable. Church Parade held in morning. Lieut A.G.Jack commenced weeks attachment to Bde.H.Q. and Lieut N.F.Prosser was attached to 2/21 Bn. in exchange.	
	MON 3 NOV 41		Weather - no change. D Coy and attached tps moved put on weeks tactical tng, Special Cadre at LEANYER SWAMP for portion of 5 and 6 pls., Rfct Cadre continued at CASUARINA BEACH, other H.Q.Coy pls. carried out own syllabi, and "Camouflage Cadre" commenced. Strength decreased by 2 O.R's.	

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WINNELLIE.	TUE 4 NOV 41.		Weather - noticeable increase in humidity. Syllabus same as for Mon. Bde Comd visited the camp and inspected camp construction. Strength increased by 1 O.R.	
	WED 5 NOV 41.		Weather - rain during latter part of day caused very slight flooding of tents. (This was the first occasion that the unit (experienced rain in quantity while in this district). Syllabus as for Mon. Offrs and N.CO's were lectured on "L of C" by Capt G.J.Arnold (S.C. 23 Aust Inf Bde)	
	THU 6 NOV 41.		Weather - heavy rain fell during very early morning, (app 2 in.) and also later in the day. Camp was partly flooded. Syllabus as for Mon. A.A.& Q.M.G., 7 M.D. (Lt-Col G.C.Peters D.F.C.) visited the unit. C.O. and two other Offrs boarded H.M.A.S. "Westralia" and witnessed gunnery practise. Strength decreased by 2 O.R's.	
	FRI 7 NOV 41.		Weather - rain during early and latter part of the day. Syllabus as for Mon. Completed huts (incl BN.H.Q. Adm Block, Coy Offices (and stores and certain Coy sleeping huts) were occupied. Bn received pay. Strength decreased by 1 O.R.	

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WINNELLIE	SAT 8 NOV 41		Weather - Rain during the early morning and at night. Syllabus as for Mon and gen adm. D. Coy returned after a week of collective tng. B.H.Q Offrs and Coy Comds attended a lecture on "Staff Organisation and Duties" by Capt R.L. Hughes (D.A.A.G. 7 M.D.) at LARRAKEYAH. Unit Jazz Band played at New Darwin Hotel.	
	SUN 9 NOV 41		Weather - rain fell heavily at night. Church Parade held in morning. Conference of Offrs was held in order to detail the arrangements for the unit censorship of mail. At night, guests at Offrs Mess inc Offrs from A.I.F. & A.M.F. Units. Unit Band played at 2/12 Fd Amb.	
	MON 10 NOV 41		Weather - rain during the day. Syllabus inc collective tng, special cadre at LEANYER SWAMP, specialist tng, camp duties and work parties. Units were instructed to prepare plans for "Passive Air Defence" of own units, and C/O 2/21 Bn was given the responsibility of co-ordinating the plan for WINNELLIE Camp. Lieut L.R. Marshall, H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde, was attached to 2/21 Bn for tng. Unit censorship of mail was instituted.	See appx. 2.
	TUE 11 NOV 41		Weather - rain during the day. Syllabus as for MON. In afternoon, C/O and I/O accompanied Bde Comd on redde of WEST side of WINNELLIE Camp and adjacent area, also areas to NORTH. Strength decreased by 1 O.R.	

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WINNELLIE	WED 12 NOV 41		Weather - heavy rain during the morning. Syllabus as for Mon. In addition B Coy and attached tps moved to Kings Creek and LEANYER SWAMP area and carried out tactical exercise - tps from 2/40 Bn acting as enemy. C Coy moved to NOONAMAH area to act as enemy for exercise by tps of 2/40 Bn. Strength increased by 4 O.R'S.	See appx. 1.
	THU 13 NOV 41		Weather - rain fell spasmodically. Syllabus as for Wed. B Coy completed the tactical exercise, and C Coy returned to camp early, as the heavy rains caused the roads to become almost impassable. Strength increased by one Offr. (from 119 G.H.) and decreased by 1 O.R.	
	FRI 14 NOV 41		Weather - rain fell during the day. Syllabus as for Mon. C/O and I/O accompanied by C/Os of 2/4 M.G. BN and 2/12 Fd Amb made recce of areas to NORTH of WINNELLIE camp area and discussed the suitability of the ground for use by M.T. This recce followed a heavy shower of rain. C/O and I/O later made recce of certain tracks as affecting the unit in case of "ALARM". Strength increased by 1 O.R.	

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WINNELLIE	SAT 15 NOV 41		Weather - rain at odd times. Syllabus as for Mon and general adm. B.H.Q. Offrs and Coy Comds attended a lecture on "A.A "Searlight Defence" by Maj C.Harper (O.C. 54 A.A.(S.L.)Coy) at LARRAKEYAH. C.O. had conference with Bde Comd. Strength decreased by 1 O.R. Strength now 38 Offrs and 879 O.R's.	
	SUN 16 NOV 41.		Weather - Slight rain otherwise fine. Church Parade held in morning at WINNELLIE Camp stage. Service was attended by Bde Comd and B.M., and Maj and Mrs Seaton, Salvation Army DARWIN. After the service, a presentation was made to Maj and Mrs Seaton in recognition of their work at the Red Shield Hut DARWIN. The Bn marched past and the Bde Comd took the salute. Later the Bde Comd and B.M. and Maj and Mrs Seaton were guests at Offrs Mess. At night, guests at Offrs Mess inc C.O. and Adjt 2/40 Bn. (Lt-Col W.W.Leggett M.C. and Capt N.P.Maddern.)	
	MON 17 NOV 41		Weather - rain fell during the day. Syllabus inc special cadre at DRIPSTONE CAVES for rifle Pls, Rfct Cadre at miniature range, collective tng, ^{specialist tng,} and camp work parties.	
	TUE 18 NOV 41		Weather - rain fell heavily in the morning. Syllabus as for Mon In early morning at 119 G.H. Cpl W.A.Chellew, C Coy, died from burns received in Coy Office on previous night.	

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WINNELLIE	WED 19 NOV 41		Weather - was hot and humid. Syllabus as for Mon. C Coy and Offrs and O.R's representing other Coys attended the funeral of the late Cpl W.A.Chellew at DARWIN during the morning. Strength decreased by 1 O.R.	
	THU 20 NOV 41		Weather - Slight rain during the morning. Syllabus as for Mon. Also C Coy and attached tps carried out tactical exercise in the Howard River area, tps from 2/40 Bn acting as enemy. At night at LARRAKEYAH Barracks Offrs and Sjts (of all units) attended lecture on "The Japanese Army" by Col James A Chapman O.B.E., D.M.I., A.M.Q. Strength increased by 2 O.R's.	
	FRI 21 NOV 41		Weather - Slight rain during the morning. Syllabus as for Mon. C.O. Adjt and I.O. made recce of tracks and certain areas concerning the defence of the area. Bn received pay. Strength increased by 1 O.R!	
	SAT 22 NOV 41		Weather unchanged. Syllabus as for Monday, and general adm. Bn H Q offrs and Coy comds attended lecture on "Fd Arty in support!"	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WINNELLIE	SAT 22 NOV 41 (continued)		by Maj A.G.Rylah (2/I4 Fd Regt) at Larrakeyah. Strength decreased by 1 I o.r.	
	SUN 23 NOV 41		Weather hot and humid. 2/4 M.G. Bn, 2/2I Bn and 2/I2 Fd Amb held combined Church pde at Winnellie camp stage. Guests at Offrs mess at night included the Bde Comd and other A.I.F. and A.M.F. offrs who afterwards attended own unit concert at Winnellie camp stage. Unit Band participated.	
	MON 24 NOV 41		Weather - rain during the morning. Syllabus incl spec cadre for rifle pls at DRIPSTONE CAVES, Rfct cadre, specialist tng for H.Q. Coy pls, and reminder of unit on camp duties and work parties Strength decreased by 1 offr (to 119 G.H.) and 1 O.R.	
	TUE 25 NOV 41		Weather - heavy shower of rain during the afternoon. Syllabus as for Mon. C.O. 2 i/c Adjt and I.O. made recon of own camp area in preparation for P.A.D. scheme. Own unit Concert Party band gave concert at Vestys.	See appx. 3.

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WINNELLIE	WED. 26 NOV 41		Weather - fine. Syllabus as for Mon. Own unit concert party with band gave concert at 119 M G.H. BAGOT. Lieut D.C.A. Crozier moved to 2 M.D. to attend "No. 40 Course - Army School of Signals"	
	.THU 27 NOV 41		Weather - Fine. Syllabus as for Mon. "Practise" Air Alarm was sounded (Siren) and tps moved to their allotted positions. "All Clear" was sounded 20 minutes later. This trial was intended to exercise personnel only. In morning portion of Bn and attached unit witnessed an "Anti Gas Dec an " Demonstration by 5 pl on 2/4 M.G. Bn sports ground. One M/C taken on strength bringing total to 5.	
	FRI 28 NOV 41		Weather - fine. Syllabus as for Mon. "Anti Gas Dec an " Demon continued. Own unit concert party, with band gave concert at NOONAMAH. camp stage. Strength increased by 1 offr (from 119 G.H.) and 1 O.R.	
	SAT 29 NOV 41		Weather fine. Syllabus as for Mon. "Anti Gas Dec an " demon and general adm. BN.H.Q offr and Coy Comds attended lecture by Maj G.S.Plant (D.A.A.G.(E) 7 M.D.) at LARRAKEYAH.	

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WINNELLIE	SUN 30 NOV 41		<p>Weather - noticeably hotter. Reveille not sounded and no Church Parade held, thus allowing the tps a free day. Guests at offrs mess included (FOR dinner) Maj J.W.Fletcher (B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde) and other offrs from A.I.F and A.M.F. 2/14 Fd Regt gave concert at WINNELLIE camp stage. Strength now 38 offrs and 880 O.R's.</p>	
			<p><u>GENERAL COMMENTS. NOV 41</u></p>	
			<p>Rain fell during the month and at times the camp was partly flooded. The humidity was very noticeable in that rain, in quantity, had not fallen for some months. Mosquitoes and sand flies proved troublesome.</p>	
			<p>The strength of the unit remained approximately the same, and the receipt of one M.C. was the only change in M.T.</p>	
			<p>Training was limited to collective tng of one weeks duration by Coys in rotation, also cadres and special courses.</p>	
			<p>Camp construction was delayed by shortage of materials generally, and this, therefore, limited the number of huts available for occupation.</p>	
			<p><u>Additional Appendices are as follows :-</u></p>	
			<p>Weekly Intelligence and Security Reports</p>	Appx 4
			<p>Bn Tng and Cadre Syllabi</p>	Appx 5
			<p>Code Names</p>	Appx 6
			<p>W.3008's and W.3009's</p>	Appx 7
			<p>Bn R.O.'s</p>	Appx 8

APPX. 1.

2/21 BN. TNG EXERCISE No. 14

TWO SIDED COY EXERCISE

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

7 Nov 41

Ref. SKETCH MAP DARWIN 1" - 1 Mile

1. OBJECT:- To focus attention on lessons (as below) but with latitude to respective comds. to use initiative - subject only to such limited control which it might be necessary for Director; through his Umpires, to exercise

2. LESSONS:- M T P 37, A T M (A) 3 Para 10 where applicable.
1. Operations of rifle Coys with other sub-units and arms under comd.
2. Gaining of contact in country with limited observation.
3. Testing sub-Unit intercomm in similar country

3. TFS TAKING PART
FORCE "B"
COMD. Capt. D. G. PERRY
'B' Coy
One sec 4 Pl
one det 3 Pl
one tp 2/14 Fd Regt
'C' tp 18 A Tk Bty
Det Sigs

FORCE "C"
COMD. O.C. Coy 2/40 Bn.
One rifle Coy 2/40 Bn
One sec 4 Pl.
One det 3 Pl.
One tp 14 A Tk Bty
Det Sigs.

4. LOCATION & DURATION. The exercise will be carried out on 12/13 Nov 41, within the bounds of KINGS CK, FOOTCLIFFS, and N of MAIN ADELAIDE RIVER - DARWIN RD.

5. OPENING SITUATION
An Axis force, at war with AUSTRALIA, is reported by Intelligence to be manoeuvring with the apparent intention of attempting landings in the DARWIN area within a short period. The proximity of aircraft carriers indicates the possibility of air support to any landing. All Units in DARWIN and environs are warned and will be prepared to resist enemy action.
2/21 Bn. received this information at 0730 hrs Wed. 12 Nov 41 and C.O. ordered Force "B" to be prepared to move at 0830 hrs.

John Moore
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

C.O.	HQ Coy	27 Bty 2/14 Fd Regt
2 i/c	1 Pl	14 A Tk Bty
Adj. 1.	3 Pl	C Tp 18 A Tk Bty
I.O.	4 Pl	23 Aust Inf Bde
T.O.	Umpires (8)	File
R.S.M.	2/40 Bn.	War Diary (2)
EXX Q.M.	B Coy	

2/21 BN. TNG EXERCISE No. 14.

7 Nov 41

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

Ref. Sketch Map - DARWIN 1" = 1 mile

1. INTENTION

A two Coy exercise, in which a rifle Coy with attached tps, from each of 2/21 Bn. and 2/40 Bn will be opposed, will be carried out in the area KINGS CR - FOOTCLIFFS and N of MAIN ADELAIDE RIV-DARWIN RD. during 12/13 NOV 41.

2. LESSONS Etc.

Lessons, tps employed, as per separate instruction.

3. ASSEMBLY

FORCE "B"

Sub-Unit Comds report OC "B" Force WINNELLIE Camp 0800 hrs Wed 12 Nov 41, Force "B" will assemble at 0815 hrs in WINNELLIE Camp under OC "B" Force.

FORCE "C"

Will R V under comd of OC Coy 2/40 Bn at 0830 hrs Wed. 12 Nov 41 at approx. 982207.

4. DIRECTOR AND UMPIRES

DIRECTOR: C.O. 2/21 Bn.

CHIEF UMPIRE FORCE "B"	Maj. M.W.H. NEWBURY
UMPIRE " "	Lieut. I. G. JAFFREY
" " "	" A. B. GROWSE
" " "	" R. J. GREEN

CHIEF UMPIRE FORCE "C"	Maj. G. de V. WESTLEY
UMPIRE " "	Lieut. J. C. VAN NOOTEN
" " "	" R. GODFREY
" " "	" A. G. JACK

Umpires Force "B" will join OC Force "B" at 0800 hrs in WINNELLIE Camp.

Umpires Force "C" will join Force "C" at 0830 hrs Wed 12 Nov 41 at 982207.

5. TPT

Normal W E tpt plus water cart will be provided for each Coy. Umpires, det Sigs, det Mortars, with each Force will be allotted one vehicle each.

6. DRESS

FORCE "B" - Battle Order, shorts, shirts.
FORCE "C" - Battle Order, shorts, shirts, with felt hats.
Blankets in ground sheets carried on tpt.

7. MESSING

Cooking in field. Hydro burners carried in kitchen trucks.
Rifle Coy from 2/40 Bn and all att. sub-units will provide own breakfast before arriving at R V on Wed. 12 Nov 41. 2/21 Bn. will provide rations FORCE "C" from midday meal Wed. 12 Nov 41 to incl. midday meal Thu 13 Nov 41.
Sub-Units FORCE "B", excl. Arty will be rationed by FORCE "B" from midday meal Wed 12 Nov 41 to midday meal Thu. both incl.
Umpires mess with respective Force, Director and Staff with Force "B".
All sub-Units, excl. Arty, will notify HQ 2/21 Bn by 1800 hrs Mon 10 Nov 41, ration strength for Exercise.

8. AMN:-

The following allocation of amn and fireworks may be drawn -

500 rds .303 Blank	per Force		
3 Illuminating flares	"	"	
3 Red flares	"	"	
3 Green flares	"	"	
6 Aldershot grenades	"	"	
Flour Bombs	"	"	

Chief Umpire Force "C" will draw above for Force "C".

9. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Scabbards must be on bayonets when fixed. Missiles will NOT be thrown at any time.

10. INTERCOMM.

Each Force has attached one det Sigs with one vehicle and W/T and L/T equipment.

108 sets and operators will be attached to Director and each Chief Umpire.

John Wood
Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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2 i/c	1 Pl	14 A Tk Bty
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I.O.	4 Pl	23 Aust Inf Bde
Q.M.	B Coy	File
T.O.	Umpires (8)	War Diary (2)
R.S.M.	2/40 Bn.	

12/13 NOV 41

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE.

7 Nov 41

Instructions to Umpires - BOTH FORCES

1. The action in the STOP LINE area is to be judged by results and conference between Umpires.
2. Any tendency to use Carriers as Lt Tanks is to be met with casualties.
3. Any tendency to unprotected movement will be checked by senior casualties as far as possible.
4. Minor casualties awarded for exposure of patrols and recce. parties.
5. Casualties to be returned to owners after first encounter by arrangement with Umpires.
6. Each Umpire can assist in checking careless dispositions by passing information to opposing OC Force.
7. Comms. per 108's - failing them, by neutral truck.
8. Careful notes of orders, especially to supporting arms. Sub Umpire to report as to whether tasks were feasible.
9. Umpire receives all messages addressed to Bn. - Sees any messages to sub-Units.
10. Notes protection and recce while searching for enemy.

Special Notes for Umpires FORCE "C"

1. Timings pre-suppose "C" commences move from approx. 982207.
2. No restriction on OC except M M G and Mortar fire. Casualties to discourage him from using NOOGOO SWAMP as a line of approach.
3. If "B" Force succeeds in driving off "C" Force, "C" Force Comd is to be told to wait in a position 400 yds NORTH of STOP LINE and be given his additional role at 1730 hrs.
4. If "C" Force succeeds in getting past "B" Force, the Exercise is to be stopped while the action as in (3) takes place.

Special Note for Umpires FORCE "B"

1. Exploitation if first encounter with enemy is successful is to stop 300 yds beyond objective.

2/21 Bn TNG EXERCISE - No. 14. 12/13 NOV 41.

FORECAST OF EVENTS.H.Q. 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE. 7 Nov 41.

Serial No.	Time	EVENT	ACTION	REMARKS
1	0730 Wed	FORCE "B" at WINNELLIE receives information of threatened landing		
2	0800 "	Sub-unit Comds report FORCE "B" Comd WINNELLIE		
3	0830 "	FORCE "B" commences move to KNUCKEY'S LAGOON 923133		Formation and route taken for note
4	0830 "	FORCE "C" R.V's at 982207		
5	0945 "	FORCE "B" receives message at KNUCKEY'S LAGOON of landing at 995218		Force "B" should move immediately
6	1040 "	FORCE "C" commences move SOUTH		FORCE "C" Comd discouraged from using NOOGOO SWAMP as line of approach
7	1100 "	Scouts from each Force should contact		Anticipated vicinity 965173
8	1145 "	Forces encounter		Ditto
9	1215 "	FORCE "C" withdraws NORTH to 972178		
10	1430 "	FORCE "B" receives order to withdraw to defend D.F. STA 904137		
11	1630 "	FORCE "B" reaches position and proceeds to occupy defensive position		
12	1730	FORCE "C" informed of landing of reinforcements and given orders to capture D.F. STA 904137		
13		"FORCE C" carries out attack		
14		EXERCISE ENDS		

W.D.
APPX. 2.

Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

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SECURITY

Head-Quarters,
Darwin,

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

8 Nov 41

UNIT CENSORSHIP OF MAILS

Unit censorship of mails (including letters, parcels, registered mail, telegrams) will commence as from 0001 hrs. Mon 10 Nov 41. This censorship has been instituted by the Military Board and affects all military personnel in 7 MD.

2. hrs Mon. and Thu.

(a) All mail will be handed to Pl. Comds by 1700

(b) On NO account whatsoever will any mail be handed to Unit Postal clerk, or any Post Office, or any person other than an Officer of this Unit.

(c) Registered articles will be franked and sealed in the presence of the sender or his representative, and, under Coy arrangements, an Officer will post all registered articles.

(d) Telegrams must be approved and despatched by an Officer of the Unit.

(e) Articles for post will not be passed unless the sender's full postal address is shown.

(f) Personnel whose letter relates to private and family matters, may make arrangements through their Pl. Comds for an Officer of another Pl. or Coy to frank their letter.

3. Any detected instances of infringement of censorship instructions will entail disciplinary action being taken.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ Coy	C.O.
A "	2 i/c
B "	Adjt.
C "	I.O.
D "	Security Offr.
R "	War Diary (2) ✓
C Tp 18 A Tk Bty	File
AASC Sec "GULL"	
23 Spec Dental Unit	
104 L A D	

[Signature]
Lieut.
Security Offr. 2/21 Bn.

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APPX. 3.

PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE

WINNELLIE

ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON ALARM

1. AIR SENTRIES: will be posted at points indicated on plan.
2. ALARM will be sounded on siren by air sentry immediately he sees an enemy aircraft, and this will be repeated by all sentries.

It is the duty of any Member of the Unit, who might first identify an enemy aircraft, to report the fact to the nearest sentry or Officer.

3. SIGNAL FOR ALARM: Series of long blasts sounded on siren.
4. ACTION ON ALARM:
 - (a) By day. All personnel will scatter immediately, at the double, to allotted positions on Camp perimeter, and there remain motionless. Natural cover and concealment will be utilised.
 - (b) By night. All lights, incl. electric light, will be extinguished immediately by nearest personnel, and fires likewise doused. Personnel will proceed quickly to allotted positions - as in "a" above, but, so far as time permits, they will go in their battle order of dress.
5. ALL CLEAR SIGNAL: One long blast on Siren ordered by Officer of 2/21 Bn. detailed for this duty, when "all clear" reports are received from all Units in WINNELLIE CAMP.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN ADEQUATE NOTICE GIVEN

1. Warning will be given by Buglers sounding:- The Regimental, followed by the Alarm. (Coys will ensure that all personnel are familiar with this call.)
2. All personnel will proceed forthwith to sub-Unit lines and fall-in in battle order.
3. Simultaneously, Tpt will proceed to respective stores, where vehicles will be loaded under Coy arrangements.
4. Personnel will be marched as soon as possible to sub-Unit alarm positions as indicated in plan, on outer perimeter of Camp. Tpt will proceed as soon as loaded.
5. Sub-Units will send an Officer or N C O (in addition to normal runners) to Bn.H.Q. (Camp) for instructions.
6. Detailed instructions issued separately.

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P A S S I V E A I R D E F E N C E

SECURITY

2/21 Bn. WINNELLIE CAMP

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

In event of Alarm with adequate warning:-

<u>SERIAL No.</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>OFFICER RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1	Air raid warning, General alarm	Bn. Orderly Offr.	Orderly Offr. to notify his sleeping place to Signal Office when mounting duty daily.
2	On above warning, all personnel move to Sub-Unit lines and put on equipment, steel helmets, respirators at alert, take up rifle, and fall-in by platoons.	All personnel	Equipment, respirator, etc., must be readily accessible at all times.
3	Officers move to Coy lines and take charge	O's.C. Coys	
4	C.O., Adjt., I.O., 2 Sigs., OR Sjt. and clerk move to Bn.H.Q. shelter	Adjt.	
5	2 i/c and remaining Bn.H.Q. personnel move to Bn. H.Q. dispersal area.	2 i/c	
6	<u>HQ Coy</u> HQ to alert position	O.C. HQ Coy	
7	<u>1 Pl.</u> (less one sig on duty in Sig office, 2 sigs Bn.H.Q. shelter, and sigs allotted to Coys) to alert area.	O.C. 1 Pl.	See plan attached.
8	<u>2 Pl.</u> will man air defence posts	O.C. 2 Pl.	" " "
9	<u>3 Pl.</u> move to alert area	O.C. 3 Pl.	" " "
10	<u>4 Pl.</u> " " " "	O.C. 4 Pl.	" " "
11	<u>5 Pl.</u> " " " "	O.C. 5 Pl.	" " "
12	<u>6 Pl.</u> "Q" details to B Ech. Drivers to vehicles D.R's take MC's to Bn.H.Q. alert area	Q.M. T.O. O.C. 1 Pl.	" " " " " " " " "
13	<u>"A" Coy</u> to alert area	O.C. "A" Coy	" " "
14	<u>"B" Coy</u> " " "	O.C. "B" "	" " "
15	<u>"C" Coy</u> " " "	O.C. "C" "	" " "
16	<u>"D" Coy</u> " " " "Responsible for extinguishing any fires and incendiary bombs in Camp.	O.C. "D" "	" " "

<u>SERIAL No.</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>OFFICER RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
17	104 L A D to alert position	O.C. 104 L A D	See plan attached
18	AASC Sec " " "	O.C. AASC Sec	" " "
19	C Tp A Tk Bty " " "	O.C. A Tk Bty	" " "
20	R M O, Med. Orderlies & 4 SB's move to R A P. 2 SB's with 1 stretcher report to each Coy HQ in alert area.	M O	
21	Guard will remain on duty. All existing posts will be maintained	Gd. Comd.	
22	Bn. Amn Res. R.S.M. will take charge.	Q.M. R.S.M.	
23	Bn. Petrol Res. Tpt NCO i/c will ensure pre- tection.	T.O.	
24	Offrs' Mess & Sjts' Mess duties remain at Mess shelters and guard stores and furniture.	2 i/c	
25	T.O. with RP's will control move of tpt.	T.O.	
26	Water duty men move to water trucks.	O.C. HQ Coy	
27	Pay Sjt. will stay at Pay Office.	Pay Sjt.	
28	All lights and fires are to be exting- uished immediately if warning given at night.	Bn. Ord. Sjt. Bn. Sjt. Cook. Bn. Cpl. Cook.	Nearest personnel will carry out this instruction. NCO's named will ensure that this is done.
29	One Offr. or NCO, and one runner will be sent by each Coy to Bn.H.Q. shelter. A second runner will be sent to Bn.H.Q. when Coy is in posn. in alert area.	O's C. Coys.	
30	Canteen Staff remain at Canteen for protection Canteen cash and stocks.	Bn. 2 i/c	
31	Rifle Amn. will be packed in trucks ready to move to Coy alert areas.	O's C. Coys.	
32	Personnel from each platoon will be detailed to move to Coy stores on alarm to load Pl. vehicles.	" " "	
33	Personnel will be detailed to load on alarm B Ech. vehicles.	O.C. HQ Coy	

<u>SERIAL No.</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>OFFICER RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
34	Essential Sig. comms. will be maintained with neighbouring Units.	O.C. 1 Pl.	
35	Each Coy will be responsible for dealing with any enemy paratps. and other enemy tps within their dispersal area. Each Coy will also be responsible for its own local protection.	O's C. Coys.	
36	Adequate reports of progress of raid will be given to Bn. H.Q.	" " "	
37	"All clear" for 2/21 Bn. area will be reported to Offr. of 2/21 Bn. at WINNELLIE SIG. OFFICE, when all Coys have reported "All clear" to Bn.H.Q.	Adjt.	
38	"All clear" will be one long blast on Siren, given first by Siren at WINNELLIE SIG OFFICE, and taken up by all other Sirens in Bn. area.	O.C. 2 Pl.	
39	On "All clear" signal by Sirens all Coys will return to Camp lines, check personnel, and report results to Bn.H.Q.	O's C. Coys.	

NOTE: "O's C. Coys" includes O's C. AASC Sec., C Tp A Tk Bty., and 104 L A D.

L. H. ROACH Lt. Col.

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Head-Quarters, 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
Darwin, WINNELLIE.

7 Nov 41.

SECRET.

I.S.G.S. 7 MD
23 Aust Inf Bde

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY REPORTS - No 8.

(Covering period 1200 hrs 30 Oct 41 to 1200 hrs 6 Nov 41)

PART A. INTELLIGENCE.

1. OPERATIONS (AND ORGANISATION): Nil.

2. TP MOVEMENTS: Nil.

3. TNG.

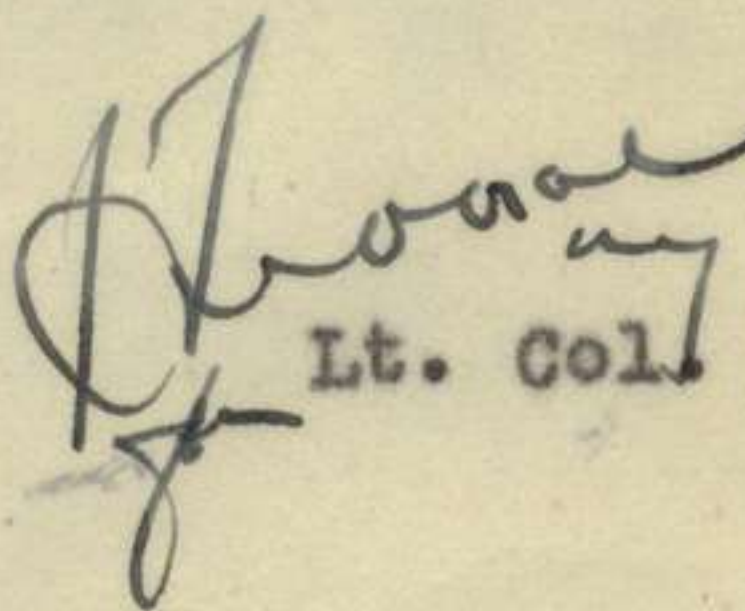
- (a) Camp construction proceeded normally. 3 S.W. Huts arrived making a total of 8 out of the allotment of 10
- (b) Tactical exercise by 'D' Coy with one Tp 2/14 Pd Regt, C. Tp 18 A.Tk Bty, one Sec 4 Pl attached.
- (c) Separate syllabi for each Pl of HQ Coy
- (d) Rfct cadre at CASUARINA BEACH
- (e) Lecture for Offrs & NCO's
- (f) Bn HQ Offrs and Coy Comds attended lecture at LARRAKEYAH Barracks.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Nil.

5. GENERAL REMARKS: Heavy rain fell afternoon Tue, 4 Nov and early morning Wed 5 Nov.

PART B. SECURITY. Unit Security Offr gave two lectures on "Security" to A.A.S.C. Sec "Gull".

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13 Nov 41.

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23 Aust Inf Bde.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY REPORTS -No 9

(Covering period 1200 Hrs 6Nov 41 to 1200 hrs 13 Nov 41.)

PART A. INTELLIGENCE.

1. OPERATIONS(AND ORGANISATION): Nil.

2. TP MOVEMENTS: Nil

3. TNG.

(a) Camp construction - Owing to the tactical exercises and weather conditions, work was reduced by 75 %.

(b) B Coy with one sec 4 Pl, one det 3 Pl, one tp 2/14 Fd Regt, C Tp 18 Atk Bty attached carried out tactical exercises in the area bounded by KINGS CK, NORTH AUSTRALIA Ry and FOOTCLIFFS. (Tps from 2/40 Bn acted as enemy.)

(c) C Coy with attached tps moved towards TUMBLING WATERS as enemy for exercise by 2/40 Bn, but were held up 3 miles NORTH of TUMBLING WATERS owing to bad condition of BYNOE HARBOUR RD. The bad road and continued bad weather conditions caused cancellation of the exercise.

(d) Special rifle cadre at LEANYER S AMP.

(e) Rfet cadre returned from CASUARINA BEACH.

(f) BnHQ Offrs and Coy Comds attended Lecture at LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Tracks, in places, became boggy owing to daily rainstorms.

5 GENERAL REMARKS. Rain fell daily and at times the camp was partly flooded, and it was necessary to transfer a percentage of tps to huts

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PART B. SECURITY.

(a) Unit censorship of mails was introduced as from 10 Nov 41.

(b) Instructions received from 7MD -through Hq 23 Aust Inf Bde -that two Press reporters were to be permitted to witness the tactical exercise (vide 3b above). These men duly arrived and were accompanied, during their itinerancy of the locality, by I.O.


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Darwin. WINNELLIE.

22 Nov 41.

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23 Aust Inf Bde.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY REPORTS. No 10.
(Covering period 1200 hrs 13 Nov 41 to 20 Nov 41.)

PART A INTELLIGENCE.

1. OPERATIONS (AND ORGANISATION). Passive Air Defence of WINNELLIE CAMP area co-ordinated by CO 2/21 Bn.

2. TP MOVEMENTS. Nil.

3. TNG.

(a) Camp Construction proceeded normally but was reduced 40% due to Tactical Exercises and weather conditions. It was necessary to withdraw HQ Coy sub-units from specialist tng to counteract withdrawal of other tps employed on exercises. Towards end of week some works ceased owing to shortage of Cement, Timber and Iron. It is expected that work will resume full scale on Mon 24 Nov 41.

(b) C Coy with one Sec 4 Pl, one Det 3 Pl, Ctp 18 ATK Bty represented by OC Tp carried out an exercise in area PUMPING STA RD, acting as enemy for one Coy 2/40 Bn and attached tps.

(c) Special rifle cadre at DRIPSTONE.

(d) Specialist tng for one Sec 5 Pl at DRIPSTONE.

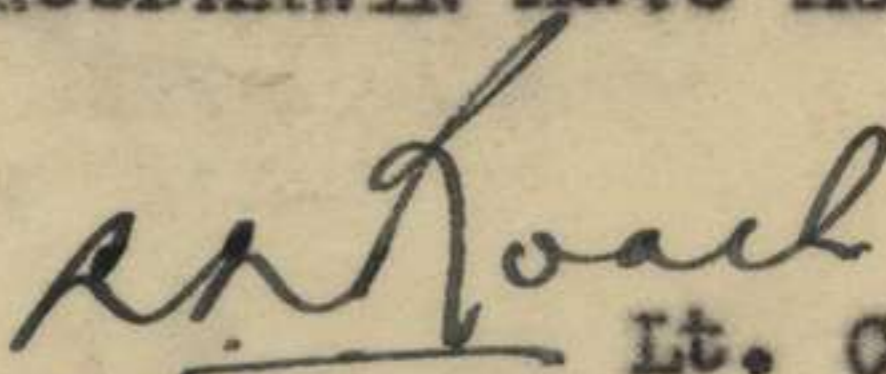
(e) Cadre for Rfets.

(f) Bn HQ offrs and Coy Comds attended lecture at LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Owing to rain tracks became boggy in places.

5. GENERAL REMARKS. Rain continued to fall almost daily.

PART B SECURITY. Reports indicate that Mil PD No 3 DARWIN have not received notification of CENSORSHIP.


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28 Nov 41.

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23 Aust Inf Bde

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY REPORTS - No. 11.
(Covering period 1200 hrs 20 Nov 41 to 1200 hrs 27 Nov 41.)

PART A. INTELLIGENCE.

1. OPERATIONAL (AND ORGANISATION).

- (a) One M.C. taken on strength
- (b) One Offr moved to 2 MD to attend "No 40 Course - Army School of Signals.

2. TP MOVEMENTS. Nil.

3. TNG.

- (a) Camp construction proceeded as far as availability of materials permitted. Approx 360 OR's transferred to huts, the remaining personnel being still in tents. No further huts were available.
- (b) "practice" air raid alarm was sounded and all personnel moved to their allotted areas. This trial was intended to exercise personnel only.
- (c) Special rifle Cadre at DRIPSTONE
- (d) Rfct cadre continued.
- (e) Specialist tng for individual pls of HQ Coy.
- (f) 5 pl gave Anti-Gas Decontamination demonstration on 2/4 M.G. Bn sports ground.
- (g) Bn HQ Offrs and Coy Comds attended lecture at LARRAKEYAH Barracks.

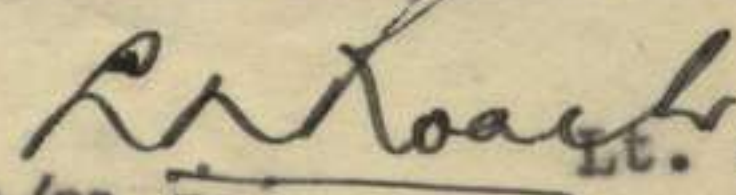
4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Boggy nature of tracks was still noticeable.

5. GENERAL REMARKS.

- (a) Less rain fell as compared with previous week
- (b) Own Unit Concert party and Unit Band gave concerts at WINNELLIE, VESTEY'S and 119 A.G.H., BAGOT.

PART B. SECURITY.

There is a justifiable feeling of futility in regard to the value of Unit censorship of mail whilst the press continues to enjoy such surprising latitude. Many instances have been quoted in the past - before Unit censorship was commenced - which, noted or read in comparison with instructions as to what men may NOT include in their outward mail, caused perplexity. The latest example of press licence is to be found in reports appearing in various Southern dailies of statements said to have been made by troops arriving from DARWIN on leave - possibly urged by reporters and embellished by them. Typical examples are from "Herald" of 19 Nov and "Argus" of 20 Nov - both MELBOURNE journals. These include alleged expressions of opinion which, if written by the tps here, would be censorable. The articles "speak for themselves". Similar references were published in other Capitals. In a BRISBANE paper an Officers' name is mentioned as having made a statement, fortunately not a serious one.


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2/21 Bn. A. I. F.
WINNELLIE.

5 Dec 41.

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I S G S 7 MD.
23 Aust Inf Bde.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY REPORTS - No 12.
(Covering period 1200 hrs 27 Nov 41 to 1200 hrs 4 Dec 41.)

PART A. INTELLIGENCE.

1. OPERATIONAL (AND ORGANISATION.) Nil.

2. TP MOVEMENTS. Nil

3. TNG. (a) Camp Construction proceeded as far as the availability of materials permitted.

(b) Practice night Alarm was sounded and all personnel moved to their respective areas. Rfct Cadre acted as enemy.

(c) Rfct Cadre continued.

(d) 5 Pl gave Anti-Gas demonstration on 2/4 MG Bn Sports Ground.

(e) Bn HQ Ofrs and Coy Comds attended lecture at LARRAKAYAH BARRACKS.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Nil.

5. GENERAL REMARKS. Very little rain fell during week. Mosquitoes and Sandflies proved very troublesome.

PART B SECURITY. Nil.



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2/21 BN A.I.F.

COY TNG SYLLABUS

WEEK

3-9 Nov 41.

WINNELLIE

COY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	REMARKS
Reinf Cadre	[Brown bar]							CASUARINA BEACH Syllabus Attached
C Tp 18 ATK Coy	[Purple bar]							Own Syllabus
Camp Work Parties	[Blue bar]							Rifle Coy Personnel and 3 Pl
AASC Cec "Gull"	[Brown bar]							Syllabi Fwded - NCO's Instructing from 2/21 Bn
BHQ Personnel	[Brown bar]							Weapon Tng Special Periods - Camp Area.
D	[Green bar]							Collective Tng Syllabus Attached
1	[Purple bar]							1. WINNELLIE Sig Off. Sig Conn for Umpire D Coy 5/6 Nov 41 Rem Sig Tng Syl Att 2. Sub-unit Syllabus Att 5/6 Nov 41 Skeleton enemy to D Coy 3. Camp Work Parties. 4. 1 Sec Collective Tng with D Coy Portion Remainder Relief Drs 6 Pl for Spec Cadre Portion Rem Carrier Mtce 5. Camp Work Parties Spec Cadre LEANYER Swamp Syl Att. 6. Tpt & Adm Formal Duties. Spec Cadre LEANYER Swamp Syl Att.
2	[Purple bar]							
3	[Blue bar]							
4	[Green bar]							
5	[Blue bar]							
6	[Brown bar]							
LEGEND	[Purple bar]	SUB-UNIT SYLLABUS		1. LECTURES - Wed 5 Nov 41. L930 Hrs "Lof C" by 23 Ausb Inf Bde to all Ofrs & N.C.O's.				
	[Blue bar]	CAMP WORK PARTIES		2. Bn Duties - Rifle Coy Personnel				
	[Brown bar]	CADRES		3. INSTRUCTORS - Supplied by 2/21 Bn on "Grenades - Hand & Rifle etc." to 2/11 Pd Coy 3/7 Nov 41.				
	[Green bar]	SPECIAL EXERCISES.						

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2/21 BN. A.I.F.

WINNELLIE

SUB-UNIT TNG SYLLABUS.

WEEK 10/16 Nov 41.

SUB-UNIT	MON 10	TUE 11	WED 12	THU 13	FRI 14	SAT 15	SUN 16	REMARKS
C Coy								Collective Tng incl 2 day exs with 2/40 Bn 13/14 Nov 41
B Coy								Camp Work Parties - 2 day exercise 13/14 Nov 41
Reinf Cadre								Bn & Civic Centre Duties
C Tp 18 A.Tk B								Own Syllabus - Exercise 13/14 Nov 41.
AASC Sec "GULL"								" "
BHQ Personnel								Weapon Tng - Spec Periods Camp Area
9 Pl A Coy								Spec Cadre LEANYER SWAMP
5 Pl HQ Coy								Camp Work Parties.
7&8 Pls A Coy								1. WINNELLIE Sig Off. Sig comn for Umpires & one det with each rifle Coy ex 12/13 Nov 41. Rem Tng.
D Coy.								2. Sub-unit Syllabus unless reqd for Camp Work Part.
HQ 1								3. " " " " " "
2								4. " " " " " "
3								5. Camp Work Parties 1/2 Cadre LEANYER SWAMP
4								6. Normal Duties.
5								
6								
LEGEND	<p>COLLECTIVE TNG INCLEXERCISE</p> <p>C COY EXERCISE WITH 2/40 BN/</p> <p>CADRES</p> <p>BN & CIVIC CENTRE DUTIES</p> <p>CAMP WORK PARTIES</p> <p>SUB-UNIT SYLLABUS.</p>							<p>Special Cadre Syllabus, LEANYER SWAMP - same as for 20/25 Oct 41</p> <p>scheme for two day exercises submitted to 23 AUST INF BDE.</p>

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WINNELLIE

SUB-UNIT TNG SYLLABUS.

WEEK 17/28 Nov 41.

SUB-UNIT	MON 17	TUE 18	WED 19	THU 20	FRI 21	SAT 22	SUN 23	REMARKS
7 Pl A Coy 17 Pl B Coy 4 RIFLE Coy PLS	[Brown bar]							Rifle Pls Spec Cadre LEANYER SWAMP
Reinf Cadre	[Red zigzag line]							30 yds. Range WINNELLIE.
AASC Sec "Gull"	[Purple bar]							Own Syllabus.
C Coy	[Green bar]							Collective Tng. incl 2 day ex with
C Tp 18 A.Tk Bty	[Purple bar]							Own Syllabus.
1	[Green bar]							1. WINNELLIE Switch 1 Det with C Coy for ex.) Remainder Camp Work Parties 2. Camp Work Parties. 3. 1 Det with C Coy for exercise Remainder Camp Work Parties. 4. One Sec with C Coy for Exercise Remainder - Mtce & Duties. 5. Half-Camp Work Parties " - Special Pnr Pl Tng. 6. Normal Duties.
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3	[Purple bar]							
4	[Purple bar]							
5	[Brown bar]							
6	[Purple bar]							
LEGEND	[Brown bar]	CADRES		Bn Duties supplied by Personnel from Rifle Coys.				
	[Green bar]	SPECIAL TNG						
	[Purple bar]	CAMP WORK PARTIES						
	[Purple bar]	SUB-UNIT SYLLABUS						
	[Red zigzag line]	RIFLE RANGE						

2/40 Bn. ex with

District Forces - 2/40 Bn. ex with

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2/21 BN. A.I.F.

WINNELLIE

SUB-UNIT TRG SYLLABUS.

WEEK 24/30 Nov 41.

SUB-UNIT	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT 29	SUN 30	REMARKS
11 Pl B Coy 16 Pl D Coy								Rifle Pl Cadre DRIPSTONE Camp Works until required to mount DARWIN Town Picquet.
C Coy								Bn Duties
A Coy								Camp Work Parties
Remainder B & D Coys								Syllabus as attached.
Rfct Cadre								
1								1. Sub-unit syllabus attached
2								2. " " "
3								3. " " "
4								4. " " "
5								5. Gas Cadre
6								6. Normal Duties.
LEGEND								SUB-UNIT SYLLABUS CADRES CAMP WORKS & BN DUTIES.

All personnel will attend demos
by 5 Pl on 2/4 MG Bn Oval Thu,
Fri, Sat, 27/29 Nov 41.
(Demo will include Anti-Gas Decontamination etc.)

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SPECIAL CADRE 2/21 BN. A.I.F.

LOCATION : FOOTCLIFFS

3 NOV 41 - 8 NOV 41

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
0645 Fall-in March to LEANYER	0800-0845	PURPOSEFUL P. T. - BAYONET TRAINING			0800- Stoppages 1100 with Live Rounds	
Breakfast	0850-1000	L M G Less. ii	L M G Less. 12. Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6,	L M G Stoppages		L M G Stoppages
	1000-1020	MORNING TEA				
1030- L M G 1200 Less. 5-8	1020-1100	L M G Less. 12. Secs 1 & 2	L M G la Less. 13.	A S S A U L T	Clearing a Wood	RETURN TO CAMP.
	1100-1215	Tank Trap	(a) Sentries (b) Grenades	C O U R S E	L M G Stoppages	
L U N C H						
1400- (a) Wiring con- 1530 certina & low entanglement. (b) A Tk Rifle A Tk Mine	1400-1615	(a) A Tk Rifle A Tk Mine Grenades (b) Personal Conceal- ment	(a) Personal Concealment (b) Landscape 30 ^x Range	(a) Landscape 30 ^x Range (b) Wiring	(a) Stoppages with live rounds. (b) Sentries.	
	2000	Demonstration NOISES AT NIGHT	NIGHT RAID	NIGHT RAID		

SPECIAL CADRE - 2/21 BN. A.I.F.

LOCATION : FOOTCLIFFS.

10 Nov 41 - 15 Nov 41.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0645 Fall-in March to LEANYER	0800 - 0845	FALL-IN -	INSPECTION -	PURPOSEFUL P.T. (BAYONET)
1030- L M G Stoppages 1145 Lesson 13.	0850 - 1000	L M G STOPPAGES	- LESSON 14	0900 - 1115 Field Firing
1400- 5 Pl Wiring 1530 Firing: Standing kneeling, hip. 9 Pl A Tk Rifle A Tk Mine.	1000 - 1020	MORNING TEA		1230 LUNCH.
	1030- 5 Pl - Sentries 1130 9 Pl Firing: Standing kneeling hip. Grenades	1030- Bayonet Assault 1230 Course Incidental Tng. Morse	1030- L M G 1230 Stoppages (Live Rounds) Incidental Tng Morse	1400 - March back to Camp
	1140- Clearing a Wood 1215		1400- 5 Pl Personal 1615 concealment	1400- 5 Pl 30 yd. 1615 Range
	1400- 5 Pl. A Tk Rifle 1615 A Tk Mine Grenades 9 Pl. Personal concealment		9 Pl. 30 yd. Landscape Range	9 Pl Wiring Sentries
	2000 Demo Noises at night	2000 Night Raid	2000 Night Raid.	

C.F. NEWNHAM, Capt.,
O.C. CADRE.

LOCATION .. DRIPSTONE (DARWIN 1" .. 833196)

17/21 NOV 41

2/21 BN. TRAINING CADRE

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
0800	Fall-in March to DRIPSTONE	0615-0630	REVEILLE	P. T.	---	---	---	---	---
		0800-0845	FALL IN	INSPECTION	BAYONET TNG				L M G STOPPAGES (BALL)
		0900-1000	L M G STOPPAGES						
1000-1030	MORNING TEA	1000-1030	MORNING TEA						
1030-1125	PITCH TENTS	1030-1200	7 Pl. Wiring, Crossing obstacles. 17 Pl. Locating Service targets	7 Pl. Landscape Target on Miniature range (Ball) 17 Pl. Wiring, Crossing obstacles.	Firing. Standing, kneeling, Hip. (Ball)				
1130-1215	L M G I.A. Lesson 13.								
1230	LUNCH	1230	LUNCH						
1400-1530	7 Pl. A Tk Rifle A Tk Mine	1400-1500	7 Pl. Locating Service targets. 17 Pl. Firing, Standing, kneeling, hip.	7 Pl. Loading, Sentries, Grenades. 17 Pl. Landscape target on miniature range (Ball)	BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE (Ball)			COMPASS MARCH BACK TO CAMP BY SECTIONS.	
	17 Pl. Loading Sentries in the field	1500-1600	7 Pl. Firing, Standing, kneeling, hip. 17 Pl. Inc. tng.						
<p>1. Syllabus is subject to alteration by weather conditions.</p> <p>2. Incidental tng. to include - Night recee. patrols, Occupation def. posn. by night, Messages, Verbal Orders, J.D., Rifle, Bombing.</p>									

C. F. Newnham, Capt.
C.I. Cadre.

LOCATION - DRIPSTONE (DARWIN 1" - 833196)

24/28 NOV 41

2/21 BN. TRAINING CADRE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0600-- 0630		REVEILLE		P. T.	
0800-- 0845		FALL - IN ... INSPECTION ...			BAYONET TRAINING
0900-- 1000		LMG STOPPAGES			
1000-- 1030		MORNING TEA			
1030-- 1230	LMG I.A. Rifle - Loading, Standing, Kneeling	(11 Pl) Standing, Kneeling, Hip firing (Ball), Rifle Bombing. (16 Pl.) Landscape 30.yd.. range (Ball).	(11 Pl) Landscape 30 yd. range (Ball) (16 Pl.) Wiring, Crossing obstacles, A Tk Rifle, A Tk Mine	ASSAULT COURSE (BALL)	LMG STOPPAGES (BALL)
1300	LUNCH		LUNCH		
1400-- 1600	(11 Pl) Wiring, Crossing obstacles, A Tk Rifle, A Tk Mine (16 Pl) Locating Ser- vice Targets, Messages, Sentries in the field	(11 Pl) Locating Service Targets; Messages; Sentries in the Field (16 Pl) Standing, kneeling, hip firing. (Ball) Rifle Bombing.	LMG SECTION COMPETITION (BALL)	J.D. Blindfold Stripping L M G.	Compass March Back to Camp by Sections.

- NOTES:
1. Dress: Battle Order - Hats working in haversacks.
 2. All personnel will ensure sufficient changes clothing for 4 days carried including shoes canvas gymnasium.
 3. Syllabus is subject to alteration by weather or other conditions.

C. F. Newnham, Capt.
C.I. Cadre

APPENDIX

1. BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE:

- This to include -
- (1) Moving through smoke screens
 - (2) Firing from hip
 - (3) Points at ground and standing dummies
 - (4) Butt stroke, dummies
 - (5) Firing Rifle at snapshooting targets
 - (6) Covering fire from L M G.

2. L M G Competitions

- To include -
- (1) Rapid engagement of targets
 - (2) Moving to alternative positions
 - (3) Section handling and sec control.
- Sec Ex 1 NCO, 7 CR's. Points awarded according to rapidity and accuracy with which each phase is carried out.

C. F. Newnham, Capt.
C. I. Cadre

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C. I. Cadre

2/21 BN. A.I.F.

REINFORCEMENT TNG SYLLABUS

WEEK 3/8 NOV 41

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DRILL	Sling, on guard from slope and order. MED Secs 62,63,64	Saluting without arms. Sec 17.	Changing direction Sec 25.	Turning, wheeling	Marching in line. Sec 36.	Coy Drill.
PERIOD 1.	Rifle - Standing & sitting posns. Pam 3. Less. 16.	Snapshooting Lesson 17	Snapshooting Lesson 18	Rapid fire Lesson 19	Recapitulation	ADMINISTRATION
PERIOD 2.	Range Cards Pam 2. Lesson 10	Range Cards Lesson 10	Fire Control Orders, Less 14.	Fire Control Orders Less.15.	Fire Orders Less. 16.	
PERIOD 3.	Cover from view MTP 33, Sec 8.	Cover from Fire Sec 9.	Observation tng. Sec 12.	Selection of lines of advance. Sec 13.	Selection of lines of advance. Sec 13.	
PERIOD 4.	LMG General description. Pam 4a Appx.1. Barrel Gp.	LMG. Appx. 1. Body Gp.	LMG. Pam 4a Appx. 1. P.7 Moving portion.	LMG. Mechanism Pam 4a Less.2.	LMG. Mechanism Pam 4a Less.2.	
LECTURETTE	Military Law	Morale and Discipline	First Field Dressing	Organisation of Inf Bn.	March Discipline	

LOCATION: CASUARINA BEACH - Map Ref. DARWIN 1" - 858227

TIMETABLE: Please turn over.

J. F. Major, Capt.
OC Reinforcement
Cadre.

TIME-TABLE

0545	-	Reveille
0550	-	Tea and Biscuits
0630	-	P.T. and Swimming (with special instruction for non-swimmers)
0730	-	Breakfast
0830- 0945	-	Coy Parade
1000- 1040	-	Period 1.
1045- 1125	-	Period 2.
1130- 1145	-	Morning Tea
1150- 1230	-	Period 3.
1235- 1315	-	Period 4.
1320- 1340	-	Lecturette
1340- 1350	-	Orders, Dismiss

2/21 BN. REINFORCEMENTS TNC, SYLLABUS

WEEK 24/29 NOV 41

MONDAY	Miniature Range Practise	March	L.M.G. Recapitulation
TUESDAY	Miniature Range Practise	March	L.M.G. Immediate Action
WEDNESDAY	Miniature Range Practise	March	L.M.G. Immediate Action
THURSDAY	Miniature Range Practise	March	L.M.G. Stoppages
FRIDAY	Miniature Range Practise	March	L.M.G. Stoppages
SATURDAY	Miniature Range Practise	Administration	

Daunir
Heaq-Onaisia

Arishijun Wilisya Forces—Yth Wilisya District
Arishijun Wilisya Forces—Yth Wilisya District

J.F. MAJOR, Capt.
O.C. Reinforcement Cadre.

A.P.A.W. Gary

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WINNELLIE.

9 Nov 41.

CODE NAMES.

(Ref. This HQ list dated 26 Oct 41.)

1 Add.

	<u>A.I.F.</u>	
23 Ind Bde Gp Amm Sub Pk.	KEKU	
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.	PUMI	

ALPHABETICAL LIST.

KEKU	23 Ind Bde Gp Amm Sub Pk.
PUMI	23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.

A.M.F.

Bulk Issue Petrol and Oil Depot.	WAJO	WAJO	Bulk Issue Petrol and Oil Depot.
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[Signature]
.....Lieut.
I.O. 2/21 Bn.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.
5 Dec 41. WAR DIARY

CODE NAMES.

Effective as from 0001 hrs 5 Dec.

A. I. F.

2/1 Hy Bty
2/14 Fd Regt
27 Bty 2/14 Fd Regt
28 Bty 2/14 Fd Regt
14 A Tk Bty
B Tp 18 A Tk Bty
C Tp 18 A Tk Bty
2/1 Frt Engrs
2/11 Fd Coy
HQ 2/1 Frt Sigs
2/1 Frt Sigs WEST PT
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde ADV
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde REAR
2/21 Bn.
2/40 Bn
D Coy 2/40 Bn. ADELAIDE RV.
2/4 M.G. Bn.
2/4 Pnr Bn.
2 Ind Coy
23 Bde Coy AASC
23 Ind Bde Gp Ann Sub Pk
AASC Sec "Gull"
AASC Sec "Sparrow"
2/12 Fd Amb
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshops
23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk
75 L.A.D.
83 L.A.D.
88 L.A.D.

OTHER UNITS.

HQ 7 MD
I Sec 7 MD
DA & QMG
CFD (Comd Fixed Defences)
HQ RAA & Fire Comd 7 MD
EAST PT Bty
EMERY PT Bty
18 Fd Bty
14 A A Bty
HQ RAE (ORE) 7 MD
DARWIN Frt Coy
1/54 A A COY RAE
Wks Office 7 MD
9 Wks & Pk Coy
9 A Tps Coy
Svy Sec 7 MD
HQ Sigs 7 MD
Sigs No 1 Mobile 7 MD
Sigs No 2 Mobile 7 MD
Sigs COOMALIE CK. 7 MD
22 Mile Sig Sta
Sigs 7 MD KATHERINE
Sigs Wkshops 7 MD
19 Bn
AASC 7 MD
Bulk Issue Pet & Oil Depot
Rec MT Coy 7 MD
AAMC 7 MD
119 GH
111 Conv Depot
Pro Coy 7 MD
AAG 7 MD (SOME)
283 L.A.D.
Wkshops & Rec Sec 7 MD
Ord Depot 7 MD (DADOS)
ADELAIDE RIVER CAMP

LAFU
NUNU
MIKA
BUGO
FELI
ZONI
VEJU
NUGO
GUXI
NAKI
PUXI
KOZA
TOKI
VULU
JAFI
LUJO
HURI
GOMU
BUXU
JAKO
NUMI
PURU
KAJI
REJA
DAKA
MAJU
WEJU
YEKO
PEKI

FALA
YUNU
LEKA
VIFO
ROTI
HARA
TEJA
BAKO
KUKU
HOKI
JUKU
PUKO
FIKO
LONU
ZUKA
JENU
ZIJU
GELA
VUXO
KEKA
TURA
WAMI
WOKU
WUKI
NELO
BILI
DELU
RULO
MUKI
BEJU
ZALO
ZUTI
GIJU
DUJU
YALA
DIKO

ALPHABETICAL LIST.

BAKO 18 Fd Bty
BEJU 111 Conv Depot
BILI Bulk Issue Pet & Oil Depot
BUGO 23 Bty 2/14 Fd Regt
BUXO 2 Ind Coy
D. KA. 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshops
DELU Rec MT Coy 7 MD
DIKO ADELAIDE RIVER CAMP
DUJU Wkshops & Rec Sec 7 MD
FALA HQ 7 MD
FELI 14 A Tk Bty
FIKO Wks Office 7 MD
GELA Sigs No 1 Mobile 7 MD
GIJU 283 L.A.D.
GOMU 2/4 Pnr Bn
GUXI 2/11 Fd Coy
HARA EAST PT Bty
HOKI HQ RAE (ORE) 7 MD
HURI 2/4 M.G. Bn
JAFI 2/40 Bn.
JAKO 23 Bde Coy AASC
JENU Svy Sec 7 MD
JUKU DARWIN Frt Coy
KAJI AASC Sec "Sparrow"
KEKA Sigs COOMALIE CK. 7 MD
KOZA HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde ADV
KUKU 14 AA Bty
LAFU 2/1 Hy Bty
LEKA DA & QMG 7 MD
LONU 9 Wks & Pk Coy
LUJO D Coy 2/40 Bn. ADELAIDE RIVER
MAJU 23 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk
MIKA 27 Bty 2/14 Fd Regt
MUKI 119 GH
NAKI HQ 2/1 Frt Sigs
NELO AASC 7 MD
NUGO 2/1 Frt Engrs
NUMI 23 Ind Bde Gp Ann Sub Pk.
NUNU 2/14 Fd Regt
PEKI 88 L.A.D.
PUKO 1/54 AA Coy RAE
PURU AASC Sec "Gull"
PUXI 2/1 Frt Sigs WEST PT
REJA 2/12 Fd Amb
ROTI HQ RAA & Fire Comd 7 MD
RULO AAMC 7 MD (ADMS)
TEJA EMERY PT Bty
TOKI HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde REAR
TURA 22 Mile Sig Sta
VEJU C Tp 18 A Tk Bty
VIFO CFD (Comd Fixed Defences)
VULU 2/21 Bn.
VUXO Sigs No 2 Mobile 7 MD
WAMI Sigs 7 MD KATHERINE
WEJU 75 L.A.D.
WOKU Sigs Wkshops 7 MD
WUKI 19 Bn
YALA Ord Depot 7 MD (DADOS)
YJEKO 83 L.A.D.
YUNU I Sec 7 MD
ZALO Pro Coy 7 MD
ZIJU HQ Sigs 7 MD
ZUKA 9 A Tps Coy
ZONI B Tp 18 A Tk Bty
ZUTI AAG 7 MD (SOME).

All other lists of Code Names will be destroyed immediately.

.....Lieut.
IO 2/21 Bn.

A.A. FORM 3009 PART "A"

..... 2/21 Bn Unit 7. Nov. 41 19

1	2	3	4	5	6
DETAIL	WAR ESTAB- LISHMENT	STRENGTH EX- CLUDING ATT AND X LIST	SURPLUS	DEFIC- IENCY	REMARKS
	1	1	-	-	-
W.O. Class 1	6	6	-	-	-
W.O. " 2	5	4	-	-	-
C Q M S	3	3	-	1	-
S/Sjts.	32	27	-	4	-
Sjts	68	68	-	-	-
Cpls or Bdrs	2	2	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 1.	49	49	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 2.	29	27	-	2	-
Spec. Gp 3.	706	690	-	16	-
Troopers or Ptes.					
	901	877		24	

* 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.
20321 Sp 1st Lt P.	A A P C.		
21843 Cpl Werry B	A A O C.		
27242 Cpl M J ...	A A O C.		
19282 Cpl Long R T	A A O C.		
29915 Pte White B J	A B O C.		
24722 Cpl Maple W J	8 Div Postal Unit		

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).

7/21 Bw

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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks														2	2
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel											1	5	16	22	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	5	18	24	

7/21 Bw

Unit.

Date of Despatch

7 Nov 41

John Henry Ralph Bde
Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

23 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/21 Bw (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	.	
Majors	3	.	
Captains	8	.	
Lieutenants	26	.	
2nd Lieutenants	.	.	
Quartermasters	1	.	
Totals	39		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
.....				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
.....				

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	VX 41537	ROACH, L.N.	2/21/41	Yes	
Major	VX 44187	MACRAE, I.F.	"	"	
Major	VX 43376	NEWBURY, M.W.H.	"	"	
Major	VX 44308	WESTLEY, G.D.V.	"	"	
Capt	VX 44777	NEWMAN, C.F.	"	"	
Capt	VX 44354	SANDY, D.A.	"	"	
"	VX 44346	PERRY, D.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44194	LOUGHAN, K.J.	"	"	
"	VX 44395	MISKIN, R.P.	"	"	
"	VX 45196	TURNER, J.M.	"	"	
"	VX 45224	WATCHORN, N.E.	"	"	
"	VX 44750	HOOKE, J.E.	"	"	
"	VX 44506	MAJOR, J.F.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 44758	JACK, A.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44818	JINKINS, W.T.	"	"	
"	VX 45913	BEST, R.B.	"	No	49 I.A.H.
"	VX 45608	WHITTAKER, J.D.	"	Yes	
"	VX 45076	GROUSE, A.B.	"	"	
"	VX 44353	DAVIS, J.L.	"	"	
"	VX 45190	JAFFREY, I.S.	"	"	
"	VX 44612	M'BRIDE, I.H.	"	"	
"	VX 45199	CHAPMAN, W.H.M.	"	"	
"	VX 44503	GABRIEL, R.C.	"	"	
"	VX 36758	CALDER, M.M.H.	"	No	3rd on duty
"	VX 44808	MISKIN, R.E.	"	Yes	
"	VX 24574	ANDERSON, S.F.	"	"	
"	VX 46491	SEABROOK, E.N.	"	"	
"	VX 36929	VAN, HOOTEN, J.C.	"	"	
"	VX 46431	MELLOR, J.K.	"	"	
"	VX 39103	SUTCLIFFE, G.W.	"	"	
"	VX 24699	PULLIN, S.R.	"	"	
"	VX 46446	CHAPLIN, W.J.	"	"	
"	VX 46430	M'CUICHERON, C.S.	"	"	
"	VX 24681	GODFREY, R.	"	"	
"	VX 46435	RUSSELL, G.T.	"	"	
"	VX 20212	GREEN, R.J.	"	"	
"	VX 46492	STEWART, V.L.	"	No	49 I.A.H.
"	VX 41975	CROZIER, D.C.A.	"	Yes	
"	VX 22291	MALDOWELL, M.H.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 31470	HITKEN, W.	H.A.M.C.	15-7-40	R.M.O.
Chaplain	VX 60727	COCHRANE, V.E.	H.A.C.D.	30-8-41	R.C. Padre
Lieut	QX 22449	HACK, L.F.	H.A.P.C.	1-10-41	Paymaster

2/21. B^m

(Unit.)

7 Nov 41

(Date of Despatch.)

John Hooke
(Signature of Commander.)

23 Aust Inf. Bde.

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

A.A. FORM 3009 PART "A"

..... 2/21. Pn.....Unit .. 14. Nov. 41.....19

1	2	3	4	5	6
DETAIL	WAR ESTAB- LISHMENT	STRENGTH EX- CLUDING ATT AND X LIST	SURPLUS	DEFIC- IENCY	REMARKS
W.O. Class 1	1	1	-	-	-
W.O. " 2	6	6	-	-	-
C Q M S	5	4	-	1	-
S/Sjts.	3	3	-	-	-
Sjts	52	26	-	6	-
Cpls or Bdrs	68	68	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 1.	2	2	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 2.	49	49	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 3.	29	27	-	2	-
Troopers or Ptes.	706	694	-	12	-
	901	880	-	21	-

* 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.
V120324 Sgt. ELSUM, P.	A.A.P.C		
V121647 Cpl. HERRY, B.	A.A.O.C		
V127242 Cpl. McLENNAN, J.	A.A.O.C		
V139905 Pl. WHITE, B. J.	A.A.O.C		
V119242 Cpl. LONG, R.F.	A.A.O.C		
V124782 Cpl. NAGLE, W. J.	8 dep postal Unit		

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).

2/21 Bnd

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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks														2	2
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel											1	6		12	19
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	6		14	21

2/21 Bnd

Unit.

Date of Despatch 1st Nov 14

R. H. Roach
Signature of Commander.

23 Aust Inf Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/21 Bw (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	39		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	VX 41587	ROACH L.N.	2/21 Bn	Yes	
Lieut	VX 44187	MACRAE I.F.	"	"	
"	VX 43876	NEWBURY M.W.H.	"	"	
"	VX 44808	WESTLEY S.D.V.	"	"	
Capt	VX 44777	NEWMAN C.F.	"	"	
"	VX 44354	SANDY D.A.	"	"	
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"	VX 45156	TURNER J.M.	"	"	
"	VX 45224	WATCHORN N.E.	"	"	
"	VX 44790	HOOKE J.E.	"	"	
"	VX 44506	MAJOR J.F.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 44758	JACK A.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44818	JINKINS W.T.	"	"	
"	VX 45013	BEST R.B.	"	NO	119 AGH
"	VX 45608	WHITTAKERS J.D.	"	YES	
"	VX 45076	CROWSE A.B.	"	"	
"	VX 44353	DAVIS J.L.	"	"	
"	VX 45190	JAFFREY R.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44612	M'BRIDE I.H.	"	"	
"	VX 45199	CHAPMAN W.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 44903	GABRIEL R.C.	"	"	
"	VX 36758	CALDER M.M.H.	"	NO	duty JMD
"	VX 44808	MISKIN R.E.	"	YES	
"	VX 24574	ANDERSON J.F.	"	"	
"	VX 46491	SEABROOK E.N.	"	"	
"	VX 36929	VAN NOOTEN J.C.	"	"	
"	VX 46431	MELLOR J.K.	"	"	
"	VX 39103	SUTCLIFFE G.W.	"	"	
"	VX 24699	PULLIN G.R.	"	"	
"	VX 46446	CHAPLIN W.J.	"	"	
"	VX 46430	M'GUTHCHEN C.S.	"	"	
"	VX 24681	GODFREY R.	"	"	
"	VX 46435	RUSSELL G.T.	"	"	
"	VX 20212	GREEN R.J.	"	"	
"	VX 46492	STEWART V.L.	"	"	
"	VX 41975	CROZIER D.C.A.	"	"	
"	VX 22291	MACDOYALL M.M.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 31470	HITKEN W.	R.A.M.C.	15-7-40	R.M.D.
Chaplain	VX 60727	COCHRANE V.E.	A.A.S.D.	30-8-41	R.E. Padre
Lieut	QX 22449	HACK L.F.	A.A.P.C.	1-10-41	Paymaster

2/21 Bn.

(Unit.)

14 Nov 41

(Date of Despatch.)

R. Roach Lt. Col

(Signature of Commander.)

23rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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

Army Form W. 3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

A.A. FORM 3009 PART "A"

..... 2/21 Bn Unit 21 Nov 41 19

1	2	3	4	5	6
DETAIL	WAR ESTAB- LISHMENT	STRENGTH EX- CLUDING ATT. AND X LIST	SURPLUS	DEFIC- IENCY	REMARKS
W.O. Class 1	1	1	-	-	-
W.O. " 2	6	6	-	-	-
C. M. S.	5	4	-	1	-
S/Sjts.	3	3	-	-	-
Sjts.	32	26	-	6	-
Cpls. or Bdrs	68	68	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 1.	2	2	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 2.	49	49	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 3.	29	27	-	2	-
Troopers or Ptes.	706	695	-	11	-
	901	881	-	20	-

* 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.
Vx 20324 Sgt Williams P.H.F.	A.A.P.C.		
Vx 21843 b/c Werry B.	A.A.O.C.		
Vx 27242 Cpl Williams J.M.	A.A.O.C.		
Vx 39915 Lt White B.F.	A.A.O.C.		
Vx 19262 b/c Long R.J.	A.A.O.C.		
Vx 24762 b/c Magle G.P.	8 det postal unit		

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).

2/21 Bnd

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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks														2	2
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel											1	6	4	18	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	6	13	20	

2/21 Bnd

Unit.

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 Nov 44

23rd and 9th Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

721 B. A. I. F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	39		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Substantive Rank	41597	ROACH I.H.	2/21 Bde	YES	
Major	41187	MAGRAE I.F.			
Major	43876	NEWBURY M.W.H.			
Major	44908	WESTLEY G.H.H.			
Major	44777	NEWMAN C.F.			
Major	44354	SANDY D.S.			
Major	44346	DEARY D.G.			
Major	44194	LUNNAN R.J.			
Major	44398	MISKIN P.P.			
Major	45106	TURNER J.M.			
Major	45224	WATERHORN N.E.			
Major	44790	HOOKE J.E.			
Major	44501	MAJOR J.F.			
Lieut	44903	CABRIEL R.C.			
Lieut	44758	JACK A.C.			
Lieut	44818	HINKINS W.T.			
Lieut	44917	BEST R.B.		NO	HQ AGH
Lieut	45008	WHITTAKER J.D.		YES	
Lieut	45076	COOMBE A.A.			
Lieut	44353	DAVIS J.L.			
Lieut	45100	JEFFREY I.G.			
Lieut	44612	MORRIS I.H.			
Lieut	45106	CHAPMAN W.A.M.			
Lieut	44758	CALDER M.M.H.		NO	3MO on leave
Lieut	44804	MISKIN R.E.		YES	
Lieut	24574	ANDERSON S.F.			
Lieut	44491	SEABROOK E.H.			
Lieut	36930	VAN NOOTEN J.C.			
Lieut	44431	MELLOR I.K.			
Lieut	36103	SUTCLIFFE G.W.			
Lieut	24850	PULLIN G.R.			
Lieut	44446	CHARLTON W.J.			
Lieut	44430	MCCUTCHEON C.S.			
Lieut	24481	GODFREY R.			
Lieut	44438	RUSSELL G.T.			
Lieut	24112	GREEN R.J.			
Lieut	44492	STEWART V.L.			
Lieut	44775	CROZIER D.C.A.			
Lieut	22291	MALCOLMSON M.H.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPTAIN	41470	RITKEN W.	AA-MC	15.7.44	RMO
CHAPLAIN	40727	COCHRANE V.E.	AA CD	30.8.44	RC Prime
LIEUT	42244	HACK L.F.	AA PC	1.10.44	Paymaster

2/21 Bde

(Unit.)

21 Nov 44

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

A.A. FORM 3009 PART "A"

..... 2/21. Ba.A.I.F. Unit 23 Nov. 41 .. 19

1	2	3	4	5	6
DETAIL	WAR ESTAB- LISHMENT	STRENGTH EX- CLUDING ATT. AND X LIST	SURPLUS	DEPIC- IENCY	REMARKS
W.O. Class 1	1	1	-	-	-
W.O. " 2	6	6	-	-	-
C.M.S.	4	4	-	-	-
S/Sjts.	3	3	-	-	-
Sjts.	32	27	-	5	-
Cpls. or Bdrs	63	65	-	3	-
Spec. Gp 1.	2	2	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 2.	49	49	-	-	-
Spec. Gp 3.	29	27	-	2	-
Troopers or Ptes.	706	696	-	10	-
	901	890	-	21	-

* 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.
x 20724 Sgt Elsum P.	A.A.P.C.		
x 21143 Cpl Werry B.	A.A.P.C.		
x 2722241 McLennan L.	A.A.P.C.		
x 30915 Pl White B.I.	A.A.P.C.		
x 10282 Cpl Long R.F.	A.A.P.C.		
x 24762 Cpl Magle W.I.	8th Div Postal Unit		

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).

2/21 Bn A.I.F. 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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks														2	2
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel											1	5	3	10	19
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	5	3	12	21

2/21 Bn Unit.

R. Roach
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 Nov 44

23 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7/21 Bond (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	39		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt	VA 41521	RODMAN, L. M.	...	Yes	
1st Lt	VA 41522	
1st Lt	VA 41523	
1st Lt	VA 41524	
1st Lt	VA 41525	
1st Lt	VA 41526	
1st Lt	VA 41527	
1st Lt	VA 41528	
1st Lt	VA 41529	
1st Lt	VA 41530	
1st Lt	VA 41531	
1st Lt	VA 41532	
1st Lt	VA 41533	
1st Lt	VA 41534	
1st Lt	VA 41535	
1st Lt	VA 41536	
1st Lt	VA 41537	
1st Lt	VA 41538	
1st Lt	VA 41539	
1st Lt	VA 41540	
1st Lt	VA 41541	
1st Lt	VA 41542	
1st Lt	VA 41543	
1st Lt	VA 41544	
1st Lt	VA 41545	
1st Lt	VA 41546	
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1st Lt	VA 41567	
1st Lt	VA 41568	
1st Lt	VA 41569	
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1st Lt	VA 41571	
1st Lt	VA 41572	
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1st Lt	VA 41576	
1st Lt	VA 41577	
1st Lt	VA 41578	
1st Lt	VA 41579	
1st Lt	VA 41580	
1st Lt	VA 41581	
1st Lt	VA 41582	
1st Lt	VA 41583	
1st Lt	VA 41584	
1st Lt	VA 41585	
1st Lt	VA 41586	
1st Lt	VA 41587	
1st Lt	VA 41588	
1st Lt	VA 41589	
1st Lt	VA 41590	
1st Lt	VA 41591	
1st Lt	VA 41592	
1st Lt	VA 41593	
1st Lt	VA 41594	
1st Lt	VA 41595	
1st Lt	VA 41596	
1st Lt	VA 41597	
1st Lt	VA 41598	
1st Lt	VA 41599	
1st Lt	VA 41600	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
1st Lt	VA 41601	...	...	...	...
1st Lt	VA 41602	...	...	...	...
1st Lt	VA 41603	...	...	...	...

7721st A.I.F.
(Unit.)
28 Nov 44
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
27 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

1 Nov 41

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 384

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. G. R. PULLIN
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. G. W. SWICLIFT
Orderly M.C.O.	-	Sjt. EDDINGTON, K. R.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. STANBRIDGE, W. W. G.

2. WATER.

It is essential that care be exercised by all ranks to eliminate the possibility of wasting water. The District daily consumption must be reduced, and this Unit will economise in every way possible.

3. COURT OF INQUIRY

The Court of Inquiry convened in B.R.O. 286, para 3 of 23 Jul 41, consisting of -

Major G. de V. WESTLEY
Capt. K. J. LOUGHAN
Capt. J. K. TURNER

to inquire into the injury sustained by VX 26864 A/Sjt. DODDS, S. W. will re-assemble, by order of Lt. Col. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., at 0900 hrs. 3 Nov 41 to take further evidence.

4. UNIT LIBRARY

The Unit Library is situated in Padre PATMORE'S tent, and so that the best use and circulation may be maintained of all books, personnel are requested to sign for each borrowed book in the exercise book on Padre's table, and when returning, enter the date in the margin provided.

IMPORTANT: All books bearing NORTHERN TERRITORY LIBRARY stamp are to be returned by Sun. night, 2 Nov 41.

5. TRANSFER

VX 60130 Pte. DYER, G. F. "R" Coy to "D" Coy. Dated 1 Nov 41.

6. BN. RUNNERS

Bn. Runners will NOT be utilised by any personnel other than Bn.H.Q.

7. CHURCH PARADE.

All sub-units will move independently to WINNELLIE THEATRE for Church pdc, and be seated by 0845 hrs.

Holy Communion	0715 hrs - Recreation Hut
<u>R.C. PDE.</u>	0700 hrs - WINNELLIE THEATRE

J. H. White
Adj. 2/21 Bn

Capt.

NOTICE.

PRESENTATION. Donations received from all personnel will enable a presentation, as a token of our esteem, to be made to Major and Mrs SEATON, i/c Red Shield Hut, DARWIN. Receipt is acknowledged of donations from 3n HQ 8/1, HQ Coy 5/2, 'A' 8/3, 'B' 8/3, 'C' 16/6, 'D' 16/7 - a total of 23-3-0.

OFFICIAL A.M.R.O.O. 1587.

1.0
HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 BN. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2 NOV 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 385.

BY
LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER - Lieut G.W. SUTCLIFFE.
NEXT for DUTY - Lieut D.C.A. CROZIER.

ORDERLY N.C.O. - SJT STANBRIDGE, W.W.G.
NEXT for DUTY -- SJT LUPSON, K.E.

J. N. Roche
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE.

CONCERT.

A Concert given by 25 BDE COY A.A.S.C. will be held
at WINNELLIE CAMP STAGE, TONIGHT Sun 2 NOV 41.

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AMENDMENTS TO BN. STANDING ORDERS

PAGE 1.

PARA 1. Daily Routine. Delete from "Reveille" to "2230 hrs" and substitute:-

Reveille	0515 hrs.
Soup etc.	0600 "
Sick Pde	0600 "
Fall-in (Coy lines)	0620 "
Start Work	0630 "
Dismiss	0745 "
Mess Pde (First Call)	0750 "
Mess Pde (Second Call)	0800 "
Sjts' Mess	0800 "
Offrs' Mess	0800 "
Fall-in (Coy lines)	0840 "
Start Work	0845 "
Dismiss	1300 "
Mess Pde (First Call)	1305 "
Mess Pde (Second Call)	1315 "
Sjts' Mess	1315 "
Offrs' Mess	1315 "
Sick Pde	1700 "
Mess Pde (First Call)	1720 "
Mess Pde (Second Call)	1730 "
Retreat	1800 "
Sjts' Mess	1800 "
Offrs' Mess	1800 "
First Post	2115 "
Last Post	2145 "
Lights out	2200 "

PARA 2. Duties. Sub-para (a)7 Delete complete text and reserve this sub-para.

Sub-para (a)8. Recreation Hut, line 2, delete "0830" and insert "0630".

Sub-para (a)10. Garbage Duties, line 2, delete "0830" and insert "0630".

Sub-para (b)1. Delete all reference to DARWIN Town Picquet.

PARA 3. Dress. Page 3. line 2. Delete "right" and insert "left". Lines 5 & 6 delete "belt and sidearms".

Add new sub-paras:-

Sandshoes: Sandshoes will only be worn for sport and for special work parties as permitted by the 2 i/c Bn.

Equipment '37 Pattern: To ensure uniformity of dress on all regimental and Bn. parades, Pouches basic equipment pattern '37 will be packed with newspaper. '37 pattern equipment is to be dismantled as little as possible

When jackets are not worn, ribands of Orders, Decorations and medals will be worn on shirts.

PAGE 3.

PARA 6. Delete from "Showers" to "Sun" and substitute:-

"The I.O's Office and attached work hut are out of bounds to troops except on official duty, and disciplinary action will be taken against anyone who fails to observe this instruction.

Serjeants' Showers: These showers are out of bounds to all personnel below the rank of L/Sjt.

Cocoanut Grove: The property situated between BAGOT G.H. and NIGHTCLIFFS and known as COCOANUT FARM (or Grove) is out of bounds to troops.

PAGE 3. PARA 6. (Contd.)

Holmes Jungle: HOLMES JUNGLE is out of bounds to all personnel not on official duty. Trespassing, shooting, and lighting of fires on this property is forbidden.

PAGE 4. PARA 8.

Canteen: Delete from "The trading" to "Unit lines" and insert "The trading hours of the Unit Canteen are:-

Week Days	Dry - 0815 - 0840 hrs
	" - 1300 - 1330 "
	Wet - 1600 - 1700 "
	" - 1900 - 2100 "
Sundays	Dry - 1030 - 1200 "
	Wet - 1900 - 2100 "

Canteen area to be cleared by 2133 hrs each night. No beer or soft drink in bottles will be permitted outside the canteen enclosure or Offrs' & Sjts' Messes. This prohibition applies also to drink purchased from outside the Bn. area. Glass pots charged to the Bn. by Aust. Def. Canteen Services, are available. The supply of these is limited, replacement difficult and costly, and care must be taken to prevent loss. Possession of branded A.D.C.S. Pots or glasses outside the Canteen enclosure will be an offence.

PAGE 4. PARA 9.

Postal: Line 2. Delete "2/3 Pnr Bn lines" and insert "Civic Centre area". Delete from "Mail Inwards" to "1000 hrs".

PAGE 5. PARA 12.

Bottled Liquor: Delete from "Soft drinks" to "Canteen".

PAGE 6. PARA 16.

Injuries and Sickness:

After line 13 add - "Pannikin, two plates, knife, fork, spoon."

PAGE 7. PARA 21.

Tpt: Add new sub-paras:-

<u>Maximum speeds:</u>	Cars D.S.	25 m.p.h.
	M. Cycles	25 m.p.h.
	Ambulances	25 m.p.h.
	Vans (all types)	15 m.p.h.
	Lorries	15 m.p.h.

The above speeds are maximum permissible in 7 MD on all roads.

Vehicles for leave personnel: Drivers of leave trucks will remain with their vehicles during the whole of the period the vehicles are in the town of DARWIN.

Appx. C. Duties of Orderly Bugler:

Para 4. Delete from lines 4 to 37 and substitute:

0515	Reveille			
0600	Sick Pde			
0620	Coy Pdes			
0630	Start Work	Fall-in	Bn.	Orderly Bugler
0730	Mess Orderlies	Two G's	"	"
0745	Dismiss	Rations	"	"
0750	Men's meal 1st Call	Dismiss	"	"
0800	Men's meal 2nd "	Cookhouse	"	"
0800	Sjts' Mess	Pick-en-up	"	"
0800	Offrs' Mess	Sjts' Mess	"	"
0840	Coy Pdes	Offrs' Mess	"	"
0845	Start Work	Fall-in	"	"
1245	Mess Orderlies	Two G's	"	"
1300	Dismiss	Rations	"	"
1305	Men's meal 1st Call	Dismiss	"	"
1315	Men's meal 2nd Call	Cookhouse	"	"
1315	Sjts' Mess	Pick-en-up	"	"
1315	Offrs' Mess	Sjts' Mess	"	"
1700	Sick Pde	Offrs' Mess	"	"
1700	Mess Orderlies	Sick Pde	"	"
1720	Men's Meal 1st Call	Rations	"	"
1730	Men's Meal 2nd Call	Cookhouse	"	"
1730	Guard Fall-in	Pick-en-up	"	"
1740	Guards' Pde	Guard Call	"	"
1740	Guards' Pde	Guard Call	"	"
1800	Retreat	Advance	"	"
1800	Sjts' Mess	Retreat		New and old Bn. Ord.
1800	Offrs' Mess	Sjts' Mess		Bn Ord. Bug. Bugler
2115	First Post	Offrs' Mess	"	"
2145	Last Post	First Post	"	"
2200	Lights out	Last Post		Massed Buglers
		Lights out		Massed Buglers

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OFFICIAL A.M.R. & O. 1587.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F. 1.0
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

3 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 386.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER
NEXT FOR DUTY

- Lieut. R. GODFREY
- Lieut. G. T. RUSSELL

ORDERLY N.C.O.
NEXT FOR DUTY

- Sjt. LIMPSON, K. E.
- Sjt. STANBRIDGE, W.N.C.

2. CANTEEN PICQUET.

A Canteen Picquet of 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.R.'s will mount on Fri,
Sat, Sun & Mon - 7, 8, 9. & 10 Nov. Roster - Fri & Sat, 'A'
Coy, Sun & Mon, B Coy.

John Arde
Adj't 2/21 Bn.

Capt.

NOTICES.

LECTURE. "World War II" by Maj. PLANT, at WINNELLIE THEATRE at
4930 hrs 7pm, 6 Nov 41.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

4 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 387

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROAC, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. G. T. RUSSELL
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. I. G. JAFFREY
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. STANBRIDGE, W. W. G.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. LUPSON, K.

2. COOKHOUSE FATIGUE

In future, any cookhouse fatigue will NOT return to Coy lines until dismissed by the Sjt. Cook. It will be necessary for one man per kitchen to remain on Duty all day until dismissed after evening meal.

GARBAGE

As from 9 Nov 41, Pig food will be placed in special garbage tins. No BONES, TINS, BOTTLES, or GREASE TRAP refuse is to be placed in these tins which will be clearly marked.

John H. H. H.
Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

NOTICES

LECTURE: "World War ii" by Major PLANT, at WINNELLIE THEATRE at 1930 hrs. Thu. 6 Nov. 41.

AMENDMENTS TO BN. STANDING ORDERS ARE DISTRIBUTED WITH BN. ROUTINE ORDERS TONIGHT.

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WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

5 NOV 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 388.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M. C., E. D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER - Lieut I.G. JAFFREY.

ORDERLY NCO - Sjt LUPSON, K.
NEXT for DUTY - Sjt STANBRIDGE, W.W.C.

J.E. HOOKE, Capt.

Adjnt 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE.

LECTURE.

All Offrs' and NCO's will attend a lecture on "LofC" by
Capt G.J. ARNOLD, 23 AUSTR INF BDE at 1930 hrs WED 5 NOV 41.
The lecture will be given in NEW BN HQ ORDERLY ROOM.
beside present Sjt's MESS.

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ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 389

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

6 Nov 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer - Lieut. C. S. McCUTCHEON
Next for Duty - Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK

Orderly NCO - Sjt. STANBRIDGE, W. W. G.
Next for Duty - L/Sjt. LEWIS, H. T.

2. PICNIC PARTIES

Strength, location, period and O.C. of Picnic Parties for week end 8/9 Nov 41 will be notified to Bn.H.Q. by 0800 hrs Fri 7 Nov 41. Later advice will NOT be considered; rations will only be issued to approved parties

3. 104 L A D OUT OF BOUNDS (Extract Bde. R.O. 5 Nov.)

104 L A D lines and workshops area are out of bounds to all OR's except on duty.

4. SPORTS GROUND (Extract Bde R.O. 5 Nov 41)

The Sports ground previously known as 2/3 Pnr Bn Sports Ground is allotted to 2/4 MG Bn.

5. TELEGRAMS (Extract Bde R.O. 5 Nov 41)

Unless permission of O.C. Train has been given, despatch of telegrams by troops in transit is prohibited.

John M. Hooke
Capt.
Adjt. 2/21 Bn.

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NOTICE

LECTURE: "WORLD WAR II" by Major PLANT, at WINNELLIE CAMP STAGE at 1930 hrs. Thu 6 Nov 41.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 390.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

7 NOV 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER - Lieut E.N. SEABROOK
Next for duty - Lieut G.W. SUTCLIFFE

ORDERLY NCO - L/Sjt LEWIS H.T.
Next for Duty - Sjt STANBRIDGE W.W.G.

2. BUILDING MATERIALS.

No timber or wire for making beds, tables, etc to be drawn without authority 2 i/c or Pioneer Officer. Owners of beds containing such materials drawn without authority will have the value stopped from pay

John Moore

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

Capt.

OFFICIAL A.M.R. No. 1587.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 391

8 Nov 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer - Lieut. C. W. SUTCLIFFE
Next for Duty - Lieut. M. H. MACDOVELL
Orderly N C O - Sjt. STAMBRIDGE, V. W. G.

2. PERSONNEL REPORT R.A.P.

The following personnel will report R A P at 0915 hrs Mon 10 Nov 41:

VX 31373 Pte. WILSON, W. L.
VX 30993 " WOOLFORD, D.
VX 43745 " SMITH, W. L.
VX 19210 " YOUNG, R. C.
VX 39784 " WHEELING, S. W.
VX 39936 " JOHNSON, D.

3. CHURCH PARADE

All sub-units will move independently to WINNELLIE Theatre for Church Pde. and be seated by 0915 hrs Sun. 9 Nov 41. The Theatre will not be available to be occupied until after 0905 hrs.

HOLY COMMUNION: 0715 hrs. RECREATION HUT

R.C. CHURCH PDE. 0825 Duties Pde round. Bn. Orderly N.C.O. will march pde to WINNELLIE STAGE, to be there by 0830 hrs.

John H. H. H.
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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NOTICE

FOND: A sum of money was found near the spot where leave personnel debussed in Camp on Fri night. Claimant apply to Adj.

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WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

9 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 392.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. M. H. MACDOWELL
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. W.A.M. CHAPMAN
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. McKECHNIE, M.E.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. CRABBE, F.

2. KITCHEN FATIGUES.

From 10 Nov 41 these will be as follows: Four per kitchen plus one woodcutter per kitchen.

(Kitchens numbered from SOUTH) - No 1 Kitchen, Fatigue supplied by HQ Coy.

Nos 2 & 3 - Two from each A & B, C & D Coys, woodcutter on alternate days commencing 10 Nov 41 with A & C Coys.

No 4 - A.A.S.C. and A.Tk supply fatigue as one Coy, alternating with 'R' Coy. A.A.S.C. and A.Tk personnel to be arranged between O.C's those Units.

When Coys are away from camp all fatigues will be supplied by other Coy using kitchen.

3. MESS HUTS.

104 L.A.D. will mess with Bn HQ commencing 10 Nov 41.

4. CORRECTION - TNG INSTN No. 17.

In the above instruction, para 2 (f), line 4, "attac" should read "attack".

J. E. HOONE, Capt.
Adjt 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE.

CONCERT. A Concert will be held at WINNELLIE THEATRE to-night.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

10 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 393

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer - Lieut. W. A. M. CHAPMAN
Next for Duty - Lieut. J. K. WELLS

Orderly N C O - Sjt. CRABBE, F.
Next for Duty - Sjt. MACKECHNIE, E. M.

2. FIELD FIRING - LEANYER SWAMP

From 0100 to 1500 hrs Sat 15 Nov 41, 2/14 Fd Regt will be carrying out a practice shoot. The danger area is as follows - 8823, 9323, 9315, 8815. All personnel will be clear of this area during the period stated.

3. AMENDMENT

B R O 392 para 4 line 2. Delete "Attack", insert "attach".

J. E. HOOKE Capt.

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Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

11 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 394.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. J. K. MELLOR
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. W. T. JINKINS
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. MACKECHNIE, E.M.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. CRABBE, F.

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adjt 2/21 Bn.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Artificial Denture - owner apply Dental Unit 2/21 Bn R.A.P.

PICTURES. Pictures will be held at WINNELLIE THEATRE to-night.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

12 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 395

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. W. T. JINKINS
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. CRABBE, F.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. MACKECHNIE, E. M.

2. LOST RIFLE

Rifle No. 102600 has been lost. It is thought that same was picked up outside "D" Coy Q Store by mistake. Coys will make a check and submit return to reach Bn.H.Q. by 1800 hrs Fri 14 Nov 41.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

J. E. HOOKE. Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE

LOST: Chromium wristlet watch with plaited leather strap. Back of watch inscribed:-
"From Manager & Staff of Chevron etc."
REWARD.

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WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

13 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 396.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. J. C. VAN NOOTEN
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. MACKECKNIE, E.M.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. CRABBE, F.

2. CAMP LIGHTING.

Electric light bulbs throughout the camp area will NOT be removed from their original positions.

3. TILLEY LAMPS.

All Tilley Lamps will be returned to the R.Q.M.S. by 1200 hrs Fri, 14 Nov 41, for checking.

4. REVERSION.

VX31477 L/Cpl DAFF, H.L., 'A' Coy reverts to the ranks at his own request. (A.M. R. & O. 227). Dated 13 Nov 41.

John Mackecknie
Adjnt 2/21 Bn.

Capt.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

14 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 397

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. J. C. VAN NOOTEN
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. A. B. GROWSE
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. CRABBE, F.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. MACKECHNIE, E. M.

2. INLYING PICQUET

Further to special memo to all Coys on 30 Oct 41. The roster will continue as follows:-

Sun 16 Nov 41	"A"	Sun 23 Nov 41	"D"
Mon 17 " "	"B"	Mon 24 " "	"A"
Tue 18 " "	"C"	Tue 25 " "	"B"
Wed 19 " "	"D"	Wed 26 " "	"C"
Thu 20 " "	"A"	Thu 27 " "	"D"
Fri 21 " "	"B"	Fri 28 " "	"A"
Sat 22 " "	"C"	Sat 29 " "	"B"
		Sun 30 " "	"C"

The period of responsibility is from Retreat day previous to that laid down above, to Retreat on day of duty.

3. BINOCULARS PRISMATIC

Coys will submit to QM by 1200 hrs 15 Nov 41, a complete list showing personnel to whom binoculars are issued, and numbers.

4. POCKET COMPASSES

Pocket compasses are to be returned to QM Store by 1200 hrs 15 Nov 41 for checking and re-issue (Compasses prismatic are NOT to be returned)

5. RETURN OF STORES

Picks, shovels, axes, hurricane lamps will be returned by QMS's to RQMS on Sun 16 Nov 41. The following roster will apply:-

"A" Coy	0900 hrs.	Bn.H.Q.	1100 hrs.
"B" "	0930 "	"R" Coy	1115 "
"C" "	1000 "	HQ	1130 "
"D" "	1030 "		

Pioneer Pl. Stores will be checked at Pnr Store at 0930 hrs.

e. UNIT M.T.

Movement of vehicles off Camp roads is to be limited to construction work, and that kept to a minimum.

7. ELECTRIC LIGHT GLOBES

When electric light globes are broken, all brass butts must be returned to RQMS. No globe will be replaced unless this is done.

John Hooke
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.

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15 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 397

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. A. B. GROWSE
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. J. D. WHITTAKERS
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. MACKECHNIE, E. M.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. HAND, J. E.

2. DAILY ROUTINE.

The following daily routine will apply from incl Mon 17 Nov 41 :

Reveille	-	0615
Roll Call	-	0620
Sick Pde	-	0700
Breakfast (all ranks)		0715
Morning Pde (fall in)		0815
Start Work	-	0830
Cease Work	-	1215
Lunch (all ranks)		1230
Afternoon Pde (Fall in)		1350
Start Work	-	1400
Cease Work	-	1615
Sick Pde	-	1700
Evening Meal	-	1730
Retreat	-	1800
Offrs & Sjts Mess		1805
First Post	-	2115
Last Post	-	2145
Lights Out		2200

3. CHURCH PDE.

All sub-units will move independently to WINNELLIE THEATRE and be seated by 0900 hrs Sun 16 Nov 41. After Church Pde the presentation of a gift, donated by personnel of 2/21 Bn will be made to Maj and Mrs SEATON, of RED SHIELD HUT, DARWIN. Coys will arrange for R.C. personnel to assemble on duties pde ground at 0920 hrs, and Capt LOUGHNAN will march personnel to join pde at THEATRE at conclusion of Church Pde at approx 0925 hrs.

Holy Communion. 0715 hrs - RECREATION HUT.

R.C. Church Pde. 0700 hrs WINNELLIE THEATRE.

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adjt 2/21 Bn.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 398.

17 NOV 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut J.D.WHITTAKERS.
Next for Duty	-	Lieut C.S.McCUTCHEON.
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt HAND J.E.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt ANDERSON H.

J.E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adjnt 2/21 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

17 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 399

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. C. S. McCUTCHEON
Next for duty	-	Lieut. A. G. JACK
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. ANDERSON, F.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. HAND, J. E.

2. NEXT-OF-KIN

The attention of all ranks is directed to the necessity for immediate notification to Bn.H.Q. of changes of Next-of-kin or their addresses.

3. IDENTITY DISCS

Coys will carry out an inspection of all identity discs and submit a nominal roll of shortages, complete with details, to Bn.H.Q. by 1700 hrs 20 Nov 41.

John Moore
Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

NOTICE

LOST: TROPICAL CAPE stencilled J.R.B. NX 70405 .Finder please return to AASC Sec "GULL".

CANTEEN HOURS: Morning: 0730 - 0800 hrs.
 Aft. 1300 - 1330 "
 1615 - 1700 "
 Night: 1900 - 2100 "
 SUNDAY: 1030 - 1200 "
 1900 - 2100 "

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 400

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

18 Nov 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. G. T. RUSSELL
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. A. G. JACK
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. HAND, J. E.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. ANDERSON, F.

2. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Bn.H.Q. at 0900 hrs Fri. 21 Nov 41, by order of Lt. Col. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., for the purpose of investigating the circumstances in which fatal injury was sustained by VX 31347 Cpl. CIBELLEW, W. A. -

Major I. F. MACRAE	President
Capt. D. G. PERRY	Member
" K. J. LOUGHINAN	Member

The Court will investigate and report on the following:

1. Rank at time of occurrence which resulted in death.
2. Rate of pay at time of occurrence.
3. Whether the injury was due to misconduct or intentionally self inflicted wounds.
4. Whether the Member was committing a breach of discipline at the time of occurrence.
5. Whether the member was on duty at the time.
6. Whether the circumstances prove negligence on the part of any person or persons.
7. Any other relevant matters concerning the case.

John M. ...
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

NOTICE

LOST: Wristlet watch, engraved "To Hugh from Mother" at RAAF Pictures. Finder please return to Bn.H.Q.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

19 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 401

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. A. G. JACK
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. W. J. CHAPLIN
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. ANDERSON, F.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. HAND, J. E.

2. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION (Extract from 7 MD R.O. 46. 14 Nov 41)

In future, the Darwin Infantry Battalion will be known as 19th Battalion and will be referred to as such.

3. CLOTHING PARADES

Clothing replacement parades will be held in accordance with the following roster:-

Sat. 22 Nov 41	-	0815 hrs	HQ Coy
		1130	" Bn.HQ
Sun. 23	" "	0900	'C' Coy
		1030	'A' "
Mon. 24	" "	0815	'R' "
		1030	'B' "
		1400	'D' "
		1530	" 104 L A D

Owing to scarcity of shorts, Coys will ensure that any garments capable of repair are sent to the Regimental Tailor. Also, clothing for exchange must be properly washed.

John Moore

 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

NOTICE

LECTURE: Maj. PLANT will lecture on "DUNKIRK" at the WINNELLIE STAGE, TONIGHT.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 402.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.
20 NOV 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M. C. , E. D. , COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lieut W. J. CHAPLIN.
Next for Duty - Lieut R. GODFREY.

Orderly N.C.O. - Sjt . HAND, J. E.
Next for Duty - Sjt . ANDERSON, F.

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adjt 2/21 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

21 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 403

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	--	Lieut. R. GODFREY
Next for Duty	--	Lieut. J. K. MELLOR
Orderly N C O	--	Sjt. ANDERSON, F.
Next for Duty	--	Sjt. HAND, J. E.

2. TRANSFERS, POSTINGS, Etc.

VX 31771 Pte. YOUNG, J. W. HQ Coy transferred to 23 Aust Inf Bde
dated 18 Nov 41.
NX 52741 " FURBANK, J. C. taken on strength, Posted to 'R' Coy
20 Nov 41.

3. ROUTINE

Camp Work Parties will continue until 1215 hrs on Sat. 22 Nov 41.

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John Brooke
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

22 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 404

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. J. K. MELLOR
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. G. R. PULLIN
Orderly NCO	-	Sjt. HAND, J. E.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N.

2. CHURCH PARADE

A Combined Church Pde of 2/4 MG Bn., 2/12 Fd Amb., and 2/21 Bn. will be held. Sub-units will move independently to WINNELLIE THEATRE and be seated before 0855 hrs. Sun 23 Nov 41.

HOLY COMMUNION: 0715 hrs RECREATION HUT.

R.C. PDE. WINNELLIE THEATRE 0700 hrs. Sun 23 Nov 41.

3. CAPS, S.D.

All personnel, other than actual drivers will return Caps, S.D. to RQMS forthwith.

4. TOOLS USED BY WORKS PARTIES

Works Parties may collect tools from RQMS from 0815 hrs to 0900 hrs daily, and must return same between 1545 hrs and 1615 hrs each day.

John H. Cook
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

NOTICE

RUGBY:

2/21 Bn. Rugby Union F.C. will play 2/4 MG Bn at Vestey's Oval on Sun 23 Nov at 1600 hrs. Tpt will leave "A" Coy Mess Hut at 1530 hrs.

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WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 405

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut G.R.PULLIN
Next for Duty	-	Lieut L.MARSHALL
Orderly NCO	-	Sjt TOBIAS, R.N.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt JACOBS, P.A.

J.E.HOOKE. Capt.

Adjnt 2/21 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 406

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

24 Nov 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. J. L. DAVIS
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. J. C. VAN NOOTEN
Orderly NCO	-	Sjt. JACOBS, P. A.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N.

2. DAILY ROUTINE

Daily Routine as laid down in E.R.O. 397 of 15 Nov 41 is amended as follows:- SICK PDE. delete '0700' insert '0630'

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 407

25 Nov 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. J. C. VAN NOOTEN
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. L. MARSHALL
Orderly NCO	-	Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. JACOBS, P. A.

2. PROMOTIONS

The following promotions and appointments are promulgated:-

TO BE A/SJT.

VX 44555 A/L/Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N. 'A' Coy. Dated 19 Oct 41.

TO BE A/L/SJT.

VX 27174 A/Cpl. KAY, B. G. 'HQ' Coy. Dated 17 Nov 41.

3. TRANSFERS

VX 39936	Pte.	JOHNSON, D.	from 6 Pl HQ Coy to "A" Coy. Dated 25/11/41.
VX 25038	"	BRANSON, A. W.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
VX 27317	"	WEGNER, A. C.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
VX 39766	"	MAILE, H. E.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

4. RESERVE FIREWOOD

A reserve firewood stock is being made adjacent to the Butchers shop. On no account is wood to be drawn from this stack for current use without permission from Bn.H.Q.

5. RUBBISH

Evidence of casual rubbish dumping exists in the vicinity of the camp. These dumps are now being cleared up with considerable difficulty. Persons dumping refuse of any sort in any place other than the DARWIN dump, or at the incinerator, will be punished. All ranks must understand that any foodstuffs exposed - no matter how small a quantity - will cause fly breeding, and any tins, bottles, or other vessels collecting water, will enable the mosquito which causes dengue, to breed.

6. MORNING TEA

Coys will arrange for buckets of tea to be at C 2 Stores at 1030 hrs daily. The tea break will be from 1030 hrs and work must resume promptly at 1045 hrs.

John W. ...
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21 Bn.

(SEE NOTICES ON BACK.)

NOTICE - 7 MD TALENT QUEST.

Entries will be received by Lieut. R. E. MISKIN for 7 MD Talent Quest up to 2000 hrs Wed 26 Nov 41. Details as below :

1. Choirs. Classic and Light
2. Band Competition. To be decided by Bandmasters
3. Miscellaneous. Solo instrumentalists
4. Mouth Organ Solos
5. Mouth Organ Bands
6. Comic Items. Obscene items not considered.
7. One Act Plays and Sketches. Obscene items not considered.
8. One Act Plays (Original).
9. Vocal Items (a) Popular (b) Classical and Ballad
10. Debating Competitions. 3 men teams.

AWARDS TO - (a) Winners in each class
 (b) Gold medal to best Artist in Quest
 (c) Cup to winning Unit.

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A positive firewood stock is being made adjacent to the busboys shop. On no account is wood to be drawn from this stock for current use without permission from the...

Evacuation of casual rubbish dumping exists in the vicinity of the camp. These dumps are now being cleared up with considerable difficulty. Persons dumping refuse of any sort in any place other than the BARBER shop or at the incinerator, will be punished. All tanks must be used and that any foodstuffs exposed - no matter how small a quantity - will cause fly breeding, and any tins, bottles, or other vessels collecting water, will enable the mosquitoes which cause disease to breed.

Cove will arrange for buckets of tea to be at Stores at 1030 hrs daily. The tea break will be from 1030 hrs and work must resume promptly at 1045 hrs.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 408.

26 Nov 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. L. MARSHALL
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. S. F. ANDERSON
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. JACOBS, P.A.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. TOBIAS, R.H.

2. FIELD FIRING - LEANYER SWAMP.

Advice has been received from 7 ID to the effect that field firing will be carried out in the area FOOTCLIFFS - LEANYER SWAMP by 19 Bn from 1 Dec 41 to 7 Dec 41 (both dates inclusive).

3. ANTI-GAS DEMONSTRATION.

Thu 27 Nov 41, 0900 hrs to approx 1100 hrs - 2/4 M.G. Bn Sports Ground :

'C' Coy
 7 Pl and 9 Pl - A Coy
 R Coy
 Bn HQ
 Portion Drivers
 Q Details 6 Pl

Fri, 0900 -

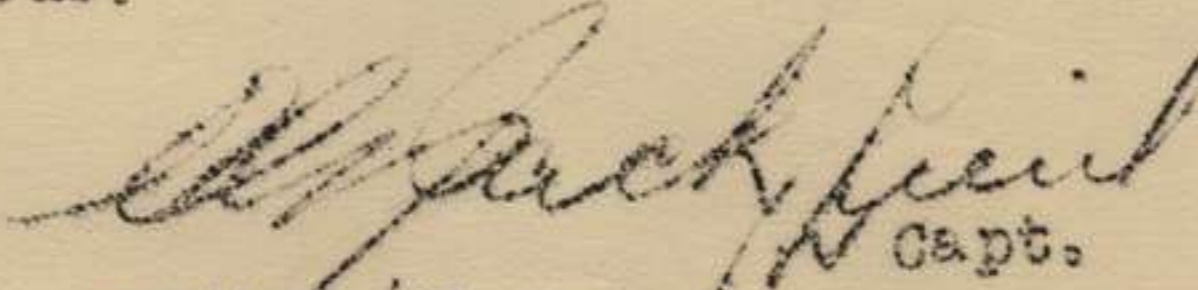
1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl, 4 Pl - HQ Coy
 8 Pl - A Coy
 10 Pl and 12 Pl - A Coy
 17 and 18 Pl - D Coy
 Remainder drivers

Sat, 0900 -

Cadre 11 Pl
 16 Pl
 Remainder personnel who have not previously attended.

Coy's will arrange for relief of duties to permit attendance at one demonstration.

C Tp A.Tk Bty, AASC Sec "Gull", 104 L.A.D. and 23 Dental Unit will attend on one of the days laid down for the demonstration, to fit in with their tng syllabus.


 Adjt 2/21 Bn. Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

27 Nov 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 408

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lieut S.F. ANDERSON
Next for Duty - Lieut E.N. SEABROOK

Orderly NCO - Sjt TOBIAS, R.N.
Next for Duty - Sjt JACOBS, P.A.

[Handwritten Signature]
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.

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NOTICE

LECTURE.

Major PLANT will lecture at WINNELLIE CAMP THEATRE at 1930 hrs TONIGHT. Subject "THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN AND THE LIBYAN CAMPAIGN!"

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 409

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	..	Lieut. G. T. RUSSELL
Next for Duty	..	Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK M. H. MACDONELL
Orderly N C O	..	Sjt. JACOBS, P. A.
Next for Duty	..	Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N.

2. TRANSFERS

VX 62472	Pte. COLLINS, S. C.	from 'R' Coy	to En.H.Q.	Dated 23 Nov 41.
VX 60812	" WRIGHT, K. B.	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "

3. TENTS

Tents will not be struck or removed from lines without proper authority. QM to be notified of any tentage taken out of Camp area.

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.

Adj t. 2/21 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION - NORMAL

NOTICE

RUGBY: 2/21 Bn. Rugby Union F.C. will play 2/1 Hy Bty. at VESTEY'S at 1600 hrs on Sat. 29 Nov 41. Tpt will leave "A" Coy Mess Hut at 1530.

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2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

29 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 410.

BY

Lt. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. M. H. MAODOWELL
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. W. A. M. CHAPMAN
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. JACOBS, P.A.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. LONG, A.H.M.

2. ROUTINE - SUN 30 NOV, 41.

Reveille will NOT be blown
R.C. Church Pde at WINNELLIE THEATRE 0700 hrs
Breakfast will be collected by Coys at 0815 hrs
Sick Pde - 0900 hrs
Holy Communion - 0930 hrs Recreation Hut
No Bn Church Pde

John M. Hooker

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

Capt.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

30 Nov 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 411.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D. COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. W.A.M. CHAPMAN
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. LONG, A.H.M.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. FOLEY, D.G.P.

Adjnt 2/21 Bn.

Capt.

NOTICE.

CONCERT - By 2/14 Fd Regt at WINNELLIE THEATRE, 1930 hrs TO-NIGHT.

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Unit 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WINNELLIE	MON. 1 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Syllabus included camp work parties and duties, Specialist tng., 30 yds range practice, and special cadres. (DARWIN Town Picquet and 7 MD Security Guard NOT mounted). Strength decreased by 2 OR's. Strength now 38 Offrs. 878 OR's.	
	TUE. 2 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Syllabus as for Mon. Strength increased by 2 OR's.	
	WED. 3 Dec 41		Weather - No change. Syllabus as for Mon. At night, practice warning alarm was sounded, and Bn. and att. units moved to positions as for "P.A.D. Scheme". 'R' Coy acted as enemy and so caused slight re-allocation of Bn. dispositions. Strength decreased by 3 OR's.	
	THU. 4 Dec 41		Weather - Rain during morning. Syllabus as for Mon. Unit Jazz Band played at Dance at St Mary's Tennis Club. Strength decreased by 5 OR's.	
	FRI. 5 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Syllabus as for Mon. Bn. received pay. Strength decreased by 2 OR's.	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41

To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WINNELLIE	SAT. 6 Dec 41		Weather - No change. Syllabus as for Mon., and general adm. Bn. H.Q. Officers and Coy Comds. attended lecture on "Fixed Defences" by Maj. SPAIN, (Bty. Comd. East Pt. Bty. RAA) at LARRAKEYAH. Bn. received instructions to be on ten hours notice to move to alert positions, owing to the gravity of the International situation.	
	SUN. 7 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. No Church Pde. held. All personnel instructed to prepare personal gear in view of warning (See Sat.) Preparation was made for the casing of stores. All leave cancelled until further notice. Bn. received issue of 20 Thompson sub-machine guns, together with accessories and a quantity of amn. At night, 2/40 Bn. gave concert at WINNELLIE Camp Stage. Naval and Army Offrs. were guests at Offrs' Mess for dinner. Unit prepared Camp for 2 Ind Coy.	
	MON. 8 Dec 41		Weather - hot. C Coy moved to DARWIN to take over task of DARWIN Town Picquet, from B Coy 2/40 Bn. D Coy moved to 2/40 Bn Camp at NOONAMAH owing to sudden embarkation of 2/40 Bn., pending taking over by Ord. 7 MD. (This amends syllabus). Syllabus for remainder of Bn. included T S M G Cadre, MC Cadre, Specialist Tng., and Camp work parties and Bn. duties. 2 i/c, IO, and Coy Comds made recce. of certain areas on LEE PT PENINSULA. Strength increased by 2 OR's.	

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To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WINNELLIE	TUE. 9 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Bn. notified that preparation was to be made for embarkation. Unit advised that all personnel were to carry respirators and steel helmets at all times, in view of possibility of enemy air raids. C.O. transferred to 119 G.H. BAGOT. Strength increased by 1 OR.	
	WED. 10 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. 'D' Coy returned from NOONAMAH. Transport of stores by road and rail to ships at DARWIN Wharf began. Loading of ships commenced. <u>At night, air raid alarm was sounded, and DARWIN and ships in DARWIN Harbour were blacked out.</u> Strength decreased by 1 Offr. (Lieut. R.B.BEST, transferred to S. Comd. for Medical treatment) and 11 OR's. Strength now 37 Offrs. and 861 OR's.	
	THU. 11 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Loading of ships continued. Troops embarked on two ships which were subsequently anchored in DARWIN Harbour. Personnel for third ship remained at WINNELLIE. Third ship drew alongside wharf and loading commenced. <u>[see above.]</u>	
	FRI. 12 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Loading of third ship continued and ship anchored in DARWIN Harbour. Lifeboat drill was practiced by tps. on s.s. "BOTH".	

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Unit 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WINNELLIE	SAT. 13 Dec 41		Weather - Fine with slight rain. Remainder of stores loaded on to third ship from tender, and personnel (including 'C' Coy which disembarked as DARWIN Town Picquet) for this ship embarked. C.O. embarked on s.s. "PATRAS".	
	SUN. 14 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Convoy consisting of K.P.M. Line ships - S.S. "BOTH" (Flagship), s.s. "PATRAS", and s.s. "VALENTYN" - escorted by HMAS "ADELAIDE" and HMAS "BALLARAT" steamed out of DARWIN Harbour at 1300 hrs. I.K. and headed for AMBON. A Tk guns, M M G's and A/A L M G's were placed in position on all tp. ships as a form of ship' defence.	
AT SEA	MON. 15 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Voyage continued safely. RAAF planes assisted in escorting the convoy.	
	TUE. 16 Dec 41		Weather - Hot. At approx. 0630 hrs. H.I., convoy changed formation and during the morning carried out an anti-submarine exercise. Australian currency was collected.	
	WED. 17 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Convoy entered AMBON BAY, AMBON at 0800 hrs H.I. The "BOTH" berthed while the other two troopships anchored.	

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Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 41 To 31 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	WED. 17 Dec 41	(Contd)	<p>C.O. called on the Territorial Comd., N.E.I. Forces, AMBON, (Lt. Col. J. L. R. KAPITZ) while 2 i/c, Adj. and QM visited the Camp site at TAN TOEY. Later the C.O. and IO, accompanied by the Territorial Comd. and his A.D.C. (Capt. F. E. CHATTELIN) called on the Resident of the Moluccas (H. J. JANSEN Esq. (English title)), and later visited Area Combined Headquarters (ACH), HALONG. C.O. had lunch with the Senr. RAAF Offr. at ACH, HALONG (Wing Comd. E. D. SCOTT). C Coy and attached tps disembarked, and moved by launches to LAHA, while the main body moved to TAN TOEY Camp, which was still in the final stages of completion. Unloading commenced and guards were left on all ships. In afternoon, Bn. HQ Offrs. and Coy Comds made general recce of certain defensive areas. The composition of "GULL FORCE" under Comd of C.O. 2/21 Bn. (Lt. Col. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D.,) was as follows:- 2/21 Bn., C Tp 18 A Tk Bty., three³ Secs 2/11 Fd Coy, AASC Sec 'GULL', det. 2/12 Fd Amb 'GULL', 23 Special Dental Unit, and 104 L A D (also 2 Adv Maintenance Party 'GULL').</p>	
	THU. 18 Dec 41		<p>Weather - Fine. Air raid alarm sounded in early morning. Unloading continued, while main body carried out general adm. General dispersal areas were temporarily allocated to Coys and attached sub-Units. Dispositions of A/A LMG's were finalised. C.O. called on Territorial Comd. during the morning. Air raid alarm sounded at night.</p>	

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Unit 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 41 To 31 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	FRI. 19 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Air raid alarm sounded in early morning. Unloading completed and ships' guards mounted moved to TAN TOEY Camp. In morning, C.O., Adjt., and I.O. escorted by Territorial Comd. and S.O. (Capt. D. N. BLANKEMEYER) visited LAHA. During	
			afternoon, HMAS's "ADELAIDE" and "BALLARAT" steamed out of AMBON Bay.	
	SAT. 20 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. Routine adm. proceeded. System of afternoon leave for percentage of the Force was introduced. Digging of slit trenches in permanent dispersal areas was commenced. The dispersal of amn. and supplies was put into operation. N.E.I. currency was issued in lieu of Australian currency, collected at sea. Emergency precautions taken owing to reported presence of enemy submarines.	
	SUN. 21 Dec 41		Weather - Fine. 'GULL' Force headed by 2/21 Bn. Band marched through AMBON and the salute was taken by the Resident. Force moved to AMBON by MT and marched back to Camp. Normal daily routine was observed in afternoon. (No Church Pde. was held)	
	MON. 22 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Routine work continued. Air raid alarm sounded. Capt. K. J. LOUGHNAN received a fractured leg and was moved to Military Hospital, AMBON.	

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Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 41 To 31 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMBON	TUE. 23 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Routine work continued.	
	WED. 24 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Programme as for previous days. Bn. received pay. 1 Offr. (Lieut. L. F. HACK, Paymaster) and 3 OR's arrived by ship from DARWIN. Strength now 37 Offrs. 861 OR's, plus RMO, Paymaster, 2 Chaplains, and 6 OR's, - Total 41 Offrs. and 867 OR's.	
	THU. 25 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Christmas Day - Normal routine was observed. Each Member of the Unit received an A.C.F. Christmas Hamper. Work began on the construction of a road at rear of Camp site to form an alternative route to AMBON. Air raid alarm was sounded during early afternoon.	
	FRI. 26 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Normal Routine work continued.	
	SAT. 27 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Normal routine.	
	SUN 28 DEC 41		Weather - Fine. Normal routine observed - (No Church Pde. held)	

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Unit 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 41 To 31 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information <u>GENERAL COMMENTS - 1 DEC 41 to 31 DEC 41</u>	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			The weather, except for slight showers, was fine each day.	
			Strength of the Unit remained approximately the same. The movement of the Bn. to AMBON brought the Unit nearer to the theatre of operations. The Unit quickly settled down to the conditions and climate of its new location. Importance was placed on the need for extensive recce., and each day recce. parties moved to particular areas. Usually, N.E.I. Army Offrs. escorted the various parties over the defensive areas. Air-raid alarms occurred at odd times, but no enemy activity took place. Coy dispersal areas and Bn. Battle HQ were prepared (all personnel were allotted to slit trenches or dugouts), and amn. and supplies were also dispersed in order to minimise destruction in the event of an enemy air raid. Offrs. in rotation acted as L.O. at Territorial HQ, and IO liaised with ACH, HALONG, daily. The N.E.I. Soldiers' Canteen was made available to the troops of the Force. The system of granting leave to Units in rotation, proved successful and minimised interruption to works programmes. The co-operation and assistance of the N.E.I. Army was invaluable and this situation allowed the Force to rapidly prepare for its important role. In addition, the RAAF at ACH, HALONG were co-operative, and the only means of comn. outside AMBON was per RAAF. Advantage was taken of opportunities for sending and receiving mail by RAAF planes flying between DARWIN and AMBON. CO made daily, and often twice daily visits to Territorial Comd. The Territorial Commander escorted the C.O. on recce. of all the defensive positions including LAHA.	



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64 Park Street,
SOUTH YARRA.

10 September, 1942.

G.O.C.,
Victoria L. of C. Area,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

On my transfer to Reserve of Officers, it is desired to place on record the attached statement reference 23 Aust. Inf. Bde., A.I.F., which I had the honor to command.

It is requested that copies of this memorandum be forwarded without delay through the normal channels to -

Minister for the Army

G.O.C., Australian Army in the Field

To Records, for filing with War Diaries of

23 Aust. Inf. Bde and of 2/21 Bn. and

2/40 Bn.

ASG/d

F. Klind
Brigadier.

2/21 Bn

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23 AUST. INF. BDE (A.I.F.)

1. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. was formed on 1 Jul. 1940.
2. In Mar. 1941 2/22 Bn. was detached and sent to RABAUL under comd. 8 M.D.
3. Remainder of Bde. moved to DARWIN during same month, 2/22 Bn. being replaced by 2/3 Pnr. Bn.
3. As result of instructions received in May 1941 Bde. Comd. - B.M. and Comds. 2/21 and 2/40 Bns. made recce of AMBOINA and TIMOR. Instructions referred to, stated that it was probable that these Bns. would have to move to these respective stations in the event of hostilities with JAPAN. As result of this recce. recommendations were submitted by Comd. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. to the effect that the forces projected were inadequate in armament and that it was advisable to establish military liaison with N.E.I. Army H.Q. at BANDOENG to ensure fullest efficiency of co-operation with N.E.I. Comds. involved.
4. In Jul. 1941 whilst in MELBOURNE Comd. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. made strong personal representations to C.G.S. and Director of Military operations with reference to inadequacy of numbers and armament of projected forces to proceed to AMBOINA and TIMOR.
5. In Oct. 1941 B.M. with Comds. 2/21 and 2/40 Bns. and Coy. Comds. these Bns. made tactical recce. of AMBOINA and TIMOR and as result further recommendations reference inadequacy of armament and necessity for army liaison with N.E.I. Comd. were forwarded. At same time Comd. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde., appreciating the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing at both these islands and the difficulties revealed by recces. of May and Oct., made urgent request by wire through Comd. 7 M.D. for opportunity to make personal contact with A.H.Q. with view to overcoming difficulties and obtaining definition. This request was disregarded.
6. On 8 Dec. 1941 orders were received by signal that these forces

were to move immediately and statement was included whereby they were to come under direct comd. A.H.Q. on embarkation.

7. No instructions, no information, no orders were received by Comds. 2/21 and 2/40 Bns. - before or on embarkation - from A.H.Q.

In case of 2/21 Bn. very brief instructions were received by signal about 14 days after disembarkation at AMBON while A.H.Q. Op. Instr. No. 15 of 6 Dec. 1941 implementing the move was received by this Unit 28 days after disembarkation at its destination.

Date of receipt of orders and A.H.Q. Op. Instr. No. 15 of 6 Dec. 41 implementing the move, by 2/40 Bn. is unknown.

- No copy of orders for these forces or of Op. Instr. No. 15 of 6 Dec. 41 were received by H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
8. Comd. 2/21 Bn. (Lt. Col L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D.) after arrival at AMBON made representations direct to A.H.Q. in which the inadequacy of numbers, armament, munitions were stressed and inadequacy of N.E.I. capacity for effective co-operation were indicated.

These representations were made in the full knowledge of local conditions and terrain, with knowledge of inadequacy of Naval and Air Force co-operation and with knowledge of Japanese tactics.

Lt.Col. L. N. ROACH was relieved of his Comd.

Subsequent events at AMBOINA have made clear the justice and wisdom of the representations of Lt.Col. L.N. ROACH.

From consideration of the above summary and relevant facts, it is placed on record that in the case of the detachment of 2/21 Bn. to AMBOINA and of 2/40 Bn. to TIMOR the following conclusions are accurate:

- (1) Eight months were available for provision of necessary

adequate personnel and armament and for provision of the necessary co-operation with N.E.I., with the Navy and with the Air Force.

- (2) No satisfactory army liaison with N.E.I. Comd. BANDOENG was established with result that preparations for reception of forces concerned were inadequate and the capacity for effective co-operation with N.E.I. Forces at AMBOINA and TIMOR was not developed.
- (3) No effective L. of C. was established in the case of either Force.
- (4) Forces involved were not informed of arrangements for Naval co-operation - if such existed - under conditions in which such was essential.

Such co-operation did not materialise.

- (5) Effective air support was non-existent - No covering air craft were available at time of Japanese attacks at AMBOINA and TIMOR.
- (6) Forces involved were NOT provided with adequate Fire Power - although eight mos. intervened from inception of project to its execution.
 - (a) No Fd. Arty. was made available.
 - (b) No A.A. Arty. was made available at AMBON.
 - (c) Provision of Light Automatic weapons was limited to 26 per Bn. and spare parts were not available.
- (7) These forces were embarked and despatched on tasks of first magnitude without orders from executive authority at A.H.Q.
- (8) Competent authority on the spot was ~~de~~ived of opportunity to make essential representations relevant to projected operations.

F. H. Lind

Brigadier.

64 Park Street,
SOUTH YARRA. Vic.

10 Sep. 1942.

G. O. 3.

HEADQUARTERS,
GULL Force.

SECRET

24 Dec 41

A H Q
MELBOURNE

REPORT GULL FORCE AT ACTION STATIONS

1. ARRIVAL:

(a) As reported in G.O.2, the Force arrived safely at 0900 hrs on 17 Dec 41. During the voyage, precautions against air or sea attack were taken with available weapons on transports.

(b) Discharge commenced at 1100 hrs on day of arrival. Limited wharf facilities delayed completion until afternoon of 19 Dec 41.

(c) LAHA det disembarked direct. Main Force moved to TAN TOEY Camp by Unit tpt.

2. CAMPS:

(a) The construction at neither Camp is completed, causing some inconvenience, the principal of which is that water not being laid on to kitchens and ablution places, has to be transported in Unit water carts, thence in drums handled by coolies. The necessary piping is not yet available, nor are reservoirs completed.

At LAHA the water must be boiled or chlorinated for drinking.

(b) E.L. is not yet available, but owing to the necessity for partial blackouts every night, this is a difficulty which is being overcome.

(c) The main Camp at TAN TOEY, whilst reflecting credit on the Dutch authorities for the work so far completed, is badly situated as an active service Camp, being on an exposed and unconcealed position and very congested. Steps are being taken to prepare dispersion areas, and it is to be hoped that this can be completed in time.

3. FOOD SUPPLY:

This will be referred to in greater detail later, but it is desired to point out that owing to the fact that we must ration a total number at least 33 1/3% greater than that for which the original reserve was placed here, and also to the fact that frozen mutton, potatoes and onions are not here, the actual reserve is much smaller than was intended, and attention to this fact will be necessary at an early date. You have already been informed that we must ration the Air Force personnel. Fresh fruit is available on a strictly limited scale, and with regard to fish, we have acquired an ex enemy lugger in the hope that we may be able to supplement our supplies, so long as enemy action does not intervene.

Dispersion is being arranged.

4. AMN:

As previously reported, there is no tracer or A.P. amn. available for the Force here.

Dispersion is being arranged.

5. TPT.

We are assisting RAAF in this connection, and whilst there is sufficient for present requirements, the absence of

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Report GULL Force at Action Stations (Contd.)

carriers will be a disadvantage (apart from their tactical value) during action.

All tpt. was in good condition and adequate supplies of petrol and oil exist at present.

6. HYGIENE:

(a) The few latrines at present connected to septic tanks must be flushed by water carried by hand. The main latrines are of a temporary character over the edge of the foreshore.

(b) There is no incinerator, but steps are being taken to suitably dispose of refuse.

(c) The attitude of the native population is not conducive to cleanliness, particularly in regard to those coolies who must necessarily remain in the Camp areas until completed.

(d) Sandflies and mosquitoes are troublesome at night, particularly at LAHA.

7. RETURNS:

As no instructions have been received on this point, it is presumed that returns such as Casualty Returns and Field Returns, are to be sent direct to you per means of safe hand despatch, when available.

8. LANGUAGE:

In most cases Dutch Officers speak a reasonable amount of English, but few others can understand it. Special classes in Malay have been commenced, and are being attended daily by Offrs. and NCO's who can be spared. Arrangements have also been made for the availability of a few interpreters to assist in intercomm. There is bound to be some embarrassment in this regard for some time to come.

Lt. Col.

Comd. GULL Force.

ENGRS' STORES URGENTLY REQUIRED:

- 2,000 yds of Cable electric E.1. Mark 11 OR
- 2,000 yds Signals cable electric J. 0.002 single low.
- 60 Driving points for camouflet equipment.

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24 Dec 41

A H Q
MELBOURNEGULL "G" & "I" MATTERS

"I" Your MIG 1032 of 19 Dec received (per ACH) on 20 Dec. Receipt of the information is appreciated. It would be of considerable interest if we could be informed of the success or otherwise of N.E.I. land forces which, we are advised locally, are operating in MALAYA.

2. Ref. daily situation reports (as at 0700 and 1800 hrs) whilst there is little or no enemy activity, ACH feel that their reports to CWR should suffice. Do you agree, please? The means of intercomm with you at present are as mentioned in my G.O.2 para 'g'. Other means are being explored; possibly PTT (civil) could be used in extreme emergency.

3. So far, we have received scanty information of a general nature, but when wireless receiving sets are installed, it is hoped to pick up BBC and possibly other broadcasts. In a recent BBC broadcast (I am reliably informed) it was mentioned that RAAF planes operating from here raided enemy territory. This is advertising their presence here.

4. All Dutch authorities here are co-operating satisfactorily.

5. On 21 Dec. the Force, less LAHA det. and certain details, marched through the Town, the salute being taken by N.E.I. Comdt. here. He appreciated the compliment, and the march created a good impression. Adequate precautions were taken in event of aerial alarm.

6. We are informed that the N.E.I. Comdt. received this week, 1,300 Rifles for his "Home Guard", and that 150 Tommy Guns with 150,000 rds of amn. for them is now en route to here. The latter will be very useful.

7. I have had frequent and satisfactory conferences with the N.E.I. Comdt., have called on the Resident, and am liaising with the Dutch Naval Officer Commanding, and of course am in constant touch with ACH.

8. As a result of the various conferences, and the recce. work which we have by now been able to do, there is not the least doubt that whilst all credit is due to the immense amount of defensive work the N.E.I. Forces have done here, the position is not nearly as strong as it sounds on paper. This has caused me considerable concern, particularly as I am in complete ignorance at present of the policy so far as the holding of this position is concerned. Hence the despatch of my G.O.4 and G.O.5 today, the latter, I have just noticed, has been re-numbered by ACH - A 135.

This matter is further discussed in the next following para.

"G" POLICY: With developments as they are at present in the North, it would be appreciated if you could advise me as promptly as possible what the policy is to be in connection with this location.

2. If the enemy continues to establish footholds further South as he appears to be doing, it seems highly probable that they will endeavour to capture this territory (there are nightly 'alerts', but surprisingly enough, no actual aerial raid has yet

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been made). The holding of the place cannot be assured without adequate Naval and Air support and co-operation. This is due principally to the fact that a pincer movement attack could be developed from at least two opposite directions - possibly three or four - and the road comm. can be so easily interrupted.

3. I am confident that, when the additional fire power requested has been supplied, we can deal satisfactorily with minor raids, or even stronger raids attempted at any one locality, but if determined attack is made with strong forces in more than one locality simultaneously, it is extremely doubtful whether we could hold out for more than a day or two with the present force.

4. The present available strength in the Air is limited, and little is known of the probable Naval position.

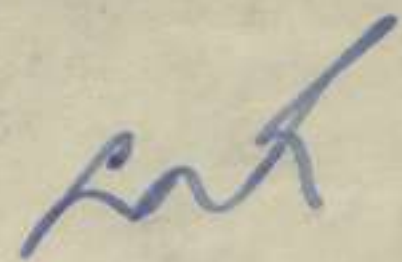
5. There is not the least doubt that GULL Force will fight well and with great determination, but geography may eventually neutralize their effectiveness. It is consequently a matter of policy to decide whether they are to be adequately supported, and if this is not possible, whether it is worth losing the whole Force for a few days resistance to the enemy.

6. If provision of Naval and Air support can be made on only a limited scale, the place could still hold out fairly well for a longer period with more arty. (Fd. & A Tk.), MG's, and Mortars, but it is realised that this might not be practicable, and that in any case it would considerably increase the supply and other adm. problems.

7. However, it is assumed that the location has some strategic importance and that it is your desire that GULL Force should be of some real value. It is on this account that G.O.5 (A.135) was despatched today so far as the request for more tps and fire power is concerned.

8. This despatch, together with G.O.3 has been prepared in note form over the last day or two, but owing to pressure of work and the impossibility of doing very much at night, this is the first opportunity of addressing you in this way.

Presumably G.O.1 (semi-official) and G.O.2, both handwritten and addressed to Lt. Col. SCOTT, have duly arrived.



Lt. Col.

Comd. GULL Force.

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GULL Force.

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27 Dec 41

A H Q,
MELBOURNE

GULL "G" and "I" MATTERS

Further to comments in my G.06 of 24 Dec 41, particularly "I" 8, and "G" 3 and 5, I feel I should amplify as follows:

2. It will be recalled that, in my initial report (of 26 May, to 23 Aust Inf Bde) I said, inter alia:-

"if anything is to be done at all, a bold policy before it is too late may be a guarantee of success, and may ensure valuable results at a fraction of the cost which a later move might demand. It seems reasonable to assume that, if the enemy has designs on the N.E.I. group, either for their own value or as "a step" in the direction of AUSTRALIA, he will concentrate his attack on one island, or two or three, thus to ensure an advanced base (or bases) for subsequent exploitation. This would mean a strong combined attack by all Arms, and K. and A. (and possibly other "Key" islands) must be sufficiently strong to resist such attack and to inflict a defeat. The insularity of K. and A., and their proximity to other adjacent territory, makes it imperative that the force allotted to hold each place, or the vital localities in each, should be as well equipped and supplied as may be possible in all the circumstances."

The next following para. referred to the difficulty of terrain and the necessity for adequate fire power, and this has been repeated in subsequent communications.

3. Enemy tactics now being employed are much on the lines as predicted in above quotation.

4. In each of my reports reference has been made (or implied) to the inadequacy of recce. prior to our arrival. It is consequently now revealed (following thorough recce. and liaison since 17 Dec.) that my earlier impressions are more than confirmed. The Dutch authorities, I feel, have done all they can here but, as I mentioned in my report of 26 May, "it is difficult to say whether or not they fully appreciate the probable force of attack by well trained tps. with modern arms and equipment etc." To this I would now add that I am afraid they do not appreciate the probabilities, but it is too late to do any more than urge them, as tactfully as possible, to make the best use of depth, prepare for alternative situations which might arise, and not to rely too much on "adequate warnings", telephone comn. etc.

It is to their credit that so many defensive works have been completed, but they have not sufficient personnel to man them all, nor sufficient L M G's and M M G's for all the posts - from many of which there can be only plunging fire. They have prepared many miles of defensive wire, but it is, in many cases, in one long thin line, and too much reliance is placed on its efficacy.

5. The Dutch Officers, on the whole, are of a good type and seem confident, but the coloured tps. remain to be tested. Their tactical work (in defensive localities) is admirably carried out, but all as "a drill", and unforeseen situations

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are rarely considered so far as I can tell. However, time may present a more practical and optimistic view. I am on good terms with the Commandant, and I shall discreetly warn him in those matters covered in your MC 4040 of 25 Dec 41 - just received.

6. GULL Force must be capable of and prepared for counter-penetration tasks, counter-attack, strengthening of flanks, and such like. LAHA must necessarily be regarded as a separate task for which a detachment is allotted. The balance of the Force will almost certainly have to function in at least two opposite directions simultaneously. After mature consideration, I see no reason to vary my plan of 25 Jul (41/S/21 to 23 Aust Inf Bde) which I understand was sent to you: one adjustment only has been necessary, viz, that the fourth Pl. could not be spared for LAHA.

7. One of my greatest difficulties has been to ascertain accurately the actual strength, and present and proposed disposition, of N.E.I. Force. Your MC 4060 and 4064, each of 26 Dec, have arrived since commencement of this despatch. My G.08 was sent in reply to the latter (4064), yet even since then a further check up with N.E.I. HQ. has revealed variations. This is not done intentionally by them, but merely that they have a rather different outlook, e.g. the Commandant said, in regard to one Coy in question that he was not sure where the HQ would be, and was not certain whether their mortars would be available or not. When his tps are disposed only approx. half of his prepared positions will be manned, and he will have practically no reserve at all. I feel, therefore, that you will readily understand my desire to be as strong as possible and to be capable of hitting hard, which at present I am not. Naturally we shall do our best. As you may know we are still without A Tk Rifles, and are 13 Lewis M G's deficient, Bren guns being unavailable.

The naval minelayer has arrived and is now at work. This is some consolation but in no way alters the position as already explained, nor does it minimise the necessity for the additional units I have asked for as minimum requirements and which you now inform me are NOT available.

The disposition of combined Forces (in answer to your MC 4064 of 26 Dec) are as shown in G.010 herewith.

8. Since our arrival we have been working constantly on dispersion of stores, preparation for evacuation of camp area and of a battle HQ. As you probably know, the main camp (TAN TOEY) is dangerously congested and in about the most prominent position on the harbour; very nice for peace conditions, but useless for war although, for the time being at any rate, we must occupy it.

There are very many Engr. tasks: in addition to survey and preparation for the above all vital bridges will have to be prepared for demolition (it was found that work done in this connection by N.E.I. personnel was useless and we are undertaking it as soon as practicable) and preparation must also be made for repair; this has barely been touched.

Road improvement and, in some cases, alternative route construction must be done. This has been commenced by own personnel.

Water is a vital problem and it may not be possible satisfactorily to solve it in the time at our disposal. We are working on it.

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GULL Force

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A H Q,
MELBOURNE

DISPOSITION GULL & N.E.I. FORCES

(Ref. your MC 4064 of 26 Dec 41)

The disposition of Combined Force (Army) here is as shown on accompanying sketch and explained in accompanying pages 2 & 3

2. This may appear impressive on paper, but it is very much the reverse on the ground, particularly in view of the fact that the N.E.I. Force has only 5 days amn. supply and proposes to vacate five forward posts in the event of simultaneous attack from two or three directions - admittedly they have not very favourable alternatives with their present strength.

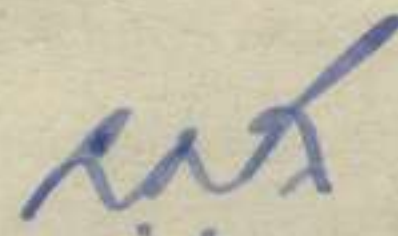
3. The three most vital localities are PASO, AMAHOESOE and LAHA. PASO is weak in that it has no left forward position (for which I proposed to arrange, but cannot do so without the additional units I have requested) and as a result the right forward position (at WAITATIRI) would become untenable. PASO could then be dominated from the North and N E.

4. AMAHOESOE is a strong position but can be only lightly held. If arty. is employed at PASO (as it must be if attacked) there will be no arty. support for this or any other locality.

5. LAHA is isolated and cannot be reinforced.

6. NAMLEA is a separate responsibility of N.E.I. Force (one Coy) and is NOT discussed here as it is outside the Island of AMBON.

7. LIANG airfield (North of WAAI) is NOT yet complete. If it should be completed before enemy attack - which is extremely doubtful - protection will be required there.



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Comd. GULL Force.

Disposition GULL and N.E.I. Forces (Contd.)

GULL Force

AMBOINA side (now at TAN TOEY Camp, and preparations being made for dispersion)

2/21 Bn - less LAHA det.
A Tk Tp.
One Sec Engrs.
det Fd. Amb.
Other details.

Proposed initial dispositions for action:-

Inf. One Coy with one Sec carriers and one det. mortars PASO area.
One Coy with one det. mortars for AMAHOESOE.
No. 2 Pl. TAN TOEY area.
No. 5 Pl. TAN TOEY area, but prepared for PASO or AMAHOESOE areas.

RESERVE:

One Coy)
One sec carriers) South of TAN TOEY area.
Two dets mortars)

Role: (a) To reinforce PASO or AMAHOESOE Coys
(b) For HALONG or AMBOINA
(c) For local defence.

A Tk Tp. Primary role PASO area, but prepared for other alternative tasks.

Engrs. O.C. and small det. at Bn.H.Q., balance disposed for demolition and/or repair tasks in Coy areas, incl. also LAHA.

Fd. Amb. Disposed for three improvised C.C.S's (Two AMBOINA side, one LAHA side)
NB. AIF and RAAF MO's and personnel are pooled to do the best they can in the circumstances. There will NOT be an MO available for a RAP as such.

ASC and other details. Disposed as between Bn.H.Q. area and LAHA.

Bn.H.Q. South of TAN TOEY camp area.
Intercomn personnel (Sigs) will be disposed to best advantage to maintain comn. with Coy areas, with AGH and N.E.I. HQ.

LAHA side:

One Coy
" sec carriers
two dets mortars
det each No.1 and No.6 Pl.
Role: Protection of aerodrome area.

N.E.I. Force

AMBOINA

(a) One Inf Coy - Coy HQ)
One Sec)

WAAI
HITOEELAMA
TOELEHOB

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Disposition of GULL and N.E.I. Forces (Contd.)

One Inf Coy (Mobile)		PASO
One Inf Coy		ERIE
One Inf Coy		COAL WHARF
One Inf Coy		LAHA
One Inf Coy (10 Bdes)	Coy HQ	VICTORIA
	Three Bdes.	PASO
	" "	HALONG
	Two "	G. NONA.
	One "	Guard Duties - (VICTORIA)
	One "	Guard Duties - (SCHOOL near TERRITORIAL HQ)

(b) 7.7 mm M M G

10 plus 4.	2 - COAL WHARF)	
	2 - ERIE)	
	2 - HITOELAMA)	(MG and Mortar Coy
	2 - PASO)	with HQ at VICTORIA)
	2 - TOELEHOE)	
	4 - LAHA)	

7.7 mm Twin L M G

2. 2 - LAHA

7.7 mm L M G

2. 2 - LAHA

12.7 mm H M G

4. 1 - BENTENG
3 - TOEHAMETEN

12.7 mm AA H M G

6. 3 - HALONG
3 - LAHA

2 cm A Tk Rifles

2. 2 - VICTORIA

4 cm Bofors AA Guns

4. 2 - LAHA
2 - HALONG

Stokes Mortars

12. 4 - HITOELAMA
8 - VICTORIA (MG and Mortar Coy
with HQ at VICTORIA)

75 mm Fd Guns, Mobile

8. 4 - HALONG
4 - PASO

7 cm Fd Guns, Mobile

4. 4 - BENTENG (Arty Barracks).

3.7 cm Guns, Mobile

2. 2 - BOOM (HALONG)

75 mm Naval Guns, Fixed

2. 1 - HALONG
1 - COAL WHARF

6 inch Naval Guns, Fixed

4. 4 - TOEHAMETEN

Armd Cs.

4. 3 - LAHA (Each one 7.7 mm M M G)
1 - VICTORIA (One 7.7 mm L M G)

Searchlights - Coast, Fixed 1.5 m.

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1 - TOEHAMETEN

3.	Coast, Mobile, 1.1 m.	1 - HALONG
		2 - PASO
12.	Portable	12 - BENTENG
1.	Coast, Fixed, 30 cm	1 - BOOM (HALONG)

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1 - TOEHAMETEN

Disposition of GULL and N.E.I. Forces (Contd.)

Comparative Organisation.

(a) INF. One N.E.I. Bde approx. equivalent one A.I.F. Sec.
 " " Sec " " " " Pl.
 " " Coy " " " " Coy.

(b) ARTY. One N.E.I. Sec approx. equivalent one A.I.F. Sec.
 " " Bty " " " " Tp.

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==== GULL Force

29 Dec 41

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A H Q,
MELBOURNE

MEDICAL REPORT - GULL FORCE

It is intended to establish three Casualty Clearing Stations situated at LATERI, AMAHOESOE, and LAHA, each staffed by one of the three Medical Offrs with GULL Force, and a proportion of the personnel available from the det. 2/12 Fd. Amb. As evacuation from these C C S's would probably be impracticable, they would have to operate as R A P, M D S, C C S and be prepared to hold all casualties until the situation cleared sufficiently for their evacuation to the local Military Hospital - if it remains intact.

In the case of LAHA, it is anticipated that the avenue for evacuation by launch would be impossible during action, and this post would certainly have to be prepared to treat and hold all casualties for an indefinite period.

The disposition of medical personnel as above, leaves no staff to operate an R A P at the battle HQ and reserve area of the Force; and should any Medical Offr. become a casualty, his replacement would not be possible.

Own personnel have commenced work in the construction of two of the above three C C S's.

2. The Force has one ambulance on strength, and this has been supplemented by one 30 cwt truck which will be fitted to transport casualties. Even with both vehicles available, it leaves much to be desired, particularly as LAHA must be regarded separately. The lack of surgical equipment has been brought to your notice in telegram G.07 of 26 Dec 41. This equipment is essential, the present stock being inadequate.

3. Evacuations have been made to the local Military Hospital which is situated in the township of AMBON. Arrangements, if any, for evacuation of casualties beyond AMBON are not known, and this has caused concern.

One Offr. casualty, VX 45914 Capt. LOUGHNAN, K. J. has a broken leg, and the Medical Offrs. have recommended that he be evacuated to AUSTRALIA as soon as possible. It is hoped that this may be arranged with RAAF, but it is rather indefinite at present.

There are no facilities for convalescence of patients on the island.

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Comd. GULL Force.

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WINNELLIE

SUB-UNIT TNG SYLLABUS.

WEEK 1/7 Dec 41

SUB-UNIT	MON 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	REMARKS
A Coy	[Green/Blue shading]							5 NCO's 24 OR's 7 MD Security Guard (Remainder Camp Works.
B Coy	[Green/Blue shading]							7 MD Security Guard.
C Coy	[Blue shading]							DARWIN Town Picquet, Camp Work Parties (until required.
D Coy	[Green/Blue shading]							Bn Duties and two posts 7 MD security (Guard.
Reinf Cadre	[Brown shading]							Syllabus as attached.
1	[Purple shading]							1. Sub-unit Syllabus attached.
2	[Brown shading]							2. HQ COY Cadre Camp Area. Syllabus Att.
3	[Purple shading]							3. Sub-unit Syllabus Attached.
4	[Purple shading]							4. " " "
5	[Blue shading]							5. 1 Sec " " "
6	[Brown shading]							6. 1 Sec Camp Work Parties.
6	[Brown shading]							6. 15 Drs HQ.Coy Cadre. Reminder Normal Duties.
LEGEND	<p>[Green/Blue shading] CAMP WORK PARTIES & BN DUTIES.</p> <p>[Brown shading] CADRES</p> <p>[Green shading] SPECIAL TASKS</p> <p>[Purple shading] SUB-UNIT SYLLABUS.</p>							<p>1. A&D COYS & Other Pls H.Q.COY supply Drs to relieve 6 Pl personnel to attend Cadre.</p> <p>2. 30 yds range WINNELLIE will be used by available personnel, incl H.Q.Coy Q details and Cooks.</p>

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WINNELLIE

SUB-UNIT TNG SYLLABUS.

WEEK 8/14 DEC 41

SUB-UNIT	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14	REMARKS
A Coy	[Green shading]							5 NCO's, 24 OR's, 7 MD Security Guards. (Remainder Camp works) 7 MD Security Guards.
B Coy	[Green shading]							
C Coy	[Black shading]							
D Coy	[Green shading]							
Reinforcement	[Brown shading]							DARWIN Town Picquet Coy Trek. Details attached Syllabus attached
Cadre	[Brown shading]							
Motor Cycle	[Brown shading]							" "
Cadre	[Brown shading]							" "
1	[Purple shading]							Sub-Unit syllabus attached. Bn. & Coy Duties HQ Coy Cadre CAMP AREA (Same syllabus as last week) Bn. & Coy Duties 1 Sec Sub-unit syllabus, 1 Sec Camp work parties 15 Drs HQ Coy Cadre. Remainder normal duties
2	[Blue shading]							
3	[Brown shading]							
4	[Blue shading]							
5	[Brown shading]							
6	[Purple shading]							
LEGEND	[Green shading]	Special tasks & Tng.						
	[Blue shading]	Camp work parties & Bn. Duties						
	[Black shading]	DARWIN Town Picquet						
	[Brown shading]	Cadres						
	[Purple shading]	Sub-Unit Syllabus						
		D Coy and other Pls HQ Coy supply drs to relieve 6 Pl. personnel to attend Cadre.						

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	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Pl.	0815 Inspection 0830 March 0900 Flag Tests 1030 Lamp Tests 1145 Buzzer Pract 1400 Teams Pract. 1615 (Flag Lamp Fullerphone Wireless)	0815 Inspection 0830 March 0900 Teams Pract. 1030 Battery Charging 1400 Teams Pract. 1615	0815 Inspection 0830 March 0900 Teams Pract. 1030 Introductory Lecture & Pract. Work 101 Sets 1400 Teams Pract. 1615	0815 Inspection 0830 March 0900 Teams Pract. 1030 Battery Charging 1400 Teams Pract. 1615	0815 Inspection 0830 March 0900 Teams Pract. 1030 101 Sets.- Setting up Stns. - Establ. Commn. 1400 Teams Pract. 1615	0815 Inspection 0830 March 0900 Teams Pract. 1030 Maint. of St. 1400 Teams Pract. 1615
2 Pl.		HEADQUARTER	COY	CADRE		
3 Pl.	0815 Test. Equip. Sights 0915 Indicat. of Targets & J.D. 1015 Det. Drill 1400 Field Duties (Before & Aft. Task Given)	0815 Semaphore 0915 Gas 1015 Con. & Cam. 1400 Field Duties (In Action)	0815 Observ. of Fire 0915 Lecture - Append. "B" A.T.M. No. 3 1015 Supply Ammn. in Field 1115 Field Sigs	0815 Det. Drill 1400 General Training	0815 Occupn. of Positn. (night - Daylight Recce.) 1400 Field Duties (Special)	Y D M I N I S T R A T
4 Pl.	Bayonet Tr. & Gun Drill (1 hr.) Maint. of Stores & Carriers Eng. Details & Maint Driv. Instruct.	Cas. Beach Sand Table Ex. Bn. in Defence Driv. Instr.	Vis. Train. & J.D. Tests Route March L.M.G. Recapit. Driv. Instr. Eng. Details	Route March Gun Drill Mount. & Dismount Action Prep. for Night Fire Eng. Dets. Driv. Instr.	Maint. of Vehicles & Stores Gun Drill & Fire Orders	S T R A T
5 Pl. Drip- stone (Move out Sun)	0730 Admin. Syll. Scheme 0845 Lect. "Obst. Stant. Traps" 1130 Lect. "Princ. Explos 2000 Lect. "Bby Tps" (Above Syllabus for No. 2 Sect.	0730 R. Drill & P.T. 0845 Obst. Nat. 1000 Lect. "Conceal" 1130 Lect. "Bdngg Unexp. Bnbs. 1400	0730 S.A. Drill 0845 Con. & Cam. 1000 Bridging 1130 Obstacles Rd. Blocks 2000 River Crngs - No. 1 Sect.	0730 P.T. & Bayon. 0845 Lect. "Dfnce. Para Tps." 1000 Obstacles Artificial 1130 Explos. Tps. 1400 Elem Fld Eng CAMP CONSTRUCTION	0730 P.T. & Bayonet. 0845 Obstacles A.F.V. d 1000 Simp. Bdngg. 1130 Lect. "A/Tk. Mines" 2000 Tactics - Gas	I O N
6 Pl.	18 Drivers Headquarter Coy. Cadre		- Remainder	NORMAL DUTIES		

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
No.1 Pl.	0800 Inspection 0815 Marching Squad Drill (W/WO.Arms) 0900 COMPETITION 1015 1030 101 Sets - Setting Up Stns.Establ. Comm. 1400- 1615	0800 Inspection 0815 Marching Squad Drill (W/WO.Arms) TEAMS MORNING 1030 101 Sets - Verbal Messages TEAMS	0800 Inspection 0815 Marching Squad Drill (W/WO.Arms) PRACTICE TEA 1030 101 Sets } Phonograms PRACTICE	0800 Inspection 0815 Marching (Squad Drill W/WO.Arms) 1030 101 Sets } Daily & Weekly Maintenance (2 ORs. M.C.CLASS --	0800 Inspection 0815 Marching Squad Drill (W/WO.Arms) 1030 101 Sets - Changing R/T to C.T. Tuning Sets. TPT.LINES)	0800 Inspection 0815 Marching Squad Drill (W/WO.Arms)
No.2 Pl.	COY. DUTIES	--	2 ORs M.C.CLASS	--	2 ORs R.A.P. ORDERLIES	
No.3 Pl.	HEADQUARTER (Location --	COY CADRE RAPID CREEK)	--	2 ORs M.C. CLASS		
No.4 Pl.	13 ORs CARRIER	MAINTENANCE REMAINDER	--	11 ORs M.T. Bn. DUTIES	RELIEF DRIVING	
No.5 Pl.	No. 1 Sec. CAMP No. 2 Sec. : } 0730 Admin. Syll. Scheme 0845 Lect. "Obst. Stant. Traps" 1130 Lect. "Princ. Explos. " 2000 Lect. "Bby. Tps. "	0730 R. Drill & P.T. 0845 Obst. Nat. 1000 Lect. "Conceal. " 1130 Lect. "Bridging" 1400 Unexp. Bmbs. (Location --	CONSTRUCTION -- 1 OR 0730 S.A. Drill 0845 Con. & Cam. 1000 Bridging 1130 Obstacles Rd. Blocks 2000 River Crngs DRIPSTONE)	M.C. CLASS	0730 P.T. & Bayon. 0845 Lect. "Defnce. Para. Tps. " 0845 Obstacles A.F.V.s 1000 Simp. Bdgug. 1130 Lect. "A/Tk. Mines" 2000 Tactics-Gas	
No.6 Pl.	18 M.T. REMAINDER	DRIVERS NORMAL	HEADQUARTER DUTIES	COY CADRE (RAPID CREEK)		

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H.Q. COY. TNG. CADRE for 30 MEN
Location CAMP

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0815 to 0845	Fall in	Inspection	—	Bayonet	Training	
0850 to 1000	L.M.G. Lessons 5-7	L.M.G. Lesson 12 Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6.	L.M.G. Stoppages	L.M.G. Stoppages	L.M.G. Stoppages (Live Rounds)	
		M O R N I N G	T E A			
1020 to 1100	L.M.G. Lesson 12 Secs. 1 & 2	L.M.G. Lesson 13	Map Reading (Reference System)	A.A.	Bayonet Assault Course	
1100 to 1215	(a) Grenade (b) Wiring	(a) Grenade (Discharger) (b) Compass	Rifle — Load. & Unload. Fire Positions	A.A.	Bayonet Assault Course	
		L U N C H				
1400 to 1615	(a) A/Tk. Rifle (b) Map Reading	Incidental Tng. & Compass	Clearing a Wood (Live Rounds)	Concealment & Section Stalk	(a) 30 yd. Range Landscape Tgt. (b) Morse	
1940	Demo. Noises at Night		Night Patrol	Night Raid		

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Coy Pde.	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill
Period 1.	Bayonet Recapitulation.	Bayonet.Less.5.	Bayonet Less. 5.	Bayonet controlled charge.	Bayonet firing from hip.	Bayonet. All squads.
Lecturette	Air Defence	March Discipline	Organisation of Battalion.	Theory of small arms fire.	Theory of small arms fire.	MARCH
A.M. TEA	Smoke-oh	Smoke-oh	Smoke-oh	Smoke-oh	Smoke-oh	and
Period 2.	LMG I.A. Pam 4a Less 13.	LMG Less.14.	LMG Less. 14.	LMG Elementary Handling Less.12.	LMG. Less.12	ADM.
Period 3.	LMG Stoppages Less.14.	LMG Less.14.	LMG Less. 14.	LMG Additional Stripping Less.15.	LMG. Less.15	
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
Period 4.	Fieldcraft Keeping direction Pam.33.	Messages MTP 33 Sec 18. & ISL	Messages ISL	Individual Stalk Sec. 19.	Individual Stalk Sec. 19.	
Period 5.	Respirator Drill	War Gases. Def. against Gas Appx. 1.	Respirator Drill	Duties of Gas Sentries. DAG Sec 45.	First Aid - Gas Casualties, DAG Chap.iii	
Period 6.	Rifle TOET	Rifle TOET	Rifle TOET	Rifle Less.23.	Rifle Less.24.	
		NIGHT TNG. MTP 33 Sec.16	NIGHT TNG. MTP 33 Sec.15.			J. F. Major, Capt. O.C. Cadre.

P.T.O. for TIMETABLE

TIMETABLE

	0805	Tent Inspection
	0820	Coy. Pde. Inspection
	0840-0910	Close order Drill
	0910-0935	Squadding, Draw stores, March to tng area.
	0935-1010	1st Period
	1015-1030	Lecturette
		SMOKE-ON
	1040-1120	2nd Period
	1125-1200	3rd Period
	1200-1215	Return Stores, Orders, Dismiss.
		LUNCH
	1345	Fall-in, Draw stores, move to tng. area.
	1400-1435	4th Period
	1440-1515	5th Period
	1520-1555	6th Period
	1555-1615	Return Stores, Orders, Dismiss.

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2/21 BN. REINFORCEMENT CADRE TNG SYLLABUS.

WEEK 8 - 13 DEC 41.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Soy Pde	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill	Setting up Drill
Period 1.	Bayonet. Firing from hip	ROUTE MARCH TO DRIPSTONE LUNCH, SWIM, RESTURE	Bayonet. Pointing at Grd	Digging	Bayonet Recapitulation	Bayonet. All squads
Lecturette	Map Reading		Map Reading	Slit Trench	Map Reading	MARCH and ADM.
A.M. TEA	Smoke-oh		Smoke-oh	Weapon Pit	Smoke-oh	
Period 2	LMG. Additional stripping. Less 15		LMG - Elementary handling Less. 12	Crawl Trench	LMG - Lesson 12 Incl A.A.	
Period 3	Do.		Do.	Wiring	Ditto	
LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
Period 4	Rifle. Less. 24 Sec fire Discipline		Rifle Lesson 24	Construction of Bayonet	Rifle Recapitulation	
Period 5	First Aid - Gas s DAG Chap iii		War Cases Arthur and Dick	Assault Course	War Gases - Oral Questionnaire	
Period 6	Individual Stalk MTP 33. Sec 15	Duties of Sentries MTP 33. Sec 20		Duties of sentries. MTP 33. Sec 20		
	Night Tng MTP 33. Sec 15	Night Tng Keeping Direction	J. F. MAJOR, Capt. O.G. Cadre.			

TIMETABLE.

0805 Tent Inspection
0820 Coy Pde Inspection
0840 Close order drill
0910
0910 Squadding, draw stores, March to tng area
0935
0935 1st Period
1010
1015 Lecturette
1030
SMOKE-OH
1040 2nd Period
1120
1125 3rd Period
1200
1200 Return Stores, Orders, Dismiss
1215
LUNCH
1345 Fall-in, Draw stores, move to tng area
1400 4th Period
1435
1440 5th Period
1515
1520 6th Period
1555
1555 Return Stores, Orders, Dismiss
1615

'D' Coy, 2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

5 Dec 41.

'D' COY TREK.

DURATION. 8 - 13 Dec 41 inclusive

<u>LOCATION.</u>	Leave	CAMP -	Mon 8 Dec 41	Arrive	McMINNES LAGOON	Mon 8 Dec 41
"	"	McMINNS	Tue 9 " "	"	30-MILE POST	Tue 9 " "
"	"	30-MILE POST	Wed 10 " "	"	MANTON GAP	Wed 10 " "
"	"	MANTON GAP	Thu 11 " "	"	COOMALIE GAP	Thu 11 " "
"	"	COOMALIE	Fri 12 " "	"	MANTON GAP	Fri 12 " "
"	"	MANTON GAP	Sat 13 " "	"	30-MILE POST	Sat 13 " "

RECCE. Further recce may necessitate some slight adjustment of stages

OBJECTS. (1) To practice Coy in distance marching, and consequently harden all ranks by this work.
(2) To give fillip to esprit de corps and morale
(3) To afford Pl and Sec Comds an opportunity to study their Comds, and their march discipline.

ADM ARRANGEMENTS. Similar to that adopted on TRAWOOL-BONEGILLA trek - i.e. Adv Party goes ahead each day to establish kitchen and erect flys etc. Stores include 20 flys, 36 pickets long, 60 pickets short, 80 yds rope or wire for strainer. Ration delivery to be arranged.

TPT. A and B Ech vehicles.
5 bicycles

It is intended that the Coy be lifted back to Camp from 30-MILE on Sat 13 Dec 41

C. F. NEWHAM, Capt.
O.C. 'D' Coy 2/21 Bn

MOTOR CYCLE CLASS

2/21 Bn.
H.Q. Coy

8 - 13 DEC. 41

350 c.c. ROYAL ENFIELD MOTOR CYCLE

TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	SQUAD
MON 0815 to 1215	Operation - Controls - Driving hints - Running in - Lubrication (Gear box, Chain, Grease gun) troubles on road. Stoppages - Overhauling engine. De-Carbonizing. Removal of cyl head. Cylinder. Piston. Valves - Removal of carbon and grinding of valves Riding Instruction	L/Cpl TAYLOR, W.A.	No. 1.
		Pte. SMITH, W.E.	No. 2.
MON 1400 to 1615	Re-assembling of engine. Removal of engine from frame. Dismantling crankcase. Re-assembling crankcase. Valve timing. Ignition timing. Sparking plugs. Lighting set. Automatic voltage control. Carburettor Riding Instruction	L/Cpl TAYLOR, W.A.	No. 2.
		Pte. SMITH, W.E.	No. 1.
TUE 0815) to) 1215) 1400) to) 1615)	Operation - Controls etc	L/Cpl TAYLOR	No. 21
	Riding instruction	Pte. SMITH	No. 1.
	Re-assembling of engine, etc	L/Cpl TAYLOR	No. 1.
	Riding instruction	Pte. SMITH	No. 2.
WED 0815 to 1215	Transmission. Clutch. Chain adjustment. Removal of wheels, mudguard, tyres, brakes, wheel bearings, front fork, shock absorbers, steering damper, ball head. Riding instruction	L/Cpl TAYLOR	No. 2
		Pte. SMITH	No. 1.
WED 1400 to 1615	Transmission, etc Riding instruction	L/Cpl TAYLOR	No. 1.
		Pte. SMITH	No. 2.

Personnel required to attend Course : No. 1 Pl - 2. No. 2 Pl - 2. No. 3 Pl - 2. No. 5 Pl - 1.
Bn HQ - 5.

Nos 1, 2 & 3 Pls will attend Mon/Wed and remainder Thu/Sat.
It is essential that all personnel nominated possess Army Driving License Class v.
They will report at Tpt office prior to commencement of class.

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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.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks													2	2	
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel											1	4	5	20	30
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	4	5	22	32

7/21 Bn

Unit.

[Signature]

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 Dec 41

23 Aust Inf Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/21 Bm

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants	1		
Quartermasters			
Totals	39		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	VX 41587	ROACH. L.N.	2/21 B	Yes	
Major	VX 44187	MACRAE. I.F.	"	"	
Major	VX 43876	NEWBURY. M.W.M.	"	"	
Major	VX 44808	WESTLEY C. & V.	"	"	
Capt	VX 44777	NEUNHAM. C.F.	"	"	
"	VX 44354	SANDY D.A.	"	"	
"	VX 44346	PERRY D.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44194	LOUGHNAN. K.J.	"	"	
"	VX 44395	MISKIN. P.A.	"	"	
"	VX 45196	TURNER J.M.	"	"	
"	VX 45224	WATCHORN. N.E.	"	"	
"	VX 44790	HOOKE. J.E.	"	"	
"	VX 44506	MAJOR. J.F.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 44903	GABRIEL. R.C.	"	"	
"	VX 44758	JACK. A.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44812	JINKINS W.T.	"	"	
"	VX 45913	BEST. R.D.	"	"	
"	VX 45608	WHITTAKERS J.D.	"	"	
"	VX 45076	GROUSE A.B.	"	"	
"	VX 44353	DAVIS. J.L.	"	"	
"	VX 45190	JAFFREY H.G.	"	"	
"	VX 44612	MCBRIDE. I.H.	"	"	
"	VX 45199	CHAPMAN. W.A.M.	"	"	
"	VX 36758	CALDER. M.M.H.	"	No	Leave 3 MO
"	VX 44804	MISKIN. R.E.	"	Yes	
"	VX 25274	ANDERSON. S.F.	"	"	
"	VX 46491	SEABROOK. E.N.	"	"	
"	VX 36929	VAN. NOOTEN. J.C.	"	"	
"	VX 46431	MELLOR J.H.	"	No	HQ AGH
"	VX 39103	SUTCLIFFE G.W.	"	Yes	
"	VX 24699	PULLIN. C.R.	"	"	
"	VX 46446	CHAPLIN. W.J.	"	"	
"	VX 46430	MCCUTCHEON. C.B.	"	"	
"	VX 24681	GODFREY R.	"	"	
"	VX 46435	RUSSELL. G.T.	"	"	
"	VX 20212	GREEN. R.J.	"	"	
"	VX 46492	STEWART V.L.	"	"	
"	VX 41975	CROZIER. D.C.A.	"	No	School 2 MO
"	VX 21291	MALDOWELL. M.H.	"	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 31470	ATKEN W	R.A.M.C.	15.7.40	R.M.O.
Chaplain	VX 60727	COCHRANE. V.E.	R.A.C.D.	30.8.41	R.C. Padre
Lieut	QX 22449	HACK. L.F.	R.A.P.C.	1.10.41	Paymaster

2/21 B
5 Dec 41

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

R. Roach
23 Aust Inf. Bde.

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/21 B.V.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	24		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	37		2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	BEST, R B.	<i>2/21 B.V.</i>	<i>1/27/41</i>	<i>Transferred to 2010 for medical reasons</i>
Lieut	CROZIER, D C A	"	<i>1.12.41</i>	<i>Attending Army Signal School (A.S.S.) Zulterport. N.S.W.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>			

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
1 Personnel															
General duty personnel														6426	36
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														6428	36

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Unit.

M. Toach
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 Dec 41

"Gull" Force
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., 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
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt	441587	ROACH L.N.	2/21 Bw	Yes	
Major	44787	MAGRAE T.P.	"	"	
"	43876	NEWBURY M.W.H.	"	"	
"	44702	WESTLEY G.de V.	"	"	
Captain	44777	NEWINGHAM C.F.	"	"	
"	44334	SANDY B.A.	"	"	
"	44340	PERRY D.G.	"	"	
"	43914	LOUGHNAN K.J.	"	NO	In Ambrose Mills, Hosp
"	43198	TURNER J.M.	"	Yes	
"	44195	MISKIN P.P.	"	"	
"	44190	HOOKE J.E.	"	"	
"	43224	WATCHORN H.E.	"	"	
"	44300	MASOR J.F.	"	"	
Lieut	44905	GABRIEL R.C.	"	"	
"	44788	JACK A.C.	"	"	
"	43602	WHITTAKER'S J.D.	"	"	
"	44353	DAVIS J.L.	"	"	
"	43078	GROUSE H.B.	"	"	
"	44498	JINKINS W.T.	"	"	
"	43190	JARREY T.C.	"	"	
"	44612	MURPHY I.H.	"	"	
"	43199	CHAPMAN W.A.M.	"	"	
"	36750	CHLOEK M.H.	"	"	
"	44324	ANDERTON S.P.	"	"	
"	44804	MISKIN R.E.	"	"	
"	46841	SCARBROOK B.W.	"	"	
"	36424	VAN NOOTEN J.C.	"	"	
"	46431	MELLOR J.K.	"	"	
"	30163	SUTCLIFFE G.W.	"	"	
"	2466	PULLIN C.R.	"	"	
"	24621	GOODEY R.	"	"	
"	46448	CHAPLIN W.J.	"	"	
"	46430	MONTGOMERY C.S.	"	"	
"	46481	RUSSELL G.T.	"	"	
"	20212	GREEN S.J.	"	"	
"	46492	STEWART V.L.	"	"	
"	22291	M'DONNELL M.H.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Vk 31470	Captain	AITKEN W.	A.A.M.E.	15/7/40	R.A.O.
Chaplain	460727	COCHRANE V.E.	A.A.C.H.D.	30/5/41	RC Padre
Lieut	4622449	HACK L.F.	A.A.P.E.	1.10.41	Myrmaster
Chaplain	Vk 48124	PATMORE C.H.	A.A.C.H.D.	11.12.41	Padre from 23 Aug 41

2/21 Bw A.I.F.

(Unit.)

27 Dec 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

'Gull' Force

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

OFFICIAL A.M.R.&.O. 1587.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

1 Dec 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 412

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. V. L. STEWART
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. FOLEY, D. G. P.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. LONG, A. H. M.

2. AMN. REQUISITIONS

Amn. Requisitions will be signed by the following personnel: Coy Comds., QM., 2 i/c., and submitted to RSM for issue.

3. COY. ORDERLY OFFRS.

Coys will ensure that the name of the oncoming Coy Orderly Officer is submitted on Form C 2128 to Bn.H.Q. by 1500 hrs daily.

4. CORRIGENDA

Bn.R.O's dated 15 Nov 41 No.397. Amend "397" to read "397(a)".
" " " 27 " " " 408 " "408" to read "408(a)".

John Hooke
Capt.

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Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2 Dec 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 413.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.1. DUTIES.Orderly Officer - Lieut. V.L. STEWART
Next for Duty - Lieut. R.J. GREENOrderly N. C.O. - Sjt LONG, A.H.M.
Next for Duty - Sjt FOLEY, D.G.R.2. PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are promulgated :

To be Specialists Trade Group iii (Reinforcements) :-

VX23346	Pte.	WILLIAMSON, G.F.	HQ Coy	- dated	14 Apr 41.
" 25170	"	WALKER, L.J.F.	" "	"	" " "
" 31311	"	LEE, E.H.	" "	"	1 Jan "
" 32390	"	COOKE, L.W.	A Coy	"	" " "
" 3 1762	"	HODGEN, W.E.	B "	"	" " "
" 46422	"	WILSHIRE, C.	C "	"	" " "
" 24718	"	FIELD, J.R.	D "	"	25 Apr "
" 41748	"	BUCHANAN, A.D.	HQ "	"	1 Sep "
" 46629	"	WATSON, F.	A "	"	14 Jun "
" 24399	"	CLELAND, H.R.	C "	"	14 " "
" 24803	"	BROWN, R.C.	A "	"	31 Aug 40
" 30391	"	SUMNER, W.W.	B "	"	1 Nov 41
" 43298	"	McCOOMB, A.J.	HQ "	"	14 Apr "
" 42203	"	PATTERSON, H.H.	HQ "	"	" " "
" 25649	L/Cpl	LOCARNINI, G.G.	HQ "	"	1 Dec 40
" 11348	Pte.	TAYLOR, D.	A "	"	14 Jun 41

It is to be clearly understood that these appointments are acting only.

John M. Roche
Adj. 2/21 Bn. Capt.

OFFICIAL A.M.R. & O. 1587.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

3 Dec 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 414.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lieut. R. J. GREEN
Next for Duty - Lieut. I. G. JAFFREY

Orderly Sjt - Sjt. FOLEY, D.G.P.
Next for Duty - Sjt. LONG, A.M.M.

2. CANTEEN PICQUET.

A Canteen Picquet of 1 N.C.O. and 8 OR's will mount on Fri,
Sat, and Sun - 5, 6 and 7 Dec. Roster - Fri and Sat, 'C'
Coy; Sun, 'D' Coy.

3. R.A.A.F. PICTURE SHOW (Ex 7 MD R.O's 29 Nov 41)

In future Military personnel will not attend pictures at
R.A.A.F. unless specifically invited by a member of the
R.A.A.F.

4. PROMOTION.

The following promotion is promulgated:
To be A/L/Cpl - VX23351 Pte. AUSTIN, G/W - 'B' Coy - dated
3 Dec 41.

It is to be clearly understood that the above rank is acting
only.

5. TRANSFERS.

The following personnel are transferred from Rfcts to 'D' Coy:

VX60505 Pte. CONNORS, D.R.)
VX50160 " WEBB, J.W.J.) dated 3 Dec 41.

J.E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adjt. 2/21 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 415.

4 Dec 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M. C. E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lieut I.G. JAFFREY
Next for Duty - Lieut J.L. DAVIS

Orderly N.C.O. - Sjt LONG, A.H.M.
Next for Duty - Sjt FOLEY, D.G.P.

2. PROMOTIONS

The following promotions and appointments are promulgated:-

TO BE A/L/SJT

VX 42530 A/Cpl. CRAY, G. W. "A" Coy, Dated 4 Dec 41

TO BE A/L/CPL

VX 26342 Pte. MARSH, J. "A" Coy. Dated 4 Dec 41.

TO BE A/SJT

VX 42522 A/L/SJT CAMERON, H.A. "A" Coy, Dated 4 Dec 41.

3. REVERSION.

VX 27346 A/Cpl O'BRYAN, C.R. 'A' Coy reverts to the ranks at his own request. (A.M.R.&.O. 227). Dated 4 Dec 41.

John W. ...
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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NOTICES.

LECTURE: Maj. PLANT will lecture at WINNELLIE Theatre TONIGHT Thu 4 Dec 41 at 1930 hrs. SUBJECT: Greek & Crete Campaigns.

RUGBY: 2/21 Bn. Rugby Union F.C. will play 2/14 Fd Regt at VESTEY'S Ground on Sat. 6 Dec 41 at 1600 hrs. Tpt. will leave "A" Coy Mess Hut at 1530 hrs.

FOOTBALL: 2/21 Bn. v Light HY Arty EAST POINT at 2/21 Bn. Ground Sat 6 Dec 41.

Players: Hood, Kelly, Tait, Gambold, Jackson, D? Hinch, Lt. Jinkins, Ansett, U'ren, O'Donoghue, Perrin, Wightman, Jackson, S., Riddock, Cpl. Plum, Woodward, Crawe, Arnell, Smale, Heathcote, Newman.

Report to ground at 1400 hrs at Sat. to select Capt. and Vice Capt.

Uniform: Bn. sweaters & players to provide black 'knicks'

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ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 416

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HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
WINNELLIE

5 Dec 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. J. L. DAVIS
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. M. H. MACDOWELL
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt. FOLEY, D. G. P.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. LONG, A. H. M.

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John H. H. H.
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICES

PICTURES: Pictures will be shown at WINNELLIE Camp Theatre TONIGHT. Programme includes:-
"GOODBYE BROADWAY" & "ARIZONA LEGION"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6 Dec 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 417

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer	-	Lieut. M. H. MACDOWELL
Next for Duty	-	Lieut. A. B. GROWSE
Orderly N C O	-	Sjt. LONG, A. H. M.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt. ANDERSON, P.

2. XMAS GREETINGS TELEGRAMS (Extract Bde R.O. No.83)

PMG Branch have asked that Xmas telegrams shall be lodged at least 10 days before Xmas, otherwise delivery cannot be ensured by the correct date. Telegrams to be endorsed "For delivery 24 or 25 Dec".

3. CHURCH PDE.

All sub-Units will move independently to WINNELLIE Theatre for Church Pde. and be seated by 0915 hrs. Sun. 7 Dec 41. The theatre will not be available to be occupied until after 0905 hrs.

HOLY COMMUNION: 0715 hrs. NEW RECREATION HUT.

R.C. CHURCH PDE. 0820 Duties Pde. Ground. Bn. Orderly NCO will march pde to WINNELLIE Theatre, to be there by 0830 hrs.

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John H. ...
Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICES

LOST: 'Wylor' Wristlet watch with tortoise shell band. This watch was left in the Men's shower room late on Fri. night. Finder please return to Bn.H.Q.

LECTURE: A Lecture will be given at the WINNELLIE CAMP STAGE on Mon. 8 Dec 41 by Lt. Col. INGRAM. Subject: "WITH MAWSON IN THE ANTARCTICA". (1930 hrs.)

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HEADQUARTERS,
2 /21 Bn. A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

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7 Dec 41.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 418

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lieut A.B. GROWSE

Orderly N.C.O. - Sjt ANDERSON, F.
Next for Duty - Sjt HASTIE, G.T.

J.E. HOOKE, Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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WINNELLIE,

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 419

8 DEC 41.

By

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	-	McBRIDE, I.H.
	-	Lieut ANDERSON, XXXX.
Orderly N.C.O.	-	Sjt HASTIE, G.T.
Next for Duty	-	Sjt ANDERSON, F.

2. COLLECTION OF TINS.

All available cigarette and tobacco tins will be collected by all ranks and held in Coy stores. They will be utilised for tea and sugar for issue with iron rations should this be necessary.

John H. ...
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21. Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 420

HEADQUARTERS
2/21 Bn A.I.F.
WINNELLIE.

9 Dec 41

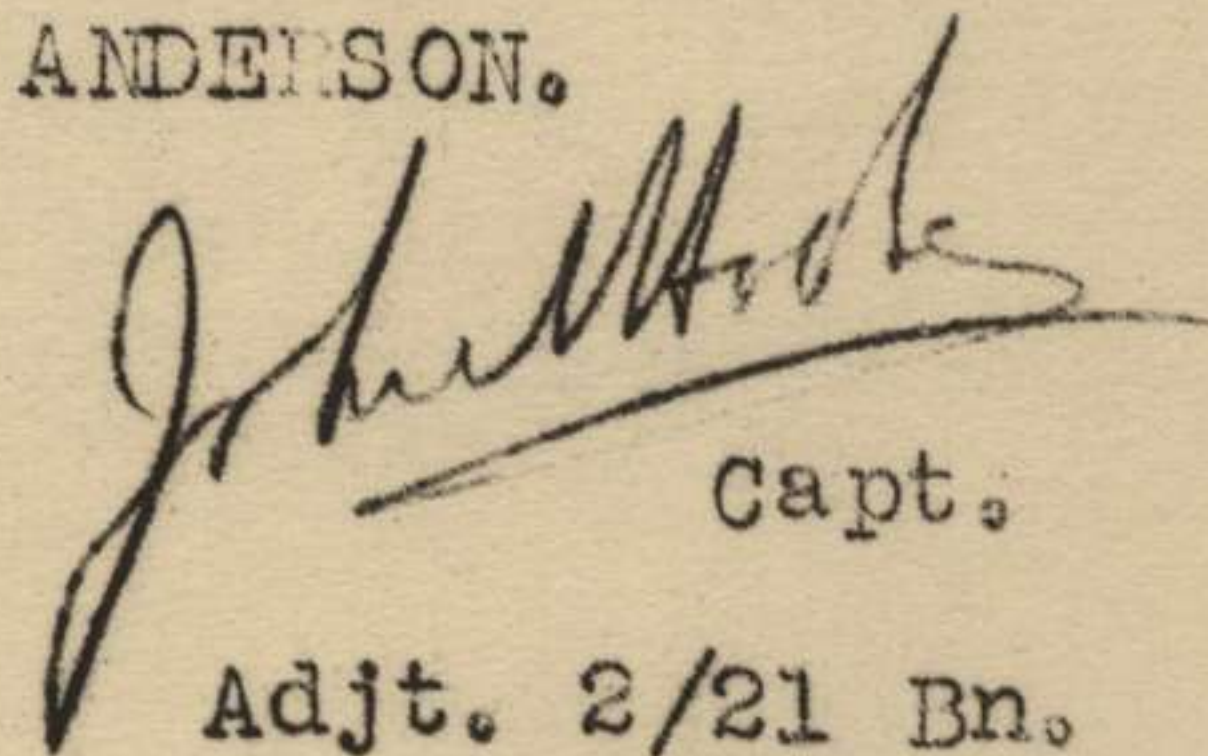
BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES

Orderly Officer - Lieut. C. S. McCUTCHEON

Orderly N. C. O. - Sjt. F. ANDERSON.


Capt.
Adjt. 2/21 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 421.

19 Dec 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C. E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 19 Dec 41 - 'D' Coy
Next for duty - 20 " - 'A' Coy

Bn O.O - Retreat 19 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut V.L.STEWART
" " - Reveille 20 Dec 41 to Retreat - " S.F.ANDERSON

Bn Orderly Sjt - Retreat to Retreat - Sjt. FOLEY, D.G.P.

Coy Standing by - Retreat 19 Dec 41 - 'B' Coy
Next for Duty - Retreat 20 Dec 41 - 'D' Coy

2. DAILY ROUTINE.

Reveille	0530	Sick pde	1630
Sick pde	0600	Evening Meal-Rifle Coys	1645
Brekfast-Rifle Coys	0630	Remainder	1730
Remainder	0715	Retreat	1800
Coy Pdes	0800	First Post	2045
Mid-day Meal-Rifle Coys	1200	Last post	2115
Remainder	1300	Lights Out	2130
Coy Pdes	1345		

3. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Screened lights and screened smoking are permitted at night. Hand torches will be screened to allow a two m.m. strip of light to be used. Steel helmets and respirators will be carried at all times. When unit sirens are sounded, a complete black out will be enforced. Whether day or night personnel will dress in battle order and remain in Coy Lines. Bn orderly bugler will remain at the Guard House. Coy buglers will stand by on road opposite Coy H.Q.

Should buglers blow the Alarm all personnel will move as rapidly as possible to dispersal areas.

All Clear for Blackout or Alarm will be "Carry On" blown by Buglers.

A number of official warnings have been received of the proximity of enemy aircraft. A raid may be expected at any time with little or no warning. All ranks must be prepared to act quickly and silently on warnings received. Sirens are situated in the following positions :- Hill above Offrs Quarters - responsibility 'D' Coy; Tpt Shed - responsibility 'B' Coy; Guard Room - Guard Comd. These sirens will take up any warning from AMBON and act on own observation.

4. TOWN PICQUET.

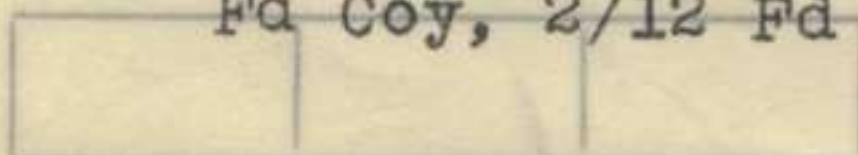
Supplied by Duty Coy daily. Strength - One Offr, Two N.C.O's, 10 O.R's
Tpt to supply 2 vans, report Duty Coy's Office 1730 hrs daily. C.C picquet to report to Adjnt for instructions.

5. LEAVE.

No leave is permitted whatsoever.

6. KITCHEN FATIGUE.

Sub-units will supply kitchen fatigues as under to report to Sjt FINN at Bn kitchen at 0600 hrs daily, and ~~he~~ will remain on duty until released;- Rifle Coys - 2 each; HQ Coy, 3; 'C' Tp A.Tk, 2/11
Fd Coy, 2/12 Fd Amb, AASC Sec, 1 each.



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7. MESS ORDERLIES.

Mess orderlies report 20 minutes before respective sittings, to Sjt FORSSMAN, at Bn kitchen.- Rifle Coys, 4 each; HQ Coy- 6; C Tp A Tk, 2/11 Fd Coy, 2/12 Fd Amb, - 2 each/

8. WATER.

Present stand pipes in TAN TOEY Camp are from AMBON Water Supply This is fit for consumption, but ALL other sources incl native drink and ice cream vendors will NOT be used owing to prevalent risk of Typhoid Fever.

9. WASHING UP AREAS.

Hot water will be available for washing up at area adjacent to taps. All dishes and utensils will be thoroughly cleaned after use.

10. RUBBISH IN CAMP AREA.

Coys will ensure that all rubbish incl shavings, paper^b tins etc. are completely cleared out of lines and placed in any suitable receptacle, ready to be collected by sanitary and garbage fatigues by 0900 hrs daily.

11. LATRINES.

Between Reveille and Retreat, the Septic Tank System will NOT be used. Drums in the septic tank latrines and ablutions bldgs will be filled under Bn arrangements. The septic closets must be flushed by pouring half a bucket of water into the pan each time it is used. To conserve water, only latrines on water front will be used during the day. Deep trench latrines, at rear of camp, are not to be used.

12. PHOTOGRAPHY.

Photography is forbidden within Defence Areas of AMBON. NO undeveloped films will be posted. When arrangements for local developing and printing have been made, they will be promulgated.

13. LAUNDRY.

Under no circumstances will clothes be handed to natives for laundering.

14. NATIVE VILLAGES.

Owing to the prevalence of disease all native villages are out of bounds to tps.

15. OFFERS LINES.

Offers lines are out of bounds ~~to~~ except to batmen and orderlies

16. SPEED LIMITS.

The following speed limits will be observed except in cases of emergency:-

Through Camp Area	-	6 M.P.H. (10 K.P.H.)
All other roads	-	20 "

17. PERSONNEL LEAVING CAMP.

All drivers, work parties, or detachments moving out of camp will carry water bottles filled and messing gear in addition to essential equipment.

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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Australian Military Forces—7th Military District

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 422

20 Dec 41

BY

LT.-COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 20 Dec 41 - 'A' Coy
Next for Duty 21 " " - 'B' "

Bn. O.O. - Retreat 20 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut. J. C. VAN NOOTEN
" " " - Reveille 21 Dec 41 to Retreat - Lieut. G. W. SUTCLIFFE

Bn. Orderly Sjt. - Retreat to Retreat - Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N.

Coy Standing By - Retreat 20 Dec 41 - 'D' Coy
Next for Duty - " 21 " " - 'A' "

2. FERRY BOAT SERVICE - AMBON : LAHADeparts from Digoel Pier: AMBON - LAHA

Sunday	0730 hrs.	1000 hrs.	1400 hrs.
Monday	0700	1000	1400
Tuesday	0700	1000	1400
Wednesday	0700	1000	1400
Thursday	0700	1400	1600
Friday	0530	0700	1400
Saturday	0530	0700	1400

Departs from LAHA:

Sunday	0900 hrs.	1100 hrs.	1500 hrs.
Monday	1000	1100	1500
Tuesday	0900	1100	1500
Wednesday	0900	1100	1500
Thursday	0900	0300	1600
Friday	0630	0900	1400
Saturday	0615	1200	1400

3. HOOKWORM

Owing to the prevalence of hookworm, personnel must on no occasion move outside barrack rooms without footwear.

4. BOUNDS

Camp Hospital and R.A.P. are out of bounds to unauthorised personnel.

5. DRESS

Between 1830 hrs. and Reveille daily, and during air alarm whether by day or night, the following dress will be worn:- Trousers, khaki drill; Shirts with sleeves rolled down. Canvas shoes will NOT be worn.

6. BICYCLE LIGHTS

The headlamps of all Unit bicycles must be painted black. At a height of $\frac{1}{4}$ dia. of glass from the bottom, a strip will be left unpainted. This strip will be 2" wide by $\frac{1}{5}$ " deep. 12" of the end of the rear mudguard will be painted white, and, if possible, a red reflector will be fitted to the centre of this white portion.

7. AIR RAID ALARMS

During an air raid alarm, it is essential that utmost silence be maintained whilst standing by during blackout and when moving to Coy dispersal area. This is necessary to enable gun crews etc. to locate direction of approach of any aircraft which may be in the vicinity, and to permit sentries to hear and relay sirens from AMBON.

8. MARCH THROUGH AMBON

TAN TOEY to debussing Pt.	-	2 miles
Debussing Pt. to Saluting Base	-	1700 yds.
Saluting Base to TAN TOEY	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$ miles

(Continued on page 2.)

8. MARCH THROUGH AMBON (Contd)

Full Force stationed at TAN TOEY will march through AMBON on Sun. 21 Dec 41.

DRESS: Drill order, felt hats turned down, shirts, shorts, stockings, puttees. (Steel helmets and respirators will NOT be carried)

TPT. Tpt. will report to Rifle Coys on HILL ROAD (i.e. Road uphill through Camp) at 0805 hrs. facing BAY. Bn.H.Q. including Band Tpt. report same time to HILL ROAD opposite Guard House. Tpt. for HQ Coy will report HILL ROAD facing BAY at 0825 hrs. Tpt. for attached sub-units, 2/11 Fd Coy, 2/12 Fd Amb, A Tk., AASC, will be drawn up on PASSO ROAD (i.e. main road along coast) Head of coln opp. Bn.H.Q. facing AMBON in order of sub-units above at 0825 hrs. Coys will embus immediately tpt. reports and move 10 mins. after time of reporting in the order of march below. After debussing, tpt. will move under orders of T.O. to tpt. parks. and later, to Camp.

ORDER OF MARCH

Order of March will be:- Band, Bn.H.Q., B, D, A, 2/11, 2/12, A Tk., AASC., HQ Coy. Sub-units will form up in this order in coln of route after debussing, and will allow sufficient room on the road for tpt. to move past. The coln. should move off at approx. 0915 hrs.

D.R.'s.

One D.R. will lead head of coln throughout tpt. move and march. One D.R. will be stationed at R.A.P. HQ (i.e. C/r URMESSING STRAAT and VALENTIJN LAAN).

9. R.C. CHURCH PDE.

R.C. Church Pde. will be held at 0600 hrs. on Sun. 21 Dec 41 in the Recreation Building.

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

OFFICIAL A.M.R.&.O. 1587.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
AMBON

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

21 Dec 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 423

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 21 Dec 41 - 'B' Coy
Next for Duty " " " 22 " " - 'D' "

Bn. O.O. - Retreat 21 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut. W. J. CHAPLIN
" " " - Reveille 22 Dec 41 to Retreat - Lieut. I. H. McBRIDE

Bn. Orderly Sjt. - Retreat to Retreat - L/Sjt. LEWIS, H. T.

Coy Standing By - Retreat 21 Dec 41 - 'A'
Next for Duty - " 22 " " - 'B'

2. MESSING

As from and incl. breakfast on Mon. 22 Dec 41, the personnel at the first and second sittings of meals will be reversed.

3. TOWN PICQUET

In addition to evening Town Picquet, the Duty Coy will mount a Town Picquet at 1300 hrs. for the afternoon. The same strength as the evening picquet will be maintained, and tpt will be supplied by the Coy concerned.

4. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Steel helmets and respirators will be carried by personnel moving out of Camp area. At other times they are to be placed with remainder of equipment. O's.C. Pls. HQ Coy and one runner from all other sub-units will report to Bn.H.Q. immediately air raid siren warning is given.

5. SAFETY IN TP. MOVEMENT

Particular attention is drawn to the necessity for all ranks, when embussed, to strictly observe the rule that NO portion of the body projects over the sides of vehicles

6. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble under the orders of Lt. Col. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., at Bn. H.Q. at 0900 hrs on 22 Dec 41 to inquire into the loss of rations and other articles, between 13 Dec & 18 Dec 41.

Maj. I. F. Macrae President
Capt. J. M. Turner Member
Lieut. J. D. Whittakers Member

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.

Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE

LOST: A kit bag bearing the markings - "NX 72591 McLOUGHLIN, C." has been mislaid. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this kit bag will please advise AASC Sec.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn, A.I.F.
AMBON.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 424

22 Dec 41.

BY

LT. COL. L.N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 22 Dec 41 - 'D' Coy
 Next for Duty " " " 23 " " - 'A' Coy

Bn. O.O. - Retreat 22 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut. H. J. GREEN
 " " - Reveille 23 Dec 41 " Retreat - Lieut. V.L. STEWART

Bn Orderly Sjt. - Retreat to Retreat - Sjt. MARTIN, L.E.
 Coy Standing-by - Retreat 22 Dec 41 - 'B'
 Next for Duty " " 23 " " - 'D'

2. DRESS.

Only issue clothing will be worn by personnel. Mutilated or Ordnance marked hats are NOT permitted.

3. LEAVE.

The following specific rules will be followed:

- (a) For the maintenance of esteem, it is essential that the conduct of all A. I.F. tps at AMBON be exemplary.
- (b) Leave duty Offrs will be appointed by sub-units.
- (c) Pdes of leave personnel for inspection and promulgation of orders will be held by sub-units.
- (d) Normal leave dress must be worn at all times whilst on leave
- (e) Sub-units will arrange forthwith for a permanent pass for each man to be prepared. This will be held in sub-unit offices when not to be used.
- (f) Tpt will be parked dispersed in the vicinity of NEW VICTORIA BARRACKS recreation area.
- (g) SOUS Club in AMBON is out of bounds to other ranks
- (h) NEI Army Canteen situated at the Military Society just EAST of NEW VICTORIA BARRACKS may be used by personnel on leave
- (i) Any man attempting to use bogus money will be dealt with by the local authorities.

4. DESPATCHES TO LAHA.

Personnel moving a cross to LAHA are required to contact Sig Office so that despatches may be delivered by hand.

5. TENTS No. 5

Tents No. 5 (Mosquito nets) must be taken down each morning.

6. PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The following promotions and appointments are promulgated:

To be A/S/Sjt. with appointment C.C.M.S. 'A' Coy.

VX 37071 A/Sjt. STANBRIDGE, W.W.G. A Coy. Dated 13 Dec 41.

To be A/Sjt.

VX 42530 A/L/Sjt. CRAY, G.W. A Coy. Dted 4 Dec 41.

To be A/Cpl.

VX 27532 A/L/Cpl. MCGREGOR W. A Coy. Dated 4 Dec 41.

VX 2 6342 A/L/Cpl. MARSH, J. A Coy. Dated 4 Dec 41

VX 38948 pte. BRAITHWAITE, K.A. 4 Pl. Dated 20 Dec 41.

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PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS (Cont)

To be A/L/Cpl.

VX 43804	Pte	ANSEET, G.	A Coy.	Dated	4 Dec	41
VX 30890	Pte	BAKER F.E.	"	Dated	4 Dec	41
VX 31437	Pte	HADLOW M.J.	"	Dated	4 Dec	41
VX 31646	Pte	BLANKS W.	"	Dated	4 Dec	41

J. E. HOOKE, Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE

LOST

KIT BAG, Universal marked "OX 22862 W. DODDS". Finder return to BnHQ, 2/21 B n.

FOUND

A wristlet watch bearing the inscription "Ed Peter from Nancy" has been found and can be claimed at BnHQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23 Dec. 41

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 425

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 23 Dec 41 - 'A' Coy
Next for Duty " " " 24 " " - 'B' "

Bn. O.O. - Retreat 23 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut. G. W. SUTCLIFFE
" " " - Reveille 24 Dec 41 to Retreat - Lieut. C. S. McCUTCHEON

Bn. Ord. Sjt. - Retreat to Retreat - Sjt. JACOBS, P. A.

Coy Standing by - Retreat 23 Dec 41 - 'B' Coy
Next for Duty - " 24 " " - 'D' "

2. TENTS No. 5.

Corrigendum: Tents No. 5. are to be left hung during the day, and draped over blankets and other woollens to protect them from blowflies.

3. GRENADES

All Grenade boxes are clearly marked "HAND" or "RIFLE". Personnel will note that the HAND grenade fuse is of 4 seconds, and the RIFLE grenade fuse of 7 seconds. Coys will ensure that all personnel are acquainted with the actual identification markings on each of the two types of grenades.

4. LOST RIFLES

Coys will make a search for Rifles Nos. 83226, 102679, and 102783, and submit a return re same to RQMS by 1800 hrs. 24 Dec 41. Nil return if applicable.

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Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
AMBON

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 426

24 Dec 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 24 Dec 41 - 'B' Coy
 Next for Duty " " " 25 " " - 'D' "

Bn. O.O. - Retreat 24 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK
 " " " - Reveille 25 Dec 41 to Retreat - Lieut. W. J. CHAPLIN

Bn. Ord. Sjt. - Retreat to Retreat - Sjt. FIGGIN, S.C.

Coy Standing by - Retreat 24 Dec 41 - 'D' Coy
 Next for Duty - " 25 " " - 'A' "

2. SWIMMING

Swimming in AMBON BAY is NOT permitted. Organised swimming under Coy supervision in authorised areas.

3. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS Directions for use.

Turn the handle very hard which will break a small glass inside. Contents will then be ejected.

4. CHURCH PARADE

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0600 hrs on Christmas Day Thu 15 Dec 41 in RECREATION HUT.

R.C. CHURCH PDE Masses will be celebrated at 0600 and 0815 hrs on Canteen Verandah.

5. SLEEPING HUTS

At present wires supporting the wires running lengthwise through middle of huts converge towards the top. Coys will effect the following alteration immediately: All bottom supporting wires to hang perpendicularly.

6. TRANSFERS

VX39778 Pte ASHWORTH, D.W. from D Coy to 1 Pl. 24/12/41.
VX39951 Pte HARVEY I.G. from A Coy to 1 Pl. 24/12/41.

J. E. HOOKE. Capt.
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 427

25 Dec 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat	25 Dec 41	-	'D' Coy
Next for Duty " " "	26 " "	-	'A' "
Bn. O.O. - Retreat	25 Dec 41 to Reveille	-	Lieut. S. F. ANDERSON
" " " - Reveille	26 Dec 41 to Retreat	-	Lieut. V. L. STEWART
Bn. Ord. Sjt. - Retreat	to Retreat	-	Sjt. FOLEY, D. G. P.
Coy Standing by - Retreat	25 Dec 41	-	'A' Coy
Next for Duty - " "	26 " "	-	'B' "

2. TPT. SUPPLIED BY DUTY COY.

- (a) Duty Coy will supply a one ton truck to report to cook-house (Sjt. FINN) at 0900 hrs. daily. (Estimated time truck will be required - 1/2 hour.)
- (b) Duty Coy will supply a one ton truck (to report to Sjt. GILDER at Canteen) from 0830 hrs to 1430 hrs. daily.
- (c) Sub-Unit Comds will make arrangements for late meals for drivers who are engaged on duty during meal hours.

3. VENEREAL DISEASE PROPHYLAXIS

Owing to the great prevalence of V.D. among the civilian population in AMBON, it is essential, in order to avoid infection, that all troops who have had sexual intercourse be given preventive treatment. For this purpose the southern end of the Guard House will be used, and treatment will be given there from 1630 hrs until 1900 hrs. daily. All tps who have had intercourse should report there during these hours. For treatment to be effective, it must be carried out as soon after intercourse as possible.

V.D. Prophlaetics can be obtained from Coy 'Q' Stores or R.A.P.

4. COOLIE LABOUR

Sub-Units etc. requiring permanent daily coolie labour will send a representative to road outside tpt office at 0700 hrs. Fri. 26 Dec 41.

5. PALLIASSES

To avoid mildew, all personnel will place their palliasses in the sun twice weekly, for four hour periods.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 428

26 Dec 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat	26 Dec 41	-	'D' Coy
Next for Duty " " "	27 " "	-	'B' "
Bn. O.O. - Retreat	26 Dec 41 to Reveille	-	Lieut. V. L. STEWART
" " - Reveille	27 Dec 41 to Retreat	-	Lieut. S. F. ANDERSON
Bn. Ord. Sjt. - Retreat	to Retreat	-	L/Sjt. HAND, J. E.
Coy Standing By	- Retreat 26 Dec 41	-	'B' Coy
Next for Duty	- " 27 " "	-	'A' "

2. V.D. PROPHYLAXIS

Further to B.R.O. 427 para 2, of 25 Dec 41, the hours for the treatment Centre will be 1630-2100 hrs. daily. It is essential that personnel concerned report to Centre immediately on return to Camp.

3. RESPIRATORS.

Because of the damage caused to numerous respirators, the following order is promulgated. Respirators will be hung with equipment in sleeping huts, and will only be removed for -

- (i) Inspection and cleaning
- (ii) Actual dispersal or action alarm.

4. PURCHASE OF STORES

All purchase of stores for "GULL" Force will be made through the Q.M.

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Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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Extracts from B.B.C. NEWS BULLETIN (1000 hrs. 26 Dec 41)

HONG KONG: Hong Kong garrison was ordered to surrender, and did so. The Japanese had captured several reservoirs, and the garrison were without water supplies for two days. Always they were air-raided 45 times in 8 days.

PHILIPPINES: Heavy fighting continues on all fronts, and Allied forces made several offensive attacks with some local success. An attempt was made by 61 Japanese planes to reach MANILLA, but they were driven back.

RUSSIA: The Russians claim further advances on MOSCOW front and also at Kalinin. In the Crimea, the Germans suffered heavy losses from Russian offensives, and it is claimed that half of the German Force has been killed or wounded.

MALTA: There were 4 air-raid alarms on Christmas eve.

LONDON: Only one enemy plane flew over Britain last night and dropped incendiary bombs. There was no damage caused, nor were there any casualties.

27 Dec 41

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 429

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat	27 Dec 41	-	'B' Coy
Next for Duty " " " "	28 " " "	-	'A' "
Bn. O.O. - Retreat	27 Dec 41 to Reveille	-	Lieut. I. H. McBRIDE
" " " - Reveille	28 Dec 41 to Retreat	-	Lieut. E. N. SEABROOK
Bn. Ord. Sjt. - Retreat	to Retreat	-	Sjt. WILLIAMS, R. K.
Coy Standing By - Retreat	27 Dec 41	-	'A' Coy
Next for Duty - " "	28 " "	-	'B' "

2. LEAVE TPT.

Drivers of leave trucks to AMBON will remain with their vehicles throughout the period of leave.

3. REFRIGERATORS

Access to refrigerators will only be granted through NCO i/c Sjt. AIDER, K. C. or Pte. BALL of AASC.

4. HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be held on Sun 28 Dec 41 at 0600 hrs. in the Recreation Hut.

5. PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions and appointments are promulgated:-

TO BE A/CPL.

VX 23351 A/L/Cpl. AUSTIN, G. W. 'B' Coy., Dated 26 Dec 41.
 NX 42530 A/L/Cpl. ROGERS, F. M. 104 L A D, Dated 27 Dec 41.

TO BE FITTER (Trade Group I)

VX 30846 Pte. SMITH, W. E. HQ Coy Dated 27 Dec 41.

TO BE REINFORCEMENT SPECIALIST (Trade Group III)

VX 23599 Pte. MEIKLE, T. I., HQ Coy Dated 25 Dec 41.

6. REVERSIONS

VX 11348	Pte. TAYLOR, D.	'A' Coy	) Revert to General duties 25 Dec 41
VX 46629	" WATSON, F.	'A' "	
VX 24399	" CLELAND, H. R.	'C' Coy	
NX 2137	" STEWART, F. N. P.	HQ Coy.	Reverts to general duties Dated 27 Dec 41.

John Roche
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21 Bn.

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NOTICE

LOST: A Canvas money belt containing a sum of money has been lost in the vicinity of the latrines. Finder please return to Bn. Orderly Room.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 450HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.
AMBON.

28 Dec 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 28 Dec 41 - 'A' Coy
 Next for Duty " " " 29 " " - 'A' "

Bn. O.O. - Retreat 28 Dec 41 to Reveille - Lieut. C.S. McCUTHEON.
 " " - Reveille 29 Dec 41 to Retreat - Lieut. J.C. VAN NOOTEN.
 Bn. Ord Sjt. Retreat to Retreat - Sjt. GRAY, G. W.
 Coy Standing By - Retreat 28 Dec 41 - 'B' Coy
 Next for Duty - " 29 Dec 41 - 'D' Coy

2. REPLACEMENT PARADE

Clothing replacement parade will be held in accordance with the following schedule:-

Mon 29 Dec 41	0800 hrs	HQ Coy
	1400 "	'B' Coy
Tue 30 " "	0800 "	Bn. H.Q. and Dental Unit
	1000 "	2/11 Fd Coy
	1400 "	2/12 Fd Amb.
	1530 "	C Tp 18 A Tk Bty
Wed 31 " "	0800 "	'A' Coy
	1400 "	'D' Coy
Thu 1 Jan 42	0800 "	AASC
	1000 "	104 L A D

3. LAHA SERVICE

Per Motor boat "BALAU"
 From AMBON every day 0700 and 1600 hrs.
 " LAHA " " 0900 " 1700 "

4. MESSING

As from and incl. breakfast on Mon. 29 Dec 41, the personnel at first and second sittings of meals will be reversed.

5. MAILES

All outward mail must bear Aust. postage stamps in accordance with scale, details obtainable from Field Post Office. Air Mail letters - 9d. per half ounce. Stamps may be purchased from F.P.O. as from Mon 29 Dec 41 at the following hours:- 0630-0730 hrs & 1230-1330 hrs. Time of closing of air mails will be advised through BRO's when known. Next outward air mail closes with censor offrs. at 1800 hrs Tue. 30 Dec 41. Parcels and packets will be accepted at F.P.O. when censored and stamped, and will be held pending advice as to their despatch.

6. PROMOTIONS The following promotions and appointments are promulgated:

To be A/L/Sjt:	VX 30793	A/Cpl. CROUCH, C. A.	'D' Coy	Dated 27 Dec 41
To be A/L/Cpl.	VX 44564	Pte. WALLLEY, R. K.	'D' Coy	" " " "
	VX 29541	" MACKLAN, V. J.	'B' "	" " " "
	VX 47876	" RICHMOND, R. W.	" "	" " " "
	VX 26664	" GEE, D. H.	" "	" " " "

7. TRANSFER:

VX 31987 Pte. YOUNG, J. C. from 'D' Coy to HQ Coy (4Pl) Dated 28 Dec 41.

8. PRACTICE ALARM BUGLE CALL

At 1200, 1300, and 1400 hrs on Mon 29 Dec 41, all Coy Buglers will stand by on the road opposite Coy Offices, and will repeat once a practice alarm bugle call blown by the Bn. Orderly Bugler under direction of the Orderly Officer at the above times.

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John M. Roche
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/21 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 431

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn. A.I.F.,
AMBON

29 Dec 41

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 29 Dec 41	-	'A' Coy
Next for Duty " " " 30 " "	-	'B' "
Bn. O.O. - Retreat 29 Dec 41 to Reveille	-	Lieut. G. W. SUTCLIFFE
" " " - Reveille 30 Dec 41 to Retreat	-	Lieut. C. S. McCUTCHEON
Bn. Ord. Sjt. Retreat to Retreat	-	Sjt. TOBIAS, R. N.
Coy Standing By - Retreat 29 Dec 41	-	'D' Coy
Next for Duty - " 30 " "	-	'A' "

2. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

- (i) Personnel who are allotted to slit trenches in areas (a) immediately S W of Guard House (b) immediately N E of Bn.H.Q. Hut (c) vicinity burnt-out native hut near latrine road, will move to their allotted slit trenches on the siren warning, with the exception of Adjt., IO, Bn.Ord. Offr. and Sjt., one Bn. runner and three "I" personnel.
- (ii) All the above will occupy the trenches on the bugle alarm.
- (iii) Sub-Unit runners and Pl. Comds of HQ Coy will report their presence to Bn. Ord. Offr. at Bn.H.Q. before proceeding to their respective slit trenches.
- (iv) Guard Comd. is responsible for recce. of the slit trenches allotted to the Guard (diagram in Guard House) and for the allocation to his personnel incl. prisoners. Guard will stand by their respective slit trenches as soon as any siren warning is given, the Guard Comd. and Orderly Bugler only remaining at the Guard House.

3. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

All promotions and appointments within GULL Force will be passed to Adjt. for approval by C.O. before promulgation or submission of a casualty return.

The following promotions and appointments are promulgated:-

To be A/BDR.

NX 56562 A/L/Bdr. MATTHEWS, L. S. 18 A Tk Bty., Dated 13 Dec 41
 NX 45330 Gnr. CARTER, M. L. H. " " " " " " " "

To be A/L/BDR

NX 52875 Gnr. KELLETT, J. C. 18 A Tk Bty. Dated 27 Dec 41

To be Artificer (Trade Group 1)

NX 52875 Gnr. PETTY, A. C. 18 A Tk Bty. Dated 1 Nov 41

To be Driver Mechanic (Trade Group iii)

NX 47242 Gnr. KENNELL, E. W. H. 18 A Tk Bty. Dated 13 Dec 41

To be Layers (Trade Group iii)

NX 46062 Gnr. KELLETT, J. H. 18 A Tk Bty. Dated 25 Dec 41
 NX 37546 " HIGGS, A. " " " " " " "
 NX 53918 " WHITE, G. F. " " " " " " "
 NX 47569 " RUTHERFORD, A. S. " " " " " " "

John White
 Capt.
 Adjt. 2/21 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 432

30 Dec 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M. C. , E. D. , COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 30 Dec 41	-	'B' Coy
Next for Duty " " " 31 " "	-	'D' "
Bn. O.O. - Retreat 30 Dec 41 to Reveille	-	Lieut. W.J. CHAPLIN
" " " - Reveille 31 Dec 41 to Retreat	-	Lieut. I.H. McBRIDE
Bn. Ord. Sjt. Retreat to Retreat	-	Sjt. LEWIS H.T.
Coy Standing By - Retreat 30 Dec 41	-	'A' Coy
Next for Duty - " 31 " "	-	'B' "

2. CAMP BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of TAN TOUEY camp are as follows - SOUTH WEST, 10 kilometres per hour speed sign on AMBON ROAD - SOUTH EAST, top of slope in rear of camp, - NORTHEAST, road to MAGAZINES and stores immediately beyond tpt sheds. Personnel will not move outside these bounds, unless on a specified duty, without authority from their sub-unit HQ.

3. COOLIES ON UNIT TPT

Coolies working with vehicles of "Gull" Force have been hanging from the sides and standing on lowered tail boards. Apart from the danger to themselves and others, damage to tpt may result. It is an order that all drivers will ensure, before moving their vehicles, that any natives travelling on the truck are actually inside.

4. SWIMMING AREA

A swimming area has been marked by white flags approx. 400 yards towards AMBON from camp. This area will only be used by parties organised by sub-units, and outside of working hours.

5. PURCHASE OF FRUIT

In future natives will be confined to Tpt sheds while selling fruit. The supply of fruit for issue to the Force has been hampered by payment of high prices by individual soldiers. In future tps are asked not to exceed list prices given below. These already are 50% or over, higher than prices ruling when the Force landed:

Bananas @ 1½ cents. Pineapples - 12 cents. Mango - 3 cents.

6. FINES AND FORFEITURES

There appears to be a belief that fines awarded during war service will be remitted before discharge, thus converting a punishment into a form of compulsory saving. It should be unnecessary to point out the absurdity of this belief.

7. USE OF DISINFECTANTS IN SEPTIC SYSTEM

Disinfectants must NOT be used as they destroy septic action. Drums labelled "LATRINE" are in each building and must be used only for flushing sewers.

8. PAY BOOKS

On pay day Fri 2 Jan 42 all pay books will be issued to and held by personnel. They shall be carried at all times in left hand ammunition pouch - those members not in possession of 37 webbing will carry pay books in left hand shirt pocket. All pay books will be returned to Coy orderly rooms by 0800 hrs on Tue prior to pay day. Members not handing in pay books by this time will not be able to draw pay and pay will NOT be available at any other times. Members are warned to exercise every care with their pay books as a considerable time will elapse before a duplicate pay book can be issued.

9. PAY OFFICE

Members desirous of makin allotments, paying money to their pay books, or making any enquiries re pay may do so on TUESDAY of each week only.

10. TRANSFER

VX 39766 Pte MAILE, H.E. from 'D' Coy to A.A.S.C. Dated 30 Dec 41.

J. E. HOOKE. Ca pt.
Adjt. 2/21 Bn.

OFFICIAL A.M.R.&.O. 1537.

HEADQUARTERS,
2/21 Bn.A.I.F.
AMBON.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER - NUMBER 433.

31 Dec 41.

BY

LT. COL. L. N. ROACH, M.C., E.D., COMMANDING 2/21 BATTALION.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat	31 Dec 41	-	'D' Coy
Next for Duty " " "	1 Jan 42	-	'A' "
Bn. O.O. - Retreat	31 Dec 41 to Reveille	-	Lieut R.J.GREEN.
" " - Reveille	1 Jan 42 " Retreat	-	Lieut V.L.STEWART.
Bn. Ord Sjt. Retreat to Retreat		-	Sjt CROUCH C.A.
Coy Standing by - Retreat	31 Dec 41	-	'B' Coy
Next for Duty - " "	1 Jan 42	-	'D'

2. VISITS TO LAHA.

Personnel proceeding to LAHA on daily duty and not attached there will take rations with them to cover the meals they have there.

3. MESSING

From 1 Jan 41 second sitting for midday meal will be at 1245 hrs. and NOT 1300 hrs.

4. BOUNDS

The following are out of bounds at all times:-

BATOEMERAH barracks (lying between Camp and town of AMBON)
The North shore of AMBON BAY

The above prohibitions have been laid down by the DUTCH authorities and must be rigidly observed. The DUTCH are at all times most helpful and hospitable, and deserve a similar attitude from Members of GULL Force, especially in regard to wives of native soldiers.

5. R.C. CHURCH PARADE.

RC CHURCH PARADE will be held on CANTEEN VERANDAH at 0600 hrs
1 JAN 42.

J.E. HOOKE. Capt
Adj. 2/21 Bn.

NOTICE

LOST.

Identification Discs (at showers) NX 66149 pte MORRISON, J.
TIN HAT NX 57716 Cpl BAKER, C.W.
Finder please return to 2/12 Fd Amb.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be held on 1 Jan 42 at 0600 hrs in
the RECREATION HUT.